

2017 OCCS 中文认字比赛规则

Dear participants,

Thank you for participating in the 2017 OCCS 中文认字比赛. We hope you will enjoy and benefit from this fun experience. Please read the following contest rules carefully and be ready to observe these rules during the contest.

1. This year we are going to use laptops to display the words during the competition.
2. The contest shall be conducted in rounds. Each contestant will be given a word to read from a laptop. Each contestant has exactly 5 seconds to provide the proper pronunciation of the word. Once the pronunciation is given, it cannot be changed or corrected. The contestants will be in turn to read the words which are given by the judges. The results for reading the words will be marked in the record sheets by judges.
3. Each contestant initially will be given 10 chances to read different words in 10 rounds. Based on the results of the first 10 rounds, the top 1/3 of contestants (not less than 5 or 7 contestants – depends on the size of the group) will continue the contest. The others will be eliminated from the contest.
4. The contest will continue and repeat the step 1 above. When a contestant reads the given word correctly, he or she will continue the contest with next round, otherwise, the contestant will be eliminated. The top 5 or 7 contestants will be awarded one 1st, two 2nd and three 3rd Prizes respectively.
5. In circumstances where clarification is needed, or in order to determine the contest winners, the judges may ask the contestants to define the meaning of a word or to use the word in a sentence.
6. There is an element of chance in this competition. The order of contestants will be selected by random drawing. The decision of the judges will be final in all questions. No protest will be entertained during or after the contest.
7. Contestants shall not bring any textbooks, dictionaries or notes of any kind into the competition area. Any portable electronic devices, like cell phone, ipad, etc. must be left out of the competition area or turned off.
8. Family and friends are not permitted in the competition area.
9. Judges may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start pronouncing the word within a reasonable time period.
10. Contestants are asked to remain quiet when other contestants are reading the words. Any disruptive behavior or failure to obey the contest rules will lead to disqualification. Disqualified contestants will not be eligible for any prizes or awards.
11. This is the most important rule of all: Please relax and have fun, whether you're a participant or a parent.