

IDAHO BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



IBOB is growing! Changes for the next IBOB season

Statewide Tournament, April 3rd at Owyhee High School (Meridian)

- Each region will be able to send teams from the regional tournament to the state tournament. The number of teams per region will depend on the number of schools participating in each region. More information will be sent in the fall.
- All three levels will be competing on the same day.

School Question Set Changes

- **Early Bird Registration Deadline is 11/1/26.**
- School sets will be \$50 per set.
- The late registration fee is \$75 (11/15/26 cut-off date)
- The increase in price will help cover the cost of additional money being sent to each regional tournament (from \$50 to \$100 per region and level), support the state tournament and cover the increased costs in overhead services to maintain the website, post office box, software fees, accounting and lawyer fees for a non-profit, etc.
- 26 school sets will be sent (this is less than last year) because 12 will be reserved for regional tournaments and 12 for the state tournament, along with tiebreaker sets for tournaments.
- Questions will be emailed on 12/1 instead of in January.

Planning Ahead for School Battles and Regional Tournaments

- School battles can start in December as soon as the question sets are emailed. Please remember the questions are not to be copied and given to other schools or to participating IBOB students to study. They are to be used by the coach for battles only.
- Regional tournaments will be held in March so teams can have time to prepare to attend the state tournament in April.

HOSTING A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT– EXCITING CHANGES!

If you are interested in hosting a regional tournament next year in your area, please reach out to us via email at idahobattleofthebooks@gmail.com

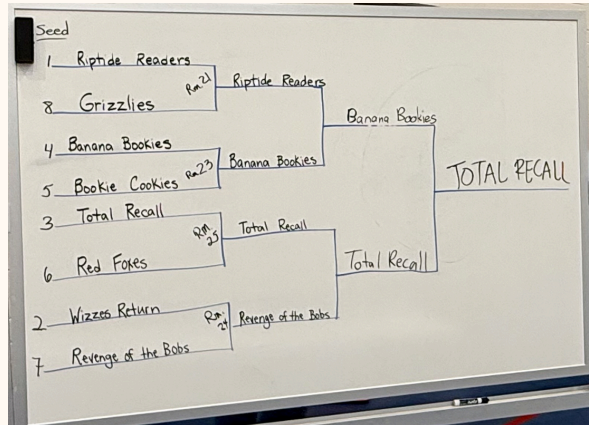
Regional tournaments need to be held in **March** and all area schools/libraries participating in IBOB should be invited. You will receive:

- \$100 from state IBOB funds to help cover awards/snacks/etc.
- Free question sets for your school/library the next year
- A list of all the schools who purchased questions in your region
- A digital folder with forms and templates to use for programs, team introduction slide show, volunteer sign-ups, etc.
- Slide show with the next year's books to show at your tournament for the book reveal

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REGION 1 ELEM TOURNAMENT



1st place: Total Recall (Spirit Lake Elementary)

2nd place: Banana Bookies (Valley View Elementary in Bonners Ferry)

The tournament was a success with 20 teams participating. The kids were a delight, and it was wonderful to see everyone who has been working so hard to prepare for this competition.

REGION 1 MS/JR TOURNAMENT

The tournament was awesome, with 18 teams competing.



1st place: Renegade Readerz (Coeur D'Alene Public Library)



2nd place: Nothing. Nothing. Just Reading (Post Falls Middle School)

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REGION 3 ELEM TOURNAMENT



Region 3 had 30 teams attending, with Hillsdale Elementary hosting. First place (on left) was Wizarding World of Reading (Future Public School) Second place (on right) Book Worms (Andrus Elementary).

REGION 3 MS/JR TOURNAMENT



Meridian Middle School hosted the MS/JH tournament on April 18th and 28 teams showed up to battle! Meridian Public Library partnered with MMS and brought in author John Schu to talk about his book *Louder Than Hunger*.

1st place: Books for Breakfast (Heritage Middle School)

2nd place: No One Leaves the Library (Meridian Public Library Pinnacle Branch)

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REGION 3 HS TOURNAMENT



Centennial High School hosted the high school tournament had 20 teams. Author Jennifer Yu spoke to the students about her book, *Grief in the Fourth Dimension*, and signed books after lunch.

1st place: Wild Writers (Centennial)

2nd place: Till-A-Book (Centennial)

3rd place: Team Pickles (Meridian)

REGION 4 ELEM TOURNAMENT



The tournament was a lot of fun for Region 4 schools. We had 20 teams competing. There were some really great teams and amazing scores.

1st place: Sting Squad (Oakley Elementary)

2nd place: The Book Reapers (Bellevue Elementary)

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REGION 4 MS/JR TOURNAMENT



Fourteen teams attended the competition at Sun Valley Community School. There were five from the Wood River Middle School, two from Sun Valley Community School, two from Hemingway STEAM School, two from Burley Junior High, two from the Burley Public Library and one from Oakley Junior High.

1st place: Seagulls Vengeful Awakening (Wood River)

2nd place: The Brilliant Blondes (Wood River)

REGION 5/6 ELEM TOURNAMENT



It was such a great day for these kids!! It was incredible to see all of the parent support also. The schools attending were Aberdeen, Cottonwood, Harwood, Jefferson, Midway, and South Fork.

1st place: Imagine Dragons (Aberdeen)

2nd place: Book Bananas (Cottonwood)

3rd place: Cliffhangers (Midway)

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REGION 5/6 MS/JR TOURNAMENT



The Regional Tournament was hosted by Rigby Middle School. It was a well-organized and fun event that students thoroughly enjoyed. The final battle came down to the two teams from Madison Junior High. It was a great competition! The winning team was The Book Sellers from Madison Junior High.

REGION 5/6 HS TOURNAMENT



The Regional Tournament was hosted by Rigby High School. 87% Anxiety from Rigby High School was the 1st place team.

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We are in need of volunteers for the positions:

Regional Directors (1 per region)

Region 1/2-vacant

Region 3-filled

Region 4-vacant

Region 5/6- filled

Job description: Be the point person for participating schools/libraries in your region for all 3 levels. The state directors will help train you and be the point person for you.

Responsibilities may include:

- Attending a Zoom meeting as needed with other regional directors and the 3 state directors
- Answer emails/questions in your region from participating schools about battles, tournaments (State Director can help with this part if you don't know the answer)
- Provide support for regional tournaments (in person or via email/zoom meetings)
- Share any suggestions/concerns your region has with the state directors so IBOB can continue to grow and improve

Reading Committee Chair for Elementary Level

Job description: Help guide the reading committee in book selections.

- Take statewide online nominations for books and compile in a spreadsheet (templates provided for everything)
- Organize the spreadsheet
- Share the spreadsheet with committee members, have members sign up for books to read
- Read books over the summer
- Send email reminders to committee members to read, put in scores/notes and reminders about meetings
- Hold 2-3 Zoom meetings in the fall and choose books for the next IBOB season
- Send completed list to the State Director