

**NorCal Tournament 2021 – NORCAL XI
Scoring/Methodology & Tournament Resources**

VERSION: January 8th, 2020

Jan 8th Update:

- *Addition of Rule 9j, guidance for Spectators*
- *Modification to Rule 8g, eliminating the need for clerks/bailiffs to assist with ballots*
- *Modification to Rule 8c, instructing that judges are to perform the trial-round coin flip for pre-trial outcome*
- *Addition of Rule 9k, naming protocol for zoom rooms*
- *Removal of MVP Awards (certificates after each individual trial) for 2021*
- *Removal of GroupMe reference from 9h*
- *Fix to 9g to better reflect this year's "Zoom Monitor" approach*

January 3rd Update:

- *Clarified typos on 2020 v 2021 / Tenth vs Eleventh in Agenda*
- *Addition of Zoom Room Links (pg 20, also reflected on pages 12-15)*
- *Addition of Day 0 Agenda / Bios (pg 21)*
- *Removal of Clovis West; Addition of Gregori*
- *Addition of Rule 9i, banning defense openings at the beginning of defense case in chief*
- *Change to numerous individual award language, now requiring participation in all 5 rounds to be eligible for individual awards*

Initial Revisions from 2019-2020 Version for 2020:

- *Annual micro-revisions, and numerous small changes due to Online Competition*
- *Addition of prohibition against coaches making introductions (strengthening anonymity)*
- *Codenames for 2021*
- *Revised pre-seed / R1 / R2 pairing structure, including creation of a Challenge Order for 2021*
- *Omission of numerous rules due to the Online Nature for 2021 (referenced as omitted)*
- *Creation of new Online Rules Section of the rulebook (Chapter 9)*

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(1) Background & Overview

NorCal is a highly-selective invitational tournament, now in its 11th year. In the last four state finals, all eight state final round teams are ones that appeared at NorCal. Six of the 2019 State Top 8 were also NorCal attendees.

Five rounds for prosecution trial. Five rounds for defense trial. Five rounds for prosecution pre-trial. Five rounds for defense pre-trial. 120 trials, for 16 teams, in less than 36 hours. Rounds 1 & 2 by challenge. Power-matched brackets for Rounds 3, 4 & 5. Playoff rounds. Open tab. On-time schedule. Immediate results. Tons of awards, food, and fun.

The NorCal tournament uses a hybrid score system that combines pieces of the CRF system, while also adopting processes from the National High School Mock Trial Championship, the American Mock Trial Association (college mock trial), and other key tournaments. No side constraints means NorCal also relies heavily on head-to-head.

(2) Tournament Materials

2a. Version of Case:

We will use the latest version of CRF's People v Croddy case as of 1/5/20 at 7p PT. This is generally either the case with errata, or the consolidated version of the case.

2b. Material Prioritization:

This rulebook, and any/all published NorCal documents, shall supersede any documents from CRF.

2c. Other relevant materials:

So long as not they are not contradicted by this rulebook, students are free to use any statewide issued material from CRF (including, but not limited to the case, rules, errata, FAQ, guides and timesheets). No special "County-Specific" materials may be used or referenced. The Federal Rules of Evidence and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure do not apply as they are superseded by the CRF Material and Procedures.

(3) Pre-Seeding

3a. Suspension of Prior Rules

The historic pre-seed process has been suspended for the 2020-2021 Online Competition.

3b. Pre-Seed Groups

Two groups are declared based on 2020 NorCal Results. The Top 8 Teams from 2020 will receive a 'Group A' Designation. Those eight teams alphabetically are: Carmel, King, La Jolla, Menlo A, Prospect, Tamalpais A, Trinity A, Venture Academy. All other teams will receive a Group B designation.

3c. Round 1 Pairings

At the opening ceremony, Group A will be drawn at random, and in that order have the opportunity to challenge any of the Group B teams. They cannot challenge against their own school.

3d. Round 2 Pairings

The Group B teams will get to challenge against the Group A Teams, and do so in reverse order of how they were challenged (ie, the last challenged Group B Team will go select first). Choices must not repeat R1 match-ups, and teams cannot challenge against their own school.

(4) Tournament Progression and Match-Ups for Competition

Note: Pre-Trial follows the exact same structure as below, but with the higher ranked team going as prosecution in match A, and the higher ranked team goes as defense in match B. For more detail, see the agenda/matches.

4a. Prosecution and Defense

At NorCal, teams present prosecution and defense sides simultaneously. They are paired as a single unit.

4b. Round 1 and 2 Pairings (Each teams' Prosecution & Defense go simultaneously)

Bracket	R1 Seed	R1 Matches (A Challenge)	R2 Seed	R2 Matches (B Challenge)
Prelims	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B
Prelims	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B
Prelims	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B
Prelims	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B
Prelims	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B
Prelims	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B
Prelims	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B
Prelims	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B	#A v #B	Group A vs Group B

4c. Round 3 Match-Ups

After the first 2 rounds, the field will be divided into two brackets (using the overall results ranking methodology set forth later in this guide). The upper bracket of 8 teams will compete in a quarter-final round that is power-protect (#1 v. #8, #2 v. #7 etc...), while the lower bracket is power-matched high-high (#9 v. #10, #11 v. #12 etc...).

Bracket	R3
Quarterfinals	Rank #1 v. Rank #8
Quarterfinals	Rank #2 v. Rank #7
Quarterfinals	Rank #3 v. Rank #6
Quarterfinals	Rank #4 v. Rank #5
Lower Bracket	Rank #9 v. Rank #10
Lower Bracket	Rank #11 v. Rank #12
Lower Bracket	Rank #13 v. Rank #14
Lower Bracket	Rank #15 v. Rank #16

4d. Round 4 & 5 Match-Ups (Championship Bracket)

The head-to-head winners of R3 will move into a semi-final bracket, then be re-ranked by overall results and then paired #1 v. #4 and #2 v. #3 for R4. The head-to-head winners of Round 4 semi-finals will face each other in a R5 final round. The head-to-head losers of Round 4 semi-finals will face each other in a R5 Consolation round.

Bracket	R4
Championship	Semifinalist #1 v. Semifinalist #4
Championship	Semifinalist #2 v. Semifinalist #3

Bracket	R5
NorCal Champ	Finalist #1 v. Finalist #2
NorCal 3 rd PI	Consolation #1 v. Consolation #2

4e. Round 4 & 5 Match-Ups (Lower Bracket)

Following R3, all 12 of the teams not in the Championship Bracket will be placed in the lower bracket and re-ranked. The 12 teams in the lower bracket will then compete in 4-team groups, with the groups created based on high-high ranks (Ranks 5-8, Ranks 9-12 and Ranks 13-16).

Bracket	R4	R5
Lower Bracket - Group A	Rank #5 v. Rank #8	Rank #5 v. Rank #7
Lower Bracket - Group A	Rank #6 v. Rank #7	Rank #6 v. Rank #8
Lower Bracket - Group B	Rank #9 v. Rank #12	Rank #9 v. Rank #11
Lower Bracket - Group B	Rank #10 v. Rank #11	Rank #10 v. Rank #12
Lower Bracket - Group C	Rank #13 v. Rank #16	Rank #13 v. Rank #15
Lower Bracket - Group C	Rank #14 v. Rank #15	Rank #14 v. Rank #16

4f. Rankings within Brackets

As the tournament progresses, teams will be ranked field-wide and within brackets by most ballots won, then largest point differential, then total points. Head-to-head results determine the winner in quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. Quarterfinal qualification and Final Rankings are further expanded upon in this guide.

4g. Bracket/Matching Modifications

(4g.1) Matching Order: When matching, the tab director begins with the top ranked team in the top bracket, and pairs them against their opponent. This process continues through the top bracket until all teams are matched, and then pairing begins with the top ranked team in the next bracket. For rounds 4/5, the top ranked team is paired for Round 4, then Round 5, and then the next team is paired. For the purpose of pairing, R4/R5 “groups” are not individual brackets – the lower bracket includes all 12 teams.

(4g.2) Round 3 Conflicts: In the event of a rematch, pairings will be modified by the tab room. Same school matches are not a conflict in the upper bracket, but are a conflict in the lower bracket. Modifications will be achieved by moving the lower ranked, conflicted team down (within the same bracket) in the overall rankings until the conflict is resolved. If this does not solve the conflict, the team will be moved up (within the same bracket) in the overall rankings until the conflict is resolved. If this does not solve the conflict, the process will be repeated with the higher ranked conflicted team to achieve a conflict solution. If this does not solve the conflict, the process will be repeated with the other teams in the same bracket, beginning with the lowest ranked team, until there is no conflict. The priority is for the respective bracket (quarterfinal and lower brackets) teams to remain unchanged. Once a solution is found, pairing continues; new conflicts are handled as they arise with the same procedure.

(4g.3) Round 4/5 Lower Bracket Conflicts: The same process as the one described for R3 will be used.

(4g.4) Round 4/5 Semi-Final and Championship/Consolation Conflicts: In the event that two teams in the semi-final bracket have played each other before, then the bracket will be modified by re-ranking the teams following the same process outlined for R3 to avoid the immediate conflict. This may mean that the two conflicted teams rematch in the finals or consolation round, which is permitted for the championship/consolation bracket only, and only in Round 5.

(4g.5) Conflict History: The NorCal Tournament has historically not needed to go further than minor conflict resolution by moving a team up/down by one rank to get a resolution. Rules here are in effect only to provide guidance for unusual and rare matching scenarios.

4h. Tab Discretion

The tournament tab methodology is meant to provide guidance for nearly every circumstance. In the event that there is an apocalyptic tab event resulting in impermissible matches not resolvable by the above, the pairings will be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Director, notice of the situation will be provided to all teams impacted by the swap and ranking procedure may be altered accordingly.

4i. Quarterfinal Qualification

Rule 4f shall guide the rankings after Round 2 of the competition, with one exception: a head-to-head tiebreaker is used, if applicable, to determine which team qualifies into the Quarterfinal round. This tie-breaker comes after ballots won, and before point differential. This tie-breaker is not broadly applied to all rankings after Round 2, but only as a push factor, if applicable, to determine who qualifies for the quarterfinal field.

4j. Tiebreakers / Metrics Defined

(4j.1) Ballots: See Section 6 for how ballots are calculated.

(4j.2) Head-to-Head: Head to head winners are determined by ballots won, then point differential, then total points. HTH is only usable if all teams tied at a given ballot total have competed against one another.

(4j.3) Strength of Schedule: The combined ballot total of your opponents at the end of the competition.

(4j.4) Point Differential: The combined point difference of your trial and pre-trial teams.

(4j.5) Total Points: The combined point totals of your trial and pre-trial teams.

4k. Pre-Seed Poll Same School Modification

<Omitted for the 2021 Tournament>

(5) NorCal Tournament Awards & Scoring

5a. Awards Given

- Top 7 Teams (Pre-Trial & Trial from Both Sides, Combined)
- Top 3 Pre-Trial Prosecution Attorneys (and 2 Honorable Mentions)
- Top 3 Pre-Trial Defense Attorneys (and 2 Honorable Mentions)
- Top 5 Prosecution Trial Attorneys (with up to 10 Honorable Mentions across both sides)
- Top 5 Defense Trial Attorneys (with up to 10 Honorable Mentions across both sides)
- Top 3 for each witness role (and 10 Honorable Mentions)
- Top 3 clerks
- Top 3 bailiffs
- Coach Award
- Spirit Award
- *Outstanding Competitor Awards (Omitted for in 2021)*
- Journalist and Artist awards

5b. Trial Team Awards

First place goes to the winner of the Championship Trial. Second place goes to the other Championship finalist. Third place goes to the winner of the consolation round. Places 4-7 (and 8-16) follow a ranking structure determined by ballots, then head-to-head if applicable, then strength of schedule, then point-differential, then total points. This process means that 4th place does not automatically go to the 4th semi-finalist, though that is a potential outcome.

5c. Pre-Trial Attorney Awards (Prosecution and Defense)

Pre-trialers are ranked based on the average number of pre-trial ballots earned head-to-head each round, then average point differential earned over the course of 5 rounds. While teams may shuffle the individual presenting pre-trial arguments in any given trial, to be eligible for this award students must perform in all 5 trials on the same side. The top 3 pre-trialers for each side receive awards, and #4 and #5 receive honorable mentions.

5d. Trial Attorney Awards, Witness Awards, and Ensemble Awards

Each round, scorers will rank their "Top 4" attorneys and "Top 4" witnesses on their ballots – a ranking of 1st earns 5 points, 2nd earns 4, 3rd earns 3, and 4th earns 2. At the end of the tournament, all ranks are tallied and the Top 5 prosecution attorneys, Top 5 defense attorneys, and Top 3 witnesses by character will earn awards. The next 10 highest ranked attorneys and witnesses, regardless of side/role, receive honorable mention recognition. If teams rotate people in these roles, only students who compete in all 5 rounds in the same role shall be eligible.

5e. Clerk and Bailiff Awards

Clerks and Bailiffs are ranked based on point differential gained over one-another, as a total, over the course of 5 rounds. While teams may shuffle the individual performing these roles in any given trial, only students who compete in all 5 rounds as the bailiff or clerk shall be eligible. The top 3 clerks and bailiffs for each side receive awards.

5f. Coach Award

All 16 teams can nominate one coach for the coach award from their own team. The coach of the team who most outperforms their results from the prior year's results shall win this award. Ties shall be broken at the discretion of the Tournament Staff. A separate NorCal Honorary Award may be given as well by the tournament.

5g. Trial Team Spirit Award

Each team can submit 3 votes for the team that they feel is the most sportsmanlike. Teams must submit their ballot before the final Round 5 trial has begun; submissions after that are disregarded. The school with the most votes wins the award, and tie-breakers are determined at the discretion of tournament staff.

5h. Outstanding Competitor Awards

Omitted for 2021.

5i. Journalist and Artist Awards

Up to three awards will be given in each category, determined by the tournament host committee. Art submissions are to be provided to the tab room immediately after rounds 1, 2, and/or 3 (the best submission, as decided by evaluators, will count). Journalist submissions are to be submitted before the start of round 4 in print or email to thom.scher@gmail.com or to the tab room.

5j. Individual Award Tie Breakers:

Unless a tiebreaker is noted for the specific rule in an above section, Strength of Schedule (the number of ballots that a team's opposition has won over the course of the tournament) will break individual award tiebreakers for any students with equal ranking after 5 rounds. Further ties will not be broken, but rather given a "tie" for that respective category.

(6) Team Scoring

6a. Trial Scores:

Trial rounds will be scored out of 10 points per category (Open/Direct/Witness1-4/Direct1-4/Cross-1-4/Bailiff-Clerk/Teamwork). Closing is not double weighted, and Clerk/Bailiff are not half-weighted. A perfect trial score is 160 points.

6b. Pre-Trial Scores

Pre-Trial rounds will be scored out of 20 possible points on each ballot

- Strength of Legal Argument (5)
- Strength of Rebuttal (5)
- Strength of Question Responses (5)
- Strength of Overall Performance & Public Speaking (5)

6c. Ballots Calculations In Each Round

Trial Ballot #1 (160 pts possible) will be combined with Pre-Trial Ballot #1 (20 points possible), and the highest total will receive the ballot. A tie will result in a .5/.5 split of the ballot. The same process is repeated for Ballot #2, and for the other trial's 2 ballots involving the same team. A perfect ballot record in each trial is 4 ballots – a perfect tournament ballot record is 20 ballots. Any decimals/fractions are disregarded entirely in the tab process. Many pre-trial rounds will intentionally only have one ballot; that ballot is treated as both Pre-Trial Ballot #1 and #2.

(7) Scorers & Presiders

Scorers and presiders will be a mixture of mock trial alumni, parents, coaches, experienced presiders/scorers, members of the legal community, and to a lesser extent laypersons without mock experience. Efforts will be made to avoid conflicts in any given round. In the event that a round has two scorers and a presider, the presider will not be scoring; in the event that a round has one scorer and one presider, the presider will be scoring.

(8) Miscellaneous Rules

8a. Pre-Trial/Trial Combination & Timing: The scores from Pre-Trial Ballot #1 and Trial Ballot #1 will be combined to determine who won that ballot. Ballot #2, #3 and #4 (pre-trial and trial) will be combined in the same way. Pre-Trial is not a standalone competition, except for the purpose of individual award rankings. Rule 6C provides additional clarity should pre-trial rounds only have one ballot.

8b. Jury v. Bench Trial: While the CRF State Championships is a bench trial, many CA counties are now a jury trial; many other High School tournaments – Empire, Providence, Gladiator and Nationals – as well as college mock trial are all jury trials. If either team wants a jury trial, then both teams are to perform a jury trial. Only if both teams prefer a bench trial is the trial to be performed as bench trial; teams are to notify the judge in each round before the trial or during housekeeping matters of whether the trial is a jury or bench trial.

8c. Pre-Trial Outcome in Trial Rounds: The results of pre-trial, for the sake of every trial round, will be determined by a coin flip. Heads indicates that prosecution won the pre-trial motion; tails indicates that defense won the pre-trial motion. Judges are instructed to execute this coin flip.

8d. Presider Instructions: Presiders are given an in-round specific set of instructions, which are published to teams in advance of the tournament beginning. Presiders/Scorers also undergo a training before their first trial, and the PowerPoint for that training is made similarly available.

8e. Tab Room: The tab room is open to coaches during the tournament at all times, except from the time that the final Round 5 trial round begins. Summaries for each team (and individual ballots) are provided to all teams at the end of Day 2, at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. In general, teams seeking to find out if they have made semi-finals can wait and find out the results after round 3, though these rules only require the pairings be made available by Saturday night. Any errors, if caught in a timely fashion, will be corrected at the discretion of tab.

8f. Rosters: Teams shall be expected to pre-register with their roster for the 2021 competition. This roster will be circulated as needed to scorers on behalf of teams.

8g. Ballot Delivery: Ballots will be delivered prior to each round directly to scorers (virtually) and those ballots will be submitted virtually. No action by clerks/bailiffs is required.

8h. Pre-Trial Timing: Pre-trial at NorCal is not timed, and lots of questions are encouraged throughout arguments. Each match-up has a maximum length of 1 hour (including questions), and we recommend that scorers take 30-40 minutes for affirmative arguments, and 20-30 minutes for rebuttal arguments. Only the presider will be allowed to ask questions. Questions (like the round) are untimed. We encourage presiders to divide time equally.

8i. Specialty Modifications: Over the years, NorCal has seen various one-off modifications made by teams such as one attorney competing on a side, witnesses playing two roles on a side, trial attorneys doubling as witnesses, four trial attorneys on a given side etc... These modifications are allowed on a case-by-case basis. Please notify the Tournament Director in advance if you intend, or desire to do anything that would ordinarily be a violation of a the CRF rules. NorCal is meant to be fair and competitive, while also being a safe space to test out new things; the reality of so many rounds happening simultaneously is that we frequently allow slight modifications to CRF rules that we feel leave the tournament integrity intact.

8j. Doubling Modification: At NorCal, both trial sides compete simultaneously. As a result, students cannot have roles on both prosecution and defense at the same time unless approved under rule 8i of this document. Similarly, pre-trial competes at the same time as trial so students cannot be on pre-trial and trial teams in the same round. One pre-trial student can do both sides of pre-trial at the NorCal Tournament since the rounds are separated into A/B sessions.

8k. Scorer/Presider Conflicts: A judge shall not be assigned to a team in which they (1) indicated during registration that they are conflicted from, (2) judged on the same side of the case earlier in the tournament, (3) hold a current affiliation as a coach or family member, (4) hold a former relationship as a prior coach or competitor, or (5) feel they cannot be an impartial scorer. A scorer/presider is not conflicted under this rule if they recognize a team, have scored a team in another tournament, or know the team's coaches in a professional capacity.

8l. Team Challenges to Presiders/Scorers: Throughout the tournament, the Tab Room will make efforts to adjust scorers/presiders should potential conflicts arise. These adjustments are at the discretion of the Tab Room. If a team feels that there is a conflict, the Tab Room will assess on a case-by-case basis though will use Rule 8k as a guiding principle. For Championship Bracket Teams (Championship & Consolation Round 5 Matchups), it is customary to have a coach present in the Tab Room during assignments for those specific rooms; challenges raised during that period will be addressed immediately.

8m. Automatic Gladiator Bids For 2021, NorCal will continue its expanded number of automatic bids to Gladiator, the individual world championships, held via Zoom in July of 2021. The Top 5 Prosecution Trial Attorneys, and the Top 5 Defense Trial Attorneys will all be automatically accepted, so long as they apply by a deadline (to be set by Stand Up Mock Trial). Moreover, the #1 ranking prosecution and defense trial attorneys will receive a \$200 discount on registration fees should they attend. This rule in its entirety applies solely to students representing an 'A' Team; bids are non-transferrable; should a 'B' Team student rank in one of the aforementioned slots, no additional slots will be awarded automatic-entry.

8n. Auto-Penalties: While CRF has greatly expanded the quantity of auto-penalties as of recent seasons, such penalties will be off-limits for NorCal 2021. No team is to reference an auto-penalty in argument to judges or scorers. If a team is in violation of the NorCal 2021 rules (or the CRF rules when applicable), the opposing team may raise the issue in-round and seek an in-round remedy without referencing auto-penalties or, if necessary, to go to the Tab Room and seek an intervention by the Tournament Director.

8o. Anonymous Rounds + Codenames: Teams will compete anonymously, using the codename found later in this packet to identify themselves to those scoring the competition. Teams can identify their school to other competitors (any time) and scorers (after rounds) as they see fit. Teams should make an effort to avoid any identifiable items/clothing from themselves, their coaches, and their spectators. Rule 8k continues to govern conflicts, but this rule is meant to prevent otherwise avoidable identification of teams during competition. Coaches are further barred from introducing themselves during NorCal Competition.

8p. Case Specific Pronoun Issue:

<Omitted for 2020-2021 Season>

(9) Online Rules for 2020-2021

9a. CRF Rules: CRF's Virtual Competition Rules are in effect, though NorCal Rules continue to supersede CRF rules when/if contradictions occur

9b. Virtual and Physical Backgrounds: Teams may use backgrounds of any type as they see fit. Virtual backgrounds are subject to Invention rules, and may be objected against if they improperly advance case theory.

9c. Communication: Teams may communicate through whatever non-disruptive channels they wish, not only through Zoom Chat. All rostered members of a team may communicate (including those participating in that specific round, and those not participating in that specific round). No communication with a coach or spectator is permitted. We recognize that enforceability is challenging, and we ask everyone to operate with sportsmanship.

9d. Demonstratives: Teams are allowed to make use of virtual demonstratives in Openings and Closings only.

9e. Exhibit Screenshares: Teams are allowed to screenshare exhibits that have been admitted into evidence. Teams may also screenshare exhibits pre-admission for the judge, 'constructively outside the presence of the jury.'

9f. Multi-Person Zoom: Exams must be conducted over Zoom. Simply because two students either are or can be in the same place does not allow those students to conduct an exam with both students in the same Zoom camera frame. Functionally, a direct examination requires two separate zoom logins.

9g. Zoom Monitor: Each Zoom Room will be assigned a Courtroom Monitor who will help with maintaining smooth operations of the breakout trial rooms in that Zoom Room. The statements of the Monitor carry the weight of the Tournament Tabulation Director; though if there is disagreement over a Monitor Decision, those matters can be appealed to the Tabulation Director directly, if timely.

9h. Open Tab: The Tournament will endeavor to have an Open Tab Room for the 2021 Competition, with further instructions about how that will operate to be circulated separately before the competition alongside additional Zoom Room Guidance.

9i. Deferred Openings: Defense must give their opening at the beginning of the trial, following the Prosecution's Opening. Defense teams are prohibited from delivering an opening statement at the beginning of their case-in-chief.

9j. Spectators: Spectators are allowed in rounds, though they must remain anonymous and must have their cameras / microphones muted at all times. Zoom links are to remain confidential, but you can share with parents who specifically request. In addition, they should name themselves without team specification using "A1 – Spectator" nomenclature.

9k. Naming: Naming is to follow this system, in which A1 is the Zoom Room (A) and Breakout Room (1):

- A1 – P Opening Attorney (Liz Grant)
- A1 – P Clerk (Thom Scher)
- A1 – D-Marshak (Dan Devitt)
- A1 – P Pre-Trial Attorney (Ayesha Pasha)
- A1 – Spectator

9l. Video Recording: Prior to each round, a team member may request from a Zoom Monitor permission to record a round if the other team has agreed to such recording, and the request is done prior to the round beginning. The recording may only be used by the team for educational purposes, and may not be posted publicly in any way. Violation of this rule is grounds to be disinvited from all future NorCal Tournaments.

FAQ: NorCal 2021

Q: If we don't make the quarter or semi-finals, do we still have rounds 3/4/5?

A: Yes, you have 5 rounds no matter what. Playoff teams compete in a separate bracket, but all teams compete in all 5 rounds no matter what.

Q: What happens if our kids are normally on both sides?

A: At NorCal, both trial sides compete simultaneously – as a result, students cannot generally have roles on both prosecution and defense at the same time. Similarly, pre-trial competes at the same time as trial, so students cannot be on pre-trial and trial teams in the same trial. 1 pre-trial student could in theory do both sides (though it's a LOT of pre-trial), since the pre-trial rounds are separated into 1a and 1b halves. See Rules 8i and 8j for more information..

Q: Since our kids can't double, can we need to do something crazy like have a witness play 2 witness roles?

A: We prefer this to not happen, but understand that NorCal's format stretches a lot of teams' numbers. As a result, we approach rounds with flexibility. If your team needs to operate where an attorney does more than normal, or a witness does more than normal in any given trial round that is fine. We generally ask you to let us know in advance though, so that we can make teams/scorers aware. See Rules 8i and 8j for more information..

Q: How will I know which rooms my team (or my volunteers) are needed in?

A: For 2021, we will circulate Zoom Room Guidance to everyone in advance.

Q: When will we get our results from the tournament?

A: We announce individual awards and the top teams at the award ceremony. Instantly after the ceremony is over, everyone can pickup a packet with a copy of every ballot from all 5 trial and pre-trial rounds. We also include an overall tab summary for everyone, with team/individual results.

Q: Does the same student need to go in all 5 rounds in the same role?

A: Nope. We encourage teams to experiment however best suits their needs.

Q: If we don't have a clerk, what do we do?

A: We'd encourage you to have someone with another role (who is in that room) step-in. NorCal is a scored tournament, and the clerk gets a score. Not using a clerk means that you get a 0/10.

Q: Wait wait wait. 10 points or 5 points or...?

A: NorCal is out of 10 points per category, not 5 or 20, except pre-trial. It also is normally a jury trial. See Rule 8b for Jury Trial info, and Rule 6 for scoring info.

Eleventh Annual NorCal Mock Trial Invitational - Agenda

A Few Notes:

- Note 1: All times are subject to change.
- Note 2: Scorers/Presiders will participate in a minimum of one 30m orientation before their first scheduled round. Scorers/Presiders are either assigned 1 main trial match-up per round (2 hours), or 2 pre-trial match-ups per round (also 2 hours – for example, 1a and 1b). Orientations may be conducted online in advance.
- Note 4: Match-Ups for Rounds 1 & 2 will be released at the Opening Ceremony. Match-ups for Rounds 3, 4, and 5 will be posted as available.

Day 0: January 8th, 2021 (Saturday)

Time (PT)	Event	Location
5:00pm	Opening Ceremony (1 representative required)	Zoom Room A
6:00pm	Panel: College Mock + Skill Development	Zoom Room A
8:00pm	Coaches Pre-Tournament Happy Hour	Tab Zoom Room

Day 1: January 9th, 2021 (Saturday)

Time (PT)	Event	Location
8:45am	Rd 1 Check-In	Zoom Trial Rooms
9:15am	Round 1 (Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
9:15am	Round 1a (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
10:15am	Round 1b (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
11:30am	Rd 2 Check-In	Zoom Trial Rooms
11:45am	Round 2 (Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
11:45am	Round 2a (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
12:45pm	Round 2b (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
1:45pm	Lunch Break	On Your Own
3:15pm	Rd 3 Check-In	Zoom Trial Rooms
3:30pm	Round 3 (Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
3:30pm	Round 3a (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
4:30pm	Round 3b (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
~5:30pm	All Day 1 Trials Concluded	n/a
~8:00pm	Match-ups for Day 2 announced	Via Email / Tab

Day 2: January 10th, 2021 (Sunday)

Time (PT)	Event	Location
8:45am	R4 Check-In	Zoom Trial Rooms
9:15am	Round 4 (Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
9:15am	Round 4a (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
10:15am	Round 4b (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
11:45am	Rd 5 Check-In	Zoom Trial Rooms
12:00pm	Round 5 (Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
12:00pm	Round 5a (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
1:00pm	Round 5b (Pre-Trial) Begins	Zoom Breakouts
2:00pm	Lunch Break	On Your Own
~3:00pm	Award Ceremony	Zoom Room A

Round 1 Match Locations

Type	Round	Bracket	Room	Prosecution	Defense	Start Time
Trial	1.1a	Prelims	A1	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.1b	Prelims	A2	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.2a	Prelims	A3	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.2b	Prelims	A4	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.3a	Prelims	B1	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.3b	Prelims	B2	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.4a	Prelims	B3	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.4b	Prelims	B4	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.5a	Prelims	C1	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.5b	Prelims	C2	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.6a	Prelims	C3	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.6b	Prelims	C4	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.7a	Prelims	D1	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.7b	Prelims	D2	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.8a	Prelims	D3	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Trial	1.8b	Prelims	D4	TBD	TBD	9:15a

Type	Round	Bracket	Room	Prosecution	Defense	Start Time
Pre-Trial	1.1a	Prelims	P1	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Pre-Trial	1.1b	Prelims	P1	TBD	TBD	10:15a
Pre-Trial	1.2a	Prelims	P2	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Pre-Trial	1.2b	Prelims	P2	TBD	TBD	10:15a
Pre-Trial	1.3a	Prelims	P3	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Pre-Trial	1.3b	Prelims	P3	TBD	TBD	10:15a
Pre-Trial	1.4a	Prelims	P4	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Pre-Trial	1.4b	Prelims	P4	TBD	TBD	10:15a
Pre-Trial	1.5a	Prelims	P5	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Pre-Trial	1.5b	Prelims	P5	TBD	TBD	10:15a
Pre-Trial	1.6a	Prelims	P6	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Pre-Trial	1.6b	Prelims	P6	TBD	TBD	10:15a
Pre-Trial	1.7a	Prelims	P7	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Pre-Trial	1.7b	Prelims	P7	TBD	TBD	10:15a
Pre-Trial	1.8a	Prelims	P8	TBD	TBD	9:15a
Pre-Trial	1.8b	Prelims	P8	TBD	TBD	10:15a

Round 2 Match Locations

Type	Round	Bracket	Room	Prosecution	Defense	Start Time
Trial	2.1a	Prelims	A1	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.1b	Prelims	A2	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.2a	Prelims	A3	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.2b	Prelims	A4	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.3a	Prelims	B1	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.3b	Prelims	B2	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.4a	Prelims	B3	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.4b	Prelims	B4	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.5a	Prelims	C1	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.5b	Prelims	C2	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.6a	Prelims	C3	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.6b	Prelims	C4	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.7a	Prelims	D1	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.7b	Prelims	D2	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.8a	Prelims	D3	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Trial	2.8b	Prelims	D4	TBD	TBD	11:45a

Type	Round	Bracket	Room	Prosecution	Defense	Start Time
Pre-Trial	2.1a	Prelims	P1	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Pre-Trial	2.1b	Prelims	P1	TBD	TBD	12:45p
Pre-Trial	2.2a	Prelims	P2	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Pre-Trial	2.2b	Prelims	P2	TBD	TBD	12:45p
Pre-Trial	2.3a	Prelims	P3	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Pre-Trial	2.3b	Prelims	P3	TBD	TBD	12:45p
Pre-Trial	2.4a	Prelims	P4	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Pre-Trial	2.4b	Prelims	P4	TBD	TBD	12:45p
Pre-Trial	2.5a	Prelims	P5	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Pre-Trial	2.5b	Prelims	P5	TBD	TBD	12:45p
Pre-Trial	2.6a	Prelims	P6	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Pre-Trial	2.6b	Prelims	P6	TBD	TBD	12:45p
Pre-Trial	2.7a	Prelims	P7	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Pre-Trial	2.7b	Prelims	P7	TBD	TBD	12:45p
Pre-Trial	2.8a	Prelims	P8	TBD	TBD	11:45a
Pre-Trial	2.8b	Prelims	P8	TBD	TBD	12:45p

Round 3 Matches: TBA

These will be posted, and announced after R2.

Round 4 Matches: TBA

These will be posted, and sent out via email.

Round 5 Matches: TBA

These will be posted, and sent out via email.

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SCORER NAME: _____

Pre-Trial Score Sheet

Instructions:

- Write your name at the top of this sheet.
- Score each category as requested.
- The defense attorney will begin his/her motion, followed by the prosecution's arguments, followed by a rebuttal for each side.
- The judges are encouraged to ask questions; these questions do not impact a student's time limits.
- After the first pair of students competes, there will be a brief break and then a second pair of students will compete. For the second pair, please use a second score sheet.

Competitors:

<i>PROSECUTION</i>	<i>DEFENSE (goes 1st)</i>
	NAME:
NAME:	

Ballot:

Prosecution Scores	Category	Defense Scores (goes 1 st)
	Defense: Legal Arguments	____/5
	Defense: Rebuttal	____/5
	Defense: Response to Qs	____/5
	Defense: Overall Performance & Public Speaking	____/5
____/5	Prosecution: Legal Arguments	
____/5	Prosecution: Rebuttal	
____/5	Prosecution: Response to Qs	
____/5	Prosecution: Overall Performance & Public Speaking	

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Scorer Name: _____

SCORES PROSECUTION	CATEGORY	SCORES DEFENSE
___/10	Opening Statement	___/10
___/10	Prosecution Direct #1	___/10
	Defense Cross #1	
___/10	Prosecution Witness #1	
___/10	Prosecution Direct #2	___/10
	Defense Cross #2	
___/10	Prosecution Witness #2	
___/10	Prosecution Direct #3	___/10
	Defense Cross #3	
___/10	Prosecution Witness #3	
___/10	Prosecution Direct #4	___/10
	Defense Cross #4	
___/10	Prosecution Witness #4	
	Defense Direct #1	___/10
___/10	Prosecution Cross #1	___/10
	Defense Witness #1	
	Defense Direct #2	___/10
___/10	Prosecution Cross #2	___/10
	Defense Witness #2	
	Defense Direct #3	___/10
___/10	Prosecution Cross #3	___/10
	Defense Witness #3	
	Defense Direct #4	___/10
___/10	Prosecution Cross #4	___/10
	Defense Witness #4	
___/10	Closing Argument	___/10
___/10	Clerk / Bailiff	___/10
___/10	Teamwork	___/10

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PRE ___ SUB1 ___ SUB2 ___ PRE ___ SUB1 ___ SUB2 ___

TOTAL _____

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SCORER INSTRUCTIONS

- Write your name at the top.
- Score each category requested.
- After the end of trial, fill out spots 1-4 for the honorary awards in the boxes below.
- Make sure that this entire document is filled out.

HONORARY AWARDS: ATTORNEYS

(Rank the best 4 attorneys in this round, based on your own opinion. Circle "P" for Prosecution or "D" for Defense.)

	Name	P	D
1)	_____	P	D
2)	_____	P	D
3)	_____	P	D
4)	_____	P	D

HONORARY AWARDS: WITNESSES

(Rank the best 4 witnesses in this round, based on your own opinion. Specify the role that the student played as well.)

- Name: _____
Role: _____

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NorCal Historical Results

TEAM	Team Champion	Runner-Up	3rd Place
2011	Menlo	-	-
2012	Menlo	-	-
2013	Tamalpais	Menlo A	Elk Grove
2014	Tamalpais	Elk Grove	Trinity A
2015	Menlo A (18.5/20)	Tamalpais	Trinity A
2016	Tamalpais (18/20)	Dos Pueblos	Menlo A
2017	Trinity A (16/20)	Menlo A	Dos Pueblos
2018	Menlo A (18.5/20)	Trinity A	Tamalpais
2019	Menlo A (19/20)	King A	Tamalpais
2020	Menlo A (18/20)	Venture Academy	Tamalpais

ATTORNEY	Top Atty (P)	Team	Top Atty (D)	Team
2013	Miranda Drolet	Elk Grove	Sander Lutz	Tamalpais
2014	Kate Park	Menlo A	Christina Wadsworth	Menlo A
2015	Russell Wirth	Tamalpais	Maggie Miller	Dos Pueblos
2016	Hannah Chorley (48/50)	Tamalpais	Evan Lovell (45/50)	Elk Grove
2017	Mindy Morgan (46/50)	Carmel	Audrey Shepard (48/50)	Trinity A
2018	Audrey Shepard (48/50)	Trinity A	Makayla Conley (47/50)	Menlo A
2019	Emily Spears (50/50)	Tamalpais	Morgan Nash (44/50)	Trinity A
2020	Hana Curphey (49/50)	Tamalpais	Talia Beyer (45/50)	Tamalpais

PRE-TRIAL	Top Pre (P)	Team	Top Pre (D)	Team
2013	Allie Miller	Menlo A	Andy Parker	Menlo A
2014	Tyler Leitzel	Trinity A	Peter Swanson	Tamalpais
2015	Thomas Duncan	Moreau Catholic	Sam Allen	Tamalpais
2016	Tyler Leitzel	Trinity A	Rafael Saavedra	Dos Pueblos
2017	Christopher Myers	Elk Grove	Rafael Saavedra	Dos Pueblos
2018	Katherine Booska	Justin-Siena	Ashli Jain	Menlo A
2019	Tyler Armstrong	Carmel	Sarah Kinney	Venture Acad.
2020	Ethan Yan	Menlo A	Helen Barkley	Menlo B

WITNESS	Top Witness (Overall)	Team
2014	Carla Cardamone	Tamalpais
2015	Rachel Martinez	Clovis
2016	Ryan Spieler (39/50)	Elk Grove
2017	Natalia Cordon (41/50)	Menlo A
2018	Molly Sipes (35/50)	Dos Pueblos
2019	Mack Ford (43/50)	Tamalpais
2020	Emma McGaraghan (46/50)*	Menlo A

Coach of the Year:

2016: Chris Lagod (Menlo A)
 2017: David Vogelstein (Tamalpais)
 2018: Thom Scher (Menlo A)
 2019: Dan Taylor (Prospect)
 2020: La Jolla Country Day Coaching Staff

NorCal Honorary Award:

2020: Bill Schrier (Carmel)

Team Codenames

Per Rule 8o, all teams will compete anonymously under a codename.

Knowledge of who a team is does not constitute a judging conflict (under Rule 8k), though codenames are meant to prevent otherwise avoidable identification.

The below are the assigned codenames for each team.

Group	SCHOOL	CODENAME
A	Carmel	Hawking
B	Dos Pueblos	Barbarella
B	Gregori	Metroid
A	King	Kubrick
A	La Jolla	Sagan
A	Menlo A	Vader
B	Menlo B	Skywalker
B	Moreau Catholic	Martian
A	Prospect	Asimov
B	Sac Day	Kepler
B	Shasta	Roswell
A	Tamalpais A	Jupiter
B	Tamalpais B	Europa
A	Trinity A	Graff
B	Trinity B	Ender
A	Venture Academy	Alien

ZOOM LINKS

Please keep zoom room links confidential to your team and coaches. Do not share broadly. Trials are not open to spectators unaffiliated with teams competing in a given round.

Zoom Rooms	Zoom Link + Details
Zoom A A1/A2/A3/A4	https://stanford.zoom.us/j/94707881576?pwd=SExtaEFraXFMRDA5YUwvZ1cyaVVCZz09 Meeting ID: 947-0788-1576 Password 569996
Zoom B B1/B2/B3/B4	https://stanford.zoom.us/j/93161790620?pwd=OGxUGJRemd2MXhzOFYwRUxpWTBHUT09 Meeting ID: 931-6179-0620 Password 162582
Zoom C C1/C2/C3/C4	https://stanford.zoom.us/j/99625186260?pwd=NGFZaDBRSTRcCkHkbnhTazUrWmJhdz09 Meeting ID: 996-2518-6260 Password 387239
Zoom D D1/D2/D3/D4	https://stanford.zoom.us/j/95555334789?pwd=WU51dUuzY3pOT0Fsdk5ZY1FOUmpjUT09 Meeting ID: 955-5533-4789 Password 344388
Pre-Trial P1-P8	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89782451275?pwd=Y21ENGJRc1NPTmoxMDQ4N0RISUZ0dz09 Meeting ID: 897-8245-1275 Password G0Knights!
Tab	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88055471950?pwd=c0FEeUVzZWRtQ1JldGJQS2ZVZUdlldz09 Meeting ID: 880-5547-1950 Password 851128
Opening	https://stanford.zoom.us/j/94707881576?pwd=SExtaEFraXFMRDA5YUwvZ1cyaVVCZz09 Meeting ID: 947-0788-1576 Password 569996
Friday Panel	https://stanford.zoom.us/j/94707881576?pwd=SExtaEFraXFMRDA5YUwvZ1cyaVVCZz09 Meeting ID: 947-0788-1576 Password 569996
Happy Hour	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88055471950?pwd=c0FEeUVzZWRtQ1JldGJQS2ZVZUdlldz09 Meeting ID: 880-5547-1950 Password 851128
Closing	https://stanford.zoom.us/j/94707881576?pwd=SExtaEFraXFMRDA5YUwvZ1cyaVVCZz09 Meeting ID: 947-0788-1576 Password 569996

NorCal 2021 – Day 0 Rundown

OPENING CEREMONY

Friday | January 8th, 2021 | 5pm – 6pm PT | Zoom Room A

Welcome Remarks, Logistics, Special Guest Speaker, R1/R2 Challenge, and Q&A

- Dan Devitt, Menlo School Teacher Coach
- Thom Scher, Stanford Mock Trial Head Coach
- Ayesha Pasha, Stanford Mock Trial President
- Elizabeth Grant, Stanford Mock Trial Vice President
- Brandon Harper, Guest Speaker

Brandon is currently President of the American Mock Trial Association and serves as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Brandon is a former collegiate competitor and collegiate coach.

PANEL: COLLEGE MOCK TRIAL + COMPETITIVE PERSPECTIVES

Friday | January 8th, 2021 | 6pm – 7pm PT | Zoom Room A

This panel will discuss the transition from high school to college mock trial, provide insights about the college mock trial system, and offer perspectives on competitive success in the activity.

	<p>Moderator: Thom Scher Thom is the Head Coach for Stanford Mock Trial, where his team has qualified for the Collegiate National Championship every year of his tenure. After competing in both high school and college, Thom spent 10 years coaching for Menlo School, where his students won multiple national titles. He serves on American Mock Trial Association Board of Directors. When not coaching SMT, he is the CEO of Beyond Type 1.</p>
	<p>Panelist: Ryanne Bamieh Ryanne is currently a 1L at Yale Law. Ryanne competed in high school for La Reina (Ventura County, CA); La Reina made the State Championship Final Round all 4 years she was on the team, winning 3. She also won Empire NY twice, and competed in the National Championship Trial. At the collegiate level, Ryanne was President of Stanford Mock Trial, qualified for Nationals all 4 years, and earned All-American honors.</p>
	<p>Panelist: Josie Bianchi Josie currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff to Condoleeza Rice, and as an assistant coach for the Stanford team. She was a high school competitor for St. Francis (Santa Clara County, CA), and then a Stanford competitor where in her Senior season she was a top finisher at the 2020 Trial By Combat Individual Championships. Outside of mock trial, Josie is also a former Jeopardy competitor.</p>
	<p>Panelist: Delaney Gold-Diamond Delaney is currently a 3L at UCLA Law, where she competes for Justin Bernstein’s top-ranked trial advocacy team. Delaney competed for Sonoma High (Sonoma County, CA) in high school (and won a NorCal attorney award), before competing for the University of Chicago in college. In law school, she’s won numerous titles, and recently closed for UCLA’s winning Tournament of Champions team.</p>
	<p>Panelist: Toby Heytens Toby is the Solicitor General of Virginia, the Coach for University of Virginia’s Mock Trial Program, and a member of the AMTA Board of Directors. Competitively, Toby has won 3 national titles as UVA’s coach, and UVA has been ranked in the Top 10 every year since the modern ranking system launched in 2013. Toby was recognized in 2020 with the AMTA Neal Smith Award for his commitment to education.</p>

COACHES HAPPY HOUR

Friday | January 8th, 2021 | 8pm – 9pm PT | Tab Zoom Room