



Brew 'N Bee Official Rules—2019 Edition

- Contestants must be 21 years or older.
- Contestant order is in the order of registration. Check-in/sign-up (if spots remain)/cheat purchasing begins 45 minutes prior to the start of the contest and will end 5 minutes before the contest begins.
- Words are primarily drawn from the printed version of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 11th Edition, but also from Merriam-Webster online and Urban Dictionary, as well as other accredited online dictionaries. Whenever possible, Merriam-Webster serves as the final authority for the spelling of words. If more than one spelling is listed for a word, any of these spellings will be accepted as correct if the word either matches the pronunciation and definition provided by the Pronouncer, or if it is clearly identified as being a standard variant of the word that the contestant has been asked to spell. Spellings from other locations having archaic, obsolete, or regional labels (such as North, Midland, Irish) that are different from those at the main entry will not be accepted as correct.
- When the word is a homonym or homophone, only the correct spelling for the word defined and used in a sentence will be accepted.

- Unless being used as a “Cheat” (as detailed on Pages 2 & 3 of the B’NB Official Rules), no electronic devices, smart phones, or assistive paper may be brought to the stage.
- Contest will be single-error elimination. To avoid elimination, contestants may purchase “Cheats” during registration. “Cheats” information is detailed on Pages 2 & 3 of the B’NB Official Rules. The contestant is encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it.
- The Pronouncer will say the contestant’s word, give its definition, and pronounce it once more. The contestant may ask for the word’s usage, for it to be used in a sentence, and its language of origin one time per word. The contestant may ask for only one additional pronunciation of the word.
- Contestants will have 30 seconds to spell the word once they begin spelling; time limits are subject to change, depending on the round, and will be announced at the start of each round.
- Having started to spell a word, the contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. However, the letters and/or sequence may not be changed in the respelling. If they are, the spelling will be judged as incorrect.
- An oral appeal must be made before the next contestant is given a new word. The judges’ decision is final on all questions.
- **CHEATS:** *There is a limit of one type of each cheat per contestant. Cheats must be purchased before the event. The contestant will be given a color-coded card for each of the following cheats. These cards may be used one time only and must*

be turned in once used. Cheats may not be used in final Elimination/Championship round. Additionally, a “Mulligan” may not be used to advance a contestant to the Elimination/Championship round, i.e. Mulligans can only be used during the First and Second rounds.

- 1. Ask a Friend” (\$3)** Contestant may ask someone in the audience to spell the word. This individual may not use any reference materials, including a phone, books or a computer. Pro Tip—ask someone smart!

- 2. Trade-A-Word (\$5)** Don’t like the word you’ve been given? A contestant may switch that word out for an entirely new word! But, choose wisely—we can’t guarantee your new word will please you any more than the original.

- 3. 10 Seconds With Your Phone (\$5)** Contestant will be allowed to take out their cell phones, allotted 10 seconds, and timed by a judge. If found, they may spell the word before or immediately after the 10-second buzzer sounds. Search quickly! The Internet is vast!

- 4. Rewind-A-Word (\$5).** If contestant realizes they’ve made an error midway through the incorrect spelling of a word, he and/or she gets one chance to start over from the beginning. A little advice—don’t make the same mistake twice!

- 5. Mulligan (\$10)** Contestant may remain in the contest after misspelling the word. In layman’s terms, a do-over.

Additional Cheats may be introduced during the Brew N’ Bee itself at the judges’ discretion.

- The contest will be conducted in Three Rounds—Easy-ish, Subjectively Medium, and Difficult—plus the Elimination/Championship Round. The first Three Rounds will have two go-rounds per round. In other words, if all twenty contestants spell their words correctly in Round 1, there would be forty words given out; if ten contestants were eliminated, there would be thirty (barring the successful use of any “Cheats,” of course.) There will be a ten-minute break between each round. Once the Elimination/Championship Round is entered, the use of all “Cheats” are disallowed and spelling continues until a single contestant remains. The winner of the Brew ‘N Bee must spell at minimum one word correctly in the final round in which all other contestants are eliminated to be declared the winner. Should no one spell a word correctly in this round, all those that made it to the that specific round will be reinstated and a new round will begin.
- Should all the Elimination/Championship Round words be used and two contestants remain, a five-word Super Elimination Round will come into play. At this point, one word will be given out and the two remaining contestants will have to spell that word together, trading off letters until the spelling of the word is complete. Should one of the contestants use an incorrect letter, the spelling will stop and the person that gave the last correct letter will be given the opportunity to spell that word on their own. Should they correctly spell the word, they will be declared the winner of the Brew ‘N Bee. Should they not spell it correctly, the two remaining contestants will move on to the next word following the same Super Elimination procedure. Should they arrive at the end of the five Super Elimination words without a single person completing the correct spelling of a word, the winner of the Brew ‘N Bee will be decided between these two remaining contestants by a coin flip.

In this case, the person that registered first will be allowed to call “Heads” or “Tails.”

About Brew ‘N Bee

This contest is a part of Manitowoc Public Library’s Summer Reading Program for Adults in partnership with PetSkull Brewing Company. There is a \$20 entrance fee for each contestant in the Brew ‘N Bee. This entrance fee entitles the participant to two pints of amazing PetSkull Beer (or soda/water), a Certificate of Participation suitable either for framing or for using as a placemat for your beverages the night of the Bee, and a shot at glory! Audience members are admitted free.

Prizes will be awarded to the Top Three Finishers, as well as a “prize” going to the First Person Eliminated.

By participating in/attending the Brew ‘N Bee, contestants and audience members grant organizers permission to use each contestant’s voice, likeness and/or image in conjunction with this event and future events on television, radio, the internet and/or in print.