

### Mock Trial Student Rulebook Additions/Changes/Modifications

**Rule 2.2 – Team Composition** – *(Clarification – Separated Courtroom Artists and Journalist information to clarify that those students do not count as part of a team’s 25 student limit.)*

- H. Additional Participation – the Courtroom Artist and Journalist Contest allows additional students the opportunity to participate in the Mock Trial Program, see official contest rules at [www.crf-usa.org](http://www.crf-usa.org).
- Two (2) Courtroom Artists per county may compete at the state competition. The courtroom artist is an official team member, but is not counted toward the team’s student limit. (Note that the winner of the state competition does not compete at the national competition).
  - Two (2) Journalists per county may compete at the state competition. The journalist is an official team member, but is not counted toward the team’s student limit. (Note that winner of the state competition does not compete at the national competition).
  - In LA County, three (3) artists and three (3) journalists per team may compete at the county competition.

**Rule 3.2 – Physical Evidence** – *(Addition that applies to this year’s case.)*

- A. The prosecution team must bring to each trial, the physical evidence listed under the heading “Physical Evidence” in the case materials. All reproductions can be as small as 10½ x 7¼ but no larger than 22 x 28 inches. If the prosecution team fails to bring physical evidence to court, it may be reflected in the team performance/participation.
- Exhibits A and B may be reproduced in color, however there may not be any alterations in color between the two exhibits (e.g. brightness, tone, etc.). Any alterations to the exhibits may be grounds for disqualification from the competition. Teams are not required to reproduce exhibits A and B in color, however if both teams have exhibits and one is in color and the other is in black and white, the trial will be conducted with the color exhibits. Teams will not be penalized if they choose not to reproduce and enlarge the exhibit as found in the packet. (NOTE: Mock Trial teams are encouraged to access and download color images of Exhibits A and B from the CRF website for reference and for preparing expert witnesses for testimony, even if the teams reproduce black-and-white images for use at trial.)

**Rule 3.3 – Trial Communication** – *(Clarification)*

- D. After the pretrial, the pretrial attorneys may not sit with the trial attorneys and may not communicate with the trial attorneys at any time.

**Rule 3.4 – Witnesses – (Clarification)**

G. All witnesses must be called in the allotted time. If the direct-examination attorney runs out of time without calling one or more witnesses, the direct-examination attorney and the witness performance will each automatically receive a score of zero for each witness not called, and the cross-examination attorney will automatically be awarded five points for each witness not called. Once the time allotted for witnesses has ended, direct examination attorneys may not call any other witnesses.

**Rule 3.5 – Reasonable Inferences – (Clarification)**

D. When a “Facts Outside the Record” Objection is made, possible rulings by a presider may be:

- The response is an unreasonable inference that creates a material fact that is not included in the materials. Objection sustained.
- The response was a reasonable inference and no material fact was created. Objection overruled.
- The response is included in the case materials and therefore a fact is not being created. Objection overruled.

**Rule 3.9 – Clerks/Timing – (Clarification)**

J. At the State Finals, two-minute, one-minute, and 30 second visual only warnings must be given before the end of each category. The clerk will automatically stop students (both visually and verbally) at the end of the allotted time for each section. Thus, there will be no allowance for overtime.

- In LA County, both visual and verbal warnings will be allowed for two-minute, one-minute, 30 second, and stop warnings.