

**THE 5th
NAGALAND
SPELLING BEE
CHAMPIONSHIP
2016**

*Organised by: The Fountain Club Kohima : Nagaland
In Partnership with:
State Council of Education Research Training(SCERT)
Government of Nagaland.*

Contest Rules & Regulation

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1. Eligibility

The **Participant** (henceforth shall be called **Speller**) qualifying for 5th Nagaland Spelling Bee Championship 2016 must meet the following requirements:

1. The Speller must be a Regular enrolled student under a school/college that is registered under the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) or any other nationally recognized /affiliated to the Board of Educational Institutions in Nagaland.
2. The qualification of the Speller must be of minimum standard 8th and maximum 12th in the participating year.
3. The Speller must have full endorsement from the concern authority of the Educational Institution to which he or she will represent.
4. The Speller must not bypass or circumvent normal school activity to prepare for Spelling Bee.

The Organisers may disqualify prior to or during the competition any Speller who is not in compliance with any of the above Eligibility Requirements.

2. Stages of Competition

The Competition will have 2 (Two) distinct stages - A Preliminary Stage and the Final Stage. Preliminary stage on the 1st day and the Finals on the 2nd day.

The Final Stage of the Competition will have 32 (Thirty Two) numbers of Competitors / Spellers selected from the Preliminary rounds.

Preliminary Stage

In the Preliminary stage a Speller will be given 10 (Ten) words to spell with 60 (Sixty) seconds to answer a word each.

There will be no minimum qualifying word scoring level in the preliminary stages for a Speller to be selected to the Final stages.

Spellers spelling the highest number of words correctly in the Preliminary stage will qualify for the next level / Final stages of competition.

In event of any ties amongst the competitors spelling the least number of words correctly in the Preliminary stages, selection to the required number of 32 Finalists will be made on direct Knock - Out Basis, where the tie Spellers will be called to spell additional number of words.

Final Stage

In the Final Round of 32, each Speller will be asked 5 (Five) words with 90 second to answer each word; from where 16 (Sixteen) Spellers will be selected for the subsequent round.

In event of any tie amongst the competitors, selection for the 16 Spellers will be selected on Knock – Out Basis. The same procedure of selection for Spellers from 16 to 8 (Eight) Finalists will be followed as stated above.

From the Final Round of 8, the Champion Speller will be selected on the process of Direct Knock - Out Basis with 2 minutes (120 second) to answer each word.

When the participants are reduced to 2 (Two), the elimination procedure will change as-

- At that point, when one participant misspells a word, the other contestant will be given an opportunity to spell that same word.

- If the second contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the Pronouncer's list, then the second participant shall be declared the Champion of the Bee Competition.
- If one of the last two participants misspells, then the other, after spelling correctly the same word, but misspells the new word submitted to him/her, the same misspelled word will again be referred to the other Speller.
- If one of the Speller then succeeds in correctly spelling the misspell word firstly given to the other Speller and then also correctly spells the next word on the Pronouncer's list, then he/she shall be declared the Champion.
- If both Spellers misspell the same word, they shall continue in the contest, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The pattern will continue until one of the participants is declared the Champion.
- In short the BEECHAMPION should spell 2 (two) words correctly.

3. Official Dictionary

The Oxford International Dictionary and its addenda section will be the final authority for the spelling of words. All words given in Championship will be entries in the Oxford Dictionary only.

4. Time

The Speller's time has a limit of 60 Seconds for the Preliminaries. Time begins when the Pronouncer first pronounces the word.

From the Final round, the 32 to 8 Spellers- time at the microphone will be a limit of 90 (ninety) Seconds.

From the final round of 8 spellers- time at the microphone will be a limit of 120(One hundred twenty) seconds.

Time begins when the Pronouncer pronounces the words.

If the Judges and Pronouncer need to discuss a competition-related matter while a Speller is contemplating a word, they may pause the time clock. If they pause the time clock, they will inform the Speller when they pause and resume the time clock.

The Judges will disqualify any Speller who does not provide a complete spelling before the time expired.

5. Pronouncer

The Pronouncer will pronounce words provided to him by the Judges as referred to in the Oxford International Dictionary.

Homonyms:

If a word has one or more homonyms, the Pronouncer will indicate which word is to be spelled by defining the word given to the Speller.

Speller's requests:

In the competition the Pronouncer may respond to the Speller's requests for a definition, sentence, part of speech, language(s) of origin and alternate pronunciation(s). When

presented with requests for alternate pronunciations, the Pronouncer or Associate Pronouncer checks for alternate pronunciations in Oxford International Dictionary. The Pronouncer may grant such requests as long as they are in accordance with time constraints outlined.

Pronouncer's assistance:

The Pronouncer may offer word information — without the Speller having requested the information.

6. Judges

The Judges shall uphold the Rules & Regulations to determine whether or not words are spelled correctly. The decisions of the Judges are final.

Interaction with the Speller:

Because seeing lip movements may be critical in detecting misunderstandings or misspellings, the Judges can direct the Spellers to face them when pronouncing and spelling the word.

Misunderstandings:

The Judges can participate in the exchange of information between the Speller and Pronouncer if they feel that clarification is needed. Also, the Judges can listen carefully to the Speller's pronunciation of the word; and, if they sense that the Speller has misunderstood the word, the Judges can work with the Speller and Pronouncer until they are satisfied that reasonable attempts have been made to assist the Speller in understanding the word within the time constraints described. While the Judges are responsible for attempting to detect a Speller's misunderstanding, they (Judges) are not responsible for the Speller's misunderstanding.

Pronouncer errors:

The Judges compare the Pronouncer's pronunciation with the diacritical markings in the word list. If the Judges feel that the Pronouncer's pronunciation does not match the pronunciation specified in the accent markings, the Judges will direct the Pronouncer to correct the error as soon as it is detected. A new word will be given in event of objection on the words pronunciation with the assent of the Judges.

The Judges will resolve any / all disputes concerning:

- (a) Pronunciation,
- (b) Interpretation of rules and procedures,
- (c) Time&
- (d) All other technical related things regarding the Championship, which will be final and binding.

7. Speller

The Speller must face the Judges and pronounce the word for the Judges before spelling it and after spelling it. The Speller while facing the Judges must utter each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the Judges.

The Speller may ask the Pronouncer to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, provide the language(s) of origin and/or provide an alternate pronunciation or pronunciations.

The Speller may also ask for a change in the sequence of letter spelt if the word is not being completely spelt and pronounced and if stipulated time remains so. However the Speller will not be allowed to retrace the letters if the word asked has been completely spelt and pronounced once.

After the Pronouncer gives a word, the Spellers are encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. There will be no disqualification of the Spellers for failing to pronounce the word correctly.

Misunderstandings:

The Speller is responsible for any misunderstanding of the word unless

- (1) The Pronouncer never provided a correct pronunciation;
- (2) The Pronouncer provided incorrect information regarding the definition, part of speech, or language of origin; or
- (3) The Speller correctly spelled a homonym of the word and the Pronouncer failed to either offer a definition or distinguish the homonyms.

8. Time Keeper

The Time Keeper will in correspondence with the Pronouncer's pronouncement of the word for the Speller to spell, will mark the starting and simultaneously indicate the end of time allotted to the Speller.

When the Judge(s) and Pronouncer are in discussion to a competition-related matter while a Speller is contemplating a word, the Time keeper at the notification of the Judge / Pronouncer will pause the time clock and will inform the Speller when they pause and resume the remaining time clock.

9. Scorer

The Scorer in confirmation to the Spellers correct and incorrect - responses and to the interpretation of the Judges verdicts will maintain the score records of the Spellers.

10. Disqualification

The Judges will disqualify a Speller:

- (1) who refuses a request to start spelling;
- (2) who does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive the word;
- (3) who engages in unsportsman like conduct;
- (4) who, in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds; or
- (5) in the event when the action of a participant's supporter is deemed inappropriate by the Judges /Pronouncers, such as whispers, lip or letter guiding indications etc.

Speller activities that do not merit disqualification:

The judges may not disqualify a speller:

- (1) for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it,
- (2) for asking a question, or
- (3) for noting or failing to note the capitalization of a word or the presence of a diacritical mark.

11. Organisers

The Organisers will oversee all aspects of organising the Championship successfully and any disputes or issues related thus, the decision of the Organisers will be final and binding.

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Organising Committee

5thNagaland Spelling Bee Championship 2016

Points to be noted

1. Completed Forms I & II should reach the under mentioned address on or before **23rd September 2016:**

**The Convenor,
Organising Committee,
5th NAGALAND SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP 2016,
C/o SUPER TRAVELS,
Hotel Japfu Complex, P. R. Hills, Kohima-797001, OR
Email: fountainclubkma@gmail.com**

2. Late submission of entry form shall not be entertained.
3. A sum of Rupees 200 /- (Two hundred) only will be realised from the Speller as Registration Fee on arrival.
4. The Organisers request the esteem educational institute to kindly bear the expenses of their respective participant(s).
5. Food will be provided to the contestants and accompanying faculty at discounted rates. Free refreshments during competition will be provided.
6. The Spellers are encouraged to be in full school uniforms for participation.
7. The Speller must wear the participation badge provided by the Organisers.
8. The Speller will not be allowed to avail aiding materials i.e., marking pens, pencil, any electronic gadgets and papers while on the podium spelling the words.
9. Accompanying faculty members/ parents may on request be provided with food and lodging facilities against nominal charges.
10. The lodgers are to bring their own light bedrolls.
11. Travelling allowances will not be reimbursed.
12. Spellers failing to report on time to the Venue during competition will stand automatically disqualified.
13. The Spellers/School authorities are requested to thoroughly comprehend all the Rules and Regulations provided.
14. Rules and Regulations are enclosed.
15. All the Spellers must enclose in the form, 3(three) copies of recent passport size photo (colour).
16. All detail contest Rules and Regulations along with the entry form can be downloaded from www.fountainclub.in.

Forms can also mailed to fountainclubkma@gmail.com

*(For further information kindly contact # 9402453002 /9436001034/ 9436609258/
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