



## Code of Conduct

A mission of the Missouri High School Mock Trial Program is to promote an understanding and appreciation of the American judicial system through academic competitions for students. Therefore, these rules will be followed by all team members, timekeepers, coaches, and teachers:

1. The illegal use of alcohol, drugs or any other illegal activity is forbidden during the course of the Missouri High School Mock Trial Program.
2. No one associated with the team is allowed to enter any courtroom in which his/her team is not competing (unless all teams from that school are no longer competing in a given year), except for teachers, parents, and coaches who are evaluating a trial at the request of the state or regional coordinator as applicable.
3. All attendees must comport themselves with professionalism and decorum at the courthouse, both inside the courtrooms and in common areas. No food, gum, candy, or drink (except bottled water) are allowed in the courtrooms. Attendees must not go to parts of the building that are not designated as part of the Program.
4. It is expected that all attendees will respect their surroundings at the courthouse, including using proper receptacles for trash and leaving restrooms and common areas in good order. It is preferred that attendees not rearrange the furniture in courtrooms; however, if moving of chairs is necessary for the trial then they must be returned to their original position before attendees leave the courtroom. Do not use, move, or adjust any of the computer or audio-visual equipment. Do not disturb any papers that may be left out.
5. Team members promise to compete with the highest standards of sportsmanship and will all avoid tactics they know are wrong and in violation of the letter and spirit of the Local Rules.
6. Attendees will respect their fellow team members, coaches, teachers, opponents, judges, evaluators, staff, and volunteers. Displays of bad sportsmanship are prohibited.
7. The use of laptops or other electronic devices is prohibited, except cell phones may be used by timekeepers to keep time and other electronic devices may be used as specifically authorized in the case materials.