



## Official Rules & Regulations 2020 - Intermediate

### TEAMS:

- Each school may bring one team with a **maximum of six (6) players** to the competition on the day of the event.
- Each team will consist of players from a combination of **grades 7 and 8**.
- **No extra students** (as mascots, cheerleaders etc.) are allowed to accompany the team of six (6) players of each school.
- ***The moderators regret that non-compliance with the rules of the maximum of six players per school at the competition on the day of the event may result in immediate disqualification.***
- For each round of competition each team may **seat four (4) players**. At least one team member from each grade must participate in each round.
- No time out will be allowed for substitutions during play. Coaches are allowed to make substitutions before each round begins.
- One (1) team member will be designated as **spokesperson** whose task will be to speak aloud the team's answers.

### QUESTIONS:

- Each team will be asked an **equal number of questions** per round.
- Questions throughout each round will be **balanced in difficulty**.
- The questions will be addressed to the teams **alternately** regardless of which team gave the last correct answer.
- Each round will consist of questions from the **Official Master Titles List** of **15 books** in any of the following categories:
  - New Favourites
  - Classic and Award Winning
  - Red Maple Nominees for the current year
- Each question will begin **"In which book"** and will be answered with **the title and surname of the author**.
- In the Semi-final and Grand Battle rounds many or all questions may be **direct quotations** from a book.

### ANSWERS:

- The moderator will ask the question **once** and then the timing of the **thirty (30) seconds** will start.

- The team will quietly discuss their possible **title and/or author answer**.
- Only the **spokesperson** will speak the team's answer **aloud**.
- **Only one answer** will be accepted; multiple guesses are not allowed.
- If an answer is not given after twenty (20) seconds, the timekeeper will say "**ten (10) seconds remaining**" as a caution to the team.
- When thirty (30) seconds have elapsed, the timekeeper will say "**TIME**" and the team will lose their opportunity to answer that question.
- If the timer and spokesperson **simultaneously speak aloud** at the thirty (30) second mark, then the **spokesperson** may complete his/her answer.
- If, at the end of thirty (30) seconds, the team is not able to answer correctly the moderator will turn to and address the **opposing team's spokesperson**. Then the opposing team's spokesperson must answer with the title and/or author **immediately within five (5) seconds and without further team discussion**. The question will not be repeated.
- **Titles** must be given exactly as written on the **official Final Book List**. The use of the words "THE" or "A" at the beginning of any title will not be penalized.
- **Author's surname alone is sufficient and encouraged**. In the case of joint ownership, any **one** surname is acceptable. If the author has **two surnames** that are not hyphenated the acceptable answer would be the latter of the two.  
**Example:** Author Name – Laura Ingalls Wilder Acceptable answer – Wilder
- **If you choose to state the author's first name and/or initials, the full name must be correct**.
- There is no penalty for guessing.
- The **pronunciation of any names given in an answer must be recognizable and based on the common sense sound of the name**. All judgments of the answers are at the **discretion of the Moderator**.
- **All decisions** of the Moderator are **final**.

#### SCORING:

- **Five (5) points** are awarded for correctly identifying the **title**.
- **Three (3) points** are awarded for correctly identifying the **author's surname**.
- **Two (2) points** are awarded when the **opposing team** correctly identifies the **title**.
- **One (1) point** is awarded when the **opposing team** correctly identifies the **author's surname**.
- There is no penalty for guessing.
- Throughout the regular rounds a **cumulative score** will be tallied for each team.
- In the event of a tie at the end of the regular rounds, the tied teams will be asked **alternating tie-breaker questions** until the tie is broken. Tie-breaker questions will be asked only of those teams in a position to advance.
- The **four teams** with the highest cumulative scores **will advance** to the medal rounds:  
The third and fourth place teams will compete in the **Semi-Final Battle**.  
The first and second place teams will compete in the **Final Grand Battle**.
- In the event of a tie in a Semi-final or Grand Battle a tiebreaker round will take place in which each team is asked an equal number of questions. A coin flip will determine which team will answer first. If a winner does not emerge after all questions (5 each), the winner will be determined based on the number of steal questions each team accumulated in the regular rounds.

***In the best spirit of fair and fun competition, any team that does not comply with these rules may be asked to forfeit or withdraw.***