



2020 Ohio Mock Trial Rule Changes

- ❖ The Competition Committee added a process for advancement if no team wins both trials at Districts or Regionals. The process is the same at both levels of competition (pg.14).
- ❖ The rules regarding photography/videography during a trial have been updated to include live streaming. Any and all photography or videography must be agreed upon by **both** teams **and** the presiding judge (pg.17).
- ❖ The committee has updated the “Judging and Scoring Guidelines” (pg.17-19).
 - We clarified the procedure for determining the winner of the trial based on a two or three judge panel.
 - This change also accounts for a situation where there is a tie.
 - We have added a flow chart to explain the process.
 - We clarified the procedure for determining attorney and witness awards based on a two or three judge panel.
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- ❖ The Competition Committee has updated the requirements to serve on a judicial panel at the mock trial competition. Law students and paralegals are now permitted to serve as a mock trial judge. Law students and paralegals may **not** serve as the presiding judge.
- ❖ There is a new Simplified Rule of Evidence 603 regarding the use of outside research (pg. 32).
- ❖ We have updated the examples section of the rules.
 - There is now a specific section for Rules Unique to Mock Trial which includes invention of fact, fair extrapolation and outside research.