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TO: All Mock Trial Participants, Coaches, Advisors, and District Coordinators

FROM: Troy S. Weston, Mock Trial Chair

RE: Time Limitations on Opening Statements & Closing Arguments

DATE: February 2, 2013

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It has come to the attention of the mock trial committee that there is an inconsistency between the Rules of the 2013 Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition (hereinafter, "Rule Packet") and the information contained on the "Structure of Competition Rounds" webpage (hereinafter, "Webpage") as to the time allotted for teams to give opening statements and closing arguments. Rule 12 indicates that 5 minutes should be allotted for openings and closings, whereas the Webpage states that only 4 minutes shall be allotted.

As a general matter, unless otherwise expressly denoted by the mock trial committee, the rules contained in the Rule Packet are the official governing rules of the competition.

It was the specific intent of the mock trial committee to allot an additional minute for opening statements and closing arguments. Thus, Rule 12 accurately reflects the intended text of the rules. Any contrary information is incorrect.

END OF MEMORANDUM

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