

Santa Clara County's Modifications to the CRF Team Rulebook

Effective 9/12/16

The Santa Clara County High School Mock Trial Tournament Steering Committee adopts the California Mock Trial Program 2016-2017 Team Rulebook with the following exceptions:

Rule 1.2(E). Add "See Scripting Guidelines" to the end of the paragraph.

Rule 1.3(B). Teacher and Attorney coaches may only be identified at the conclusion of the trial.

Rule 1.3(C). This rule is not adopted.

Rule 1.3(D). This rule is not adopted.

Rule 1.3(F). Delete second sentence and replace with "Schools may provide rosters with information on which roles and assignments the students perform."

Rule 1.3(L). Add "However, the Clerk and Backup Timer may use their cell phones as a stop watch."

Rule 1.3(M). This rule is subject to the prior approval from the Santa Clara County Superior Court Presiding Judge. The Steering Committee will strive to obtain all necessary approvals for teams to take team photographs inside the courthouse.

Rule 1.4(C). This rule is modified to add the following sentence -- "Coaches' edits and contributions do not constitute plagiarism."

Rule 3.8(G). The rule is modified to include "when attorneys read stipulations into the record" as conduct when the clock is not stopped.

Rule 3.8(J). The rule is modified to allow for "two-minute, one minute, and 30 second visual and verbal warnings."

Rule 5.3(A). Clerk and bailiff roles are not separately scored but scorers may consider their performance in determining overall team score.

Rule 5.4. Santa Clara County may use a 1 to 5 point scale if it is not feasible to convert the scoring program to a 1 to 10 point scale.

Rule 5.4(F). Add "materials" after "case."

Rules 5.5 and 5.6. The Power Pairing Memo replaces these rules for purposes of the Santa Clara County High School Mock Trial Tournament.