**Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment (WCCSE)**

**7th and 8th Grade Battle of the Books Rules**

**2017**

1. Each school may be represented by one or two teams. Each team will consist of **five** core players. **If a school should choose to add a sixth player as an alternate, please be aware that substitutions will only be permitted during the pause in between Rounds #1 and #2.**
2. In the absence of players, teams should be prepared to compete with four players or less.
3. **Coaches, teachers, and parents are not permitted in the battle rooms with their school’s own teams.** Only the Reader and Score Keeper will be permitted inside the battle rooms.
4. **Alternate players must remain outside of Battle Room until substitutions are permitted.**
5. Each question will be read **TWICE**. Each team will have 30 seconds to answer a question. The clock starts after the second reading of the question. A team may request from the reader that the question be read a third time, but the reading time will come from their 30 second answer time. Two points will be awarded for each question answered correctly **which must include both the book title and author**. NO partial credit will be given.
6. Each team will select a spokesperson who will provide the answers for the team. Team members should confer before the spokesperson responds, but only the spokesperson will give the answer. Once the spokesperson begins to respond with an answer, it is that answer which will be accepted.
7. If a team does not answer its question correctly within the 30 second time limit, the answer to that question will be stated by the questioner. No points for that question will be earned by any team. The next team will receive the next new question.
8. In the event of a tie score, complete rounds of the tie-breaker questions consisting of one question per team will be asked of those teams which are tied until one team has a higher score at the end of the complete round. Teams must respond within 10 seconds to tie-breaker questions.
9. Should a team wish to challenge either the Reader or the scorekeeper during a Battle, the spokesperson must ask for a "TIME-OUT" immediately following the action wishing to be challenged. A formal complaint will be stated by the spokesperson. The Reader assigned to that Battle will hear the complaint, confer with the scorekeeper, and make a decision. The team challenging has 3 minutes to prove its answer is correct. The judge's decision is FINAL, and once stated, the Battle will resume.
10. Questions will be repeated ONLY if it is IMMEDIATELY after the initial asking of that question, thus indicating a sound interference or other problem with hearing the questioner. This time will not be taken from the allotted answer period. Once the timer is started, it will not be stopped.

***ALL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED DURING AN INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION OR THE TEAM WITH THE INFRACTION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.***