[Rules](http://www.spelling-words-well.com/support-files/spelling-bee-rules.pdf) and Procedures for North Dallas Spelling Bee 2017

1. The first round will include all spellers. Each subsequent round will include only those spellers who spelled their word correctly in the previous round.
2. The students are called upon to spell according to the grade on to the stage..The pronouncer announces the word to be spelled. He speaks slowly and clearly, without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word. He uses the word in a sentence and says the word again.
3. The pronouncers will give each speller a word. The speller must pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. For instance, the pronouncer gives the word "bee" to the speller. The speller may ask for a definition and sentence. The speller proceeds by saying, "Bee, b-e-e, bee." The judges indicate that the word has been spelled correctly and the speller sits down.
4. The speller listens carefully to the pronouncer and asks for the word to be repeated if necessary. The speller will have 30 seconds to answer the word. When the speller is sure she understands the word, s/he pronounces it, spells it and then says the word again. She must say it loudly enough for the judge to hear it.
5. The judge(s) determines whether or not the word was spelled correctly.
6. If the correct spelling was given, the speller remains in the Competition.
7. If the spelling was incorrect, that speller is asked to sit down on the left side of the stage. The judge gives the correct spelling of that word. Then the pronouncer reads a new word to the next student.
8. When there are only two spellers left, if one player misspells a word, the other player must spell that word correctly, plus one more word to be declared the winner of the spelling bee.
9. In the elimination round the spellers will be asked spellings from higher grades.
10. Each grade will have minimum of three rounds. In an event of more than one winner and three spell off rounds from same grade, spelling list might be used from the next grade.