**OBOB BATTLE BASICS FOR STUDENTS**

1. **Have a good attitude with yourself, your teammates, and the volunteers.**
2. **There will be two or three adults conducting your battles: moderator and scorekeeper/timekeeper. The moderator will ask the questions and act as the final say in the event of any discrepancies.**
3. **Where you sit determines which questions you receive. The team to the left of the moderator will be asked the odd questions and the team on the right will be asked the even ones.**
4. **If you prefer, the moderator can do a coin toss or rock/paper/scissors to determine seating.**
5. **Before the battles, choose who will be your team’s spokesperson and, for teams with a 5th member, who will sit out. The same person cannot sit out each time.**
6. **The moderator will refer to you collectively by your team name.**
7. **You will be given 15 seconds to respond to your question once the moderator finishes asking the question.**
8. **You must answer IMMEDIATELY when the time runs out.**
9. **Only answers from your spokesperson will be accepted. If a teammate speaks out, the answer will be counted as wrong. If you interrupt the moderator while they’re asking a question, they will stop and you must immediately deliver an answer.**
10. **You can request for the question to be read again, but your time will keep running.**
11. **Each battle has 16 questions and each question is worth 5 points.**
12. **The first 8 are “In Which Book” questions. They will be answered with the title and author.**
13. **The names of the authors need to be pronounced in a way that is easily understood.**
14. **If the team only answers one of those correctly, they receive 3 points.**
15. **When steals are allowed, the opposing team can pick up the other 2 points. If the team that started with the question can’t answer either the title or the author correctly, then the opposing team can earn 5 points if they answer both correctly. If the opposing team gets only the title or author correct, then they earn 3 points. It’s the first correct answer that gets the 3 points.**
16. **Books that are part of a series should only be identified as their main title. Example: A True Home should not be called Heartwood Hotel: A True Home.**
17. **The next 8 trivia questions are based on the content of the books.**
18. **Only a few of those are “two-part” questions. The moderator will let you know that they expect two answers before asking the question. The points can be split if only one answer is correct. The first correct answer receives 3 points. When steals are allowed, the other team can pick up the remaining points.**
19. **At the end of your battle, the moderator will ask if there are any questions you want to challenge. Your team has 15 seconds to decide and it must come from your spokesperson. You may only challenge ONE question and only a question your team was asked.**
20. **Your team will go to the Command Center table and be given 2 copies of the books. You will have 2 minutes to find justification for your answer. If your challenge was valid, then the points will be adjusted accordingly.**
21. **No matter the outcome of your battle, congratulate the other team, support your teammates, and thank the adult volunteers.**