



Indiana High School Mock Trial Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics

I, _____, the teacher-sponsor of the _____ High School (name) Mock Trial team(s) do hereby acknowledge that I have explained the following points to the team participants, (students and attorney coaches), and have asked them to communicate the same to any family or friends who will be observers to the Mock Trial competition:

- The rules of competition, as well as proper rules of courthouse and courtroom decorum and security, must be followed. Indiana 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.
- Teams should be particularly sensitive to Rule 6.4, 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.
- Please respect the Courthouse so that we are invited to return for future competitions. Do not go into parts of the building in which we do not belong. 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.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in the courtrooms.

WE, THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM(S) OF _____ HIGH SCHOOL DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE CODE OF CONDUCT & CODE OF ETHICS, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____