

THE 8th
NAGALAND SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP 2019
Theme: “The learning Edge”

The Fountain Club Kohima

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Competition Rules & Regulation

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1. Eligibility

The **Participant** (henceforth shall be called **Speller**) qualifying for 8th Nagaland Spelling Bee Championship 2019 must meet the following requirements:

- 3 (Three) spellers each from one educational institute/school will be eligible to participate in 2019 edition.

- The Speller must be a Regular student enrolled under registered Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) or any other nationally recognized board in Nagaland.
- The qualification of the Speller must be of minimum standard VI (Six) and maximum IX (Nine) in the participating year.
- The Speller must have full endorsement from the concern authority of the Educational Institution.
- The Speller must not bypass or circumvent normal school activity to prepare for Spelling Bee.

The Organisers maybe 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

There will be 2 (Two) distinct stages of competition - A Preliminary Stage on the **First day** and the Final Stage on the **Second day**.

The Final Stage of the Competition will have 32 (Thirty-Two) Spellers selected from the Preliminary stage.

Preliminary Stage

In the Preliminary stage, a Speller will be given **8 (Eight) words** to spell with 60 (Sixty) seconds time to answer a word each from the Pronouncer's list.

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

In the event of ties amongst the competitors, Spellers scoring the higher number of words correctly on the lower aggregate in the Preliminary stage will vie for **knock-out** to secure their remaining spot of the next stage.

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. The tie competition will continue till 32 Finalist secure their place.

Final Stage

In the **Final Round of 32**, each Speller will be given 5 (Five) words with 90 second to spell each word.

In the **Final Round of 16**, each Speller will be given 5 (Five) words with 90 second to spell each word.

In event of any tie amongst the Spellers from selection for the 32 to 16 and 16 to 8, Spellers will be selected on **Knock – Out Basis**.

In the **Final Round of 8**, the Champion Speller will be selected through Direct Knock - Out Basis with 2 minutes (120 second) to spell each word.

Final Round for Bee Championship

When the number of spellers is down to TWO, to determine the Nagaland Spelling Bee Championship, the thumb rule will be as follows:

- i) A lot will be drawn to determine their turns, say Speller A & Speller B
- ii) To start with, each Spellers will be given one word each
- iii) If both the spellers correctly spelled or misspelled the given words then the competition will continue as in (ii)
- iv) In case, a Speller misspelled (say A) the word given, the same word will be passed on to the next Speller (say B)
- v) If the Speller given with the passed word spelled it correctly (say B), then He/She will be given a new word to spell to seal the Championship.
- vi) But if the new word is mis-spelled then the same will be passed to the next speller.
- vii) If the passed word is spelled correctly, then He/She will also be given a new word in the pronouncers list, to seal the championship.
- viii) In the eventuality of a speller (say A) getting the direct word correct and the other speller (say B) mis-spelled the given direct word then the mis-spelled word shall be given to other speller (A) and if speller A spelled correctly then He/She shall be declared Champion.
- ix) Conditions (v), (vii) & (viii) may be eventualities of determining the Champion.
- x) Despite given enough opportunities of getting 10 (ten) direct words each if none of the spellers achieve to correctly spell two words consecutively (one direct word and one passed) then the Champion shall be declared on aggregate as who spelled the more numbers of words (direct or passed)
- xi) In the eventuality of the two spellers spelling correctly equal number of words on aggregation, championship will be decided by the number of direct words correctly spelled.
- (xii) In the eventuality of tie despite the above mentioned conditions, the tie breaker in the form giving 5 (five) words each to the spellers will re-introduced in the principles of the preliminary round.

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 from the Oxford Dictionary only.

4. Time

Time starts when the Pronouncer first pronounces the word.

The Speller's time has a limit of 60 Seconds for the Preliminary round.

In the Final round from 32 to 8: Spellers time at the microphone will be 90 (ninety) Seconds.

In the final round of 8: Spellers time at the microphone will be 120 (One hundred twenty) seconds.

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

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

5. Pronouncer

The Pronouncer will pronounce word(s) to the Speller 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)**. The Pronouncer may grant such requests as long as they are in accordance with time constraints outlined.

Pronouncer's assistance:

The Pronouncer's assistance may offer word information — with/without the Speller requesting the information.

6. Judges

The Judges shall uphold the Competition Rules & Regulations to determine whether or not words are spelled correctly. The Judges in consultation with the Organisers will adjudicate all matters pertinent to the Championship.

Interaction with the Speller:

Because seeing lip movements may be critical in detecting misunderstandings or misspellings, the Judge(s) can direct the Speller(s) to face the Pronouncer and the Judges 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) The Judges in consultation with the Organisers will adjudicate all matters pertinent to the Championship.

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 on the following points:

- (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 in the event, when the action of a Speller 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. Young Speller Award: Amongst the Spellers, there will be an award – ‘ Young Speller Award’ which will be decided by the Judges, Pronouncers and Organisers according to their performance.

12. Organisers

The Organisers will oversee all aspects of organising the Championship successfully.

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Organising Committee

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Points to be noted

1. Last date for submission of forms on or before **27th September 2019**.
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 Speller and accompanying faculty at discount rates. Free refreshments during competition will be provided.
6. The Spellers are encouraged to be in full school uniforms for the Championship.
7. The Speller must wear the participant 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. The lodgers are requested to bring their own light bedrolls.
10. Travelling allowances will not be reimbursed.
11. Spellers failing to report on time to the Venue during Championship will stand automatically disqualified.
12. The Spellers/School authorities are requested to thoroughly comprehend all the Competition Rules and Regulations provided.

13. All the Spellers must enclose in the form, 3(three) copies of recent passport size photo (colour).

14. 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

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