

## **SPELLING BEE COMPETITION RULES NORTH CAROLINA JUNIOR BETA CLUB CONVENTION**

1. The pronouncer, with the approval of the judges, may give a fuller explanation of the meaning of a word to supplement the dictionary definition(s) quoted.
2. Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in the Merriam Webster Dictionary from which the pronouncer, with the approval of the judges, may give a fuller explanation of the meaning of a word to supplement the dictionary definition(s) quoted.
3. **The following is a link to a study resource -**  
[http://www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us/Images/Users/11/6th%20grade/Spell\\_It\\_2012\\_comb\\_FINAL\\_0.pdf](http://www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us/Images/Users/11/6th%20grade/Spell_It_2012_comb_FINAL_0.pdf)
4. After the pronouncer gives the contestant a word, the contestant must pronounce the word correctly before and after spelling it.
5. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in the retracing, there can be no change of letters and their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequences are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
6. After missing the spelling of a word, the contestant immediately drops out of the competition. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next contestant.
7. When the contestants are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second contestant shall be declared the champion.
8. If one of the two spellers misses and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted to him/her, then the misspelled new word shall be referred to the first speller. If the first speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the pronouncer's list, then he/she shall be declared champion.
9. 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. The competition shall then continue under rules 5 and 6.
10. Level of difficulty will be changed with the beginning of a new round.
11. **Spelling Bee will be a closed session.**