



## 2025 – 2026 Competition Schedule

### September 5, 2025 – Registration Opens

Register your teams, including courtroom artists, early at <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete> to have a better chance of securing your first choice of site assignments. If your school has multiple teams, and you do not want them to compete against each other at Regionals, select different site preferences for each team.

### September 5, 2025 – Case Release Date

The competition case will be published at <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete/case-materials/>.

### October and November 2025 – Teacher/Team Training Resources

A Teacher's Resource Manual, student handouts, and other training materials are available at <http://ncmocktrial.org/resources/training-materials>. Recordings of skills seminars designed to teach students about key elements of mock trial can be found at <https://ncmocktrial.org/resources/educational-materials/>.

### October 31, 2025 – Final Registration Deadline

Registration Forms (<https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>) must be received by October 31.

### October 31, 2025 – Final Registration Fee Deadline

All fees must be received by October 31. Payment is accepted via PayPal or check. Details and payment link are here: <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>. Registration fees are \$400 per team and \$35 per artist.

### December 5, 2025 – Team List and Release Deadline

Team Lists, and individually signed Student Releases are due. Find them here: <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>.

### December 19, 2025 – Withdrawal Deadline

If your team must withdraw from the competition, contact the Program Administrator in writing, at [admin@ncmocktrial.org](mailto:admin@ncmocktrial.org), no later than December 19, to receive a full refund of registration fees. Requests to withdraw received after that deadline will result in forfeiture of fees and possible additional penalties (See Competition Rule 1.8), due to the significant disruption caused by late withdrawals.

### January 9, 2026 – Regional Site Assignments Posted

Check our website for details at <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>.

### January 9, 2026 – Team Roster Deadline

Team Rosters are due. (<https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>)

## **February 7, 2026 – Regional Competitions**

Mock trial teams and courtroom artists compete at regional sites throughout North Carolina including Fayetteville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greenville, Hendersonville, Hickory, High Point, Hillsborough, Lincolnton, Raleigh Campbell, Raleigh Courthouse, and Wilmington. All materials and program information can be found at <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>. (Teams will be responsible for bringing Bailiff/Timekeeping Sheets and Dispute Forms to the competition.)

Teams at all sites will compete in two rounds of competition and will try both sides of the case. The top two teams will compete in a final round, with the winner advancing to State Finals. Regional courtroom artist winners will be invited to compete at State Finals.

## **February 13, 2026 – Widenhouse/Britton Scholarship & Award Application Deadline**

Find details at <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>.

## **February 13, 2026 – Schmidly Coaching Award Nomination Deadline**

Find details at <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>.

## **March 13 – 14, 2026 – State Finals at Campbell Law School in Raleigh**

The Regional champions, at-large teams, and courtroom artist winners will all meet in Raleigh to compete. All materials and program information can be found at <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete>. (Teams will be responsible for bringing Bailiff/Timekeeping Sheets and Dispute Forms to the competition.)

On Friday, March 13, all teams will arrive in Raleigh for registration, Round I, and the Widenhouse/Britton Award reception.

On Saturday, March 14, all teams will participate in two rounds of competition. The two top-ranking teams will then compete in a final round. The State Champion will earn the right to represent North Carolina at the **National High School Mock Trial Championship Competition in Des Moines, Iowa from May 7 – 9, 2026.**