



San Diego High School Mock Trial Competition Logistics - February 2020

The Mock Trial Committee is delighted that the competition will be returning to the Superior Courthouse at 1100 Union Street. We have a few tips regarding logistics:

- 1) **Allow for extra time to get to the courthouse.** Downtown traffic on weeknights is often congested and there is construction occurring in the vicinity of the courthouse which blocks or limits access to the surrounding streets. Please be aware that Front Street is blocked off from Broadway to F Street. Northbound traffic on Union Street between Broadway and C Streets will be closed, as will C Street traffic between Union and Front Streets.
- 2) **Participants, coaches, teachers, family, and friends may only enter and exit through the main lobby at 1100 Union Street.** Security considerations, and limited availability of security and mock trial personnel, require that you enter and exit **only** through the main lobby of 1100 Union Street and that you remain only on the floors to which you are directed. **Please note the best place for drop off is B Street between Union and State streets, or directly in front of the courthouse on Union Street.**
- 3) **Be prepared to go through security screening.** Do not bring weapons or anything that can be construed to be a weapon. Pepper spray or mace, aerosol cans and glass bottles, metal hair picks and hand cuff keys are also prohibited.
- 4) Plan to meet up with your team inside the courthouse, after security screening, in the jury lounge on the 3rd floor, where the Participants' Orientation will occur. Please do not congregate outside the courthouse. We have a record number of participants and observers this year which will affect how quickly everyone can get through security screening. If everyone delays until minutes before orientation, you may miss important information.
- 5) **Participants, coaches, teachers, friends and family may only bring in and drink water while in courtrooms and jury lounge. Water will be provided immediately outside the courtrooms for the participants.**
- 6) We know it is common for teams to bring lunch or snacks for the final day of competition, **February 22nd. Food can only be consumed in the area of the jury lounge on the 3rd floor and the cafe, and each team will be provided a table in the jury lounge or the area nearby.** The vendor operating the Café on the 3rd floor has also agreed to be open, offering a limited menu until 6 p.m. in the evenings and until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Please do not bring any food in glass containers into the Courthouse. Please ensure trash is placed in receptacles and any leftover food is removed or discarded.
- 7) **Teams may only make video/audio recordings at a trial involving their own team with the permission of the opposing team and the judicial officer, and only in a manner that does not distract the participants.** Any team has the option to refuse participation in and the making of video/audio recordings. Video/audio recording is **for training purposes only and may not be posted on the internet or via social media.** Video/audio recording may not be shared with any other team before the state finals without the permission of both teams.
- 8) **Smoking and vaping are not permitted in the courthouse.**