

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION
Trial Sequence and Time Limits

1.	Plaintiff's Opening Statement:	5 minutes
2.	Defendant's Opening Statement:	5 minutes
3.	<u>Plaintiff's Direct/Re-direct</u> Witness #1 Witness #2 Witness #3	25 minutes total
	<u>Defendant's Cross/Re-cross</u> Witness #1 (P) Witness #2 (P) Witness #3 (P)	20 minutes total
4.	<u>Defendant's Direct/Re-direct</u> Witness #1 Witness #2 Witness #3	25 minutes total
	<u>Plaintiff's Cross/Re-cross</u> Witness #1 (D) Witness #2 (D) Witness #3 (D)	20 minutes total
	<i>(Optional 1-minute pause before Closing-called by presiding judge)</i>	No Recess
5.	Plaintiff's Closing Argument (including rebuttal):	5 minutes
6.	Defendant's Closing Argument:	5 minutes
	Rebuttal <i>(Plaintiff only)</i>	
	TOTAL TIME:	110 minutes

1. **STOP** timing during objections and responses to objections.
2. **DO NOT** stop timing during the admission of evidence, unless there is an objection by opposing counsel.
3. **TIME CARDS** should be visible to all mock trial attorneys and to the presiding judge.
4. **TIME EXTENSIONS** may be granted, in the interest of fairness, at the discretion of the presiding judge.