



1. How does the Spelling Bee work? Do I have to stand up in front of people?

The Spelling Bee is a team effort! Your team sits together at a table and has 30 seconds to collaborate (scrap paper is provided) on the spelling once the emcee finishes the pronunciation. One team member will write your final answer on a whiteboard. The judge at your table will determine if the spelling is correct. If your team misspells 3 words, you will be eliminated unless you purchase a mulligan. (see #3 for more).

2. What makes up a team?

Teams can include up to 10 members; it is recommended that each team have a minimum of 4 participants. If you would like to join us but don't have a team, please contact development@covecarecenter.org and we will find a team for you to join!

3. What is a mulligan and how do we use it?

If a team is eliminated during regular round play, they can choose to re-enter the competition by purchasing a second chance to stay in the Bee—called a mulligan. Each team can purchase up to 5 Mulligans for use during **regular rounds only**. **Mulligans may be purchased in advance for \$25 each or at the event for \$30 each.**

4. Will we have a demonstration of how the Bee works prior to the official start?

Yes, there will be a demonstration of the process of play before the Bee begins.

5. Will there be food?

Yes! A full dinner buffet, dessert, soda, coffee/tea is served – a cash bar will be available.

6. What time will the Spelling Bee end?

We plan for the Bee to end around 9:00pm. Of course, this may depend upon the expertise and skill of our teams, but we will do our best to keep to our timetable.

7. How should we dress?

The Bee is meant to be fun and casual. Most teams dress in team colors, hats, T-Shirts, etc. and bring themed props. Feel free to do the same or come in comfortable attire.

8. Can I bring my children along?

It is recommended that attendees be 18 years of age or older.

9. Will I need to bring any additional money for anything?

Yes, if you would like to purchase mulligans or a drink from the cash bar. We will also have a 50/50 raffle drawing and accepting donations at the event.

10. Can we challenge the Judge's ruling?

Yes, you can pose a challenge. We use the "Spell It!" List from the National Spelling Bee, Webster's Dictionary, and other online resources.