Central Region Spelling Bee Competition
GUIDELINES & RULES

1. Judges will roll a dice and say the corresponding word (e.g. if the judges roll a 4 to start, they read the fourth word down. If the next roll is a 2, they count two down from the previous word, and so read word no. 6)

2. The student has 45 seconds to spell the word.

3. Students must **state the word** before attempting to **spell it** and **say the word** again at the end to indicate that they have finished spelling.

4. Each student is given a turn at spelling a word. A student may self-correct, within their time limit, if they have not yet clearly finished by stating the word for the second time. To do this they need to indicate that they are starting again, and follow the same procedure; say the word, then spell it from the start, then say it again.

5. Students may ask for the word to be repeated, the meaning and / or for the word to be placed into a sentence. These are the only questions permitted. In later extension rounds, only the meaning will be given.

6. Students may write the word down but it must be spelt aloud.

7. Each correct word will result in the student moving to the next round.

8. Words for each new round will be taken from the next level, increasing the difficulty of the words each round.

9. Once students reach the highest level (Junior: Level 5 / Senior: Level 6) words will be continually taken from the highest level until a winner is established.

10. Students who make an error are knocked out of the competition. There will be a practice round as a warm-up but after this, the knock out competition begins.

11. The last student left must successfully spell two words correctly before being announced as the individual winner. If the student makes an error, the last person out is reinstated.

12. Any students talking out of turn or seen to negatively impact on the competition will be disqualified.

13. The judges’ decisions are final.