



2026-2027 Important Dates & Deadlines - work in progress

August 24, 2026 – School Registration Opens

September 4, 2026 – Case Brief Released (Link posted on CRF-OC website)

September 10, 2026

- Case materials available to **registered** schools at **4:30 pm**. Teachers must sign in to the CRF-OC website with the username and password issued in their registration confirmation email.
- Student Registration Opens

September 25, 2026 – School Registration Deadline

September 29, 2026

- Mandatory Coaches' Meeting at the Orange County Bar Association @ 5:30 pm
Live Drawing of Prosecution and Defense Assignments for Rounds 1 & 2

October 9, 2026 – Registration Deadline Mock Trial Students & Art/Journalism students

October 22, 2026 – 3:45-4:30pm - virtual Mandatory Civility Training with ABOTA for Mock Trial Students

October 19, 2026

- Official Team Roster must be submitted to CRF-OC using the Google form link provided in your registration confirmation email. Cross check to make sure all of your students registered on our website.
- Attorney coaches must complete paperwork.

October 23, 2026 – Team Registration Fee Due

Competition Dates:

Playoffs (Top 16 advance; single elimination rounds)

Preliminary Rounds (All schools guaranteed participation)

- Round 1 – Thurs, November 5
- Round 2 – Tues, November 10
- Round 3 – Tues, November 17
- Round 4 – Thurs, November 19
- Round 5 – Thurs, December 3
- Round 6 – Tues, January 19
- Round 7 – Tues, January 26
- Round 8 (A) – Thurs, January 28
- Round 8 (B) – Tues, February 2

**Round 8 will be split into separate trials with each of the final two schools facing one another's prosecution and defense teams.*

April ??, 2027 – Mock Trial Awards Ceremony

State & National Competition Info

March 2027

- State Student Registration Fee Deadline (\$85 per student to Teach Democracy)
- State Finals Student Waiver Deadline for Teach Democracy
- Hotel Reservations Deadline

Dates and location for California State Finals - TBD

May 13-15, 2027 – National High School Mock Trial Championship in St. Louis, Missouri