

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:	February 2, 2024
Junior Semi-Final:	April 2, 2024
Intermediate Semi-Final:	April 4, 2024
Final Battle:	April 16, 2024
Regional Final:	April 18, 2024 Hosted by Oshawa Public Libraries

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DURHAM REGION PUBLIC LIBRARIES JUNIOR DIVISION

Official Rules & Booklist



2023 Oshawa Junior Finalists,
Adelaide McLaughlin Public School

Official Rules

1. One team of **six students from grades 4, 5 or 6** 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. 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.

2024 Booklist

Adventure

The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom, Christofer Healy
The Last Human, Lee Bacon
The Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan
Shuna's Journey, Hayao Miyazaki [graphic novel]
The Someday Birds, Sally J. Pla
Tiger Lily & the Secret Treasure of Neverland, Cherie Dimaline

Fantasy

Apartment 713, Kevin Silvester
Aru Shah & the End of Time, Roshani Chokshi
The Great Bear, David A. Robertson
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, J.K. Rowling
Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind, Misa Sugiura
The Serpent's Secret, Sayantani DasGupta

Family

A Bit of Earth, Karuna Riazi
Clean Getaway, Nic Stone
Escape from Shangri-La, Michael Morpurgo
Melissa (George), Alan Gino
She Holds up the Stars, Sandra Laronde
Swim Team, Johnnie Christmas [graphic novel]

Humour

Ban This Book, Alan Gratz
Butt Sandwich and Tree, Wesley King
Save Me a Seat, Sarah Weeks, Gita Varadarajan
Stand Up, Yumi Chung!, Jessica Kim
Superteacher Project, Gordan Korman
Unlovable Alina Butt, Ambreen Butt-Hussain

Mystery

The Case of the Rigged Race, Michael Hutchinson
The Frame-Up, Wendy McLeod MacKnight
The Parker Inheritance, Varian Johnson
Thirteens, Kate Alice Marshall
Van Gogh Deception, Deron Hicks
What Blows Up, Ted Staunton