



ISSF

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2017/2018

10th ANNUAL ISSF "SPELLING BEE"

FOR: Students entering 5th Grade in the Fall of 2017
DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017
TIME: Check-In: 8:30 a.m. Spelling Bee: 9:00 a.m. to Noon
PLACE: CORAL GABLES WOMEN'S CLUB
1001 East Ponce de Leon Blvd. Coral Gables, FL
FEE: \$135.00 per Team if registered before October 1, 2017
\$145.00 per Team after October 1, 2017

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **PARTICIPANTS:** The ISSF Spelling Bee is for 5th Grade students enrolled in an ISSF Member School only. A maximum of 25 school Teams may participate in the Bee.
2. **TEAM:** Each participating school will choose **one 5th Grade Team**. A team consists of **four players**. A substitute or alternate may be chosen and may participate only in the event a team member is ill. *Each school will choose its four best spellers in any way it wishes.*
3. **WORD LISTS:** When team members have been selected, each team member should be given a copy of the **OFFICIAL WORD LIST AND BONUS LIST** (attached) from which the team member can study. All words used at the Bee will be selected from these lists.
4. **SCORING:** The pronouncer reads a word aloud.
 - a. Player one of Team A must spell it correctly, orally. If correct, the player earns two points.
 - b. If he/she is incorrect, he/she receives no points.
 - c. If any player misspells a word, the "pronouncer" gives the correct spelling.
 - d. Play continues with a regular word to the next team. Play rotates to each team (A, B, C, D, etc.)
 - e. During regular and bonus rounds, words are used only once. A player who misspells a word continues in the match; he/she is not eliminated.
 - f. A player must state if there is a Capital or Apostrophe in the word.
 - g. A player will repeat the word before spelling it.
 - h. A player must stand when spelling a word.
 - i. Once a player has started to spell a word, the player cannot stop and start over again.
 - j. A player can ask for a sentence using the word before beginning to spell the word.
5. **BONUS WORDS:** When all 4 players on each team have had a turn, the same bonus word will be given to one member of each team. The player will **PRINT** the bonus word in **CAPITAL BLOCK** letters on a previously distributed folded card with the school name on it. ***A player may not correct the spelling of a bonus word once it has been printed. If the word is erased or crossed out, the team will not receive credit for the bonus word.***

The card must be turned over and the pencil put down to indicate that the player has completed printing the bonus word. Printing must be clear and readable in order for the word to be considered correct. Cards will be passed to the front row of the team and the room Chairperson will collect the cards for the Judges. The caller will announce the correct spelling of the bonus word. The Judges will check each player's printed spelling of the bonus word. Each correctly spelled bonus word will be worth 4 points to the team. The round will then be complete and the total points for the round for each team will be entered on the scoreboard. In successive rounds, bonus words will be given to different players on a team.

6. **ROUNDS:** There will be four (4) rounds or Teams will compete until 12:00 noon, whichever comes first.
7. **AWARDS:** ISSF Certificates will be given to the coaches to give to their team members. In the Spring, schools whose teams placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd will receive a trophy for the school and medals for the students on those teams.
8. **ATTENDEES:** Adult Representatives (including parents, coaches, teachers, etc) from each school will NOT be allowed inside the ballroom where Bee is held. Adults will have the option of waiting in an adjacent ballroom only. This rule will be strictly enforced. No alternates allowed at the event – only FOUR students per school will be allowed to participate.
9. **TIE:** In the event that there is a tie for first, second or third place, all tied teams will receive their appropriate placed trophy.
10. **ELECTRONICS:** **Cell phones, tablets, iPads and/or other electronics are strictly prohibited.**
11. **BREAKS:** One break will be held midway through the event, at which time, the participants will receive a granola bar for a snack. The Women's Club has no drinking fountain (but plenty of water faucets), so coaches will need to bring or tell their students to bring a bottle of water to the event. ISSF will have a few bottles of water on site that may be purchased at \$1.00 a bottle.
12. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** **All student participants, parents, and coaches are to portray a spirit of sportsmanship and are to abstain from disparaging or unsportsmanlike remarks to any participant, coach, scorekeeper, timekeeper, ISSF volunteer, etc. Failure to abide by rules of sportsmanship, may result in the disqualification of a team.**

2017-2018 ISSF SPELLING BEE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

___ Yes, our school will be participating in the 9th Annual ISSF SPELLING BEE scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Name of Contact Person: _____

Office Phone; _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Names of FOUR Spelling Bee Team Members:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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AGREEMENT

As my school's designated Spelling Bee Coach, I have read the 2017-2018 Spelling Bee Rules and Regulations and have clearly explained these to our participating Students, their Parents and Teachers involved with the Bee. I understand and agree to abide by these Rules & Regulations at all times. I understand that failure to abide by these rules may disqualify my school. I understand that any decisions made by the Bee Director/Bee Staff are final and binding.

Signature of Spelling Bee Coach

Date

All checks are to be made payable to ISSF and sent to:

ISSF

Teri Logan, Exec. Director

200 NW 109 Avenue

Miami, FL 33172

All monies are non-refundable