

IAVA Spelling Bee - 2018

Information Session

Tejas Muthusamy

3/27/2018





What is in for YOU at IAVA Spelling Bee?

- You learn a lot of new words.
- You increase your self-confidence
- You improve your comprehension and school grades
- You show-off your hard work to your near and dear ones

You will be ready to compete at Scripps!



What should you do before IAVA spelling bee?

- Familiarize with the rules of the spelling bee
- Study the word list for your category
- Practice spelling words out loud – engage your family
- Prepare for off-list words – Be friends with Dictionary

Enjoy your learning experience!



What are the competition rules?

- The decision of the judges are final
- Questions you can ask: definition, part of speech, language of origin, sentence, repetition of word
- You are encouraged to follow say-spell-say format
- You are not allowed to change the spelling of the word once you've said it
- If you miss a word, you are immediately out
- If ties occur that precludes an individual first, second, or third place, a separate tiebreaker will be held
- When 3 spellers remain, a Championship Word List will be invoked. If all words are exhausted, the remaining spellers will be declared co-champions
- Appeals Procedure



What to expect on the day of the spelling bee?

- Relax! Have a good meal!!
- Review the list one last time
- Arrive 30 minutes before the start of the competition
- Follow the instructions from the volunteers

Remember to have a LOT of fun!



What to do after IAVA?

- Win Classroom, School, County and Regional Spelling Bees
- Use the study sources
 - Spell It (myspellit.com)
 - School List (released every year)
 - 5000 SAT Words
 - Words, words, everywhere!
- Participate in Minor League Spelling Bees
 - North South Foundation (northsouth.org)
 - South Asian Spelling Bee (southasianspellingbee.com)
 - For those in 4th grade or younger: MastiSpell (mastispell.com)

