

Hong Kong Schools Mooting and Mock Trial Association
3rd Hong Kong Inter School Mock Trial Challenge
RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL

1. The Hong Kong Inter School Mock Trial Challenge (“**the Challenge**”) shall be run by the Hong Kong Schools Mooting and Mock Trial Association (“**Association**”), which the Association collectively shall have the power to:-
 - 1.1. Administer the Competition; and
 - 1.2. Amend these rules as it thinks fit.
2. There shall be TWELVE (12) teams. Participants can come from the same school and compete on behalf of their school, or from different schools and compete as a team. There shall be no more than FOUR (4) participants per team.
3. The Association will determine the mock trial problems to be used in the Competition. Any ambiguities or objections apparently arising out of the mock trial problem shall be brought to the attention of the Association within two (2) days of receipt of the problem by the participants. The Association shall have the power to resolve the matter in her absolute discretion.

II. PARTICULARS OF THE CHALLENGE

4. The Challenge shall comprise of FOUR (4) rounds. The Challenge will be held in the form of mock trial. The FOUR (4) teams with highest marks would compete in the Finals.
5. All competitors shall prepare for **both** the Prosecution and the Defence.
6. All competitors should dress in proper attire and shall observe court etiquette strictly. No competitors should wear a school uniform or anything that the identity of their school can be identified.
7. All schools/teams will be assigned with a team name. Under no circumstances should the teams reveal the identity of their school to the judges.

8. The Challenge shall be conducted according to the following rules:
 - 8.1. A magistracy mock trial problem shall be assigned and the Challenge shall be presided by a single judge sitting with (or without) silent juror(s). The Association has absolute discretion to appoint any person she deems appropriate to be the presiding magistrate and/or silent juror.
 - 8.2. The Defence is not allowed to plead guilty and/or request for a *voir dire*.
 - 8.3. The Prosecution Counsel will first open his case. No opening submissions are required and/or allowed. Prosecution is not required to read out the admitted facts.
 - 8.4. Prosecution shall call the witness in which the Prosecution Counsel will conduct examination-in-chief, followed by cross examination by the Defence Counsel and re-examination, if any, by the Prosecution Counsel.
 - 8.5. After the Prosecution case, the Defence counsel will open his case in the same manner. NO opening submissions are required and/or allowed.
 - 8.6. NO interim submissions are required and/or allowed.
 - 8.7. After the Defence case, the Prosecution and the Defence will deliver their closing submission respectively.
 - 8.8. Each side will be given a total of **20 minutes** to conduct their trial. Time for handling judicial intervention is **included**.
 - 8.9. Time shall be kept on a stopwatch by a representative sent by the competing teams respectively. An A4 card should be held up when he/she has:-
 - 8.9.1. 10 minutes left
 - 8.9.2. 5 minutes left
 - 8.9.3. 1 minute left
 - 8.9.4. to conclude their speech forthwith

9. Witness should be tendered in the following sequence:

PW: PC 2321 Shiu Sum Mong

Defendant: Ying Chor Yun

Each team shall produce a student to serve as witnesses.

10. Parties are ONLY allowed to rely on authorities provided in the “Authorities Bundle”. No one may submit extra authorities from Hong Kong, English, or any other common law and/or civil law jurisdictions.

11. The law of evidence and criminal procedure of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region applies in the trial.

III. PAIRING AND AWARDS

12. In each courtroom, FOUR (4) teams (1, 2, 3, 4) shall compete in front of the same combination of judges.

12.1. In each courtroom, two teams shall be allocated as the Prosecution (e.g. Team 1 and Team 3) and the Defence (e.g. Team 2 and Team 4) respectively.

12.2. In Round (A), Team 1 shall play as **counsel** for the Prosecution and Team 2 shall play as **counsel** for the Defence. One student for Team 3 shall act as the prosecution witness and one student for Team 4 shall act as the defendant.

12.3. In Round (B), Team 3 shall play as **counsel** for the Prosecution and Team 4 shall play as **counsel** for the Defence. One student for Team 1 shall act as the prosecution witness and one student for Team 2 shall act as the defendant.

13. Based on the performance of competitors, the following awards shall be given out:-

13.1. Overall Champion;

13.2. Overall 1st Runner-up;

13.3. Overall 2nd Runner-up;

- 13.4. THREE (3) Best Advocate(s);
- 13.5. THREE (3) Outstanding Advocate(s);
- 13.6. THREE (3) Best Witness(s); and
- 13.7. THREE (3) Outstanding Witness(s).

Chronology of Competition

Day 1: 3 April 2021 (Sat)	
0930 - 1200	Competition Round IA
	Competition Round IB
1200 - 1315	Lunch
1315 - 1545	Competition Round IIA
	Competition Round IIB
1600 - 1830	Competition Round IIIA
	Competition Round IIIB

Day 2: 5 April 2021 (Mon)	
1000 - 1230	Competition Round IVA
	Competition Round IVB
1230 - 1400	Lunch
1400 - 1630	Finals
1630 - 1730	Prize-Giving Ceremony

Procedure of a Criminal Trial

1. Prosecution asks that plea be taken from the Defendant
2. Prosecution to hand up the Admitted Facts to the Court (Reading of admitted facts is **not** required)

PROSECUTION WITNESS (PW)

3. Examination-in-Chief by Prosecution Counsel A
4. Cross-examination by Defence Counsel A
5. Re-Examination by Prosecution Counsel A (Optional)

DEFENDANT (D)

6. Examination-in-Chief by Defence Counsel B
7. Cross-Examination by Prosecution Counsel B
8. Re-Examination by Defence Counsel B (Optional)

CLOSING SUBMISSIONS

9. Prosecution Closing Submissions by Prosecution Counsel C
10. Defence Closing Submissions by Defence Counsel C