

HOW TO START A CLUB?



1. FIND PEOPLE INTERESTED

- a. Before you start actually making the club, make sure that you have folks who would be interested. All types of people can be interested in mock trial; however, common places where there is club overlap are in:
- Obviously those you know who want to be lawyers
 - Theatre! Witness AND lawyer roles are filled with presentation that folks previously involved in theatre excel in!
 - Politically inclined folks
 - Model UN, Academic Decathlon, FBLA, Speech + Debate kids, etc.

2. TALK TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION

a. Do you need a club advisor?

i. Are there any ones with legal experience?

1. If not, our videos are here to help. You can also reach out to your local university mock trial team to see if one of their members wants to help you.

a. You can search college mock trial teams near your school. (Just write... "_____ mock trial")

b. How much would it cost?

i. Access our full cost evaluation handout which you may need to consider here.

c. Do you have space to meet? How often would your administration allow you to have club meetings?

3. PLAN YOUR CLUB MEETINGS

- a. Write down when the next tournament is, the dates which case materials come out, etc.
- b. Based on this, you and your coach can make a schedule for learning content, assembling roles, forming content, and practicing preparation.
- c. Here you can view a mock schedule of what this may look like.

