

Tracking Changes in the 2019-20 Indiana Mock Trial Rule Book

1. Introduction – Added civility language in the last paragraph
2. Rule 1.3 (new) – Added new section “Civility”. This includes an online phrase. Subsequent rules in Section 1 are renumbered
3. Rule 1.4 (new) – Added phrase in Paragraph 1 noting that an emergency can include health and safety of participants
4. Rule 1.5 (new) – Change language specifying where regional competitions are held.
5. Rule 1.6 (new) – Change language specifying where state competition is held
6. Rule 2.1 – Added Paragraph 3
7. Rule 3.4 – Delete language about team name may not identify the school name, mascot, etc. and language team’s association with a particular school is not to be communicated.
8. Rule 3.5 – Changed language for teams registering late.
9. Rule 3.8 – Changes language on who should contact state coordinator for special accommodations
10. Rule 4.1 – Delete language about school being kept anonymous. Added language that teams will be identified by school and team name.
11. Rule 4.4 – Changed language to assume that witnesses are already sworn in, along with language the judge has the option to say.
12. Rule 4.12 – Clarified language as to who may communicate during a trial.
13. Rule 4.13 – Delete language about displaying anything identifying the school at competition
14. Rule 4.22 – Combined with Rule 4.23 and clarified. Renamed. Subsequent sections are renumbered
15. Rule 5.1 – Added language clarifying all judges’ decisions are final. Complaints made afterwards must be made in writing and will be used to help future, not change the past.
16. Rule 5.2 – Updated the composition of the judging panel to allow for a mix of the number of judges in each site and allow for a “phantom third judge”. Language clarification about attorneys
17. Rule 5.3 – Changed headline and added language clarifying conflicts of interest
18. Rule 5.5 – Changed language to refer to the new rubric. Deleted language about the tiebreaker box. Added language about fixing an unintended tie due to addition error.
19. Rule 5.6 – Deleted language about a two score sheet method as that is not an option any longer with the addition of allowance of a “phantom third judge”
20. Rule 5.7 – Language clarification about who advances to the state finals
21. Rule 5.10 – Added new section “Procedure for Handling an Uneven Number of Teams”
22. Rule 6.1 – language clarification on who can discuss matters during a trial dispute
23. Rule 6.2 – Language clarification on complaint form post-trial