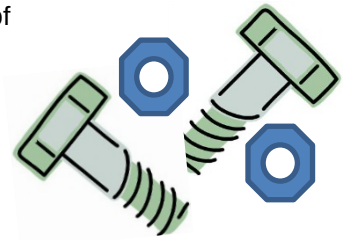
Quick Start: Nuts and Bolts



What is Mock Trial?
A pretend case performed by middle school or high school students playing roles of witnesses and attorneys.

How many students are on a team?
A team has 6 to 14 students, but could have more as alternates.

What do I do first?
Promote Mock Trial, recruit students, audition students, register a middle school team or register a high school team, obtain administration support, obtain additional coaches, attend the September Mock Trial training or watch free training videos online. New coaches may also coordinate with the state coordinator to observe a competition.

What do I do next?
Set practice schedule, schedule the middle school competition dates or the high school competition dates, and secure a practice room.

How often do teams practice?
Practice at least once a week.

What are the costs associated with Mock Trial?
The registration fee is $100, snacks for practices, travel / bus to competitions (if needed), copies of cases if students do not independently print their own copies.

Any suggestions on fundraising?
Selling candy or other products, car washes, school funds, charge each student a club fee, garage sales, or obtain local county bar support.

How is an audition done?
Give students a prior Middle School Mock Trial Case or a prior High School Mock Trial Case and have students prepare as attorneys and witnesses.

What rules are there?
There is a competition handbook with competition rules and rules of evidence that all teams must follow.

What paperwork is required by the SC Bar?
The team registration form, the Administration authorization form, the School Information Sheet, the Code of Ethical Conduct form, and the Team Roster. Click Here for Middle School Forms Click Here for High School Forms

What paperwork is required by my school?
A purchase order for the registration fee, permission slips for travel, any club paperwork, bus reservations, possible teacher substitute paperwork if the teacher needs to travel and/or compete on Friday.

How do I find an attorney coach?
To find an attorney, check with school PTA, team parents, school alumni, local county bar, and then SC Bar.

Where do I find additional resources or ask questions?
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