

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!

For full set of rules, please go to
<http://www.bookbattle.ca/downloads/JrSrRules.pdf>

Key Dates

Registration:	Closes January 28
Semi-Final:	April 4 12:30 p.m.
Final Battle:	April 9 12:30 p.m.
Regional Final:	April 11 8:00 p.m.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

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Official Rules & Booklist



2018 Champions, Walter E. Harris Public School (Oshawa)

*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

2019 BOOKLIST

1. One team of **six students from grades 7 or 8** will represent each school. 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. **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, and 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 featured at the end of each round. Lightning Battles consist of a **2 min., 30 sec. time period** during which each team is asked up to 10 questions. These questions concern 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. Scores from the Lightning Battles will be added to the scores from the Regular Battles.
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 keep 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.

ADVENTURE

MinRS, Kevin Sylvester
Unearthed, Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner
Hatchet, Gary Paulsen
Elephant Run, Roland Smith
Beyond the Bright Sea, Lauren Wolk
Once Every Never, Lesley Livingston

FAMILY

A Night Divided, Jennifer Nielsen
Fourth Dimension, Eric Walters
The Night Diary, Veera Hiranandani
Jump Cut, Ted Staunton
The Science of Breakable Things, Tae Keller
Salt to the Sea, Ruta Sepetys

FAVOURITES

Wonder, R.J. Palacio
Fragile Bones [Harrison and Anna], Lorna Schultz Nicholson
The Winnowing, Vikki VanSickle
Summer's End, Joel Sutherland
War Horse, Michael Morpurgo
The Sound of Freedom, Kathy Kacer

CONTEMPORARY

Ghost Boys, Jewell Parker Rhodes
Refugee, Alan Gratz
Hat Trick, Tom Earle
Things Too Huge to Fix by Saying Sorry, Susan Vaught
WhatsHisFace, Gordon Korman
Red Wolf, Jennifer Dance

FANTASY

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, Ransom Riggs
This Dark Endeavour, Kenneth Oppel
The Unwanted, Lisa McMann
The Last Namsara, Kristen Ciccarelli
Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow, Jessica Townsend
The Last, Katherine Applegate