



ORANGE COUNTY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION SCORING EVALUATION TIPS

- Read the Competition rulebook carefully the following sections apply specifically to point deductions during the competition:

Section IV. C. No objections are allowed during PRETRIAL ARGUMENTS. Points may be deducted for objections made during pretrial arguments.

Section IV. F. Except for the pretrial motion and motions introducing exhibits provided, *ALL MOTIONS ARE PROHIBITED*. If a motion is made, **TWO POINTS** will *AUTOMATICALLY* be deducted from the team's performance score.

Section V. D. Once the trial has begun, there will be **NO SPECTATOR CONTACT** with the student team members...There will be an **AUTOMATIC deduction of FIVE POINTS PER SCORESHEET** if the Judge finds that this rule has been violated **or** if such conduct is *OBSERVED* by *MOCK TRIAL STAFF*.

Section V. G. All witnesses must be called. If the direct examination team runs out of time without calling one or more witnesses, the cross-examination team will be **AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED FIVE POINTS** for each witness not called and the direct examination team will **AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A SCORE OF ZERO** for the witness performance and the direct examination for each witness not called.

Section V. H. If the prosecution team fails to bring physical evidence to court, it may be reflected in the team performance/participation. Evidence should not be altered in any way. Permanently defacing an exhibit is not permitted. The use of electronic or light projected aids is prohibited.

Section V. J. Points may be deducted for objections made by the wrong attorney.

Section V. M. Points may be deducted for objections made during opening statements and closing arguments.

Section VIII. A. The baliff **MUST HAVE** a copy of the rules of competition for reference. Unless a specific point deduction for a particular infraction is provided in these rules, each scorer will determine the appropriate amount of deduction individually.

Section XI. A. If the presider determines there has been an unreasonable running of time, the witness may be admonished by the presider and the presider may direct the scorer's to **DEDUCT ONE POINT** from the offending witness's score.

PLEASE READ THE EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING CRITERIA SEGMENTS ALSO PROVIDED IN THE COMPETITION RULEBOOK FOR ADDITIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOCK TRIAL SCORING PROCESS.