SECOND UPDATE MEMORANDUM
2022 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational

Mercer v. Smartt Forensics, Inc.

2/17/2022

Question No. 1. The seven competing for one side rule does NOT include the timekeeper, correct? It includes the attorneys and witnesses for the round[.]

Answer: Because a team’s timekeeper may be one of the team’s alternates, the timekeeper does not have to be one of the seven maximum team members on the Trial Roster for that trial round, as long as the timekeeper is listed on the team’s Official Team Roster.

Please see the Mock Trial Handbook Section VII (A), page 7, which reads, in part:

“Each Illinois high school may enter one team consisting of a total of ten (10) students. No more than seven (7) may participate in each trial, with up to three (3) alternates who may participate if one of the seven participants is unable to do so. Alternate team members and timekeepers are included in the maximum ten (10) students that may be listed on the team’s official roster.”

Further, please see the Handbook, Section X (B), on page 31, which reads, in part:

“Student timekeepers may be alternate team members, but timekeepers must be one of the ten (10) students on the Official Team Roster submitted to the Coordinator.”

Question No. 2. What is the minimum number of team members allowed to participate in the ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational?

Answer: As stated at page 7 of the Handbook, Sections VII.A. and VII.E., a team must have a minimum of five participants (three as attorneys and two as witnesses) to participate in the Invitational, and a team that drops below five participants during the event may continue to participate if it does not disadvantage the other team, but will not be eligible to compete in the final trial rounds of the Invitational.

Question No. 3. To clarify based on the first update, should it be assumed based on the age differences that Corey Martinez is the 18-year-old camper referred to [by] Hayden Dench?

Answer: The problem will stand as written.