

re: Mock Trial

Congratulations! You have been accepted to be a part of the WHS Mock Trial Team!
Welcome!

We will have a lot of fun with this. It is a great opportunity to hone your speaking skills and learn more about our legal system. It is also an opportunity to form friendships and have some fun.

Please keep in mind, however, that what we are doing is a competition. As much fun as I hope we all have, we have to remember that we will be going head-to-head with other schools in our area. In order to do well, we need to work with a healthy dose of seriousness. Take the role you have chosen and learn it well. Know that this is a team effort and each person plays a vital role in the successes of the team. Yes, have fun, but also dedicate yourself wholly to your role and the performance of the team.

On that note, I will establish some clear guidelines that you must agree to in order to be a part of the team.

1. Behavior Rule: You are representing WHS. The Mock Trial team will be interacting with lawyers and judges from our community. These are professionals. You are required to act in accordance with the highest social and academic standards. These translates to appropriate dress, appropriate politeness, appropriate mannerisms, and appropriate respect. Failure to act in accordance with these standards may result in you being asked to relinquish your role.
2. Attendance Rule: Every team member must participate in all competitions. It is also expected that each team member will attend all practices. If you must miss a practice, you must present a valid reason to Coach Robinson in advance. If you miss more than two practices, you may be asked to relinquish your role to another team member. Missing competitions is not an option because there are no back-ups for the roles each team member must play.
3. Preparedness Rule: As a team member, we depend on you learning your part well. We also require you to listen to the advice given by our attorney coaches and coach Robinson. In addition, we expect you to plan ahead for our practices and show up on time. Dates and times of these practices are posted weeks in advance. Plan ahead. If you repeatedly attend practices unprepared, or are repeatedly late, you may be asked to relinquish your role.

I agree to the rules as stated above. I will put forth my best efforts to make the team as strong as possible.

Your signature

Printed Name

Date

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