



WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

YMCA MOCK TRIAL PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of Washington YMCA Mock Trial Program is to develop within youth a dedication to the values of democracy, informed advocacy, and character development. With this purpose in mind, the following ground rules have been established. Your cooperation in acting within these ground rules is expected, and will help to ensure continuation of the privileges we enjoy in using courthouse and other facilities.

PROGRAM GROUND RULES

No alcohol. No drugs. No sexual activity. No smoking. No offensive language, dress, or behavior. No violent behavior. Any violation of this code of conduct may result in immediate expulsion from the program, and the violator will be sent home at his or her own expense.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS AT COMPETITIONS

1. All of your school's rules for field trips prevail.
2. Students must attend all district mock trial events unless excused by team advisor.
3. Students may not leave the facility where the competition is being held, without permission.
4. Students should not bring expensive items to the competition. YMCA cannot assume responsibility for personal items.
5. Students should place the highest value on excellent preparation and presentation and good sportsmanship, rather than on winning or losing the case or the competition. Students agree to exhibit the core values of the YMCA – honesty, caring, respect, responsibility, faith and fun.
6. Students agree to exhibit the highest standards of conduct and fair play, showing respect for all participants in the competition and other mock trial volunteers and personnel.
7. Students and advisors should dress in professional clothing that would be appropriate for a job interview or actual courtroom trial.
8. Students will not willfully participate in tactics known to be unfair, wrong, or in violation of the Mock Trial rules.

I agree to abide by the YMCA Mock Trial code of conduct. I understand that if I violate the rules, my parents and my school will be notified, and I may be sent home at my own expense.

Student Signature _____ Team _____
Date _____

Parent Signature _____
Date _____

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PHOTO & INFORMATION RELEASE

Permission is granted for photographs of my child taken during his/her participation in the Youth & Government program as well as his/her information (including but not limited to name, grade and school) to be used for purposes that may include publicity. Further, this information may be used without compensation.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____