

Anne Arundel County Mock Trial Rules 2004 Season

1. A team's standing at the end of the regular season is determined their win-loss record. It was agreed to by all that a no-show, or forfeit would count as a loss.
2. The coach from the winning team will be responsible for gathering completed point sheets and sending them to Lisa Kissinger within 24 hours of the match.
3. Local playoffs will be the week of March 15th 22-25, 2004*. The schedule committee will build in one week of make ups (~~tentatively the week of March 8th~~ the week of March 15-18, 2004*) to accommodate weather cancellations.
4. To determine the # 1 and #2 teams that represent Anne Arundel County against Howard County: If there is an undefeated team at the end of the regular season that team is awarded the #1 position in Anne Arundel County.
5. If there is an undefeated team, to identify the 2nd team that represents Anne Arundel County: The team ranked #2 at the end of the regular season, competes against team ranked #4, teams ranked #3 and 5 compete against each other. The winners of those two matches compete to identify the 2nd team to represent AA Co.
6. With no team undefeated at the end of the regular season, the #1 and #2 positions are awarded through a playoff.
7. At the end of the regular season, the team ranked #1 by wins-loss standing competes against Team ranked #3, Team #2 competes against Team #4.
8. The winners of those two matches become the Anne Arundel County winners, and those two teams advance to compete against the winner of the Howard County local competition to determine the Circuit winner (Circuit 5).
9. If there is a tie to identify the #1-4 ranked teams (by standings), the standings will also be calculated based on the average points earned/match record.
10. There will be three scorers of the playoffs. One judge will preside and two scorers will observe. These observers can be attorneys, judges, law students, clerks. The three judges will confer at the end of the match and declare the winner.
11. Time-keeping in the county playoffs will be assigned to one or both of the tie-breaker judge observers.
12. If a team does not attend a match (forfeits) during the regular season or the playoffs, the match is counted as a "loss" for the team. The match will not be made up. Coaches are required to notify teacher coaches if you are not going to show for a match.

Advisers are also required to contact Fran Czajka to let her know if you will not be attending the match so she can contact the volunteer judges in advance.

13. Scrimmages are unofficial matches between teams before the regular season begins. No standings will be taken from scrimmages.

14. All-Star Attorney & Witness – Anne Arundel County will only recognize one all-star attorney and witness from each school at the end of the season reception– not one each from prosecution/plaintiff and defense. Schools can choose to recognize additional students if desired. Teams will be invited to attend a reception in April which will be held at the Board of Education.

15. Mock Trial teams need to remain academically eligible throughout the season. It is the teacher coach/advisor's responsibility to monitor this.

16. Permission slips allowing students to travel in carpools, signed by parents, need to be kept in each AACPS high school's main office throughout the entire season. Please check with your administrator to use the most recent version of the AACPS permission slip.

17. To establish the Anne Arundel County Regular Season Schedule, we all agreed that:

A. Each team should compete once a week. Byes will be necessary with an odd number of teams. Make ups caused by weather or unforeseen events at the courthouse requiring a cancellation of the match will be held. Schedulers will try to make the week of March 8 a make up week. Can we book courtrooms Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday? Our back up plan could include one Saturday make up if necessary in order to insure as many competitions as possible before the regular season ends.

B. Run a draw to determine the matches each week.

C. The scheduling committee will develop the schedule the final roster of AA Co teams is determined. The scheduling committee will be Mark House and Marla Zide, (YWCA) and Fran Czajka, Bar Assn. Lisa Kissinger will notify Mark and Marla on Nov 7 with the # of teams that have registered. The schedule will be published by Nov 14.

Rules agreed to on October 30, 2003 by: Lisa Kissinger, District Coordinator; Mark House (NCHS), Matt Hall (Arundel HS), Leslie Stefany (AHS), Cathy Hammond (AHS), Marla Zide YWCA (AHS), Fran Czajka (Bar Assn), Clarence Riggs (Glen Burnie), Josh Cartwright (Broadneck), Jay Gallagher (BHS), Lee Mallory (CHS), Abbie Moses (BHS), Todd Smith (Southern), Michelle Clare (OMHS), Joann Best (SPHS).

*Schedule revised to accommodate final examinations. December 12, 2003.

Lisa Kissinger