

IDAHO MOCK TRIAL CODE OF CIVILITY & ETHICS AND PHOTO & VIDEO AND PARTICIPATION RELEASES

This document must be shared with and reviewed by everyone associated with a team participating in the mock trial competition and a coach from each team must sign the online acknowledgement form before the team's first round of competition.

Mock trial rules, procedures, and this *Idaho Mock Trial Code of Civility & Ethics and the Photo & Video and Activity Participation Releases* remain in effect throughout the entire competition season. Those who do not follow the rules, procedures, and this *Code of Civility & Ethics* may be sanctioned up to and including forfeiture or disqualification without a refund of paid fees.

Code of Civility & Ethics

The mission of mock trial is to promote an understanding of and appreciation for the rule of law and the United States judicial system. In our judicial system, trials are a search for truth, which depend on standards of honesty, integrity, and exemplary behavior, in word and in deed, by all who participate.

These standards must be an integral part of each team's mock trial program and are designed to encourage teams to meet their civic and ethical obligations to themselves and other participants, both of which are hallmarks of the mock trial program. To that end, those participating in the mock trial program (including team members, courtroom artists, coaches, parents, spectators, and/or anyone else associated with a team), agree to the following:

- Our participants will act and speak in a civil and courteous manner during the mock trial season, at mock trial events, in trials, and in any and all communications and interactions with others, including other participants, mock trial judges, and competition staff and volunteers.
- Our participants will play fair and be gracious in both victory and defeat.
- Our participants will be considerate of time constraints, including arriving on time to competitions and competition rounds, and not deliberately undermining opposing counsel's time limits with excessive interruptions or obstructionist behavior during trials.
- Our participants will be fully honest in all communications and not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize, misquote, miscite, or unfairly extrapolate the facts of the case or the rules of the competition.

In addition, everyone attending a mock trial event, either in person or online, must comply with all rules and procedures related to the competition. This includes certain housekeeping rules that show our respect toward the spaces occupied during competitions. These include:



- Follow any and all rules and protocols required by competition venues, including health and safety protocols and rules regarding food or drink in courtrooms.
- Stay in designated competition areas.
- Use trash cans and pick up after yourselves in courtrooms, restrooms, and all common areas.
- Do not rearrange courtrooms or courtroom furniture without the express permission of competition staff; and if given permission, ensure everything is returned to its previous space and position at the end of the trial.
- Do not contact judges with concerns about a competition round; rather, these concerns should be taken to designated competition staff or volunteers.

Photo & Video Release

Our team gives permission for the Idaho Law Foundation’s Law Related Education Program to use photographs and/or videos taken during the Idaho Mock Trial season for educational and/or promotional materials and publications, in both print and online. All photographs and/or videos used will be portrayed in a positive manner. Our team understands that we are waiving any rights of compensation or ownership to any photographs and/or videos taken during the Idaho Mock Trial season.

If anyone associated with a team chooses not to give permission to the Idaho Law Foundation’s Law Related Education Program to use photos and videos taken during competition activities, a coach from the team will provide, in writing, the name(s) of the team member(s) who do not wish to be included to Idaho Mock Trial staff prior to the first round of competition.

Activity Participation Release

The Idaho Law Foundation’s Law Related Education Program sponsors regional and state mock trial competitions and courtroom artist contests in the State of Idaho. This Activity Participation Release extends to all mock trial competition activities, including but not limited to, a team’s preparation for, travel to and from, and participation in Idaho mock trial activities.

In consideration of my team’s voluntary participation in Idaho mock trial activities, our team:

- Acknowledges and accepts the risk of injury associated with participation in and transportation to and from Idaho mock trial activities, including, but not limited to, illness, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage and financial damage, and our team releases, relieves, discharges, and holds harmless the Idaho Law Foundation and its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, leaders, advisors, committee members, student and adult volunteers, participants, representatives, successors, and assigns (collectively, “Representatives”) from any and all liability in any way arising out of or in



connection with my team's participation in and transportation to and from Idaho mock trial activities.

- Accepts personal financial responsibility for any injury or other loss sustained during Idaho mock trial activities or during transportation to and from Idaho mock trial activities. We understand that we are solely responsible for all costs related to any medical treatment that may be deemed necessary for any and all members of our team in the event of any illness, injury, accident, or medical emergency resulting from or in connection with Idaho mock trial activities.
- Agrees not to initiate any legal proceeding or demand against the Idaho Law Foundation and its Representatives or join or assist in the prosecution of any claim for money or other damages that anyone may have on account of injuries (including death), losses, or damages sustained by our team, other parties, or our or others parties' property in connection with participation in and transportation to and from Idaho mock trial activities, and waive any right our team or our insurers may have to raise, join or assist in the prosecution of such claim. This means our team's insurers have no rights of subrogation against the Idaho Law Foundation and its Representatives.