



# 2021 Code of Ethical Conduct Form

## INSTRUCTIONS

Complete and return this form to the Bar Foundation Office by September 17, 2021

## INFORMATION

### CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

The purpose of the Judge Lyle Strom High School Mock Trial Program is to deepen students' understanding and appreciation of the legal system through an experiential learning opportunity. A goal of the Mock Trial Program is to educate students through a respectful and civil competition. Other goals are to strengthen speaking, listening, reading and reasoning skills while promoting cooperation between educators and lawyers.

The Rules of the Competition (Rules), as well as proper rules of courthouse and courtroom decorum and security, must be followed. In the event of a Gross Rules violation, the Mock Trial Commission will be contacted to determine an appropriate remedy. The Nebraska State Bar Foundation Board of Directors created the Commission (see Rule 22).

Please follow a proper sense of fairness in the competition and understand that the Mock Trial Commission possesses the discretion to impose any appropriate sanctions. Sanctions can be imposed for any breaches of decorum that affect the conduct of a trial or which impugn the reputation or integrity of any team, school, participant, court officer, judge or the Mock Trial Program. The sanctions may include but are not limited to an adjustment of points, disqualification, immediate exclusion from the competition, and the forfeiture of all awards.

All teams are responsible for the conduct of persons associated with their team during the competition and shall follow the **Expectations** listed on page iiiii of the Case Materials. The team members, coaches and team supporters shall be bound by the CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT (CODE) at all times. Everyone shall exhibit and act with civility, professionalism, integrity, honesty, and good sportsmanship in victory and in defeat. Showing respect for team members, coaches, supporters, opponents, volunteer judges, and competition staff is expected.

Scouting of any competing team is prohibited by team members, teachers, attorneys, parents or observers. Sharing information about any previous trials with any other teams/schools at the regional or state competition is prohibited.

The principal, teacher coaches, attorney coaches, and team members are responsible for reading and understanding the Rules of the Competition and the CODE. The principal and coaches shall be responsible for educating team members and team supporters about the CODE and shall encourage compliance with it. All coaches are in positions of authority and should serve as positive role models for the students. Students shall not willfully violate the Rules.

If the Foundation has to move to a virtual competition, each team and every team member shall consent to the Bar Foundation recording each round.

Videotaping or audio recording at any trial is prohibited by team members, the teacher and attorney coaches or anyone else associated with a team.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team #1 or #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Coach and Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature and Date

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Lead Teacher Coach Signature and Date

**The Principal and Teacher Coach shall sign the Code of Ethical Conduct form.**

[This form is due by Wednesday, September 17th at 5:00 PM CT](#)