

CODE OF CONDUCT

I, _____, the teacher-sponsor of the _____
(school name) Middle School Mock Trial team(s) verify the following (initial each point):

_____ I have met with every student member of each team from our school participating in the Mock Trial Competition and have explained the foregoing rules, have obtained each student’s commitment to follow those rules, and have explained the possible consequences of the failure to abide by the rules

_____ I have notified adults who intend to observe any part of the Mock Trial Competition, including coaches, and adults responsible for supervision of any minors attending the Mock Trial Competition, and have explained the foregoing rules, have obtained their commitment to follow these rules, and have explained the possible consequences of the failure to abide by the rules.

- 1 **ABSOLUTELY** no food or drink in the courthouse, including water bottles. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 2 **ABSOLUTELY** no cell phones or pagers in the courthouse.
- 3. Please respect the courthouse or school so that we are invited to return for future competitions. Remain in designated areas only, i.e. the courtrooms designated for use and the hallways in which they are located. Anyone in an area not designated for Mock Trial use will be ejected from the building, possibly causing forfeiture by their team.
- 3 You must remain quiet in the hallways after each round. Sound carries in the building and other trials may still be in session. Violation of this rule can result in a deduction from team points.
- 4 Pocket knives, fingernail clippers, scissors will be confiscated if you attempt to bring them into the building. Leave them in your car or at home.
- 5 Teams should be particularly sensitive to the Rule 19 which mandates that instructors, coaches, and observers not talk to, signal, communicate with, or coach their teams during trial. This rule remains in force during any recess time which may occur. **THIS RULE DOES NOT LIMIT THE “NO-TALK” RULE TO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE CASE, BUT PROHIBITS ALL COMMUNICATIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL TEAMS AND OBSERVERS AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY.**
- 6 The rules of competition, as well as rules of the courthouse or school, courtroom decorum, and security, must be followed. Indiana High School Mock Trial possesses discretion to impose sanctions, up to and including forfeiture or disqualification, for any misconduct, flagrant rule violations or breaches of decorum which affect the conduct of a trial or which impugn the reputation or integrity of any team, school, participant, court officer, judge or the mock trial program.

WE, THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM(S) OF _____ MIDDLE SCHOOL DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THE AFOREMENTIONED, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES.

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