The Spelling Bee Host Guide

Thank you for purchasing a Foulplay game! As a host, you are joining a great group of Foulplayers who have taken their game night to the next level. We help geeks throw great parties through immersive murder mystery games. Our games play with history and pop culture to create immersive worlds to transform your game night, all while you strategize and scheme with your friends and family to figure out whodunnit! There are no scripts--you choose what path to take and play to your style to complete your goals! Host your own game online or in-person with all our games! We started the story, the rest is up to you.

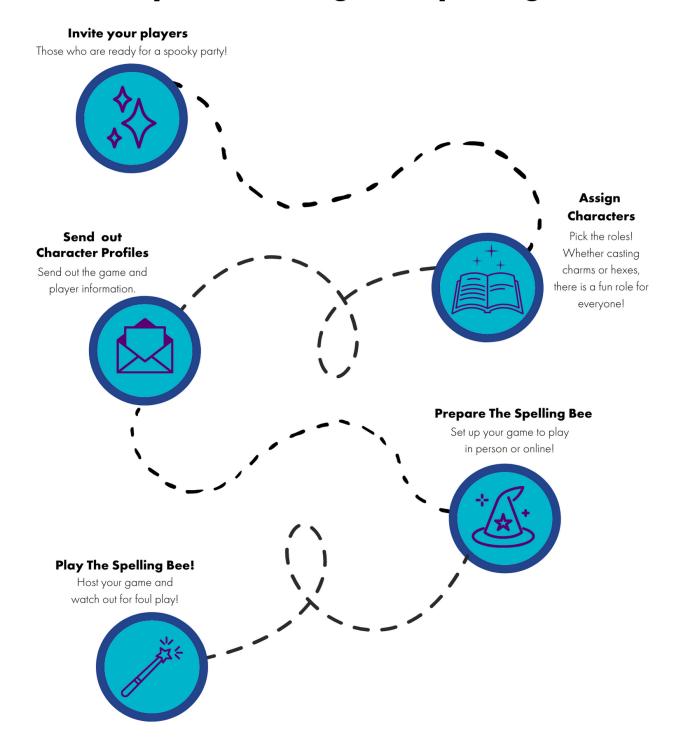***Before we get you started on your amazing adventure, time to go over the ground rules!***

1. *This game is intended for players 10 and older.*
2. *This game contains references to spooky themes and mischief.*
3. *Foulplay does not require, suggest, or support using real weapons or prop weapons during any of our games.*
4. *Hosts assume all responsibility of running the game and shall not hold Foulplay liable for the safety and security of the host, players, attendees, or anyone involved in the planning, playing, or hosting The Spelling Bee.*
5. *You agree not to charge money to anyone to play or watch The Spelling Bee unless you purchase a commercial license for The Spelling Bee. If interested in a commercial license or fundraising, please contact us at foulplaycompany@gmail.com.*
6. *By hosting The Spelling Bee, you agree to not post our game materials for public use.*
7. *By hosting The Spelling Bee, you agree to our Terms and Conditions.*
8. *This game and its elements, characters, and storylines are a work of fiction. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or actual events is purely coincidental.*

WHEW! Now that that's out of the way, welcome to The Spelling Bee! **This game can be played online or in-person.** *Pretty soon you and your kids will be casting spells and solving a mystery! This Host Guide will take you through the entire process of running The Spelling Bee from sending out invitations and assigning characters, to setting up your online or in-person game.*

For any and all questions, please contact us at foulplaycompany@gmail.com and we will be happy to help. Don't forget to tag us on Instagram @foulplay.co and Twitter @foulplayco and use the hashtag #foulplaygames and #thespellingbee.

~Maddy and Kristen

5 Steps to Hosting The Spelling Bee

Invite your players
Those who are ready for a spooky party!

Assign Characters
Pick the roles! Whether casting charms or hexes, there is a fun role for everyone!

Send out Character Profiles
Send out the game and player information.

Prepare The Spelling Bee
Set up your game to play in person or online!

Play The Spelling Bee!
Host your game and watch out for foul play!

First, let's answer a few of the most common questions hosts have:

What does the host *do*?
Just like any party, the host of a mystery game makes sure attendees have everything they need to have a good time. This guide will go into the specifics of assigning characters, preparing game materials, run-of-show, and a few optional extras that can enhance the game experience. If you are hosting a remote game, the host will also be in charge of setting up any technology that the game needs to run smoothly. Don't worry, we will go over all of this later on in the host guide. Because The Spelling Bee is meant for kids, the host should be an adult guardian or an older sibling or friend who can help organize the game.

As host, do I get to play a character?
In the Spelling Bee, yes, although it is a little different than our usual adult games. We have 1-2 roles for our hosts which should be played by adult guardians or older siblings or friends to help organize and keep the game moving. These roles will be outlined in more detail below.

For any and all questions concerning your game, please contact us at foulplaycompany@gmail.com and we will be happy to assist you further

Step 1: Inviting Your Players

The first step of any good adventure is inviting your party! **The Spelling Bee can support 6-8 players with an additional 2 roles for adult hosts**, so make sure your player count fits within that range. We find it's best to invite as close to the maximum number as possible, as sometimes players drop out.

One of the easiest ways to invite your players or notify their guardians is to create an RSVP form, either through Google Forms, SurveyMonkey, and other event apps. You can find an example form from us here.

One of your main roles as host is to assign your players their characters for the game. There are a few ways to do this:
1. Assign characters at random
2. Ask players to send you their top 3 character choices

This is a preview of our host guide. Please email us at foulplaycompany@gmail.com with any questions we can answer!