

Stanislaus County Mock Trial 2022 – 2023 Rules of Competition

Event Dates

- Trial I – Thursday, February 2, 2023
- Trial II - Tuesday, February 7, 2023
- Trial III - Thursday, February 9, 2023
- Trial IV – Thursday, February 16, 2023
- Semi Finals (top 4 teams), Championship Round (top two teams) - Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023

All teams will compete in 4 Rounds/Trials. One side (defense or prosecution) participate in each round. The top four teams will compete in the Semifinals Round. The two top teams will compete in the Championship Round.

Matching (Trial Boards):

Team matching for trials will be randomly determined based on a drawing conducted in December for Rounds 1-4. The matchups for Rounds 1-4 of the competition are as follows:

Note: Trial Boards may change if a team is added or deleted. If there is an uneven number of teams, there will be a “wild card slot” filled by a team with enough students to field another team (team will be scored, but not counted) OR all bye teams will go to Round 5

BASED ON 12 TEAMS											
Round 1			Round 2			Round 3			Round 4		
Pros.	V	Def.	Pros.	V	Def.	Pros.	V	Def.	Pros.	V	Def.
Team A		Team G	Team G		Team B	Team A		Team E	Team E		Team B
Team B		Team H	Team H		Team C	Team B		Team F	Team F		Team C
Team C		Team J	Team J		Team D	Team C		Team G	Team G		Team D
Team D		Team K	Team K		Team E	Team D		Team H	Team H		Team L
Team E		Team L	Team L		Team F	Team L		Team J	Team J		Team M
Team F		Team M	Team M		Team A	Team M		Team K	Team K		Team A
BASED ON 10 TEAMS											
Team A		Team F	Team F		Team B	Team A		Team D	Team D		Team B
Team B		Team G	Team G		Team C	Team B		Team E	Team E		Team C
Team C		Team H	Team H		Team D	Team C		Team F	Team F		Team J
Team D		Team J	Team J		Team E	Team J		Team G	Team G		Team K
Team E		Team K	Team K		Team A	Team K		Team H	Team H		Team A
BASED ON 8 TEAMS											
Team A		Team E	Team E		Team B	Team A		Team C	Team C		Team B
Team B		Team F	Team F		Team C	Team B		Team D	Team D		Team A
Team C		Team G	Team G		Team D	Team G		Team E	Team E		Team H
Team D		Team H	Team H		Team A	Team H		Team F	Team F		Team G
BASED ON 6 TEAMS											
Team A		Team D	Team D		Team B	Team A		Team C	Team C		Team B
Team B		Team E	Team E		Team C	Team E		Team D	Team F		Team E
Team C		Team F	Team F		Team A	Team B		Team F	Team D		Team A

Scoring & Ranking:

Students are rated using a 1-10 scale. Team rankings are based on the win-loss and percentage system (Power Score) in effort to eliminate the artificial highs and lows inherent in any numeric scoring system. Power Scores will be calculated as follows:

- Determine the total number of points awarded to each team
- Divide this figure by the total amount of points awarded in the trial

Example: Scoring Attorney A has the prosecution winning 185 to 175 (defense) and Scoring Attorney B has the prosecution winning 182 to 180 (defense). Prosecution total amount of points is 367 (185 +182) and total amount of points for Defense is 355 (175+180). The two amounts will then be added to determine the total amount of points awarded for the trial (367 prosecution score + 355 Defense Score = 722). The team's "Power Score" will then be calculated by dividing the total team points by the total amount of points awarded in the trial. The prosecution's "Power Score" is $367/722$ for 50.8%. The defense's "Power Score" is $355/722$ for 49.2%.

A team's "Power Score" from each trial are added together to form the team's "Cumulative Power Score."

The procedure for ranking is as follows:

- Teams shall be ranked on the basis of their win/loss record
- When two or more teams have the same record, their ranking shall be determined by the "Cumulative Power Score"
- Ranking by win-loss record and "Cumulative Power Score" ensures that teams who won their matches by substantial margins are ranked higher than teams with an identical record who only won their matches by a few points

Semifinals Round:

The Semifinals Round will include the top four teams based on win/loss record and "Cumulative Power Score" (if there is a tie) received from Trials 1, 2, 3, & 4. The two top ranked teams will decide which side will represent their team (prosecution or defense) in the Semifinals Round. It does not matter if the teams have already faced one another. Points are not carried over from previous rounds.

Semifinal Round matching:

Top Ranked Team #1	V	Top Ranked Team #4
Top Ranked Team #2	V	Top Ranked Team #3

Championship Round:

The Championship Round will include the top two teams based on win/loss received from Semifinals Round. The top ranked team (based on points from Semifinals) will decide which side will represent their team (prosecution or defense) in the Championship Round. It does not matter if the two teams have already faced one another. Points are not carried over from previous rounds.

The winning team in the Championship Round represents Stanislaus County at the California State Mock Trial Finals.

Number of Teams Allowed

Up to two teams per school are allowed to participate. Each team are separate competitors and team members **must remain on the designated registered team**, no substitution between the two teams. Multiple teams from schools will be identified by a color (example: Enochs Gold and Enochs

Black). Same school teams may go against each other in the preliminary rounds (trials 1-4). However, only one team (top scoring) can advance to the Semifinals Round. Second team will need to register separately and pay a registration fee. No intentional scouting is allowed.

Miscellaneous

Every effort will be made to provide at least two scoring attorneys in each courtroom in each trial.

“No-show” registered teams forfeit the trial. The opposing team receives an average of points received in the three other trials and will receive a win OR a team with enough students will fill the slot (this team will be scored but not counted).

Recording and/or pictures during trials will not be allowed unless prior approval has been obtained from the Event Coordinator.

Any issues or allegations that arise during competition will be reviewed and responded to by the Mock Trial event committee.

During trials Teams will be identified by team code and not by school name. If for some reason the school name of a team becomes known during the trial, the trial will proceed with no penalty. It is up to the coaches to honor this rule.