



Nevada Mock Trial Guidelines for Attorney and Teacher Coaches

1. Always remember this is an educational activity with the focus on student learning.
2. All speeches and questions should be written by the students. Guidance from coaches is strongly encouraged, but the actual product should be student generated.
3. Never should a coach or anyone affiliated with a team view another trial while their team is still in the competition.
4. Coaches should have no contact with their team once the trial begins. This includes during any breaks or recesses until the trial is completed. (See Rule 6.1)
5. Please remember these students depend on your help to be competitive. Please keep this commitment or let the Nevada High School Mock Trial Committee know if another teacher or attorney needs to be assigned.
6. Teacher coaches are responsible for all paperwork and obtaining all the signed permission slips before each competition. When the teacher signs the team in at the beginning of the tournament, he or she is assuring the tournament host that all the paperwork is accurate and complete.
7. Coaches are at all times role models for the students. The goal of the mock trial program should always be to create an experience of honesty and integrity from a fair competition.