

18th Annual San Diego County High School Mock Trial Competition

Logistics Sheet for Rounds 1, 2, & 3

Where to look for Last-Minute Information Regarding the Competition:

- 1) The Website: sdmocktrial.org. Late breaking announcements will be found on the homepage.
- 2) Also, check the FAQ section on the website. Responses to recently posed teachers' and coaches' questions can be found there.
- 3) Coaches and Teachers – Keep checking your email. Important updates will be sent to your email.
- 4) The day before each round of the competition, Coaches and Teachers will be sent, via email, their team's courtroom assignment, identifying the floor and courtroom number for the upcoming mock trial. The email will also contain an MS Teams link to be shared with parents, extended family, classmates, and friends to view the trial virtually. **The link may not be shared with any members, coaches, or teachers of other mock trial teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Recording of the mock trial from the MS Teams presentation is strictly prohibited.**

What to Bring? Here's the List:

- 1) Five (5) copies of your Trial Team Lineup and award nomination forms specific to the Round you are attending. All forms can be found by using this link: <https://sdmocktrial.org/case-materials/> or on the sdmocktrial.org Materials page.
- 2) The Exhibits (by prosecution team);
- 3) The Rulebook (by bailiff); and
- 4) Stopwatch or digital timing device (brought by clerk and unofficial timer) and time cards (brought by clerk).

Where Do I Go? The Superior Court Central Courthouse, 1100 Union Street, Downtown San Diego.

- 1) Please allow time to navigate **rush hour traffic** into downtown during weeknights.
- 2) **Parking** lots can be found within blocks of the courthouse. Additional information regarding parking lots can be found at <https://en.parkopedia.com/parking/san-diego/>.

Other Important Logistics:

- 1) **Arrival time:** Please arrive **no later than 4:45 p.m.**; you are welcome as early as 4:30 p.m.
- 2) **Trials start** promptly at 5:30 p.m.
- 3) **Enter the Superior Court via the main entrance at 1100 Union St.** Even if a coach is employed with an agency that gives the coach access through the HOJ, all students and teachers must enter through the main entrance. **Do not congregate on the outside steps.**

- 4) **Allow additional time to go through security screening. Do not bring:** weapons (including firearms or knives of any size); aerosol cans, sharp objects, pepper spray, metal eating utensils, glass containers, or permanent markers. These items will be seized from you by security.
- 5) **Do not congregate in the lobby.** Please go directly to the elevator bank and take the elevator to your assigned floor. Please wait outside your courtroom until the door is opened by the monitor.
- 6) A coach or a teacher will be expected to sign in for their school at the Mock Trial desk in the lobby.
- 7) **No food** may be brought into the courtroom. **Water** will be provided for participants and may be brought into the courtroom.
- 8) At the conclusion of the competition session, exit the building via the 1100 Union Street lobby. **Do not congregate in the hallways or lobby. Please keep the noise level down as other trials may still be in session.**

Health and Safety Rules:

- 1) Students, teachers, and coaches must not enter the courthouse or attend the mock trials if they are ill, have COVID or influenza, have tested positive for COVID in the past five (5) days, and/or are experiencing any of the following symptoms: sore throat, fever above 100 F, difficulty breathing, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, headache, or loss of taste or smell.
- 2) Courtroom attendance for Rounds 1 through 4 is limited to students listed on the team roster (whether participating in the mock trial or observing the mock trial), coaches who are registered and listed on the team roster and designated teacher sponsors for your team.
- 3) Students, teachers, and coaches are welcome to wear masks, although masks are not required. Students may perform with masks, or if they are otherwise wearing a mask, may take it off when speaking. **The scorers will not take into consideration the wearing of masks for any purpose**, and no point deductions will be made based on whether a student is or is not wearing a mask.
- 4) **Parents/guardians/family members are not permitted to attend the mock trials for Rounds 1 through 4.** While we understand this may be disappointing, Court IT will enable MS Teams in each of the courtrooms so it may be watched virtually, and students may share the link with other family members and friends.

[If you wish to inform the Committee of a "day of" emergency, please email at sdmocktrial@gmail.com and put the word URGENT in the subject line, or call Julie Myres at \(619\) 957-8113.](mailto:sdmocktrial@gmail.com)