



Competition Regulations

International Global Spelling Bee, IGSBee2026

The **International Global Spelling Bee (IGSBee)** competition is organized through a collaborative partnership between **Language Institute, Thammasat University (LITU)** and **Academic Contest (Thailand) Co., Ltd.**. This academic collaboration is dedicated to elevating the standard of English language learning to meet international benchmarks.

Such cooperation reflects a shared commitment to establishing an international academic competition platform that provides students from diverse countries and cultural backgrounds with opportunities to showcase their potential, develop comprehensive English language skills, and strengthen academic confidence. Moreover, the competition promotes the building of global networks, friendships, and cross-cultural exchange, serving as a vital foundation for nurturing young learners to become high-quality global citizens in the future.

1. Objectives of the Competition

1.1 To promote English language proficiency among young learners

To enhance vocabulary knowledge, spelling accuracy, and correct English pronunciation in accordance with international standards.

1.2 To foster confidence and communication skills on an international stage

To develop confident language use while providing students with experience in a competition environment that meets global standards.

1.3 To provide opportunities for students of diverse nationalities in Thailand to showcase their potential

To create a culturally diverse platform that promotes understanding and exchange among students from international and international-curriculum schools.

1.4 To encourage creativity and learning through engaging and challenging activities

To make English learning enjoyable by applying language skills through academically enriching and competitive activities.

2. Eligibility of Participants

The **International Global Spelling Bee (IGSBee2026)** competition is divided into five levels, as follows:

Level BEE 1: Primary (Grades 1–2)

Level BEE 2: Primary (Grades 3–4)

Level BEE 3: Primary (Grades 5–6)

Level BEE 4: Lower Secondary (Grades 7–9)

Level BEE 5: Upper Secondary (Grades 10–12)

3. Selection of Representatives for Competition

The IGSBee project accepts student representatives who have been selected from various sources in accordance with the prescribed criteria to participate in each competition level. Each level will comprise approximately 300–350 competitors to ensure standardized, fair competition and to accurately reflect the participants' abilities. Details regarding eligibility and selection methods are as follows:

3.1 Student representatives at all competition levels who have been selected and ranked among the top 30 finalists in the national finals of the Thailand Spelling Bee (TSB 2025 – Thailand Championship) and the National Spelling Bee (NSB 2025 – National Championship).

3.2 Students of all nationalities may apply individually, provided they are enrolled in an **international school**.

3.3 Student representatives of all nationalities nominated by **international schools**. Each school may nominate no more than 20–30 students per level.

3.4 International Students Foreign students residing in Thailand or from overseas, including those currently studying in educational institutions under any affiliation in Thailand.

Note: The Organizing Committee reserves the absolute right to consider, select, and extend invitations to schools or institutions that meet the prescribed criteria. Such consideration shall be at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee, with primary emphasis on academic qualifications and alignment with the objectives of the competition. The decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

4. Schedule

4.1 Registration and Registration Fee

The competition is open for registration from **16 March to 16 May 2026**. The registration procedures and conditions are as follows:

(1) Student representatives under Clauses 3.1 and 3.2 must confirm their participation by completing the application form in full via the project website at **www.igsbee.com**, and by uploading proof of payment of the registration fee in the amount of **2,250 THB**. Applicants are also required to submit proof of payment to the project coordination staff through one of the following channels:

Line ID: igsbee

Email: igsbee@hotmail.com

Website: www.igsbee.com

(2) Student representatives of all nationalities under Clause 3.3, who are nominated by their schools, must have the school's coordinating teacher complete the list of applicants using the official form provided by the project. Proof of the consolidated registration fee payment for all nominated students must be submitted to the project coordination staff. All procedures must be completed no later than **16 May 2026**.

(3) Registration shall be deemed complete only upon full payment of the registration fee within the period specified by the project. Submission of the application and payment of the registration fee shall be deemed as acknowledgment and acceptance of all rules, criteria, and conditions of the competition. The Organizing Committee reserves the right not to refund the registration fee under any circumstances, except in the event that the competition is cancelled by the project.

(4) Payment Methods

Applicants must complete payment of the registration fee no later than **16 May 2026** via one of the following methods:

(a) Payment via QR Code, after completing and confirming the accuracy of the application details on the project website.

(b) Bank transfer with the following details:

Bank: Kasikorn Bank

Account Type: Savings Account

Account Name: Academic Contest (Thailand) Co., Ltd.

Account Number: 102-1-80082-8

Applicants must submit proof of payment (transfer slip) to the project coordination staff via **Line** in every case, for verification and confirmation of registration.

4.2 Announcement of Eligible Participants

The project will announce the list of eligible participants for the competition. Applicants may check the list of eligible examinees starting from **18 May 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** onwards via the project website at **www.igsb.com**

4.3 Printing of Competitor Identification Cards

Participants at all competition levels may print their competitor identification cards for use on the competition day starting from **1 June 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** onwards.

4.4 Competition Schedule and Venue

The competition will be held at Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus, Bangkok, according to the following schedule.

LEVEL	Competition Date	Competition Time
Level BEE 1: Primary (Grades 1–2)	Sunday, 21 June 2026	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Level BEE 2: Primary (Grades 3–4)	Sunday, 21 June 2026	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Level BEE 3: Primary (Grades 5–6)	Sunday, 28 June 2026	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Level BEE 4: Lower Secondary (Grades 7–9)	Sunday, 28 June 2026	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Level BEE 5: Upper Secondary (Grades 10–12)	Sunday, 14 June 2026	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<p>Registration Schedule:</p> <p>Morning Session: 8:15 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.</p> <p>Afternoon Session: 12:15 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.</p>		

4.5 Attire and Proof of Eligibility for Competition

(1) Participants must dress politely, neatly, and appropriately. They may choose to wear national costumes or other suitable casual attire at their own discretion. Female participants are permitted to wear makeup and style their hair appropriately.

(2) Participants must be prepared and report to the examination room at least 15–30 minutes before the scheduled start time. They must present a national identification card or a student identification card with a photograph as proof of identity on the competition day. Participants who are unable to present an original national ID card or student ID card on the competition day will not be permitted to participate under any circumstances.

5. Competition Format

The IGSBee competition is divided into five phases, with details as follows.

Phase 1: Lexicon Lift-Off *“Take your first flight into the world of words.”*

- The judges on stage will read each word aloud **twice**, followed by an **example sentence containing the word**, which will also be read **twice**, to help contestants clearly understand the meaning and context of the word.
- Contestants must **write the correct spelling of each word**, totaling **20–25 words**, on the answer sheet provided by the judges. **Each correct word is worth 1 point.**
- Contestants will have **20 seconds to write each word**, with timing beginning immediately after the judges have finished reading the word **twice**.
- Contestants must write **clearly and legibly**, ensuring that the spelling is correct according to standard spelling rules. **Handwriting clarity may affect the judges’ scoring decisions.**
- At the end of this phase, the top 200 contestants will advance to Phase 2 of the competition.

Phase 2: The Spelling Gauntlet *“Only the precise will prevail.”*

- The judges on stage will read each word aloud **three times**, one word at a time. **No example sentence will be provided.**
- Contestants will have **20 seconds to write each word**, with timing beginning immediately after the judges have finished reading the word three times. Any contestant who spells the word incorrectly will be **eliminated from the competition in that round immediately.**
- At the conclusion of this phase, the remaining contestants will be narrowed down to **100 participants**, who will advance to Phase 3 of the competition.

Phase 3: Verbatim Arena *“Every letter, every second, every victory.”*

- In this phase, contestants will spell words by completing **missing letters displayed as blanks on the screen**. The judges will read one example sentence containing the target word only once to provide contextual understanding.
- Contestants must fill in the missing English letters shown as underlined blanks to form the correct word and write their answers on the answer sheets provided by the organizers.

- A time limit of **10 seconds per word** is allocated. During the competition, judges will verify contestants' spelling. Any contestant who spells a word incorrectly will be **immediately eliminated** from this phase.
- At the conclusion of this phase, the number of contestants will be reduced to **20 participants**, who will advance to **Phase 4**.

Phase 4: The Mastery Summit *“Where knowledge meets precision.”*

- The judges will pronounce each selected word **clearly and audibly once**.
- Participants must spell the word correctly within a time limit of **30 seconds per word**. Within the allotted time, participants may request additional information regarding the word as follows:
 1. **Definition**
Sample question: *“May I have the definition, please?”*
 2. **Example Sentence**
Sample question: *“May I have the sentence, please?”*
 3. **Part of Speech** (e.g., noun, verb, adjective)
Sample question: *“May I know the part of speech?”*
 4. **Repetition of the Word**
Sample question: *“Can you repeat the word, please?”*
- Participants may request the above information **an unlimited number of times within the 30-second time limit**.
- At the conclusion of this phase, the field will be narrowed down to the **final five (5) participants**, who will advance to the **International Grand Championship (Phase 5)**.

Spelling Procedure

Step 1: Before beginning to spell, the participant must say, *“I’m ready.”*

Step 2: The participant must repeat the word as pronounced by the judge.

Step 3: The participant must spell the word aloud, letter by letter.

Step 4: After completing the spelling, the participant must pronounce the word again clearly.

Phase 5: The Grand Championship “*One title. Global pride.*”

- The **five (5) finalists** will compete in an **oral spelling round**, in which they must spell words correctly and as quickly as possible within a total time limit of **60 seconds**. If a participant is unable to respond to a word, they may say “**pass**” or “**skip.**”
- The participant who spells the **greatest number of words correctly** within the allotted time will be declared the **overall winner and International Champion** of the competition.
- All participants in this final phase will receive **trophies and certificates**, in accordance with the regulations of the project.

Note: The format and details of each phase of the competition may be changed, revised, or adjusted as deemed appropriate. Such decisions shall be made at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee, and the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

6. Panel of Judges

The project shall appoint a panel of judges for each competition level, consisting of 3–5 judges per level, as well as no fewer than 15 competition supervisors per level. The judges must possess appropriate knowledge, expertise, and a high level of proficiency in English communication. The panel shall comprise individuals from the following groups:

- (1) Native English speakers, numbering at least 1–2 persons
- (2) English language teachers or experts in the field of English

The selection of the judging panel is intended to ensure that the competition is conducted in a fair, accurate, transparent manner and in accordance with high academic standards throughout all stages of the competition.

7. Honors and Awards

All students participating in the **IGSBee** competition will receive an official **medal and certificate** from the project.

Awards are granted based on performance in each phase of the competition, as outlined below:

- **Contestants advancing to Phase 2** **Will receive a Certificate**
- **Contestants advancing to Phase 3** **Will receive a Certificate**
- **Contestants advancing to Phase 4** **Will receive a Certificate**
- **Contestants advancing to Phase 5 (The Grand Championship)**

Awards will be presented as follows:

- **1st Place Winner** *The IGSBee Global Spelling Champion*
- **First Runner-Up** *The Grand Finalist – First Runner-Up*
- **Second Runner-Up** *The Grand Finalist – Second Runner-Up*
- **4th–5th Place** *The IGSBee Spelling Laureate – Global Finalist (Top 5)*

All contestants who advance to **Phase 5** will be awarded a **trophy and a certificate** of achievement, and their names will be permanently recorded in the **Hall of Fame** on the project's official website.

8. Additional Terms and Conditions

The Company reserves the right to change, amend, or revise any details of these competition regulations as deemed appropriate in order to accommodate circumstances or conditions that may arise from time to time, without prior notice. It shall be deemed that all applicants and participants have read, acknowledged, understood, and agreed to comply with all details, terms, and conditions stipulated in these regulations. All such actions shall be carried out with primary consideration given to the protection and best interests of the students.