

WLS Battle of the Books Full Committee Minutes  
October 4, 2019  
(Submitted by Rebecca Fitzgerald)

Attendees: Liz Anastasi, Sarah Prosser, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Jonathan Heifetz, Kim Larsen, Amy Kaplan, Kathlyn Carroll, Mallory Marinaro, Patricia Cohn, Marianne Ripin, Terre Thomas, Lorraine Isabe, Lisa Dettling, Jennifer Rainbeau, Jane Hennessy, Elizabeth Hobson, Paul Rolnick, Debbgie Quinn, Ellen McTyre, Melanie Brocklehurst, Maggie Leung, Ignayra Lopez, Debbie Fletcher, Lauren Lichtenthal, Cristina Arnold, Cathleen Sulli, Deb Gaffey, and Allison Pryor

### Buzzers

Make sure to have buzzers back on Friday October 18th - please have them early (try to get to Allison by Thursday)  
Please bring buzzers if you have your own  
Set up 3pm on Friday  
Make sure library owned buzzers are labeled - all parts, case, etc...

### Rules

No major updates from last year  
Number of people in the room has increased  
Your homebase should be the cafeteria if you have more than 16 people - parent or adult supervisor should watch overflow kids - send Jonathan an email  
A lot of new coaches - Amy goes over rules  
Kids challenge, Coach only challenges procedural - coaches should challenge MC as united front  
5 backup questions per round  
Coaches are the judges, not the MC  
Buzzers must be reset every question, MC reads the welcome speech at every match, MC tests buzzers before every match, should be able to see score  
Good sportsmanship!  
25 questions per match - not in book order, random  
**Emailed updated version of rules**

### Volunteers

Almost enough volunteers - need a few more  
Sent email to libraries that only have 1 out of 3 volunteers  
One final push  
Will send structure to volunteers  
Next week, Suzy and Kathlyn will do volunteer packets and job assignments

Volunteer breakfast - 8:15, no breakfast, 8:55 (three classrooms)

Practice with time keepers

Battle will start at 10

Parents can volunteer - will get jobs that will not put contact with their team

Not everyone put their library affiliation

If you are recruiting parents, they will not be able to watch their kids

During the final battle, volunteers will be free to go

Time - tentatively, welcome will be at 9:30, start at 10 - tell people to come at 9:00

We have the cafeteria and the auditorium - we're going to have simultaneous welcome speeches because of fire code

Volunteers will report to cafeteria and then go to classrooms before teams arrive

Four volunteer photographers

## Questions

Mallory - childrens, Tara - teens

Will send out a document for clarification

There are 5 questions per book per round

40-50 percent are In Which Book

Pronunciation doesn't need to be perfect

Hidden chapter of Nevermoor doesn't count

List of ten books and what counts/fair game

Afterword in Refugee - will be included in email

Tara and Mallory will be floating on the floor during the battle - any volunteers who needs more training, come get Mallory

## Randomization

Round robin

Depends on nobody dropping out

17 teams in each age group, 3 divisions - A,B,C

Generate the divisions

Google sheet

Total points determines 1,2,3 in division

You're seating (who plays who in quarterfinals) is based on average points

You have a good chance of advancing

Last match of regular play - someone should come and say you're advancing

Runner from score master to each classroom

We've built more time into scoring this year - building in a scoring break

Goal - 1 runner for two classrooms

3 divisions - 1st place teams all advance, 2nd place teams all advance, 2 out of 3 third place teams advance - highest ranked advance

Elizabeth is live scoring

Cell service is bad especially if you have verizon

Hommocks

Cafe is blue, Auditorium is yellow, classrooms yellow, entrance green

Cube with four corners

Parking is plentiful

Walgreens, Stop and Shop, and Dunkin Donuts are within a mile

Put the maps in the welcome packet

Put bathrooms on the map, filling stations, classrooms

Specific classrooms - teens on top, children on bottom

Do any teams need disability accommodations - email Jonathan - nothing too small

Strollers can only be left in the cafeteria - babies count as person

Thank you, Kim!!!

Do pictures in the cafeteria

If you don't have a bye, there is no break.

Lunchtime is a double period - people could do photos - lunch is staggered

Everybody gets pizza - kids, volunteers, coaches, not parents

Kids should bring filled reusable bottle of water

Can designate allergy-safe table - no pizza

Forms

Anybody who hasn't sent forms, please email them to Jonathan ASAP

Participants need the forms to be able to play

Social Media/PR

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Publicity will go out in the next two weeks

Notified authors?

Arrive at 9, welcome speeches 9:30

Direct people - kids go here, teens go here

Welcome packet - tickets - coaches should keep hold of

Room monitor will collect and will give back at the end

Strongly encouraged to watch the final battle

