

Dear Coach,

IHSBOB – 2011 Battle Lineup

This is a guide of the sequence of events for registered teams participating in this year's Iowa High School Battle of the Books competition. *It is recommended that teams complete online tests early in the testing windows to allow for technology and weather issues ...testing windows cannot be extended and teams who fail to complete tests during the windows will **NOT** be included in further competitions (we don't want that!).*

- 1. Coach Survey:** Team coaches (Adults) will complete an online survey through Classmarker.com. Coaches **will receive a link, username and password by email in a few days** for the site where they will complete one survey for **each** team. If a team listed multiple coaches, only one coach should complete the survey for the team. However, if a coach is listed for multiple teams they should complete one survey for EACH team. A separate email will be sent for EACH team (so if you are coaching multiple teams, you should receive a separate email for each team). Be sure to check Junk Mail if you do not receive an email for each team! Requested information includes team name, school name, city name, student member's names, and the coach will be asked to agree to a statement regarding supervision of the student online tests. PLEASE NOTE WHICH TEAM YOU ARE COMPLETING THE SURVEY FOR! This survey must be completed **February 15-24, 2010**. The same testing service will be used for the student online battle tests and the survey serves as a way for coaches to be familiar with the service and make sure it can be accessed at school. There is no time limit for this survey.
- 2. Online Battle:** This battle consists of two online tests and must be completed **March 1-15, 2010**. Coaches will be **emailed a link and password for access to the tests on February 25th** and should schedule a time for the team to meet and complete the tests electronically (**allow for 1 hour 30 minutes**). One test is a multiple choice test including one question for each book on the list; 1 hour is allowed for this test. The other is an author test where students will need to type the author's name for each book as it appears on the 2010 IHSBOB book list; 30 minutes are allowed for this test. The tests may be taken in any order; both allow students to move forward and backward through the test, review previous questions, and change answers until the test is submitted. Once submitted, answers cannot be altered and the test may not be reopened. No aids (books, notes, electronic or otherwise) may be used for the tests. Discussion among team members is encouraged before selecting/typing an answer. In schools where multiple teams are competing, please assure that only one team is testing at a time and discussion does not occur with teams that have not yet taken the test.
- 3. Qualifying:** The top 16 teams by score on the multiple choice test will be invited to **Marshalltown High School on April 21st** to compete in the Oral and Grand Battles. Teams ranking 17-20 will be notified as alternates should any of the top 16 teams be unable to attend. Remaining teams will be notified of their ranking by email. Only the students registered in the coach's/sponsor's survey and participating in the online tests are qualified to attend (no substitutions in team members may be made). Scoring from the author test will be used in the event of ties.
- 4. Oral Battle:** On the morning of April 21st, teams will meet at Marshalltown High School Library. Four rounds of oral questions (short answer) will be held to determine the top four teams (previous test scores will be used only in the event of a tie).
- 5. Grand Battle:** At the end of the morning on April 21st, the top four teams after oral rounds will compete in an oral round (short answer questions) to determine the 2011 IHSBOB champion team.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sue Inhelder at sinhelder@marshalltown.k12.ia.us or sinhelder@gmail.com or by phone 641.754.1130 (school) or 641.328.4573 (cell). Please also visit the IHSBOB website for additional information at <http://ihsbob.iowapages.org/> .

Have fun and may the battle begin!