



Contra Costa County 2024 Mock Trial Rules for Courtroom Journalists

- You must be affiliated with a participating Contra Costa County Mock Trial team and enrolled at the team's school. You are considered to be a team member.
- You may only watch and report on your own team's trials during the preliminary rounds.
- Once seated, you may not have any contact with anyone from your school.
- You will have until 5 p.m. on the day following the trial to complete your article and email it to the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE).
- You must write the article completely by yourself.
- Articles are limited to 500 words. Use of dictionaries, thesauruses and spell checkers are permitted.
- Contestants may refer to the Mock Trial case materials, the Journalism Contest rules, and the judging criteria during the contest.
- Two winners of the journalism contest will be eligible to participate in the journalism contest at the state Mock Trial competition if their school is registered with the state.
- Awards for the Journalism Contest are independent of the CCC Mock Trial competition; an individual may win a journalism award regardless of their Mock Trial team's ranking.

The CCCOE is located at 77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California 94523
Send e-mails to communications@cccoe.k12.ca.us

Registration and Release

Student _____ School _____

I have read the above rules. As a condition of participation, I agree to follow these rules. I also understand that CCCOE reserves the right to exhibit selected entries for no compensation, in various formats, including but not limited to reproduction in Mock Trial materials, publication on the Internet and in the newspaper, and in public media.

Student Signature _____ Student Email _____

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Parent Signature _____



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