



CISNA National Arabic Spelling Bee 2023

CISNA National Arabic Spelling Bee is an online competition. The goal is to encourage our students to know how to spell, pronounce, read, and write Arabic words.

General Rules

Eligibility: A speller qualifying for the 2023 CISNA-NASB finals must meet these requirements:

- The speller must attend a school that is officially enrolled for CISNA-NASB. A speller must be officially enrolled in the grade/age that is represented in the CISNA-NASB (1st & 2nd grade level or (6 & 7 years old by August 1, 2022) and 3rd-5th grade level or (8-10 years old by August 1, 2022) and 6th-8th grade level or (11-13 years old by August 1, 2022)
- There will be **\$60 fees for CISNA member schools** and **\$70 fees for non-CISNA member schools per participant per level.**
- The speller cannot be related to the judges, pronouncers, or teacher/sponsor involved with the competition.
- Each participating school can nominate one speller for each level.

Format and General Information

- The bee will be an oral online competition. The student and his/her teacher should be at one place (ideally the school). No one else should be in that room.
- The camera must be on at all times. The participant should turn the mic on when his/her turn start and show his face and mouth (No mask) when to pronounce the word.
- Each school participating at the CISNA-NASB competition will provide one winner for each level. ***We will accept an alternate if the winner will be absent for the competition. An email should be sent to CISNA.NASB@gmail.com 7 days prior to the competition day.***
- There are 3 levels to the CISNA-NASB competition: **A. Level 1:** 1st and 2nd grade will

do the competition on **Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 12 pm EST and the final on Sunday, February 12 B. Level 2:** 3rd to 5th grade will do the competition on **Saturday, February 18, 2023. and the final on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 12 pm EST C.**

Level 3: 6th to 8th grade will do the competition on **Saturday, February 25, 2022 and the final on Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 12 pm EST**

- There will be **5 winners from each level** (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, and 5th place) participating in CISNA-NASB 2023.
- Word list: CISNA-NASB has provided 8 word lists to use in schools. The pronouncer and judge can use words from the CISNA-NASB word lists

Competition procedures

- Each student will receive a number to make sure spellers will spell in the same order of each round of the competition.
- If a student spells correctly, they move on to the next round of the competition.
- If a student spells incorrectly, they are eliminated from the competition.
- If every student in a round misspells, all the students in the round are invited back to the competition.
- If a student asks to start over when spelling, that is fine! Be sure to remind them that they can't change the letters they've already said, or the order they said them in.
- We should judge the spelling based on the order of the letters only.
- We will declare the champion when only one student moves on to the next round, and then spells the word correctly in the one-student, one-word round.
- Disqualifications for reasons other than error:
 - **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 or question; (3) who does not comply with the eligibility requirements; (4) who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct; (5) who, in the process of retracing a spelling, alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered; (6) who, in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

Pronouncer's Responsibility

1. The pronouncer strives to pronounce The Words with Harakat associated with each letter. The pronouncer will do this to the best of his/her ability.
2. If the speller requests the pronouncer to repeat The Word, the pronouncer will do so willingly. The pronouncer's role is **ONLY** to pronounce The Word(s).

Judge's Responsibility

1. The role of the judge is to uphold the "Rules for competition".
2. The judge decides whether the Word is spelled correctly.
3. The judge's decisions are final on all questions.
4. The judge should look at the speller who should face the judge while spelling.

5. If a clarification is needed the judge will participate in an exchange with the speller.
6. The judge compares the pronouncer's pronunciation with the rules of the competition with Harakat associated with each letter of The Words. If the judge feels the pronouncer's pronunciation does not match the pronunciation specified in the spelling of the Word, then the judge will ask the pronouncer to correct the pronunciation.

Speller's Responsibility

1. Face the judge when spelling Word. Camera on and no mask.
2. Encouraged to repeat the Word then Spell it.
3. Encouraged to repeat the Word again after spelling it.
4. Speller should speak loud enough to be understood by the judge.
5. Speller may ask the pronouncer to repeat The Word or give the meaning in English.
6. The speller cannot write The Word on paper before spelling it.
7. Speller may ask the pronouncer to put the word in a sentence.

Note that:

- The judge has the right to use the CISNA-NASB word lists or add other words.
- There are extra rules you need to know about how to spell words. They are in the CISNA-NASB word lists.
- Our Head Judge rings a bell when this happens, but it is no problem if you do not have a bell. You can simply spell the word correctly and let them know they are not moving on to the next round.

Prizes:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places in each category will receive a trophy and certificate.
- All participants will receive a participation certificate.
- There will be Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th.
 - 1st place will receive \$200 and his/her school will receive \$100
 - 2nd place will receive \$100 and his/her school will receive \$100
 - 3rd place will receive \$50 and his/her school will receive \$50
 - 4th place will receive \$50
 - 5th place will receive \$50