



READERS CUP

School
Facilitator's
Guide





Welcome

CBCA Qld Branch Readers Cup



Thank you for facilitating a school team(s) in this year's competition. The competition is organised by the Children's Book Council of Australia Queensland Branch – a totally volunteer run organisation.

The Readers Cup website <http://readerscup.org.au> should answer questions relating to your regional competition (book lists, dates, venues etc) – please direct specific questions about the Regional competition to your Regional coordinator – listed on your Regional Competition page.

Other queries (website / registrations etc) can be directed to Jenny Stubbs qldreaderscup@cbca.org.au

CBCA QLD BRANCH READERS CUP STATE COMMITTEE

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7 & 8 and 9 & 10 Competition Coordinator

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The motivation for the Readers Cup is to get kids reading and to let the readers in our schools have an opportunity to shine. To be the winner is a wonderful achievement BUT every kid will be a winner if they have enjoyed the experience and have read titles they may not have encountered before.

We cannot emphasise enough that this must be an enjoyable experience for the children in their reading and the sharing of the books with each other.

We expect teams to prepare themselves and have no adult coaches.

This will empower the teams to motivate and organise themselves which we believe is part of the Readers Cup experience. We hope you will respect this decision and have adults encourage from the sidelines rather than lead from the front.



Timeline and Key dates



Term 1

- Get organized and join CBCA Qld Branch to receive your special code for complimentary registration (when it opens) for maximum of two teams for the Readers Cup Competition. This means two teams across 5/6, 7/8 and 9/10 competition, not in each competition – additional teams are \$50.
- **Early February:** Regional Coordinators and committees select the titles to be read in their region; the date of the regional competition and the venue and notify CBCA Coordinator.
- **Mid February:** Details will be published on the Readers Cup Website <http://readerscup.org.au>
- **1 March:** Registrations open <http://readerscup.org.au> through trybooking or alternative payment or options. See the website for information.
- **31 March:** Registrations officially close for Regional competitions. Late entries are only at the discretion of the coordinators.

Schools may choose to conduct their own in-school Readers Cup to give children practice but must not use regional titles. A school-based competition is optional.

- Teams start reading books as directed by their Regional Coordinators, usually prior to the autumn break.

Term 2

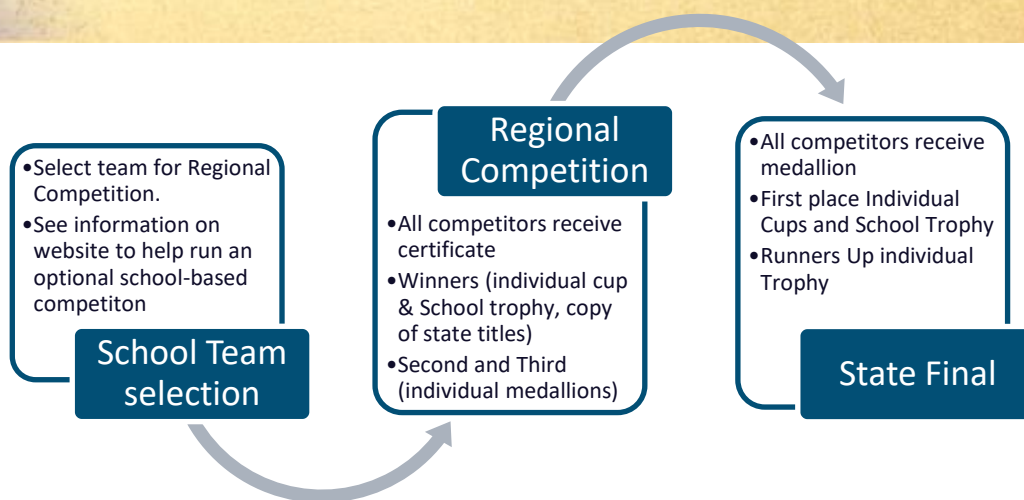
- April / May : Registered teams will read titles for their regional finals.
- Last 3 weeks of term: Regional finals usually held. Refer to the specific information on the website for your Region.
- Regional coordinators and their committees may assist the winning team to raise funds where necessary to attend the State Finals in Brisbane.

Term 3

Winning regional finalists prepare for State Finals to be held in early September.



General Information



Teams

Teams are comprised of four readers and at the school's discretion only one reserve can be added. (Please check your Region's information as some regions do not allow a reserve). They should fall within the year level in which they enter but it is at the discretion of the school to enter a student from a lower year level if the school finds it difficult to form a team.

Smaller schools that find it difficult to form a team may choose to combine with students from another school to form a team.

Reserves

Reserves have usually put as much effort into the preparation of the team as the others. Regions should allow teams to substitute their reserve for another team member at the end of any round. You can also involve them in collecting the questions to hand to judges. Note that some regions do not allow reserves – please refer to your region's information on the website

Registration Fee

The registration fee is \$50 per team. Full details can be found on the website 'registration' page. Current financial corporate members of CBCA Qld Branch receive complimentary registration for up to two teams (in total) in the competition – additional teams are \$50 per team. Note: Readers cup is run not for profit and fees cover costs of trophies, medallions, prizes, author appearances and contributions to travel costs.

More Information

See the Readers Cup website for more information about Running a school based competition and Hints and tips for School Facilitators and Readers



Regional Competitions



Regional Competitions should follow this format

1. Five or Six rounds of questions with each round having one question from each book
2. Teams of four sit around one table or just on chairs with clipboards.
3. Students may confer to write the answer to the question on a prepared answer sheet.
4. Students are normally given 30 seconds to complete their answer. The competition allows more time for some questions that require more writing.
5. Teams may substitute a member at the end of any round.
6. Answers can be collected at the end of each round. They are given points for their correctness. (All questions have equal scores with 2 points for a correct answer and part points for an incomplete answer.)
7. The scorer keeps a tally of the scores.
8. Progressive scores may be announced throughout the event.
9. Team with the highest score goes to the state final.

Judging Guidelines

If during the competition any team has any issues with answers or scores that are announced progressively, the coordinator should be made aware of the issues and they should be dealt with as soon as it is feasible to do so.

At the end of the event, once the winners have been announced, there should be no challenges made to scoring, and no re-marking done.

Prizes

All team members receive a participation certificate in their regional competition. The winning team in each Region will win a cup for their school, plus an individual cup for each team member. Second and third place teams each receive a medallion for each team member.

The winning team will be invited to take part in the State Finals in Brisbane representing their region. If the winning team is not able to attend, the team that came second would be invited instead. The winning team is provided with one set of books for the State Finals, provided by the publishers of the books.



Regional Competition Winners heading to State Finals



The winning team needs to send the names of their team members to the State Finals Coordinator. Ask your regional coordinator for the registration form and other documentation if it is not with the set of books you receive. State Final information is published on the Readers Cup website as soon as the date and venue is confirmed.

The CBCA Qld Branch is a totally volunteer run organisation and we use registrations as well as our own fundraising to support the Readers Cup competition.

Winning teams from the following regions would be given assistance by CBCA Qld Branch of up to \$1000 per team to come to Brisbane/Ipswich. The winning school needs to send an invoice to Qld@cbca.org.au for up to that amount of money to cover costs of attending Readers Cup Finals.

- *Capricornia 5/6 ; Capricornia 7/8 ; Capricornia 9/10*
- *Central Highlands 5/6*
- *Far North Qld Cairns 5/6 ; Far North Qld Cairns 7/8 ; Far North Qld Cairns 9/10*
- *Mackay 5/6 ; Mackay 7/8 ; Mackay 9/10*
- *North Qld Townsville 5/6 ; North Qld Townsville 7/8 ; North Qld Townsville 9/10*
- *South West 5/6*

Winning teams from the following regions would be given assistance by CBCA Qld Branch of up to \$550 per team to come to Brisbane. The winning school needs to send an invoice to Qld@cbca.org.au for up to that amount of money to cover costs of attending Readers Cup Finals.

- *South Burnett 5/6*
- *Wide Bay 5/6 ; Wide Bay 7/8 ; Wide Bay 9/10*

Accommodation in Brisbane can be found in the West End area such as Hillcrest Apartments in Vulture Street. Some have stayed at the YHA.

Prizes

The members of each team competing at State Finals will receive a medallion. Winners and runners-up receive small cups and the winning school will receive a cup. Book prizes and book vouchers will be awarded throughout the competition when sponsorship is available. Separate prizes are given for digital responses/booktrailers.



State Finals: Digital Book Response & Book Trailers



This is not part of the regional competition, but so you know what to expect at a state final, we are providing this information.

Year 5 & 6 State Final

Teams are invited to show which book they enjoyed most. This is an optional activity and does not influence the final score in the competition; however teams that participate will be rewarded. Teams are asked to send their responses prior to the State Final competition so they can be prepared for showing at the event.

The presentation should be no longer than 1 minute. It should be copyright free or permission must have been obtained for borrowed images and/or music. It can be a Book Trailer, dramatization, interview or news presentation.

Suggested formats : PowerPoint; Photostory; MovieMaker; iMovie; Animoto; Adobe Rush;

Resources

- Just a Dog – St Thomas’s School submission from 2011 CBCA Qld Branch Readers Cup State Finals created with Animoto. <http://youtu.be/C2W3PuitQEM> (Note this submission is nearly 3 minutes from a prior competition, but an excellent example)
- Museum of Thieves – The Keepers – Pullenvale State School submission from 2011 CBCA Qld Branch Readers Cup State Finals 2011 <http://youtu.be/muAnef1m7xl> Again over 2 minutes, so it is a real challenge to keep the time down. But what a lot of preparation they have done!!!
- Book Trailers <http://idtl.net.au/book-trailers.php>
- How to make Animoto Book Trailers <http://www.scribd.com/doc/25050854/Animoto-Book-Trailers>
- Animoto Book Trailers <http://bib20.blogspot.com/2009/02/animoto-book-trailers.html>
- Animoto <http://animoto.com/education>

Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10 State Final

Winning teams are invited to submit a book trailer on any one of the state finals books they read. These will be marked by judges prior to the competition, then shown on the night, in between rounds the winning book trailer will win a prize for its creators.

The presentation should be no longer than 1 minute. It should be copyright free or permission must have been obtained for borrowed images and/or music. Trailers must be submitted prior to the State Finals and further information will be provided to State finalists.