

Santa Clara County's Modifications to the CRF 2019-20 Team Rulebook

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The Santa Clara County High School Mock Trial Tournament Steering Committee adopts the CRF 2019-20 Team Rulebook with the following modifications:

Rules concerning mandatory point deductions: The CRF 2019-19 Team Rulebook specifies a number of mandatory point deductions. As in the past, Santa Clara County adopts the mandatory point deductions set for in Rule 3.4 G and H for failing to begin a direct or cross examination within the allotted time. However, to encourage professionalism and good sportsmanship, and to discourage overzealous allegations of rule violations, the other specified point deductions are not mandatory. **The presiding judge has the discretion to determine whether a violation occurred and to direct the scoring attorneys to use their own discretion to determine individually how many points (if any) to take off their score sheet.** The decisions made by the presiding judge and the scoring attorneys will be final. The Tournament Administrators, County Coordinator, and the Steering Committee shall not consider any appeals regarding any rule violations or point deductions.

Rule 1.2(E). Add "See Santa Clara County Professionalism and Good Sportsmanship Recommendations" 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). Add at end of first sentence "with COE provided rosters." Delete second sentence and replace with "Schools will provide rosters with information on which roles and assignments the students perform. The schools may add student photos to the roster."

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(F). 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). Please note that clerks and bailiffs will be scored as per the CRF rules.

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.