



# RULES OF THE 2024 READING TOURNAMENT

## TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS

311Literacy, LittleBookmates and Idea Central Foundation.

## GOAL

The 2024 Reading Tournament ("Tournament") aims to encourage the holistic development of students ("participants"), fostering improvements in their reading, comprehension, analysis, creativity, argumentation, and writing skills, as well as spelling. To achieve this, access to a variety of e-books will be provided in both English and Spanish, allowing participants to explore and enrich their knowledge in both languages. In addition, it seeks to cultivate a love for reading, recognizing and rewarding those who demonstrate the best results in the different areas mentioned. The primary goal of this comprehensive approach is not only to strengthen academic skills, but also to cultivate a lasting appreciation for reading and continuous learning.

## 1. PARTICIPANTS

- a. Participation in the Tournament is free and voluntary.
- b. You can participate if:
  - i. If you are a student enrolled in a PUBLIC or PRIVATE school.
  - ii. Be between 6 years and 15 years old.
- c. Live in Mexico or the United States.

## 2. TOURNAMENT DURATION

- a. The Tournament will take place from March 1 to March 23, 2024.

## 3. REGISTRATION

- a. Only teachers will be able to register participating children.
- b. Teachers will ask for information about the Tournament through the [info@311literacy.com](mailto:info@311literacy.com) mail, or by filling out a form on the official website of the 2024 Reading Tournament.
- c. The organizers will share an Excel file for filling out information for the participants.





- d. Teachers will fill out the form for the registration of participants and will receive information for access to the LightSail platform.
- e. Each participant will be assigned a corresponding username and password, which cannot be modified.
- f. Participants will be able to access the LightSail platform prior to the start of the Tournament, for the sole purpose of practicing the use of the platform.
- g. Registration will be open until February 20, 2024.

#### 4. READING MATERIALS

Participants will:

- a. Use the LightSail platform to accumulate minutes read.
- b. Have access to an extensive library with e-books.
- c. Receive recommendations according to their age and/or reading level.
- d. Be able to choose the language in which they want to read their books (English or Spanish).
- e. Be able to read books of any genre and author.
- f. Make sure all reading materials must be age-appropriate.

#### 5. SCORING SYSTEM

- a. To be a winner in the Tournament, participants must read and accumulate the maximum number of minutes during the duration of the Tournament.
- b. The reading must be carried out consistently throughout the Tournament.

#### 6. DISQUALIFICATION

Participants will be disqualified from the Tournament for any of the following reasons:

- a. False registration data.
- b. If they do not meet the established age.
- c. If they substitute for the contestant during the Tournament.
- d. Any form of cheating, plagiarism, or dishonesty.
- e. If a reading behavior that does not correspond to the participant's age is detected. For example, recording minutes of reading during the early mornings.
- f. If it is detected that the accumulated minutes were only recorded for a proportion less than 30% of the number of days of duration of the Tournament.
- g. If manipulation of the platform is detected to favor the participant's result.
- h. For not complying with the established rules and guidelines.





## 7. RULES OF THE ONLINE PLATFORM

- a. Participants must adhere to the rules of use established by the LightSail platform.
- b. Usernames and passwords may not be shared or used by anyone other than the registered participant.

## 8. REPORTING & MODERATION

- a. Participants can report inappropriate behavior or content by sending an email to [info@311Literacy.com](mailto:info@311Literacy.com).
- b. The moderation team will investigate reported issues and take appropriate action.

## 9. FAIR PLAY

- a. Participants are encouraged to compete fairly and without cheating.
- b. Any attempt to manipulate the scoring system will result in penalties.

## 10. PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- a. Parents or guardians can support and encourage participants, but they should not directly contribute to their reading progress.
- b. Parents are encouraged to create a positive reading environment at home.

## 11. PRIZES & RECOGNITIONS

- a. There will be 1 winner in each category for each participating country.
- b. The winner of the **first place - individual** will be the participant who has the highest number of minutes accumulated throughout the Tournament.
- c. The **first place - group** winner will be the group that, on average, has the highest number of accumulated minutes. In this case, the teacher and the group will be rewarded.
- d. The **first place - school** winner will be the school that, on average, has the highest number of accumulated minutes.





### **First Place- Individual**

\*Mac Apple laptop.

### **First Place - Group**

\*Entrance to an amusement park.

\*Mac Apple laptop for the teacher.

### **First Place- School**

\*Digital Classroom Resources

- e. During the closing ceremony, prizes and certificates will be awarded to the best contestants.
- f. There may be additional prizes to those mentioned above.
- g. The decision of the organizing team is final and unappealable.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS**

- a. The winners will be announced through our website on April 15, 2024.
- b. The closing ceremony will be held virtually to celebrate the success of the Tournament.
- c. Winners will be announced and participants will be recognized for their achievements.

## **13.ACCEPTANCE OF TOURNAMENT RULES, TERMS OF USE AND PRIVACY POLICY**

By registering, participants, their parents or guardians, and teachers agree to:

- a. The rules of the 2024 Reading Tournament.
- b. The terms of use of the LightSail Platform.
- c. LittleBookmates' privacy policy.
- d. That the minutes read are solely the participant's and not someone else's.

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