

Battle Coordinators may register teams by doing the following:

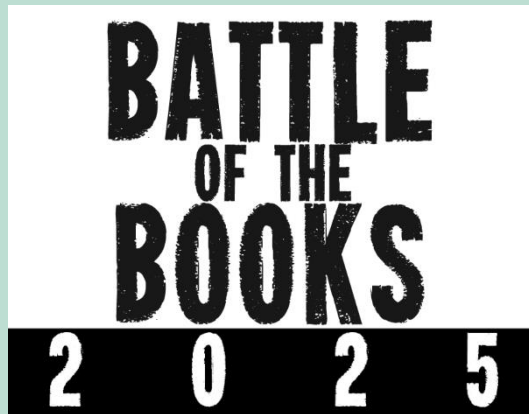
- Visit the Battle website at bookbattle.ca.
- Click on the **Register** tab.

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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DURHAM REGION PUBLIC LIBRARIES JUNIOR DIVISION

Official Rules & Booklist



**2024 Regional Junior Champions,
Coronation Public School (Oshawa)**

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.

2025 Booklist

Adventure

- The Wild Robot**, Peter Brown
Wildfire, Rodman Philbrick
The Hidden Oracle, Rick Riordan
A Rover's Story,
Jasmine Warga
The Last Kids on Earth,
Max Brallier
Gnome is Where Your Heart Is,
Casey Lyall

Fantasy

- The Dragonet Prophecy**,
Tui Sutherland
Saving Fable, Scott Reintgen
**A Royal Guide to
Monster Slaying**,
Kelley Armstrong
Lightningborn
Julie Kagawa
The Lost Library,
Rebecca Stead & Wendy Mass
The Spirit Glass,
Roshani Chokshi

Family

- When Stars are Scattered**,
Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed
[graphic novel]
OCDaniel, Wesley King
Fish in a Tree,
Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Green, Alex Gino
Obaasan's Boots,
Janis Bridger & Lara Jean
Okhiro
Born Behind Bars,
Padma Venkatraman

Humour

- Smile**, Raina Telgemeier
[graphic novel]
The Bad Guys, Episode 1,
Aaron Blabey [graphic novel]
Trip of the Dead,
Angela Misri
Slugfest, Gordon Korman
Mortified, Kristy
Jackson
**It's The End of the World and
I'm in My Bathing Suit**, Justin
A. Reynolds

Mystery

- From the Desk of Zoe Washington**, Janae Marks
Mystery of Black Hollow Lane, Julia Nobel
Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer,
Gillian Goetz [graphic novel]
The Body Under the Piano, Marthe Jocelyn
Book Scavengers, Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
Holes, Louis Sachar