



RULES FOR FRENCH SPELLING BEE FINALS

1. Finalists should be at school when taking part to any final, under the supervision of their teacher.
If this is not possible, please make sure you let Muriel (the coordinator) know.
2. When spelling out a word, students should face the camera.
3. If the connection of a student drops during the competition, unfortunately, the student will be disqualified.
4. Students must switch off their mic during the competition, and only turn it on when it is their time to speak. They must have their cameras on at all time.
5. If a student takes part to the competition from home, they must be alone in the room.
6. If the jury feels that the student is taking too long to find the word and seems to be reading on the computer (or somewhere else), the student will be disqualified.
7. In the event of a tie-break, the number of passes that each contestant made will be counted. The contestant with the least number of passes will win.

*If contestants still have a tied score, a decider round will be played. Contestants will spell a word in turn, until one of them spells a word incorrectly. This continues until there is a winner (and a runner-up). Contestants are given equal number of words to spell. There is no time limit on a decider round.

Points' system:

- 1 point is rewarded for each word translated and spelt correctly.
Warning: NO point rewarded if translated correctly BUT wrong spelling.
- Pronunciation must be clear and words spelt out properly.
Clarity is of the utmost importance. If the judge is not able to understand a letter or word, a point will not be awarded.
- The judge's decision is final on whether they heard a letter or spelling.
- Accents and punctuation must be voiced during the spelling according to the rules regarding accents (see Accents/Terminology).
- If a Contestant runs out of time during the spelling of a word, they should be allowed to finish the word that they started.
- If a Contestant runs out of time before starting to spell the word, no point is awarded.
- Contestants can 'pass' a word anytime, BUT must say in French "je passe".