

Mock Trial Constitution

GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL

Objectives

- To provide Grand Junction High School with hands-on law experience.
- To compete in Regional and State competitions at various locations.

Revisions

Approved: 24 August 2001

Revision I: 18 September 2001

Revision II: 19 April 2002

Revision III: 14 May 2002

Revision IV: 2 May 2004

Revision V: 13 January 2005

Revision VI: 30 March 2007

Requirements and Eligibility

1. Mock Trial is not a CHSAA program, and eligibility requirements may differ from other programs within the school because of this. In general, it should be expected that CHSAA standards would be the minimum requirements.
2. Placement on team is by team coaches.
 - An interview may be required for placement.

Lettering

Must meet all of the following numbered criteria for first letter awarded.

Lettering for additional years will be determined by the coach, and entail active participation.

1. Dues must be paid in full prior to competition.

Multiple year letters:

2. Compete in seven trials as a member of Grand Junction High School's Mock Trial Team
 - Trials may accumulate over multiple years
3. Accumulate two hundred and fifty scored points for the Grand Junction High School Mock Trial Team
 - Points may accumulate over multiple years
 - Witnesses shall have added to their score the difference from a perfect score of their cross-examining attorney
 - All scores for each trial are based on the scoring of three judges. In the event that two or fewer judges score a round, the scoring judges' average will be used as any missing scoring judges.
4. Ninety percent or higher attendance rate at coach's practices during season
5. Coach's Approval (may exclude previous criteria)

First year letter:

6. Compete in three trials as a member of Grand Junction High School's Mock Trial Team in first year.
7. Accumulate one hundred and fifty scored points for the Grand Junction High School Mock Trial Team
 - Witnesses shall have added to their score the difference from a perfect score of their cross-examining attorney
 - All scores for each trial are based on the scoring of three judges. In the event that a round is scored by two or fewer judges, the scoring judges' average will be used as any missing scoring judges.
8. Ninety percent or higher attendance rate at coach's practices during season
9. Coach's Approval (may exclude previous criteria)

Team Rules

1. Grand Junction High School Mock Trial follows all State and National Mock Trial rules and guidelines.
2. All school policies stand in Mock Trial.
3. Constitution may be amended at any time by a majority of three fourths of the team and the Board.
 - A. Votes shall only be counted for members present at the meeting where the vote is conducted.
 - B. Votes to amend the constitution will be cast by secret ballot.

4. Expulsion of board officials
 - A. A three-fourths majority of members is required to remove any board officials.
 - B. Votes to expel any board official will be cast by secret ballot.
 - C. Three unexcused absences results in a vote, to expel that member, by the board.
 - D. Continually unfulfilling his/her role results in a vote, to expel that member, by the board
5. Members must develop trial materials in conjunction with their team.
6. Attorney coaches shall be considered as representation of the head coach in relevant matters. Attorney coaches shall be treated with respect by team members; this includes attending practices that they are volunteering to assist with, listening to their professional expertise, and displaying gratitude.
7. Membership in Mock Trial will be contingent on payment of team dues. Dues will be determined on a yearly basis.

Leadership Roles

Leadership roles are as follows:

Board Members: A three person board shall be elected by the team body after the conclusion of the competition season. The board may or may not elect a President of the organization from elected members only. Only board members may vote for President, and all board members must cast a vote or express their desire to abstain. Each board member shall be given fair opportunity to cast their vote, and failure to do so may be cause for dismissal from the board. Board membership shall entail current membership within the organization. The board shall be responsible to conduct all team meetings, recruiting efforts, bingo sessions, and other team activities. Practices will remain the domain of the coach.

Rules Regarding Leadership Roles

1. The members of the Board have the authority and right to set up sub-committees at any time, including, but not limited to, fund raising and publicity.
2. All team members are eligible to run for leadership roles that are based on election. Team members and coaches may only nominate team members that will be enrolled at GJHS, and desire the nomination. Voting will take place by way of Secret Ballot following the conclusion of the competitive season. Announcement of the nominating and voting meetings will be communicated to all team members by the current board, posted in the coach's office.
3. Leadership roles in the board are held for a one-year term beginning at the start of the academic year.
4. All club expenditures shall require the approval of the Mock Trial Team President and coach, by signature.
5. Board officials must participate in all of team fund-raisers.
6. The board may create award categories for outstanding members, which have their own requirements, which may be different than lettering requirements. The categories may be created at any time during the academic year; however, voting for these positions may only be done after the end of the competitive season.
 - A. Votes for awards will be cast by secret ballot
 - B. These awards may be awarded by the board, coach, or team.
 - All actions taken by Mock Trial must be with the consent of the coach.
 - The school principal reserves the right to alter, delete, add, or interpret, this document at any time, in accordance with the school constitution.

Changes

30 March 2007: Disband five elected and delegated positions in favor of a three person board. The board will have the option of electing a president.