

# Natick Education Foundation

## Spelling Bee

### RULES

1. Each team will consist of three members including the Captain, who is the designated speller.
2. Words used in the beginning rounds of the Bee will be selected from the “Spell It” booklet
3. Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in the *American Heritage Dictionary: Second College Edition* and *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary and its Addenda Section*, the official Bee dictionaries.
4. The MC will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence, and pronounce the word once more.
5. Team members may ask for one additional pronunciation for the word, but no more.
6. Team members may collaborate on the spelling of the word. Each team will print the word legibly on the slate provided. All teams will complete the writing of the words within 20 seconds and will be instructed to put down all writing implements.
7. All teams will then display their slates individually as directed.
8. Upon misspelling a word, the team will be eliminated. If all remaining teams spell the word incorrectly, no team will be eliminated and a new word will be given. The judges will determine which teams will continue in the round.
9. The last team to spell a word correctly in a particular round is declared the winner of that round. If no team in a particular round spells a word correctly, the round is repeated until one team wins.
10. Winners of each round shall be recalled for a playoff round, and the same rules will apply.

The judges will make the final decision on all questions, including procedural changes in the case of a tie.