

ISBA MOCK TRIAL TIME SHEET - REVISED TO REFLECT TIME BLOCKS

Each trial must be limited to one hour. We have listed below a breakdown of how the trial should proceed. Violations of these time limitations may cause a deduction in scoring.

STOP TIMING ONLY FOR: WITNESSES BEING SWORN, OBJECTIONS, JUDGE'S RULINGS ON OBJECTIONS, BENCH CONFERENCES, IF ANY, OR IF TOLD TO STOP BY THE JUDGE.

EVALUATOR: _____

SCHOOL NAMES: _____ Plaintiff
_____ Defendant

P Opening Statement (3 minutes) _____
D Opening Statement (3 minutes) _____

P - Case in Chief

P Direct Examination of both witnesses (including optional re-direct) - 15 mins _____
D Cross Examination of both witnesses (including optional re-cross) - 11 mins _____

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Closings

P Closing Arguments (including optional rebuttal) - 5 minutes _____
D Closing Arguments - 4 minutes _____

Prosecution/Plaintiff gives opening statement first. Prosecution/Plaintiff gives closing argument first; the Prosecution/Plaintiff may reserve a portion of its closing for a rebuttal. The Prosecution/Plaintiff's rebuttal is limited to the scope of the Defense's closing argument. Attorneys are not required to use the entire time allotted to each part of the trial. Time remaining in one part of the trial may not be transferred to another part of the trial.

Round off times to the nearest one half minute:
Examples: 3 minutes, 10 seconds = 3 minutes
4 minutes, 15 seconds = 4 1/2 minutes
2 minutes, 45 seconds = 3 minutes

AT THE CLOSE OF THE TRIAL, TIMEKEEPERS WILL SUBMIT THE TIME SHEET TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE WHO WILL SHARE IT WITH THE EVALUATORS.