

MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2019–20 YEAR

- Teacher and attorney coach orientations Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019
- Latest drop out date to avoid penalty Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019
- Preliminary rounds begin Week of Jan. 20, 2020
(No trials will be scheduled on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 20.)
- Snow make up trials Week of Feb. 10, 2020
- Winter break Week of Feb. 17, 2020
- Tiebreaker week/snow makeup trials Week of Feb. 24, 2020
- Regionals and Sweet Sixteen trials Sunday, March 1, 2020
(Snow date: Sunday, March 8, 2020)
- Elite 8 and Final 4 trials Week of March 9, 2020
- State championship Friday, March 20, 2020, 9:30 a.m.*

*New start time.

IMPORTANT DATE REQUESTS

Although Mock Trial Central makes every effort to accommodate scheduling requests, **we are asking this year that you please limit your days and/or dates to a minimum number.** Rule 12.5 states:

“Accommodations in the Mock Trial schedule will be considered for academic testing and/or religious reasons if the request is submitted before the deadline date provided on the registration form. Other requests for accommodations will be considered only for extraordinary circumstances. Please make sure that your team is available to commit to the entire Mock Trial competition.”

Note that trials may be scheduled on dates coinciding with the MCAS testing. Mock Trial Central does its best to avoid conflicts, but we have a limited number of dates to work with during the season.

If there are any important dates when your team will be unavailable to compete due to MCAS testing or other school-related conflicts, **list them below or send the list via email no later than Tuesday, Nov. 12, to mocktrial@massbar.org. Please review the above tournament schedule with your principal so you are in agreement with the time your team will need off to participate.**

Did you remember to:

- Have the registration form signed by the teacher coach and principal?
- Make your check payable to Massachusetts Bar Institute?
- Provide accounts payable information?
- Enclose the orientation sign-up sheet, mark the date in your calendar and mail all forms to the MBA no later than **Friday, Oct. 11.** (There will be NO further extensions.)

Mail forms and checks to:

Mock Trial Program, Massachusetts Bar Institute, 20 West St., Boston, MA 02111-1204

Once Mock Trial Central has processed your school’s registration form, an email will be sent to you with your logins and passwords.



MOCK TRIAL COACHES ORIENTATION SIGN-UP FORM

Note: Orientation is MANDATORY and is for teacher and attorney coaches ONLY.

The coaches orientation, attended by the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) Mock Trial Committee members, is an opportunity for teachers and attorneys to receive a brief overview of this year’s case, hear an explanation of the applicable law, ask questions about team composition, judging, etc.

This year, the Mock Trial Program will offer coaches three ways to attend the orientation:

- 1) **In person, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, at the MBA, 20 West St., Boston.**
Check-in: 5:30 p.m. Start time: promptly at 6 p.m.
- 2) **View the real-time Webcast via MBA On Demand, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, at 6 p.m.**
- 3) **Watch the video at your convenience following the live Webcast via MBA On Demand (available from Nov. 1–15).**

**NOTE: STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION
IN PERSON, WATCH THE VIDEO LIVE OR VIEW IT LATER.**

Check off your choice below:

- I will attend the **Boston Orientation in person on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.** (Space is limited — RSVP soon.)
You will receive one case packet of materials at the event.
- I will participate in the **real-time Webcast via MBA On Demand on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.**
You will receive email instructions and access to the case materials prior to the Oct. 29 orientation.
- I will watch the **video via MBA On Demand, available from Nov. 1–15.**
You will receive email instructions when the video and case materials are available online.

Attendee name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____



**2020 HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT
PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE FORM**

This signed photograph and video release form signifies that the Massachusetts Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Institute and Mock Trial Program have been given permission to use any photographs and/or videos taken during the Statewide Competition, including the Mock Trial Finals and the National Competition, for educational and/or promotional materials and publications, both in print and online. All photographs and/or videos used will be portrayed in a positive manner.

Each team member and coach (attorney and teacher) must complete and sign the form in advance of the first scheduled trial in January. **Teacher/attorney coaches are required to hold on to all signed photo and release forms, and will provide said forms when requested to do so by Mock Trial Central.** Teacher coaches will attest to following through with this process at the time of completing the registration form for the upcoming tournament.

Team members under the age of 18 must also have the form signed by a parent or guardian.

I give permission for photographs and videos taken during the 2020 Mock Trial Competition, including the Mock Trial Finals and the National Competition, to be used for educational and/or promotional purposes. By signing this form, I understand that I am waiving any rights of compensation or ownership to any photographs and/or videos.

DATE: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

FOR STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18:

DATE: _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

REMINDER:

All teacher/attorney coaches are required to hold on to all signed photo and video release forms, and will provide them to Mock Trial Central when requested.