



Official Rules & Regulations 2020 - Junior

TEAMS:

- Each school may bring one team with a **maximum of nine (9) players** to the competition on the day of the event.
- Each team will consist of players from a combination of **grades 4, 5, and 6.**
- **A maximum of two (2) intermediate (grade 7-8) student coaches** who, under the guidance of the teacher-librarian have worked diligently and consistently to prepare their team, may accompany the team on the day of the competition.
- **No extra students** (as mascots, cheerleaders etc.) are allowed to accompany the team of nine (9) players of each school.
- ***The moderators regret that non-compliance with the rules of the maximum of nine 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 six (6) players.** Each team will seat at least one member from each grade. No more than three (3) members from grade six (6) may participate in each round. One (1) additional member from each grade may be designated as substitutes.
- 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 25 books** in any of the following categories:
 - Classic Favourites
 - New Favourites
 - Award winners/nominees
 - Canadian
 - Silver Birch Nominees for the current year
- Each question will begin **"In which book"** and will be answered with **the title and author surname.**
- In the Semi-final and Grand Battle rounds many or all questions may be **direct quotations** from 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.