

Battle of the Books FAQ's

How many students can be on a team?

The official rules say a maximum of 12. Fewer than 12 is okay.

Where can I get practice questions for my team?

Typically one of two companies is used- My BOB Coach (www.mybobcoach.com) or www.bookshelper.com . Ordering information is available on their websites.

Where can I find BOB rules and procedures?

In the official BOB Manual under Book Competitions at www.ncslma.org

What do I need to bring on competition day?

- a freestanding sign or poster with the school's name
- a name card (tent fold) with each student's name
- a stop watch
- an adult who is trained as both timekeeper and scorekeeper
- snacks for team

How can I check the pronunciation of authors' names?

www.teachingbooks.net has many

What about transportation to the competition?

Team coaches are responsible for securing transportation. This is handled at the school level. Check with your principal.

What is the cost to participate?

There is no required cost to field a team. Most teams purchase subscriptions to a question service like www.mybobcoach.com or www.bookshelper.com . Teams can design and purchase their own t-shirts to wear if desired. Lunch on battle day is usually paid for by the school.

What about lunch on competition day?

Middle School Lunch is own your own. Typically schools pay for their team to go out to lunch at a restaurant. Check with your principal. Due to the length of the competition, **Elementary Schools** typically order pizza and eat on site. The order is done ahead of time by the district BOB coordinator.

***Each school should have a demonstration DVD in the media center. This should help give newcomers an idea of how a competition looks. If the DVD cannot be located, contact the District Media Coordinator.**