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- After the pronouncer gives the speller a word, the speller will be encouraged to pronounce the word before and after spelling it. The judges may not disqualify a speller for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it.

RULES & PROCEDURES #1



- The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, and/or provide the language of origin. The pronouncer shall grant all such request until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller. Root word questions will not be entertained by the pronouncer and judges.

RULES & PROCEDURES #2



- The judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.

RULES & PROCEDURES #3



- Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. In retracing, however, there can be no change of letters or the sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, a speller will be eliminated.

RULES & PROCEDURES #4



- Upon missing the spelling of a word, the speller immediately drops out of the competition, except as provided in Rule 6. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next speller.

RULES & PROCEDURES #5



- When the number of spellers is reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one speller misspells a word, the other speller shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second speller spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second speller shall be declared the champion.

RULES & PROCEDURES #6



- If one of the last two spellers misspells a word and the other speller, after correcting the error, misspells the new word, then the misspelled new word shall be referred to the other speller. If this other speller then succeeds in correcting the error and spells the next word on the list, then he or she shall be declared the champion.

RULES & PROCEDURES #7



RULES & PROCEDURES #8

- If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the competition, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell.



Any question relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the designated official immediately in writing on the official appeal form.

**RULES &
PROCEDURES
#9**



RULES & PROCEDURES #10

- Appeals may be filed by a parent, legal guardian, or teacher of the speller who is seeking reinstatement in the contest. The judges will not entertain appeals from individuals seeking to dislodge another speller from the competition. The deadline for filing an appeal is before the speller affected would have received his/her next word had s/he stayed in the competition. No appeal will be entertained after the word has been given to another speller. When only two spellers remain, an oral appeal must be made immediately, that is, before the speller affected would have received his/her next word had s/he stayed in the competition.



- If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer will indicate which word is to be spelled. If the listed word is not properly identified, either by defining it or distinguishing the homonyms, any correct spelling of any homonym of the word will be accepted.

RULES & PROCEDURES #11



- The speller shall not be disqualified for failing to note that a word is capitalized.

RULES & PROCEDURES #12



RULES & PROCEDURES #13

- No talking will be allowed among contestants or between contestants and members of the audience. If a contestant receives assistance from anyone in the audience, he/she will be disqualified. The audience is also requested to remain seated until a break, to avoid confusing or distracting the contestants. Contestants found talking may be disqualified from the Spelling Bee.



- Cell phones and other electronic devices should be shut off during competition or set to silent or vibrate. Audience members who are found disruptive to the spellers will be asked to leave. At no point may any audience member argue with Spelling Bee officials. Persons found doing that will be asked to leave.

RULES & PROCEDURES #14



RULES & PROCEDURES #15

- The judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decision shall be final on all questions.



2019 SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

DIVISION	STUDENT NAMES	SCHOOL
<u>Division I: 3rd – 5th Grade</u>	1 st - 2 nd -	
<u>Division II: 6th – 8th Grade</u>	1 st - 3 rd -	