

NSM GURUCOOL

SPELLATHON 2013 RULES AND GUIDELINES

Rules

1. Upon arrival, the spellers will draw for his/her speller number randomly.
2. Rules will be read to spellers prior to competition, but it is highly recommended that spellers look over the rules prior to the contest date.
3. The SPELLATHON consists of only ORAL rounds. There is no written round.
4. During the first round, every speller should say his/her name, speller number and grade for the judges' record.
5. The first round will be a practice round. Each speller will spell a word and return to his/her seat during this round. There will be no elimination, even if a speller misspells a word.
6. After the first round, subsequent rounds will be elimination rounds.
7. Once the letters are spelled, the speller can restart his/her spelling after informing the judges, but he/she may not change the order of the letters already spelled.
8. If the speller correctly spells the word, he/she remains in the competition and returns to his/her seat.
9. If the speller does not spell the word correctly, he/she will return the number card to his/her respective seat and return to the audience.
10. Each speller remaining at the start of a round spells one word in each round.
11. There is no time limit for a speller to spell the word.
12. The speller can ask questions related to the word as per the guidelines provided
13. A speller should say the word before and after spelling the word as this helps the judges, but a speller will not be disqualified for failing to do so.
14. Majority of the words will be chosen from the spelling study lists that have been circulated to the participants.
15. Based on discretion, NSM GURUCOOL is entitled to use lists outside of the study material to determine the winners.
16. Championship Rounds: In order to win the competition, a speller must spell a word correctly in a round in which every other speller misspells, and then spell another word (championship word) correctly.

17. In case the speller misses the championship word, the spellers from the previous round return to the competition and the rounds will progress as before.
18. If everyone misspells in a round, they will all be reinstated into the competition.
19. If only one speller spells correctly in a round with three or more spellers and he/she correctly spells his/her championship word, everyone who misspelled in the previous round will compete for 2nd and 3rd places.
20. The top three winners in each category (Senior & Junior) will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively.
21. All other students will be recognized with a participation trophy.
22. The decision of the judges is final.

Guidelines

1. Participants are requested to learn the pronunciations, definitions and other details of the words while studying them.
2. Some words have alternate pronunciations. It is good to know all pronunciations of the word while preparing for the competition.
3. Participants are encouraged to take time, think and spell the word.
4. If the word has a homonym, the pronouncer will provide the relevant information
5. The Speller may ask the following questions about the word:
 - Definition of the word
 - Pronunciation of the word
 - Use the word in a sentence
 - Language of origin for the word
 - Part of speech of the word
 - Alternate Pronunciation
 - Repeat the word