

# **NAVAKERALA NATIONAL SPELLING BEE GRAND FINALE COMPETITION**

**GRADES: 5-8**

**DATE: MAY 5, 2018**

**TIME: 9.00 AM- 2:00 PM**

**VENUE: MARTHOMA CHURCH HALL, 4740 SW 82<sup>nd</sup> AVE, DAVIE, FL 33328**

## **REQUIREMENTS**

A speller qualifying for the Nava Kerala National Spelling Bee competition must meet these requirements:

- (1) The speller must not have passed beyond the eighth-grade level.
- (2) The speller must not have reached the age of 15 on or before May 4, 2018.
- (3) The speller must be a resident of one of the 50 states within the U.S

The spelling bee subcommittee may disqualify prior to or during competition any speller who is not in compliance with any of the above Eligibility Requirements.

## **STUDY RESOURCES**

1. **PRELIMINARY ROUND: 100 GRADE SPECIFIC WORDS** and the remaining words on the list for all grades if necessary . **IF ELIMINATION IS REQUIRED, THE PRONOUNCER MAY ASK TO SPELL A WORD FROM AN OUTSIDE SOURCE.**
2. **TIE BREAKER AND FINAL ROUND**  
IF spellers get the same score, they need to take a tie-breaker test of 5 questions. Only 2 spellers from each grade goes to the grand finale.

#### **OUTSIDE SOURCES INCLUDE:**

Word Central Website, Merriam Webster Online dictionary, and other spelling bee resources

## **PRELIMINARIES**

### **ROUND ONE: WRITTEN ROUND**

The Preliminaries of spelling bee consists of paper based test consisting of 15 multiple choice questions. One point per each correctly answered vocabulary question. These 15 questions are grade specific and are same for all spellers from that specific grade. This part of the test will also be labeled as Round One. Eight eligible competitors will be selected for grand finale.

Examples of the written round question from grades 5-8

#### **RESOURCES:**

**General list of words for all grades**

**Grade specific List of words**

## **MODEL QUESTIONS**

1. **Preliminary round of 15 questions will be a combination of 2 models of question.**

#### **First Model:**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ **Meaning: A deep concern about someone. Origin: greek**
  - i. Sympethy
  - ii. Simpathy
  - iii. Symbathy
  - iv. Sympathy

#### **Second Model:**

### Fill in the blanks

consc \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_tious. **Meaning: Wishing to do what is right. Origin: French and Latin**

b.

i. ien    ii. ein    iii. ain    iv. iou

### TIE BREAKER

If more than a speller gets the same score, a tie breaker test of five questions will be administered to select two candidates from each grade to the grand finale.

### GRAND FINALE

1. **ROUND THREE:** Only 8 spellers will be eligible for the grand finale. Grand finale consists of elimination rounds of oral spelling beginning with one word to spell for each competitors. If a speller spells it correctly they will stay in the competition until the last person is eliminated. If all spellers in a round misspell, all remain in the competition and a new round begins with the spellers spelling in their original order. If only one speller in a round spells correctly in a round, the speller is declared the champion. The second last person to get eliminated will get the second prize and the third person wins the third prize. For the grand finale round , if no one eliminated after two rounds, the pronouncer will use words from outside sources.

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Word Central Website and merriam-Webster online dictionary

## OFFICIAL DICTIONARY

Webster's Third New International Dictionary and its addenda section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster, (Webster's Third) is the final authority and sole source for the spelling of words.

## TIME

During the Preliminaries: Spellers are subject to a maximum of 30-minute time limit for taking the test, and can view a 30-minute countdown clock on screen as they take the test. If the 30-minute time period expires and the speller has not submitted the test, the test application will close and the speller's responses on record at that time will be scored by Bee officials.

During oral spelling rounds in Semifinals and Grand finale: The speller's time at the microphone has a limit of 2 minutes. Time begins when the pronouncer first pronounces the word. The speller will have the benefit of viewing a time clock as it counts down to the 30-second mark. At the 30-second mark, the judges and pronouncer will not communicate with the speller during the final 30 seconds. The judges will disqualify any speller who does not provide a complete spelling before the expiration of time. If the judges and pronouncer need to discuss a competition-related matter while a speller is contemplating a word, they may pause the time clock, and they will inform the speller when they pause and resume the time clock.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

The Nava Kerala committee will strive to provide accommodation for spellers who have diagnosed some medical conditions. All requests for accommodation of special needs should be directed in writing to the director of the Bee before April 22, 2018. The judges have discretionary power to amend spelling requirements on a case-by-case basis for spellers with diagnosed medical conditions.

## THE OFFICIAL PRONOUNCER

The pronouncer strives to pronounce words according to the diacritical markings in Webster's Third edition.

Homonyms: If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer indicates which word is to be spelled by defining the word.

Speller's requests: In oral competition the pronouncer responds only to the speller's requests for

repetition of the word's pronunciation, a definition, sentence, part of speech, language(s) of origin and alternate pronunciation(s). When presented with requests for alternate pronunciations, the pronouncer or associate pronouncer checks for alternate pronunciations in Webster's Third. If the speller wishes to ask if the dictionary lists a specific root word as the root of the word to be spelled, the speller must specify a pronunciation of the root (not a spelling), its language and its definition.

## THE MAIN JUDGE

The main judge listens carefully, determine whether or not words are spelled correctly and uphold the rules. The decisions of the judge is final. The judge compares the pronouncer's pronunciation with the diacritical markings in the word list. If the judges feel that the pronouncer's pronunciation does not match the pronunciation specified in the diacritical markings, the judges will direct the pronouncer to correct the error as soon as it is detected.

## JUDGES

Judges monitor the time, maintains the discipline, monitors the process and could disqualify for reasons other than clear misspelling: The judges will disqualify a speller (1) who does not approach the microphone when it is the speller's time to receive the word unless there are extenuating circumstances that, in the judges' sole discretion, merit holding the speller's word in reserve and offering it to the speller after all other spellers in the round have spelled and before the close of the round; (2) who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct; (3) who, in the process of retracing a spelling, alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered; or (4) who, in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

Speller activities that do not merit disqualification: The judges may not disqualify a speller (1) for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it, (2) for asking a question, or (3) for noting or failing to note the capitalization of a word, the presence of a diacritical mark, or the presence of a hyphen or other form or punctuation. Decision of the judging panel is final

## GRIEVANCES

Navakerala spelling bee competition is a leisure activity planned for uplifting our children. The participants and their significant others must maintain a friendly, cooperative attitude with the organizers and panel during and after the competition. Participants have rights to email a greivence to navakeralaspellingbee @gmail.com within 24 hours after the starting time of the competition. Judging panel will make the final decision on all greivences. By filling an application form for the spelling bee competition, the participants and their significant others are waiving off their rights to sue / or to take any legal actions against Navakerala Committee and the Spelling bee organizers.

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