



## 2010 SPELLING BEE RULES

- PLEASE arrive at the venue no later than 2:30PM on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 for team check-in and to submit all collected donations.
- There will be a maximum of twelve teams registered for the event, with three adults registered per team.
- These twelve teams will be subdivided into four different “Swarms”, with three teams in each “Swarm”.
- The four “Swarms” will serve as preliminary rounds.
- During “Swarms”, the use of a mulligan is permitted by teams which have earned this privilege – only FOUR TEAMS that have collected the most in sponsorship donations will receive a mulligan before the event begins.
- The winning team from each of the four “Swarms” will advance to the Final Spelling Bee.
- In the four preliminary “Swarms” and the Final Spelling Bee, each team is expected to approach the podium as soon as the previous team has finished.
- Each team must choose one person to designate as the official team speller.
- Paper and pens will be provided to each team for collaboration.
- After the word has been pronounced, your team will have **30 seconds** either to spell the word OR to ask the judges for a definition and word origin.
- After the definition and word origin has been given, your team will again have **30 seconds** to spell the word OR request to hear the word used in a sentence.
- Once the above accommodations have been made, your team will have **30 seconds** to spell the word.
- If the word is misspelled or not spelled within the time limitation, your team will be eliminated and must exit the stage (unless the team can submit a mulligan for a second chance to stay in the round).
- The rules are modified when only two teams remain in the Final Spelling Bee:  
  
Both teams approach the podium until a winner is named. In order to declare a winner, one team must misspell a word. Then, the opposing team must correctly spell the previously missed word. Finally, if this is successfully accomplished, the same team must also correctly spell a new word.