



Abiezer City-Wide Spelling Bee Registration Package

March 31st, 2018

Presented by: The Core Youth Department



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Rules and Regulations

1. An official will read appropriate rules aloud once at the beginning of the competition and, when the number of competitors has been reduced to two, he or she will read appropriate rules unless those present agree unanimously to waive the reading of the rules.
2. The facilitator, judge(s) and other officials will be in complete charge of the competition. Any questions or protests about the spelling(s) of a word or the running of the competition must be referred to the officials immediately (before the beginning of the next round). Their decisions will be final in all matters.
3. For each round, there will be an arbiter whose duty is to hear any protests as they arise and decide on them before the competition **continues**. **The arbiter's decision** shall be final. If possible, each completion should be taped or recorded so that any point of contention may be reviewed.
4. **Please Note: An arbiter will only hear from registered youth representative. Any other protest from outside will not be heard.**
5. This competition is open to all contestants ages 6-16 years old in their respective categories of Primary (6-9), Junior (10-12) and Intermediate (13-16).
6. In competition, all words will be chosen from official lists compiled from the Spelling Bee officials. The officials list is the final spelling authority for the competition.
7. In the competition, words may be chosen from any source deemed appropriate by the ACWSB officials and will not be limited to any source.
8. The competition will be oral; contestants must spell the words orally and the use of pens and/or pencils and paper will not be allowed.
9. Pronunciation of the words before spelling and after spelling is not mandatory. However, it is good practice for contestants.
10. Once a contestant has begun to spell a word, he or she may not ask for a word to be re-pronounced, defined or used in a sentence. Also, having started to spell a word, a contestant will not be given any opportunity to change letters already pronounced. A speller may retrace provided that the letters and their sequence are not changed in retracing.
11. At no point in time will the contestant know from the judges/officials/facilitators if the word that he/she spelt is correct.
12. The competition is based on round robin elimination.
13. Note that the contestant may be disqualified on the grounds of poor conduct, talking to another contestant during proceedings, being assisted by audience members, or inappropriate mannerisms or behaviour in general at any time.
14. If a word taken from the manual is unclear to a contestant, he or she may ask for the word to be re-pronounced, but will not be given a definition or sentence, unless the word is a homophone in which case the pronouncer must give the definition and example sentence without being asked. The contestant must give the spelling of the word as defined, not homophone of the word.

15. The pronouncer may refuse to give a definition or sentence and re-pronounce any word if he/she feels the privilege is being abused.
16. If a word has more than one acceptable spelling, any spelling listed in the manual or the breaker list for that word will be accepted.
17. Officials may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling his or her word within a reasonable length of time. Also, a **Speller whose spelling is not audible to the officials may have his or her spelling ruled incorrect. Clear articulation is MANDATORY.**
18. Each contestant will be given 30 seconds to begin spelling and 60 seconds to complete spelling his/her word. The time will stop if a speller requests a definition, sentence or to re-pronounce a word. 30 seconds will resume after pronouncer completes his/her sentence.
19. The elimination procedure changes when the number of contestants is reduced to two. At this point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant will be given the opportunity to spell the same word.
20. **If the second contestant spells the word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then he or she will be declared the champion. If the contestant misspells the word on the pronouncer's list, then both spellers continue in the contest.**

*The rules for the Abiezer City-Wide Spelling Bee were adapted from those found on: National Spelling Bee of Canada's **website**, <https://spellingbeeofcanada.ca/rules-guidelines/rules-regulations>

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Age Categories

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Age</i>
Primary	6-9
Junior	10-12
Intermediate	13-16

Please Note: Each assembly or community group may only register three (3) contestants per age category. If you wish to do preliminary rounds to select these individuals, please feel free to do so. Also, you may have more than one coach, but there will only be one youth representative. All others will be counted as audience members and must pay for admission fee.

If the contestant is born before March 31st, and their age will place them in a higher age category, they must register for the higher age category.

*****ACWSB will be verifying the age of all contestants in the competition*****

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Prizes

- ❖ The 1st place winner of each age category will be awarded a bursary along with a trophy.
- ❖ The 2nd place winner of each age category will be awarded a medal and a bursary.
- ❖ The 3rd place winner of each category will be given a medal.
- ❖ The most outstanding individual in each category will be given a gift.
- ❖ Each contestant will be given a participation certificate.

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Registration Fees

Early Registration Fee Table (Fees effective until November 12 th , 2017)	
Per Contestant	\$25.00
Full Team (9 contestants)	\$200.00

Regular Registration Fee Table	
Per Contestant	\$30.00
Full Team (9 contestants)	\$250.00

Please Note: Registration will officially close on February 11th, 2018.

**** All cheques can be payable to Abiezer Pentecostal Church****

Fees are transferrable, but are non-negotiable and non-refundable

Abiezer City-Wide Spelling Bee Registration Form

Please complete the following information:

Assembly/Community Group Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of Youth Representative: _____

Primary Category (Ages 6 - 9)

Contestant Name	Age	Date of Birth
1.		
2.		
3.		

Junior Category (Ages 10 - 12)

Contestant Name	Age	Date of Birth
1.		
2.		
3.		

Intermediate Category (Ages 13 - 16)

Contestant Name	Age	Date of Birth
1.		
2.		
3.		

Individual Contestant Registration

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Contestant Name	Age	Date of Birth
1.		
2.		
3.		

**** Contestants are asked to dress formal in black and white attire. Running shoes, t-shirts, cords, jeans, and shorts are all deemed as inappropriate dress for the day of the competition. ****

Registration can be completed online, in-person, by mail, or e-mail.

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