

2019 Colorado High School Mock Trial Rules of Competition Updates

5.6.3 Laptops, phones, smart watches or any Wi-Fi or cellular device are not permitted for use as time keeping aids unless approved prior to competition with the Regional or State Coordinator.

9.4.3 Bye Round Assignments

A “bye” becomes necessary when an odd number of teams are present for any given round of the tournament. It is the intent of the CBA Mock Trial Committee to avoid “bye” round assignments where possible. However, in the event of a circumstance resulting in an odd number of competing teams, the following procedure will be followed:

- a. The tournament director will have discretion to assign teams to “bye” rounds in a manner that the tournament director believes to be the fairest or most likely to avoid influencing the outcome of the tournament. This includes, avoiding “bye” rounds for multiple teams from the same school. The team drawing the “bye” in each round will receive a win and three ballots for that round. For the purpose of power matching, in the first round, the team will receive the average of the point differential and total points earned by the top 50% of teams. For all subsequent rounds, the team will receive the average of its point spread and points earned in its preceding trials.

1.1. Conduct

No team Member, coach or observer associated with a mock trial team is allowed to enter any mock trial courtroom during a trial in which his/her team is not competing.

Disruptive behavior is prohibited, including, but not limited to: rule violations; horseplay; inappropriate comments; inappropriate reactions to judges’ rulings, team pairings or team results; unprofessional conduct; property damage; and/or, breaches of decorum that affect the conduct of a trial or that impugn the reputation or integrity of any team, school, participant, court officer, judge, or the mock trial program.

Food and beverages are not allowed in the courtrooms, or in any area of the courthouse not designated as an eating area. Teams bringing food or beverages into the courtrooms, or any area not designated for consuming food, are subject to sanctions. This is a mock trial rule

regardless of the location approval. Special circumstances can be approved in advance of tournament with the Regional or State Coordinator.

2.2.1 The Official Team Roster

Each team official roster shall consist of:

- A team roster of a minimum of six competing students and a maximum of twelve competing students, identifying the role(s) of each student as Plaintiff/Prosecution or Defense, and attorney or witness;
- Identification of student timers, whether optional non-competing student timers or competing team members;
- A single designated teacher-coach, jointly responsible with the designated attorney-coach for communications with the Mock Trial State Coordinator and the Mock Trial Committee; and
- A single designated attorney-coach, jointly responsible with the designated teacher-coach for communications with the Mock Trial State Coordinator and the Mock Trial Committee.

Each team member and the team's designated coaches, shall be listed on the official team roster submitted to the State Coordinator no later than one week prior to the team's Regional Tournament or to the Regional Coordinator the day of the teams Regional Tournament. The team roster becomes official at the time of its submission to the Regional Coordinator, and thereafter the competing student team members will remain fixed throughout the regional, state and national tournaments. At no time will a student not listed in the school's regional tournament team rosters be allowed to compete at the State or national tournaments.

2.2.3.1 Replacing missing students. In the event that a team is missing one of its participating team members for a trial round, due to illness or for any other good cause and in good faith:

- the missing team member may be replaced by a team member who is not otherwise participating in that round with no penalty.
- In the event that the missing team member is replaced by a team member who is participating in that round in another role, the missing participating team member will receive a "0" point score for each performance part he/she misses in that trial round and the opposing team member(s) impacted by the missing person shall receive a "10" point score for their role(s).

- Extenuating circumstances that require further accommodations, may be considered by the State Coordinator.

2.2 Judge's and Panelists' Critique

The Judges and scoring panelists are allowed 12 minutes total for debriefing. The timekeepers will monitor each critique, and will signal each scoring panelist with one minute remaining, and at three minutes. The scoring panelists shall not inform the students of individual performance scores, total team points earned, or ballot decisions. Scoring panelists shall be reminded during their orientation by tournament coordinators of the need to be sensitive to student diversity and age when making their remarks.

There will be no official Critiques after the fourth round.

Professionalism Points

- As part of their score, teams will be rated on their professionalism and will be rated on a scale of **1-10** professionalism points each round.
- Points should not be awarded to teams that behave in a contentious or unprofessional manner.
- No fractions or decimal points.