

Battle of the Books Information 2019-2020

Middle Schools

- The Battle of the Books for middle schools is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in UNC-G's School of Education Building.
- Registration will begin at 8:30 am. Teams may arrive between 8:30 am and 8:55 am. The competition will begin promptly at 9:00 am.
- Each school is responsible for transportation. We cannot give participants a firm timeline when the competition will end. We will start the competition at 9:00 am and hope to be finished by approximately 4:00 pm. UNCG will provide parking information closer to the competition date.
- The maximum number of seats per school is 15. This includes 12 team members and 3 coaches.
- The competition is open to **coaches, participating team members, administrators, and parents.**
 - **Seating for parents is on a first come basis. Seating for participating teams and coaches is a priority.**
 - **Parents must remain in a designated area away from the participating teams to protect the integrity of the competition.**
 - **Parents are allowed to eat with their child during lunch.**
 - **Attending parents must be given a copy of the competition rules prior to the scheduled competition date.**
- Participating schools include:
- **DUE DATE:** The names of team members and coaches are **due** on February 3, 2020 or sooner. Each participating school will receive a spreadsheet via email. Email the completed form to Jacqueline Pender-Jones at penderj@gcsnc.com.
- **DUE DATE:** The Battle of the Books Student Commitment Form is **due** on February 3, 2020. [Click here](#) for a copy of the form. Send the signed forms to Jacqueline Pender-Jones, Media Services, Washington Street.
- [Click here](#) for a copy of GCS Battle of the Books rules. Please discuss the rules with team members. Disregard the rules that are in the BOB Manual. Key changes involve: procedures for challenges, and the use of "A", "An", and "The" at the beginning of a title.
- **A, An, and The** may be omitted from the beginning of a title.
- **A, An, and The** may be added to titles that do not have these articles at the beginning of the title already. Judges will ignore "A", "And", and "The" whether it is added or omitted at the beginning of a title.
- Coaches and students may challenge time, rotation, and scoring. There will be **NO CHALLENGES** to question content and the pronunciation of authors.

- A team will consist of a maximum of 12 members with 6 members allowed to play during a round. A round will consist of 12 questions. *(Subject to change depending on the number of participating schools).*
- The order of play will be pre-determined. *(Subject to change depending on the number of participating schools).*
- Teams will play in two Divisions. *(Subject to change depending on the number of participating schools).*
- The three top scoring teams in each Division will advance to the Finals. *(Subject to change depending on the number of participating schools).*
- The first question will go to Team A. Six players of the six member team will be asked a question. All team members will be allowed to confer. In the event of a tie, the tiebreaker rule will apply. The top three winners of each division will advance to the finals. We will play 12 question single rounds. *(Subject to change depending on the number of participating schools).*
- There will be no entering or exiting the competition area during a round.
- There will be a scheduled morning break. Coaches are responsible for the supervision of students during break time. Please remind students to pick up trash and use quiet voices in the hallways and bathrooms.
- **DUE DATE:** Each school is responsible for lunch fees. The cost for lunch is \$7.00 per team member and per coach. Students and coaches may also bring lunch. Lunch fees are **due** February 9, 2018. **Make checks payable to Guilford County Board of Education and send to Lakenan Jumper, Accounting, Eugene Street.**
- Students are expected to display good sportsmanship. Students will be issued a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct including inappropriate body language and gestures. Additional offenses will result in the student's removal from the competition.
- **No BOB books, hand-held games, or notes are to be brought to the competition.**
- To protect the security of the competition, NO NOTETAKING is allowed.
- To prevent interruption of the competition, all cell phones MUST be turned off by students, coaches, officials, and spectators.
This is a NEW State rule that has been implemented. Please adhere in the event your team advances to Regionals and State.
- Videotaping and audiotaping are PROHIBITED. No pictures will be allowed during the competition as it may distract students. Time will be set aside for picture-taking at the end of the competition.
- **No talking in the audience by students, coaches, or spectators.**