

What's **Different** with this Virtual Season?

This season's competitions will look and feel very similar to last season's virtual competition. Here's a summary of what's changed and what hasn't.

What's Different between This Season and Last?

- Regional Competition rounds are on-line, using Zoom. We're hoping later levels will be in-person (feel free to sign up!)
- Teams compete in geographic Regions.
- Attorneys will stand for all parts of their presentation.

What's the Same between This Season and Last?

- Students may not be in the same location; some at home, some at school.
- Scoresheets will be filled out and submitted online.
- The Outstanding Attorney and Witness process will be done by each Judging Panel member individually ranking the attorneys and witnesses and not a collaborative decision by the entire panel. An average of the Panel's rankings will be used to determine the final Awards.
- There will not be an opportunity for a critique after the trial. Due to the decentralized nature of the trial rounds, Evaluators will be completing their scoresheet on their own after the leave the Zoom meeting.
 - However, teams will receive any Evaluator comments provided on the scoresheet the next day, before their next Round.
- Exhibits will be shown on-screen during the admittance process, not just to the witness.

What Mock Trial Stuff Hasn't Changed?

- Each trial portion is timed: Opening/Closing = 5 minutes, Directs = 25 minutes, Crosses = 20 minutes.
- Each team fields three attorney and three witnesses.
- Witnesses will do their best impersonations of crazy characters.
- Unfair extrapolations are still against the Rules.
- Time sucking is still against the Rules.

Once the trial gets underway, it will feel like the mock trial round you're used to, just on TV.