

**Battle Coordinators may register teams by doing the following:**

- Visit the Battle website at [bookbattle.ca](http://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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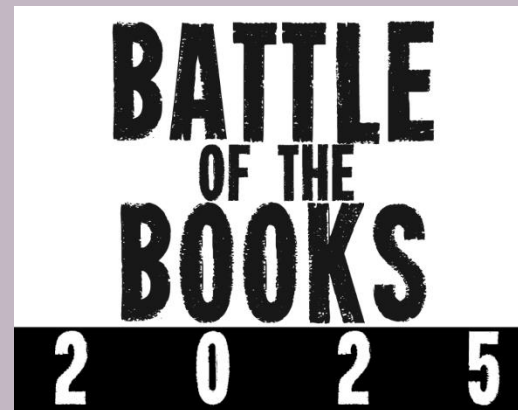


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## DURHAM REGION PUBLIC LIBRARIES INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

### Official Rules & Booklist



**2024 Regional Intermediate Champions,**  
Jack Miner Public School (Whitby)

# 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.

# 2025 Booklist

## 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

**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