



OREGON HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

PRESIDING JUDGE CHECKLIST

Round _____ v. _____ Courtroom # _____ Round Winner _____
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BEFORE THE TRIAL

The presiding judge should handle the following introductory matters before beginning the trial:

- Ask each side if it is ready for trial. Ask each side to provide each judge with a copy of its **Team Roster**.
- Ask each member of a team to rise and identify themselves by name and role. Students are to identify their team by their assigned **letter code only** and not by school name.
- Inquire of both teams whether they have approved the taping of the round.
- Ask if there are people present in the courtroom who are connected with other schools in the competition (other than the schools competing in this courtroom) or who are not associated with the two teams scheduled to compete. If so, they should be asked to leave. They may contact the Competition Coordinator to determine the location of the courtroom in which their school is performing.
- Remind spectators of the importance of showing respect for the competing teams. **Silence electronic devices**. Judges may remove spectators who do not adhere to appropriate courtroom decorum.
- Remind teams that witnesses are permitted to testify only to the information in the fact situation, their witness statements, and what can be reasonably inferred from the materials.
- Remind teams that they must complete their presentations within the specified time limits. The bailiff will signal as the time for each segment progresses. Three-minute, one minute, and zero-minute cards will be held up by the bailiff. **At the end of each segment attorneys and witnesses will be stopped when time has run out, regardless of completion of the presentation.**
- Remind teams that all witnesses must be called. A failure to call a witness will result in a penalization.
- Finally, before you begin, indicate that you have been assured that the Code of Ethical Conduct has been read and will be followed by all participants in the mock trial competition including the teams before you. Should there be a recess at any time during the trial, the communication rule (see Code of Ethical Conduct) shall be in effect.

If there are no other questions, begin the trial.

TRIAL SEQUENCE

REMINDER: Only the following items may be offered as evidence at the trial:

Exhibit 1. Tommi Wright's FAA Permit

Exhibit 2. GPS Flight Log

Exhibit 3. Map of Crash Site

Exhibit 4. National Transportation Safety Board Investigative Process

Exhibit 5. Tommi's Note

Exhibit 6. Tommi Wright's Prescription

Exhibit 7. Dallas Lin's CV

Opening Statements

Prosecution/Plaintiff Opening Statement Defense Opening Statement

- Remember to pause for thirty (30) seconds to allow the scoring judges time to finish their scoring and feedback
- Confirm with scoring judges prior to moving onto next section

Prosecution/Plaintiff Witness One (1)

Direct Examination Cross Examination ReDirect &/OR ReCross

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Prosecution/Plaintiff Witness Two (2)

Direct Examination Cross Examination ReDirect &/OR ReCross

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Prosecution/Plaintiff Witness Three (3)

Direct Examination Cross Examination ReDirect &/OR ReCross

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Defense Witness One (1)

Direct Examination Cross Examination ReDirect &/OR ReCross

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Defense Witness Two (2)

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Closing Arguments

- Prosecution/Plaintiff Closing Argument Defense Closing Argument
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AT THE END OF THE TRIAL

- At the end of the trial, the presiding judge shall ask teams if either side wishes to make a Rule 35 Violation motion. If so, resolve the matter as specified in Rule 36.
- Then judges complete their ballots.
 - **[JUDGES SHOULD NOT SPEAK WITH ONE ANOTHER UNTIL BALLOTS ARE COMPLETE]**
- Judges shall **NOT** inform the students of results of their scores or results from their ballots.

AFTER THE TRIAL

After teams have concluded their closing arguments and the presiding judge has dealt with any Rule 35 violations, then deliberations begin. **Teams shall deliberate** – on which members of the opposing team shall be awarded its *Mock Trial Most Valuable Participant Awards*.** (** Regional Coordinators may choose to opt out of participating in the MVP **)

The presiding judge shall facilitate the following sequence of events:

1. **Decide MVP Award** (5 minutes). Tell teams that while the judges are scoring, teams should decide which student on the opposite team should get the Most Valuable Participant awards. This is a student-directed award (no coaches allowed!). Presiding judge shall remind teams that students select the “*most valuable participants*” on the other team “*in recognition of exceptional performance, sportsmanship and professionalism.*” Each team will award two awards, one to the most valuable Attorney and one to the most valuable Witness/Clerk/Bailiff. **Instruct teams to decide who gets the awards and put the students’ names on the appropriate certificate** (refer to Team Roster, if needed) but **do not make the award!**
2. **Judges’ complete scoresheets** (7 minutes – concurrent with students’ deciding on MVP award). Presiding Judge shall complete the “Presiding Judge Tiebreaker ” sheet. The Scoring Judges shall complete their scoresheets. Review each other’s ballot to make certain that ALL blanks are filled- in, Round Number has been added, scores are whole-numbers only, judge’s name appears, and everything is legible. After checking everything, Presiding judge places all three score sheets and Tiebreaker sheet in the envelope provided and seals it.
3. **Presiding judge reconvenes the court.** The presiding judge gives the envelope to the clerk for immediate delivery to Room . **Do not wait!**
4. Presiding judge asks if teams are ready to **make their MVP awards** (5 minutes max). Each team presents their awards to the other team.
5. **Judges’ congratulatory remarks** (5 minutes total/combined for all judges max). Each judge may make a congratulatory remark to each team, their teachers and coaches, and thank them for their work.
6. **Court is adjourned.** *This entire after-trial process should take no more than 15 minutes total*



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PRESIDING JUDGE TIEBREAKER

Presiding Judge Name _____

Presiding Judge Phone Number _____

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Round Winner _____

(Input Letter Code of the Team who you believe performed the best during the Trial)