



## **NEW MEXICO BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

### **PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

New Mexico Battle of the Books seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our participants through the demonstration of good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. We ask that parents and their guests attending Battle of the Books competitions help us by reflecting these character traits at the Battle of the Books competition.

When attending and/or participating in the Battle of the Books program, I therefore agree:

- I will be responsible for my behavior as well as for the behavior of my guests who attend the Battle of the Books competition.
- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in Battle of the Books by following this Parent's Code of Conduct.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, readers, timers and judges at the event.
- I will respect the judges in each room and their authority during the battles, and will direct any questions and/or complaints to Command Central, not to the readers or timers serving as judges in the individual rooms.
- I will be in control of my emotions.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and the other children participating ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will not attempt to coach or provide any participant an answer to a question or an author to a book.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the competition is for youth – not adults.
- Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the room for the remainder of the battle rounds.

I have read the above Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the guidelines.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_