

## **State Competition Information**

Congratulations on advancing to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE) Mock Trial State Competition. We look forward to welcoming you and your team to Columbus Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> for the State Championships!

Please carefully review the following information prior to the competition, which may also be accessed via the OCLRE website on the Statewide Competition tab.

### **Hotel Accommodations**

OCLRE has arranged for a block of rooms at two nearby hotels. Both hotels are walking distance to the Franklin County Courthouse and Statehouse where the competition is being held. ***Teams wishing to book at the group rate must reserve by the deadline indicated below.***

- The Sheraton Columbus Downtown
  - ***Reserve by Thursday, February 21, 2019***
  - Room rate per night of \$136
  - To book a room at the group rate, please call 614-365-4500 and mention OCLRE Mock Trial.
  
- The Westin Columbus Block
  - ***Reserve by Friday, February 22, 2019***
  - There are no double beds remaining, only single queen beds
  - Room rate per night of \$149
  - You can book the group rate by visiting the Westin group website at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1809070533&key=2BB84A0A>

### **Competition Logistics**

On Thursday and Friday, March 7-8, the state competition will be held at the Franklin County **Courthouse** (373 S High St, Columbus, OH 43215). On Saturday, March 9, the final round will be held at the Ohio Statehouse (1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH 43215) in the Senate Finance Hearing Room.

**\*\*All teams and guests must enter the courthouse through the pavilion entrance at the corner of High St. and Mound St.\*\***

**\*\*Backpacks are not permitted at the Ohio Statehouse\*\***

No meals will be provided for students during the competition. There are several nearby restaurants. You may want to consider bringing lunch and dinner with you. Space to sit and eat is available in the cafeteria.

***Food and beverages (other than water bottles with caps) are strictly prohibited inside Meeting Room A and all courtrooms.***

## **COMPETITION SCHEDULE:**

*Please note, the schedule has **changed from past years**. Please review this schedule carefully prior to competition.*

### **Thursday, March 7 – Franklin County Courthouse**

#### **Trial I**

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Team check-in – outside Meeting Room A
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Welcome announcements; receive courtroom assignments
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Trial I

#### **Trial II**

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Receive courtroom assignments - Meeting Room A
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Trial II
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Scores tallied, advancing teams announced

NOTE: The announcement of advancing teams (teams undefeated after Trial I and Trial II) to Trial III will occur following the conclusion of the second trial. This may affect your hotel reservations; please plan accordingly.

**\*\* Enter through the pavilion entrance at the corner of High St. and Mound St.\*\***

### **Friday, March 8 – Franklin County Courthouse**

#### **\*\*Play-in Round (if necessary)\*\***

*In the event that more than 8 teams advance, a play-in round will be held to determine the top 8 teams. See page 13 of the case file for a breakdown of the “play-in” structure.*

9:00 a.m.	Team check-in, receive courtroom assignments – Meeting Room A
9:45 – 11:45 p.m.	Play-in Round <i>IF NEEDED</i>
11:45 – 12:15 p.m.	Scores tallied, advancing teams announced

#### **Trial III**

12:30 p.m.	OCLRE draws pairings live and dismisses teams to courtrooms
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Trial III
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Scores tallied, advancing teams announced

#### **Trial IV**

3:30 p.m.	OCLRE draws pairings live and dismisses teams to courtrooms
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Trial IV
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Scores tallied, advancing teams announced

### **Saturday, March 9 - Ohio Statehouse**

#### **Trial VI**

8:30 a.m.	Team Check-in (Senate Finance Hearing Room)
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	State Championship Trial; Winner Announced

**\*\*Backpacks are prohibited in the Ohio Statehouse.\*\***

## **TEAM CHECK-IN**

All teams competing at the State Competition must check in at the OCLRE registration desk between 12:00 – 12:30 on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to arriving for the competition, teams should eat lunch. There are several restaurants nearby, or teams can bring food and eat in the Courthouse Cafeteria. Trials will begin promptly as soon as all judges have arrived and have completed training.

- The desk will be located outside of Meeting Room A in the PFM Hall. Follow signs from the pavilion entrance.
- Registration will not open until 12:00, no early check-in.
- The team advisor or legal advisor must check teams in (no parents, students, chaperones, etc.)
- Upon check-in, advisors will:
  - Verify that the roster is correct and is unchanged from the District Competition
  - Turn in any remaining photo release forms for students
  - Receive a team bag with a map, scoresheets, and final instructions.

Please bring the following to competition:

- 2 Stop watches – Cell phones may **not** be used in the courtroom to keep time.
- **Printed** Time cards
- Name tags for all students – please wear at all times so Security can identify participating students
- Photo Releases\* for each team member (available [here](#))

## **SECURITY**

All participants and spectators must pass through security before entering the courthouse. As there will be many people going through security, you must consolidate your items into bags or briefcases that can go through the scanner. Teams must stay together as they travel to and from courtrooms. Please remember that the court is open for regular business on these dates and all participants and visitors are advised to plan accordingly and to be respectful.

## **PARKING (Cars):**

Options include:

- Fulton Street Garage off E. Fulton, west of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Front Street Garage off Front Street, north of Fulton Street
- Columbus Commons Parking Garage, 55 E. Rich Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Additional information available [here](#).

**BUS PARKING:**

**If you will be using a bus, please inform Danielle Wilmot as soon as possible.**

There is no designated bus parking at the Franklin County Courthouse, but options include contacting your hotel or COSI ([www.cosi.org](http://www.cosi.org); 614-228-2674). Buses should plan on dropping students off and then parking. There is bus parking near the Statehouse on State Street and Broad Street. When parking near the Statehouse, the bus driver needs to stay clear of the COTA bus stops and the entrances and exits to the parking garages.

OCLRE looks forward to seeing you at the 2019 Ohio Mock Trial State Competition. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Danielle Wilmot at [dwilmot@ocltre.org](mailto:dwilmot@ocltre.org) or call 614-485-3507.