

Battle Coordinators may register teams by doing the following:

- Visit the Battle website at bookbattle.ca.
- Click on the **Register** tab.

Contact us if you do not receive a response within five business days.

Please remember to register separately for the Junior division (Grades 4, 5 and 6) and the Senior division Battles (Grades 7 and 8).

Thank you!

Key Dates

Registration: Closes January 26
Semi-Final: April 10 12:30 p.m.
Final Battle: April 17 12:30 p.m.
Regional Final: April 19 6:30 p.m.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

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JUNIOR DIVISION

Official Rules & Booklist



2017 Champions, St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School (Whitby)

A book, too, can be a star, a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe.

~ Madeleine L'Engle ~

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OFFICIAL RULES

1. One team of **six students from grades 4, 5 or 6** will represent each school. A maximum of three team members will be in grade 6. Method of selection of team members is decided by the team coordinator at each school.

NOTE: Up to **three substitutes** may rotate between the rounds of play. There must never be more than three team members in grade six competing at one time, so keep that in mind when selecting substitute players. **No team shall have more than nine players in total** (six regular team members and three substitutes).

2. **Each team will have a spokesperson** designated by the team coordinator. While the team is encouraged to discuss possible answers, **team answers will only be accepted from the spokesperson**.
3. The Semi-Finals will consist of three rounds of play. The Finals will have one round. Each round features a Regular Battle and a Lightning Battle.
4. **Regular Battle questions will be addressed to teams alternately**, regardless of the last correct answer. There will be 10 Regular Battle questions per round. When asked a question teams will have **20 seconds** to provide the book's title and author (see booklist).
5. During this 20-second time period, the team to which a question is addressed may have the question repeated as many times as they wish but this **will** cut into the allotted time to provide an answer. The team may give a **maximum of three title and three author guesses per question** via the spokesperson.
6. **Three points** will be given if the team correctly identifies the **exact title** and **three points** will be awarded for correctly identifying the **author's surname**. The author's first name does not need to be identified.
7. The **Lightning Battles** will be at the end of each round. They consist of a **2 min., 30 sec. time period** during which each team is asked up to 10 questions about details of the books and will not require teams to identify titles or authors. Each correctly answered Lightning Battle question will be worth **five points**. In the Lightning Battles, teams submit as many guesses as they wish to each question but this **will** use up time. Lightning Battle and Regular Battle scores will be added together.
8. If a team disagrees with the moderator's initial ruling on an answer, the team may **challenge** the ruling immediately after the Regular question or immediately after the end of the Lightning Battle. A team may only challenge rulings on its own answers. Moderators will either confirm their original ruling or may provide a **randomly selected alternative question** as a substitution.
9. When a **tie-breaker** is necessary, each team in the tie-breaker will be asked extra Lightning Battle questions. **The spokesperson must provide one correct answer within 20 seconds**. No guesses will be allowed and an incorrect answer will result in elimination. The last team standing wins the tie-breaker round.
10. The **top three** teams from the Semi-Finals in each municipality will go on to play in their municipal Finals. The gold medal teams from the Finals competitions will go on to represent their municipalities in the Durham Regional Championship.

2018 BOOKLIST

ADVENTURE

- The Hidden Oracle**, Rick Riordan
(Trials of Apollo series)
- Blood Oath**, Dan Scott
- Jungle Land**, Eric Walters
(7 Prequels series)
- Barracuda**, Sigmund Brouwer
(7 Prequels series)
- Holes**, Louis Sachar
- Pax**, Sara Pennypacker

FANTASY

- The Dragonet Prophecy**,
Tui Sutherland (Wings of Fire)
- Emerald Atlas**, John Stephens
- Creature Department**,
Robert Paul Weston
- Frostborn**, Lou Anders
- Dragon Slippers**,
Jessica Day George
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon**,
Kelly Barnhill

HUMOUR

- Ungifted**, Gordon Korman
- The Witches**, Roald Dahl
- Deadly 7**, Garth Jennings
(**The Adventures of**
Captain Underpants,
Dave Pilkey)
- The Wild Robot**, Peter Brown
- Smile**, Raina Telgemeier

MYSTERY

- Duel in the Desert**,
Kevin Sylvester (Neil Flambé)
- 100 Year Old Secret**,
Tracy Barrett
- Howard Wallace**, P.I., Casey Lyall
- Slide**, Norah McClintock
(7 Prequels series)
- Key to Extraordinary**,
Natalie Lloyd
- Home Sweet Motel**,
Chris Grabenstein

FAVOURITES

- These are My Words**, Ruby Slipperjack (Dear Canada)
- Striker**, David Skuy
- OCDaniel**, Wesley King
- Downside Up**, Richard Scrimger
- Ms. Bixby's Last Day**, John David Anderson
- Fish in a Tree**, Lynda Mullaly Hunt