

2009 SPELLING BEE RULES FOR LAD FAIR

DIRECTIONS: (Read aloud)

1. Spelling Bee will be an oral competition with eliminations on a miss-and-out basis.
2. When contestants exhaust the word list from one level, words from each subsequent level shall be used.
3. Contestants will line up with their backs to the audience and compete in the order designated by Judge 1.
4. Contestant should pronounce the word before and after spelling; however, it is not mandatory that they do so.
5. Contestant may request the pronouncer to repronounce a word, define it, or use it in a sentence. The pronouncer will grant the request until the judge declares the word has been made clear. The judge may disqualify any contestant who ignores the request to start spelling.
6. Pronouncer will pronounce and then use each word in a sentence in the first and second grade competition.
7. Pronouncer will define and/or use in a sentence all homonyms and homophones.
8. Speller will step forward before he/she begins spelling and then step back into line after spelling the word. A contestant may request to begin spelling again but will not be allowed to change letters already pronounced. If the contestant has already spelled letters incorrectly, he/she will not be allowed to start over.
9. Contestant will say the letters clearly and distinctly enough for the judges and pronouncer to determine spelling. Contestant should indicate appropriate capitalization, and say "space" when given a compound word such as "United States" or say "hyphen" when given a hyphenated word such as "great-grandfather."
10. If a word is missed, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest. The next word is given to the next contestant.
11. Correct spellings are provided on the LAD spelling lists. Judges are the final authority.
12. Any questions related to the spelling of a word must be directed to the judges immediately and the contest stopped until a decision is reached. The decision of the judges must be unanimous. If not, the pronouncer proceeds to the next word. No protest will be entertained after the contest.
13. Judges are in complete control of the contest. Their decision is final. REMINDER: NO TALKING DURING THE SPELLING BEE ROUNDS.
14. The **final elimination procedure** changes when the contestants are reduced to two. When one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant will be given the opportunity to spell that word. If the second contestant spells the word correctly, plus the next word, then the second contestant will be declared the champion.
15. In finals, if one of the last two spellers misses and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the next word given, the misspelled word will be referred to the first speller. If that speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word, that person will be champion.
16. If both spellers misspell the same word, both continue.
17. If the round continues with the final two spellers more than fifteen minutes, both will be declared the champion.
18. Awards will be given to the top three winners.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS POSTMARKED BY MARCH 6, 2009
OR DELIVERED WITH WRITING ENTRIES ON MARCH 13, 2009.**

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**Teacher or School must be current LAD member in order for students to participate.
Membership fee of \$15 may be included with entries.**