

## TANGIPAHOA PARISH FAIR SPELLING BEE RULES

1. The moderator introduces the student by name, grade level, and school.
2. The moderator pronounces the word on the list and the speller repeats the word.
  - Ex: Moderator says the word is STAR. Student will repeat STAR before spelling.
3. The speller spells the word and then repeats the word so the judges know the speller is done. The speller may not change the spelling of the word if the speller stops and starts spelling again (the speller cannot correct his/her own error.)
4. The speller may ask the moderator to say the word again, define and/or use it in a sentence. The moderator shall grant the request until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller. The judges may disqualify the speller who ignores a request to start spelling again.
5. The contest shall be conducted in rounds. If a speller misspells the word, the speller is immediately eliminated. The moderator pronounces the word and correctly spells it. When there are only 2 spellers remaining, the rules of elimination change.
6. In the final elimination round, if the speller misspells the word, the other speller shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> speller that word correctly, **PLUS** the next word on the moderators list, then the second speller shall be declared the champion.
7. If one of the last two spellers and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted to him/her then the misspelled word shall

be given to the first speller. If the speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the list, then the speller becomes the champion.

8. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell.
9. The elimination round continues until only one speller corrects the error of the other speller and correctly spells the next word on the list.
10. The judges uphold the rules and determine whether words are spelled correctly. They are in complete control of the competition, and their decision is **final** on all questions.