

## Commonly Used Evidentiary Objections

1. **Relevance:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. This testimony is not relevant to the facts of this case. I move that it be stricken from the record,” or “Objection, Your Honor. Counsel’s question calls for irrelevant testimony.”
2. **Foundation:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. There is a lack of foundation.”
3. **Personal Knowledge:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. The witness has no personal knowledge to answer that question.” Or  
“Objection, Your Honor. I move that the witness’s testimony about \_\_\_ be stricken from the record because the witness has been shown not to have personal knowledge of the matter.”
4. **Character:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. Character is not an issue here,” or “Objection, Your Honor. The question calls for inadmissible character evidence.”
5. **Opinion:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. The question calls for inadmissible opinion testimony (or inadmissible speculation) on the part of the witness. I move that the testimony be stricken from the record.”
6. **Hearsay:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. Counsel’s question calls for hearsay,” or “Objection, Your Honor. This testimony is hearsay. I move that the testimony be stricken from the record.”
7. **Leading Question:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. Counsel is leading the witness.”
8. **Argumentative Question:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. Counsel is being argumentative.”
9. **Asked and Answered.**  
“Objection, Your Honor. This question has been asked and answered.”
10. **Compound Question:**  
“Objection, Your Honor, on the grounds that this is a compound question.”
11. **Narrative:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. Counsel's question calls for a narrative.”
12. **Non-responsive:**  
"Objection, Your Honor. The witness is being nonresponsive.”
13. **Outside the Scope of Cross:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. Counsel is asking the witness about matters that did not come up in cross examination.”
14. **Speculation:**  
“Objection, Your Honor. Counsel's question calls for the witness to speculate about the answer.”

**Teams are not precluded from raising additional objections that are available under the National High School Mock Trial Rules of Evidence.**