

GHSMT Rules of the Competition
Rule 1.2 Code of Conduct
ADDENDUM
CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

The GHSMT Committee possesses discretion to impose sanctions, up to and including forfeiture or disqualification, for any misconduct or violation of the Code of Ethical Conduct occurring while a team is present to participate at any of the GHSMT competitions.

1. The Rules of the Competition and this Code of Ethical Conduct will be followed by all participants in the GHSMT Competition. Coaches will discourage willful violations of the letter and the spirit of the Rules of this Code.
2. The use of alcohol, drugs and weapons is forbidden at all competition sites and at all GHSMT sponsored events.
3. Team members, coaches and other observers promise to participate in all events associated with the GHSMT Competition with the highest standards of professional behavior showing respect for their fellow team members, opponents, coaches, judging panel, staff, volunteers, and all other persons before, during, and after the matches.
4. The GHSMT Competition is designed for teams to behave themselves as professionals in and out of the courtroom. Team members, coaches and visitors must follow appropriate courtroom and courthouse decorum at all times, both inside and outside the courtroom. Please also *see* **Notes for School Teams**.
5. Displays of bad sportsmanship at any time during the competition, including any additional GHSMT events are prohibited. Whether winning or losing, team members, coaches and all visitors are expected to be gracious and supportive of other teams.
6. No team member, coach, or visitor associated with your team may view another team competing outside of your round.
7. It is expected that teams and their team members respect their surroundings; follow all published courthouse regulations; use appropriate receptacles for all trash; leave restrooms and all other court and common areas of all venues in good order; and, otherwise behave as young professionals.
8. All students listed on the Team Roster Form (*Rule 2.6*) are registered at the same school or otherwise noted if students from other schools are joining the registered school team.
9. All GHSMT participants (students, teacher coaches, and attorney coaches) agree to the following Mock Trial Oath:

I will maintain the respect and courtesy due to courts of justice, judicial officers, and those who assist them. To opposing parties, counsel, and witnesses, I pledge fairness, integrity, and civility, not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications. I will employ for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me only such means as are consistent with trust and honor and the principles of professionalism, and will never seek to mislead an opposing party, the judge, or jury. And, I will maintain the dignity of the legal system and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged.