

## **VIRTUAL BATTLE OF THE BOOKS RULES 2021**

### **TEAMS**

Each team will consist of at least 4 players but not more than 8 players. No alternates. Libraries are permitted to form up to two teams with 4-8 players on each team if they receive interest from more than 8 students.

If a registered team does not have the minimum number of 4 players on the day of the event, they can still participate.

Team members must be entering grades 6 – 10 in the fall of 2021.

Coaches must register the final number of teams for their library by end of day Friday July 9, 2021, along with the date and time their library's Battle will be held.

Coaches must submit their Team Roster on the day of their competition.

### **REGULAR ROUND**

Every team's Head Coach will select a singular date/time for their library's Battle between July 30 – August 3, 2021.

There will be one (1) round of fifty (50) questions, based on the title the participants have read. Questions will be in a multiple choice format and are not ambiguous; answers will be straightforward and specific as they relate to characters, setting, plot, detail, or quote identification. Every team will answer the same questions.

Teams receive 1 point for each correct answer and 0 points for incorrect answers or unanswered questions.

Questions will be read in their entirety by the Head Coach unless interrupted by the team; interrupted questions will not be finished. If uninterrupted, the team may request the question be repeated, but the clock will not stop.

The countdown timer starts automatically approximately five seconds after the question is displayed. Answers must be entered by the Coach within the allotted 30 seconds; teams will be unable to enter their choice once time runs out. A timekeeper will warn teams when they have ten (10) seconds remaining. The head coach can fulfill this role, or they may designate an assistant coach, library staff member, or volunteer to do so.

All questions must be answered during the previously designated Battle date and time. It is recommended setting aside at least 2 hours for this event to ensure completion.

Concerns about questions should be brought to the attention of the Battle of the Books coordinator after play has concluded.

Any prompting from coaches or anyone else not on the team will disqualify the question, and any team found cheating will be disqualified from the Battle of the Books competition. We know this is on the honor system, and we ask our coaches to be fair and mindful when applying this rule.

The quiz link will be sent at least 24 hours prior to a library's battle day, however, the quiz should **not** be accessed by anyone before the date and time previously designated for the event. Should a library be unable to access the online quiz during their designated time, the Head Coach should contact the Battle Coordinator; questions will then be shared with them via Google Drive.

While the Battle is taking place, all non-battle electronics must be turned off. No recording of the event is permitted.

Apparel and accessories of participants may not include the title, author, cover, or trivia relating to the book

### **PLAYOFF ROUND**

Should more than two teams qualify for the championship, playoff rounds will occur on August 5, 2021. Coaches and participants **must** be available on this date, or it will be considered a forfeit. Teams will be notified of their playoff date/time at least 24 hours in advance. Participation will be limited to those team members who were present for the regular round.

The playoff round will consist of an additional 25 questions. Each team will receive the same set of questions.

Play will proceed as in the regular round, with the coach reading the question to the team. The response must be given within 30 seconds, with a 10-second warning before time is up. An interrupted question will not be repeated.

1 point will be awarded for correct responses, and 1 point will be deducted for incorrect responses; there will be no change in points for passed or unanswered questions.

If two or more teams receive the same score in the playoff, advantage will be given to the team with more correct answers; if a tie remains, advantage will then be given to the team who completed the playoff questions with the fastest time.

Spectators are not allowed in the playoff room.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP**

The top scoring team will be the 2021 champions, followed by the second highest scoring team as the runner-up. No separate championship round will take place.

Winners will be announced via the Central Library Facebook on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.