

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 Deadline:	January 31, 2025
Junior Semi-Final:	April 1, 2025
Intermediate Semi-Final:	April 3, 2025
Final Battle:	April 8, 2025
Regional Final:	April 10, 2025 Hosted by Pickering Public Library

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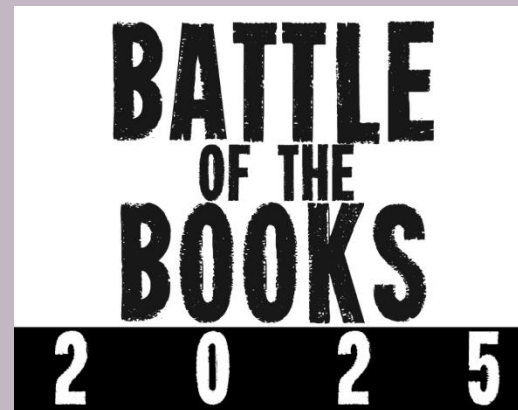


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DURHAM REGION PUBLIC LIBRARIES INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Official Rules & Booklist



**2024 Oshawa Intermediate Finalists,
Coronation Public School**

Official Rules

2025 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.

Contemporary

No Fixed Address, Susin Nielsen
Walking in Two Worlds, Wab Kinew
Fragile Bones,
Lorna Schultz Nicholson
Dog Driven,
Terry Lynn Johnson
Jennifer Chan is Not Alone,
Tae Keller
Simon Sort of Says,
Erin Bow

Fantasy

Children of the Fox, Kevin Sands
The Bear House, Meaghan McIsaac
Guardians of Porthaven,
Shane Arbuthnott
Winston Chu vs. the Whimsies,
Stacey Lee
The Secret of the Ravens,
Joanna Cacao
[graphic novel]
Shakti, S. J. Sindu [graphic novel]

Family

Out of My Mind, Sharon M. Draper
Firefly, Philippa Dowding
The Secret Library, Kekla Magoon
Waking the Dead and Other Fun Activities,
Casey Lyall
Buzzing, Samuel Sattin
[graphic novel]
King and the Dragonflies
Kacen Callender

Favourites

In the Key of Nira Ghani,
Natasha Deen
A Grain of Rice, Nhung N.
Tran-Davies
Bloom, Kenneth Oppel
The Thing About Jellyfish,
Ali Benjamin
Mixed Up, Gordon Korman
Night of the Living Zed, Kevin &
Basil Sylvester

Historical

A Spy in the House, Y.S. Lee
The Good Fight, Ted Staunton [graphic novel]
Yara's Spring, Jamal Saeed & Sharon E. McCay
Heroes, Alan Gratz
Plague Thieves, Caroline Fernandez
Uprising, Jennifer A. Nielsen