

2025-2026 Participation and Courtroom Use Agreement

As a condition of participation in 2025-26 CA Mock Trial competition, all teacher and attorney coaches must carefully read the statement below to their students, then sign to acknowledge his/her commitment to the statement and agreement.

As a participant in the Mock Trial competition, I agree to follow the courtroom use agreement and to adhere to the same high standards of scholarship that are expected of me in my academic performance. I agree that plagiarism of any kind is unacceptable. I understand that all written and oral work done in conjunction with this program must be my own. In relation to other teams and individuals with whom I come in contact through participation in this program, I have read the Code of Ethical Conduct in the Team Rulebook and pledge to make a commitment to act with good sportsmanship and respect for others in both victory and defeat. I acknowledge that my actions will reflect upon my whole team, and I promise to take personal responsibility for my own actions throughout the competition.

Courtroom Use Agreement

- I will not enter the courtroom until the Courtroom Observer is present.
- I will be aware of the placement of items and will not tamper with or move courtroom equipment, trial materials, or items such as tables, chairs, juror's notebooks, etc.
- I will make sure the courtroom is left exactly as I found it. (By keeping the room clean and not disturbing the placement of courtroom items, you can look forward to using rooms in future rounds.)
- I will display proper courtroom behavior and courtesy throughout the competition.
- I will not bring food or drink in the courtroom at any time. Gum chewing is not allowed in the courthouse.
- I will not enter the judges' chambers or clerks' offices.
- I will not roam the building or go on floors or in areas not being used for the competition.
- I will follow the directions of Courtroom Observer and Security Personnel.

As a teacher, attorney coach or adult chaperone:

- I will stay with students in the courtroom at all times.
- I will review this courtroom agreement with my students, co-coaches, and other spectators.

School: _____ Teacher/Coach signature: _____