

# Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce 25th Annual Spellin Bee

## Rules & Regulations



Teams will consist of four people representing your business and each team will be given 20 seconds in the opening round, 30 seconds in the intermediate round, and 45 seconds in the challenge round to determine the correct spelling of each word. (No help from the audience, please.) There will be three rounds of competition from easy to difficult words. If a word is misspelled in the early rounds, a team has the opportunity to “buy” the word for \$25 and remain in the competition. There is no limit on word buys in the first two rounds. **THIS YEAR, WE ARE CHANGING THE RULES JUST A PINCH... YOU CAN TWO BUY WORDS IN THE CHALLENGE ROUND FOR \$100 PER CHANCE.**

Teams are made up of no more than 4 people and alternates. No more than four players may participate at one time during regulation play. You may not swap team members once the bee is in progress. If you have an alternate speller on your team, you may substitute only during the break times. No team is allowed to rotate players during the actual spelling time. If a player needs to leave the table for any reason during a round, the team will play with the remaining players. No substitutions. The player that left during play may only return to the team during the break between rounds.

**CELL PHONES – if during the actual spelling round a judge sees a cellphone in use, you could risk disqualification.**

There will be one judge for every four teams. Judges will be chosen from Mitchell Community College. They will be in charge of enforcing all spelling bee rules and the buying of extra words before play begins.

**NOTE: They love being bribed!!**

Through the process of elimination there will be one team chosen as the Spellin’ Bee Champion. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team’s company to be displayed at their place of business for one year. Community recognition through advertising and publicity in the local newspapers and Chamber Connection will be awarded along with a plaque to keep.

Proceeds will continue to fund the Iredell Literacy Scholarships for GED graduates to continue their education at Mitchell Community College.

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