

## Welcome to the 2020-2021 NCSLMA BOB competition Year

Now that the school year has begun in a mix of Plan B and Plan C instruction models, we are providing guidance for teams to begin the season virtually. Depending upon the necessary response to a continuation of the pandemic, the program can remain virtual through the System Level (District) Competition - March 2021. The Books Program chair will communicate decisions about upcoming Regional and State competitions based upon the projected status of in-school activities for the Spring of 2021. We plan to be as supportive in allowing virtual competitions as is reasonable. While the recommendations for maintaining the integrity of competitions is included in the guidelines, further direction may also come from the BOB Chairs and the Book Programs Director..

Guidance for Virtual Competitions is included in the BOB manual for 2020-2021 Appendix J: Virtual Competition (in the event of virtual/remote learning)

This is the Timeline for the competition process:

July 2020	Booklist Recommendations Website open to suggestions for next year's titles
August 2020 through October 2020	Join NCSLMA
September 2020 through December 2020	System Level planning School Level planning Regional organizational meeting Conduct staff and student orientations Prepare practice questions Begin reading and select team
September 24-26, 2020	Attend NCSLMA Conference – Winston-Salem, NC
November 1, 2020	<a href="#">Complete electronic compliance form on NCSLMA website</a> This is set up as an event requiring you to log in as a NCSLMA member in order to fill out the form.
January 2021	Organize system level contests, invite officials, select site, read and organize practice sessions
January 15, 2021	District-level question request forms due (form needs to be closed on Jan. 16 with note about contacting Allison directly if any changes need to be made)
January 15, 2021	Booklist Recommendations Website closes
January 25 – March 12, 2021	System Level competitions <b>Elementary deadline is March 31</b>
March 1, 2021	New booklist announced by NCSLMA Middle School State Battle of the Books Committee

March 5, 2020	Regional-level question request forms due (form needs to be closed on March 6 - note: contact committee directly if any changes need to be made)
April 23, 2021	Final date for regional competitions
April 26, 2021	Final deadline to send lists of regional winners' team members to NCSLMA Middle School State Battle of the Books Committee Chair
TBD (April 30 or May 7 or 14, 2021), Wake Tech, Raleigh, NC	NCSLMA Middle School State Battle of the Books Competition

Please reach out to your District Coordinators to move forward in the process. If you have any questions, please direct them to the appropriate Level Person:

Elementary Chair - Anya Ross [anyaross@ncslma.org](mailto:anyaross@ncslma.org)

Middle School Chair - Sheila Robertson [sheliarobertson@ncslma.org](mailto:sheliarobertson@ncslma.org)

High School Chair - Karen Meier [karenmeier@ncslma.org](mailto:karenmeier@ncslma.org)

Please forward this to the correct persons in your schools, districts and regions.

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