

JOURNALISM CONTEST

Official Rules

1. All contestants must be affiliated with a participating Stanislaus County Mock Trial team and enrolled at the team's school.
2. All participants must sign a code of ethics promising to work independently on the contest entry.
3. All participants must sign a release form authorizing the publication or reprinting of their Journalism Contest submissions for educational purposes. No financial compensation will be awarded.
4. Contestants may only watch and report on their team's trials.
5. All contestants must write their articles based on their team's **Round 1 trial**.
6. When attending Round 1 of the Stanislaus County Mock Trial Competition, all contestants must wear a "Press Badge," as provided by Mock Trial Staff at check-in.
7. During the trials, all contestants must sit in the audience away from witnesses.
8. Please introduce yourself to the scorers (they will be sitting in the jury box) and the presider (she/he will be sitting on the bench).
9. Once you are seated, you **MAY NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH ANYONE FROM YOUR SCHOOL** (parents, teachers, or fellow students). You must draft your article completely independently.
10. All entries must be completed and **received by Friday, February 7, 2020, 5:00 PM**. Articles may be delivered (attention to Cheryl Goulart) by email to cgoulart@stancoe.org, by fax to 238-4277, or hand delivered to the Stanislaus County Office of Education, 1100 H Street, Modesto, 2nd floor Superintendent's Office.