**VERB BEE**

**On-Site Version:**

Open to students in German 3 and above.

Maximum of 5 students per school.

The on-site contest will have students writing on paper.

**Rules**

The verbs have been selected from the editions of *Deutsch aktuell* and *Komm mit!*. The verbs have been divided into three levels of difficulty. Each level includes regular (weak) verbs, irregular (strong) verbs, and irregular weak verbs. The complete list of verbs can be found here:

<http://www.nc.aatg.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/germday-verbs.pdf>

**Format for Rounds 1, 2, and 3**

**Round 1:** Verb Bee is played over **three rounds**, corresponding to the three levels of difficulty. The **first** (and easiest) **round** will cover Round 1 verbs.

Round 1 will consist of 15 verbs from the Round 1 list

**Round 2:** If there are more than 10 participants in the Verb Bee, the students with the top 10 scores from Round 1 will proceed to Round 2. If there are fewer than 10 participants, then the top 75% (based on the Round 1 final score) will move on to Round 2.

Round 2 will be run the same way that Round 1 was, except that the 15 verbs will be randomly selected from the list of Round 2 words.

**Round 3 - Final Round:** The top 5 scoring students from Round 2 will move on to the final round (unless there were only 5 students competing in Round 2, in which case the top 4 will go to the finals).

Round 3 will be run the same way that Round 1 and 2 were, except that there will be 10 verbs, which will be randomly selected from the list of Round 3 words. At the conclusion of Round 3, the person with the highest 3rd round score will be declared the champion. If there is a tie, there will be an oral run-off. The judge will say the German infinitive of the verb and the student must say:

* the third person singular present tense
* the third person singular simple past (Imperfect)
* the third person singular present perfect with auxiliary
* the English infinitive

During the run-off, if a student gives the incorrect verb forms, that student will be out and that same verb will be passed on to the next student. If that student also gives the incorrect verb forms, that student is also out, and the verb will go to a 3rd (and final) student. If that student also gives the incorrect verb forms, that student will also be out and the next (4th) student will receive a new verb. When the number of students remaining is reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when Student A misses the verb, Student B will be given an opportunity to correctly say the verb forms. If Student B correctly says the verb forms, plus correctly says the verb forms of another verb from the list, then Student B will be declared the champion. If Student A misses the verb and Student B, correctly says the verb forms but misses the new verb, then the missed new verb shall be referred to Student A. If Student A then succeeds in giving the correct verb forms and gets the next verb right, then Student A will be declared the champion. If both students miss the same verb, both shall continue in the competition, and the one who first missed the verb shall be given a new verb. This procedure continues until one of the students is able to correct the other student and also gets the next verb correctly. That student will be declared the champion.