

2012 Battle of the Books Competition Rules

Teams:

- Teams may have as many participants as they wish, for their Local Battles
- Players must be entering grades 6-9 in the fall when the Battle occurs.
- Each team may have no more than 5 players on stage in any given round of competition.
- A team may choose to participate, even if they do not have 10 members present.
- Substitutes may only be substituted before a new round of bracketed competition.

Game Setup:

- Bracketed, double elimination Battles will be played according to a schedule.
- The same questions will be used for each round within a bracket.
- The schedule will be set up to ensure that each team gets to play at least twice.
- In the bracketed competition a BYE is considered an automatic win.
- All five team members will participate in each Battle, if present.
- A buzzer system will be used for all teams in each competition.
- The first team member to buzz will be called on to answer the question and may confer with teammates.
- He/she must answer within 10 seconds after the Emcee acknowledges him/her.
- The answer must contain the full title and full author's name. The title's initial article (A, An, The) does not have to be given as part of the answer.
- If the first team gives a wrong answer or declines to answer the question, the Emcee will ask the second team to answer immediately.
- A question will only be repeated for the second team if the first team buzzes before the Emcee completes it the first time. After the question is repeated for the second team, that team will have 10 seconds to answer after the Emcee acknowledges him/her.
- There will be 25 questions per Battle.
- Only team members and coaches may challenge procedures.
- Procedural challenges will be deliberated with the two coaches and judges conferring quietly together.
- Judges will have final say in all procedural challenges.
- Questions and answers cannot be challenged. There will be no challenges by team members, coaches, parents or audience members.

Scoring:

- Team gets 1 point for each correct answer, which must include the correct title and the author's full name.
- Team with most points at end of each bracket wins that competition.
- In case of a tie, additional questions will be given until the tie is broken.

Questions:

- Each Battle will be based on 8 titles.
- There will be 25 questions asked in each Battle.
- Any team that shouts out an answer before being acknowledged by the Emcee will be penalized 1 point.