



THE BOYS' BRIGADE NIGERIA LAGOS STATE COUNCIL

SPELLING GENIUS COMPETITION

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE SPELLING GENIUS COMPETITION

INTRODUCTION

The State Council Spelling Genius Competition is organised to enhance the intelligence and words capabilities of members in the Company Section. This competition shall be an annual.

The competition is opened to **any Boy in Company Section between the age of 12 years to 15 years**. However, such a participant **MUST** with the following requirements and regulations.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION

1. Eligibility requirements

Each participant **MUST**:

- be an active member of a Boys' Brigade Company within Lagos State Council.
- Must have a State Membership Number
- be within the age bracket of 12 - 15 years old;
- be ready to supply details of his age when required so to do; and
- **NOT** be a student in the any University or higher institution of learning.

Any violation of the eligibility rule or false declaration of age will lead to disqualification of the concerned participant.

2. Registration for the Competition

- Registration for the competition shall be **Online** on the portal of the Lagos State Council - **www.boysbrigadelagos.com/spellinggenius** . The competition is **FREE**
- Companies registering more than one participant should be guided against any form of malpractice.
- Registered competitors will be given a unique code after submitting their online form.
- After registration, participants will be duly informed on the **date, time and venue** for the competition at the Battalion Council. Please note that it is the responsibility of the Company Captain to regularly check the State website for updates and the telephone number used to register to ensure effective communication.

3. Stages of the competition

- There shall be **three (3) levels** for the competition - **Battalion, Zones and State**.
- Participants will commence the competition at the Battalion levels in their respective Battalions.
- At each Battalion Council level, the best Competitor will progress to the Zonal level.
- The best at the zonal levels will progress to the State Finals.
- The State Finals will have first and second runner-up
- The winner and the two runners-up at the State level will be presented with prizes, while the winners at the Battalion levels will be presented with prizes.

4. Competition rounds

The competition at the Battalion levels will have two (2) distinct rounds.

Round 1 (Written Spelling Bee)

The round will be in **written format**. Participants will be required to write down the correct spelling of words on a form specially designed for that purpose and supplied to them at the commencement of the competition.

Regulations for the round:

- written words **MUST** not be **cancelled, changed, erased** or **re-written**; There should be no **mutilation** of any letter.
- The meaning of this is that participants are not allowed to correct any error on their papers.
- **ONLY** participants that scored **70%** will be allowed to progress to the next round.
- In this wise, Captains are kindly advised to explain this to their Boys.

Round 2 - Oral

Round 2 will be an elimination round.

- **ONLY** English words shall be used.
- Participants are advised to study their lexicon to study and learn correct spelling of words and study broadly for the competition.

However, at the Zonal and State levels, there will be straight rounds of spelling until the winner emerges.

5. Rules for the day of competition.

Participants are required to

- be very audible and clear on their spelling.
- spell the word after it must have been pronounced by the Panelist and after he has indicated that he /she is through with the pronunciation.
- each participant has 60 seconds after saying the first letter of the word, to spell his word
- It is within the right and responsibility of the participant to request the following:
 - ✓ re-pronunciation;
 - ✓ definition,
- Participants are advised to make use of these rights and responsibilities and not rely only on pronunciations.
- A participant can **NOT** change the order of the letters in a word after spelling the word

6. DECISION REQUISITES

- The Spelling Bee will be conducted primarily in English. In the event of any complaint, suggestion or need for clarification, such should be directed to the adjudicator.
- Complaint(s) concerning the spelling of a word must be brought up before the end of the that particular round.
- **ONLY** British words will be allowed, and the Oxford English Dictionary will be used in the competition as the final authority for all pronunciations and spellings.

7. OFFICIALS FOR THE COMPETITION

The Officiating Panel will officiate the Spelling Bee and consist of the following members:

- Spelling Master
- Adjudicator
- Program Director

Spelling Master (Battalion, Zones and State levels)

- *will pronounce will play the pronunciation provided in the computerized audio of the official dictionary.*
- *assist the participants by also pronouncing the words that each participant will spell.*
- *gives the alternate pronunciation (if alternative pronunciations are available, and within the allowed parameters of the rules). this is based on the participants request.*

Adjudicator

- *the adjudicator will sit apart from the Spelling Master*
- *the adjudicator will rule immediately on any dispute raised either by a participant or an audience member*
- *the adjudicator will ensure the smooth running of the competition*
- *assist the Spelling Master by listening to the spelling of the word and determines if it is correctly spelt'*
- *upholds the rules in determining whether or not words are correctly spelt*
- *works from a name list that contains the names of all participants in the competition*
- *crosses off the names of all participants who are eliminated and submits their numbers*
- *ensures that participants stick to the allocated time of 60 seconds from the time they begin to spell the word*

Programme Director

- *manages the proceedings according to the programme*
- *opens the event*
- *introduces the adjudication panel and explains the rules to the audience*
- *acknowledge the presence of the participants*
- *instructs the audience not to applaud after each contestant has spelt, but only at the end of each round*
- *announces the beginning and end of each round*
- *hands over proceedings to the Spelling master*