

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 Intermediate division (Grades 7 and 8).

Thank you!

Full rules: <https://bookbattle.ca/downloads/JrSrRules.pdf>

Key Dates

Registration:	January 27, 2023
Junior Semi-Final:	April 18, 2023
Intermediate Semi-Final:	April 20, 2023
Final Battle:	April 25, 2023
Regional Final:	April 27, 2023 Hosted by Clarington Public Library

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DURHAM REGION PUBLIC LIBRARIES INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Official Rules & Booklist



2022 Champions, Coronation Public School (Oshawa)

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Official Rules

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.

2023 Booklist

Contemporary

No Fixed Address,
Susin Nielsen

Lucky Jonah, Richard Scrimger

Fragile Bones: Harrison and Anna, Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Barry Squires Full Tilt,
Heather Smith

Walking in Two Worlds,
Wab Kinew

Operation Do Over,
Gordon Korman

Favourites

In the Key of Nira Ghani,
Natasha Deen

A Grain of Rice,
Nhung N. Tran-Davies

Bloom, Kenneth Oppel

Sara and the Search for Normal, Wesley King

Stand on the Sky, Erin Bow

The Summoning,
Kelley Armstrong

Family

On the Line, Eric Walters and Paul Coccia

How to Outrun a Crocodile When Your Shoes Are Untied,
Jess Keating

Firefly, Phillipa Dowding

Ciel in All Directions,
Sophie Labelle

Eight Days, Teresa Toten

Forever Birchwood,
Danielle Daniel

Historical

Bud, Not Buddy,
Christopher Paul Curtis

Spy in the House, Y.S. Lee

Under the Iron Bridge,
Kathy Kacer

Be My Love, Kit Pearson

Yara's Spring, Jamal Saeed and Sharon E. McCay

The Good Fight, Ted Staunton

Fantasy

The Crosswood, Gabrielle Prendergast

The Last Namsara, Kristen Ciccarelli

Children of the Fox, Kevin Sands

The Story of Owen, E.K. Johnston

The Bear House, Meaghan McIsaac

Guardians of Porthaven, Shane Arbuthnott