

SECOND UPDATE MEMORANDUM
2026 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational

River Knox v. Lincoln Adventure Co., LLC

2/18/2026

Question No. 1. In Jordan Gale's affidavit it says that River Knox is male. Does River Know have to be male or is the affidavit incorrect?

Answer: This is an inadvertent typo. All characters that are listed as witnesses are intended to be gender neutral and can be played by any gender.

Question No. 2. We are going to have five students on our roster, and don't have anyone else able to participate as a timekeeper. Can one of our team members also participate as a timekeeper, as I know the minimum roster size is five?

Answer: When teams have only five students (the minimum required to participate), such that each student has a role to play in the trial, there is not a student consistently available throughout the trial to be the team's timekeeper. In this situation, one timekeeper may be used, if both sides agree prior to trial, meaning that the other team's timekeeper would be the only timekeeper for the trial and would keep time for both teams. *See Handbook of Rules and Procedures, Section XXIII, B, p. 21.* While the other team is not required by the Rules to agree to a shared timekeeper, teams should remember that professionalism and good sportsmanship are important components of the ISBA Mock Trial program and are noted by judges and evaluators.

Question No. 3. In exhibit 5 (the Forest Service Clearance Report), under "Trail Surface Conditions," the report states that "Additional volunteer spotters or course marshals are recommended to monitor the passage of participants". Then, under "Clearance Decision," the report states that "Trail conditions require caution and additional volunteer support in the talus scramble zone". Is the contradiction between these two statements accidental or purposeful?

Answer: The problem will stand as written.

Question No. 4. College mock trial and some other state high school tournaments have started using the Mock Timer app for timekeeping. It auto populates with the time limits and makes it very easy on the timekeepers. Are we allowed to use this app?

Answer: No, teams must use the stopwatches provided by the ISBA. *See Handbook of Rules and Procedures, Section X, N, p. 11 and Section XXIII, A, p. 21.*