

Conditions of Entry

New Zealand Vegemite Spelling Bee (the “Spelling Bee”)

This document has been prepared for the schools that have enrolled in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. It details:

- eligibility in the New Zealand Vegemite Spelling Bee
- the Entry Form for Year Eight students
- the Spelling Bee format

It is complemented by two other documents. They are the Entry Form which must be completed by every Year Eight student taking the Top 100 Test and The Spelling Bee Competition Rules. Spellers who advance to the Regional Spelling Bees will be directed to the Rules on www.spellingbee.co.nz

Privacy Note

New Zealand Spelling Bee Trust (“NZSB”) will use the information spellers provide to conduct the Spelling Bee and may also use it for other purposes as described in these Conditions of Entry. For these purposes, speller’s information may be disclosed to persons within the NZSB or their service providers, unless otherwise required or permitted by law or these Conditions of Entry.

The Privacy Act 1993 gives certain rights of access to individuals whose information is held by NZSB. Please contact Janet Lucas of NZSB on 021 709 124 or email info@spellingbee.co.nz or write to New Zealand Spelling Bee, PO Box 1749, Wellington to submit a request for access.

1. Information on how to enter forms part of these Conditions of Entry. Entry into the Spelling Bee is deemed acceptance of these Conditions of Entry.
2. Entry is open to all students who:
 - a. are in year 8 when they complete the Top 100 Test;
 - b. are resident in New Zealand;
 - c. have not reached the age of 16 on or before the Scripps National Spelling Bee on 1 June of 2011;
 - d. are eligible for a passport; and
 - e. may legally undertake travel to the United States
 - f. attend a school that has enrolled in the Scripps National Spelling Bee
3. Participating students must obtain the prior permission of a parent or guardian over the age of 18 to enter.
4. New Zealand schools must enrol with the Scripps National Spelling Bee www.spellingbee.com so their students can participate in the New Zealand Spelling Bee.

5. The school must nominate a Manager in the online subscription form, who will manage the competition within that school. This includes collecting the Entry Forms for the Year Eight spellers and marking their Top 100 Test. The Entry Forms and Top 100 Test must be sent to the New Zealand Spelling Bee no later than 1 November.
6. Once a school has enrolled with Scripps, the Manager will be sent details and instructions for managing the competition and receiving entries from eligible year 8 students.
7. Any eligible year 8 student enrolled in that school during 2010 may elect to participate in the Spelling Bee. To enter, the participating student must complete the Entry Form, have it signed by a parent or guardian over the age of 18, and return it to the organiser of the School Spelling Bee. It will be forwarded to the New Zealand Spelling Bee.
8. Entry to the competition commences on 17 August and closes on 15 October ("Entry Period").
9. The Spelling Bee will be conducted in three stages:
 - a. Schools Round - as set out in Conditions [10-14] below;
 - b. Regional Final - as set out in Conditions [14-19] below; and
 - c. National Final - as set out in Conditions [20-22] below.
10. On subscription to the competition, the Manager at participating schools will receive a bundle of materials containing instructions for completing the Schools Round.
11. The Schools Round comprises of a written test, The Top 100 Test. The Schools Round will be overseen by the nominated Manager for that school.
12. The Manager must ensure the Schools Round is completed before the end of October so that the Top 100 Test papers can be marked and couriered to the New Zealand Spelling Bee no later than 1 November 2010.
13. The results of the Schools Round must be couriered to NZSB, accompanied by the Entry Release form for each participating student, no later than 1 November. Entries will be deemed to be accepted at the time of receipt by NZSB.
14. The NZSB accepts no responsibility for any entries that cannot be located by 8 November.
15. Regional Final competitions will be held in Wellington (Lower North Island), Auckland (Upper North Island), Hamilton (Central North Island), Christchurch (Upper South Island) and Dunedin (Lower South Island) at a location to be determined.
16. The Manager of the School Spelling Bee will be advised by email of any Year Eight spellers that have advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee closest to them.
17. The Regional Spelling Bee will be conducted as an oral spelling bee competition in accordance with the Competition Rules.

18. The Regional Finals will be held on following dates:

15 November	Lower South Island Semi Final in Dunedin (2 finalists)
16 November	Upper South Island Semi-Final in Christchurch (2 finalists)
17 November	Central North Island Semi-Final in Hamilton (2 finalists)
18 November	Upper North Island Final in Auckland (4 finalists)
22 November	Lower North Island Final in Wellington (4 finalists)

19. NZSB shall not be responsible for the finalist's costs in travel to the Regional Final.
20. If a participating student is unable to attend their nominated Regional Spelling Bee, NZSB may, at its discretion, invite the next place getter in that region.
21. The top four place getters from the Wellington and Auckland Regional Finals, and the top two place getters from the Hamilton, Christchurch and Dunedin Regional Finals, will be entitled to enter the National Final in Wellington on Saturday 26 February 2011.
22. The National Final will be conducted as an oral spelling bee competition in accordance with the Competition Rules.
23. If a Regional winner or runner-up is unable to attend the National Final, the organisers may, at their discretion, invite the next place getter in that region to enter the National Final.
24. If a Regional winner or runner-up resides outside of Wellington, he/she will receive two return economy airfares departing from the city where their Regional Spelling Bee was held to attend the National Final. The finalist and escort (who must be over the age of 18 and be a parent or legal guardian of the winner) must travel on the same flight and will be responsible for transport from their residence to their nearest capital city for flight departure. If a Participant takes part in the Wellington Regional Spelling Bee, they will be responsible for their own transport to and from the National Final. Each finalist will be responsible for their own cost of meals, transport to and from the airport, and any other costs they may incur in coming to the National Final in Wellington.
25. The National Final will not be delayed if a finalist is unable to get to the event in time.
26. The winner of the National Final will be entitled to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington USA in 2011.

27. The competition prize will include an international economy airfares from a major airport in New Zealand, to Washington DC, for the winning Speller and their escort (who must be over the age of 18 and be a parent or legal guardian of the finalist. "Escort"). The prize also includes accommodation for seven nights and \$US500 to be paid against other travel costs.
- 28. The winner of the National Final and their Escort must sign a booking agreement which includes all travel conditions, cancellation and amendment conditions for the prize. If the booking agreement is not signed within 14 days of receipt by the winner from NZSB then a new participant in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, USA, may be chosen by NZSB.**
- 29. If the winner of the National Final is unable to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, USA, the NZSB may, at their discretion, invite the next place getter to enter competition.**
30. The NZSB reserves the right to verify the validity of entries and to disqualify any entrant who tampers with the entry process, who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these Conditions of Entry or who has, in the opinion of NZSB, engaged in conduct in entering the Spelling Bee which is fraudulent, misleading, deceptive or generally damaging to the goodwill or reputation of the Spelling Bee and/or NZSB. The NZSB reserves the right to disqualify a winner if NZSB becomes aware that the winner and/or the winner's entry is of a type described in this clause.
31. By accepting a prize, the winner agrees to participate in and co-operate as required with all reasonable media editorial requests relating to the prize, including but not limited to, being interviewed and photographed, filmed and/or chaperoned throughout the duration of the Spelling Bee.
32. In the event that for any reason whatsoever a winner does not take an element of the prize at the time stipulated by the NZSB then that element of the prize will be forfeited by the winner and cash will not be awarded in lieu of that element of the prize.
33. Should an entrant's contact details change during the Spelling Bee period, it is the entrant's responsibility to notify the NZSB. A request to access or modify any information provided in an entry should be directed to NZSB.
34. The NZSB's decision is final and the NZSB will not enter into correspondence regarding the Spelling Bee result.
35. It is a condition of accepting the prize that the winner must comply with all the conditions of use of the prize and the prize supplier's requirements.
36. It is a condition of accepting the prize that the winner may be required to sign a legal release in a form determined by the NZSB in its absolute discretion.
37. In the case of the intervention of any outside act, agent or event which prevents or significantly hinders the NZSB's ability to proceed with the competition on the dates detailed, the NZSB may in its absolute discretion cancel the competition and recommence it from the start on the same conditions, subject to any written directions given under Local Regulation.

38. The NZSB shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever which is suffered (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss) or for any personal injury suffered or sustained in connection with any participant's entry in the Spelling Bee, or with any prize/s except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law.
39. The NZSB reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who the NZSB has reason to believe has breached any of these conditions, or engaged in any unlawful or other improper misconduct calculated to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the Spelling Bee. The NZSB's legal rights to recover damages or other compensation from such an offender are reserved.
40. All entries become the property of the NZSB. The information provided by entrants will be used by the NZSB for the purpose of conducting the Spelling Bee. The NZSB may disclose entrants' personal information to its sponsors, pronouncers and media organisations.
41. '**NZSB**' means the New Zealand Spelling Bee Trust and its affiliates.