

## Changes to the 2016-2017 Team Rulebook

1. **Rule 1.2 – Code of Ethical Conduct** replaced **Sportsmanship Rule** in its entirety.
2. **Rule 1.3 – Trial Procedures, D.** the following was added - All participants are required to wear appropriate courtroom attire.
3. **Rule 1.3 – Trial Procedures, G.** the following was added - , and are to remain in the courtroom throughout the trial.
4. **Rule 1.3 – Trial Procedures, L.** the following was added - or other electronic devices
5. **Rule 2.1 – Team Eligibility, E.** the following - March 1, 2017 replaced - February 29, 2016.
6. **Rule 2.1 – Team Eligibility, F.** the following was added - and individual team members must be registered with CRF. Check with your county coordinator for instructions.
7. **Rule 2.1 – Team Eligibility, K.** team roster replaced - online student registration on CRF's website.
8. **Rule 2.1 – Team Eligibility, O.** was rewritten as follows - Generally, mock trial teams must be school-based. On a case-by-case basis, non-school based non-profit organizations (i.e. Boys/Girls Clubs, YMCA, etc.) may be permitted to sponsor a mock trial team for students whose school does not offer the mock trial program. However, attempting to create an all-star team is not permitted. Among requirements that applicants must demonstrate are a non-profit in good standing, have an operational history as a youth-serving organization, provide adequate insurance, and have a functioning governance structure. Applicants must see approval from their local County Coordinator and may be subject to CRF approval.
9. **Rule 2.2 – Team Composition, E.** the following was added - The courtroom artist and journalist are official team members, but are not counted toward the team's student limit.
10. **Rule 2.4 – Wild Card Teams, A.** the following was added - Once selected the wild card team will be an official team representing their county and eligible for awards. The team must complete all registration requirements, including payment of registration fees.
11. **Rule 3.3 – Trial Communication, F.** – ten points replaced five points.
12. **Rule 3.5 – Unfair Extrapolation** replaced **Creating Material Fact rule** and **Reasonable Inferences** rule in its entirety.
13. **Rule 3.8 – Clerk and Unofficial Timers, A.** the following was added - (no cell phones, tablets, or other electronic devices)
14. **Rule 5.3 – Evaluation, A** – (1-10) replaced (1-5).
15. **Rule 5.3 – Evaluation, A** the following was added - Clerk and bailiff are evaluated using a scale of 1-5.
16. **Rule 5.4 – 1 to 10 Point Scale** replaced **0-5 Point Scale**
17. **Rule 5.4 – 1 to 10 Point Scale, A** - the following was added - (with the exception of the clerk and bailiff)
18. **Rule 5.5 – Rankings and Ties, H** the following was added - State Finals—Final rankings will be determined after the completion of Round Four of the competition, first by win/loss record and then by cumulative percentages. This allows for the possibility of a team to lose one trial (regardless of which round) and still be considered for a final ranking of 3rd-8th place.