

Texas Mock Trial Commitment Form

● Texas Mock Trial is a significant time commitment. Each week, we practice three times, with practices ranging from three to four hours each time we meet. As we approach tournaments, our practices tend to be on the longer side. On Tuesdays and Thursdays you must be available from 7 pm to 10:30 pm. If practices go longer than 10:30 pm, you are required to stay. On Sundays, the time is more flexible and is decided on a week by week basis based on everyone's availability. You must be present at Sunday practices.

● Missing practices is unacceptable. However, you are allowed to miss practices for an emergency, religious reasons, serious illness, or if you have an exam during practice. You must inform your captain why and when you will be missing practice at least 24 hours in advance so your captain can plan practice more efficiently. Documentation may be required

● You are expected to attend all tournaments your team is attending (including three in the fall). The dates are listed on the following page. Please indicate which, if any you will miss and why.

● The weekend before a tournament, we will have a run through. Those are scheduled based on member availability and will be decided two weeks before the run through. You must keep yourself as available as possible for the entire weekend.

● Outside of practice, you will have to spend some time on mock which will be integral to your success on the team.

● NOTE: Not being able to attend a tournament DOES NOT exclude you from the team. If you tell us in advance which tournaments you cannot attend, you will be put on a team that will not be attending that tournament.

● On the form below, please include ALL availability. For the first tournament, you will attend either Elon, Florida State, or Penn State. For the second, you will attend either Pennsylvania, Emory, or Vanderbilt. For the third you will attend either Baylor or Yale.

II. Financial Commitment

● Texas Mock Trial is a self-funded activity. We pay for transportation, fees, hotels, and supplies ourselves. When possible, we distribute costs among all the members (like hotels) in order to make it more affordable. In the past, members have spent about \$2000 over the course of the year. You must be ready to bear that cost. We attempt to make things as affordable as possible but it is an expensive activity. That price can vary depending on how frugal you choose to be with food and transport.

● You will pay a \$250 deposit at the beginning of the year. If you quit for any reason before the year is over, you will lose your deposit otherwise it will be refunded at the end of the season.

If you understand and agree to all the commitments above, please sign below and bring this form with you to your tryout. If you violate any of these commitments, your position on this team will be reevaluated.

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Signature Date

Tournament Dates

Date & Location	Can you attend the tournament?	If not, please indicate why
Elon University (Elon): Oct 18-20		
Penn State (State College)/Rice (Houston): Oct 26-27		
Duke (Durham): Nov 2-3		
Emory (Atlanta): Nov 9-10		
Vanderbilt (Nashville): Nov 16-17		
Baylor (Waco)/Yale (New Haven): Dec 7-8		
Spring Camp (during winter break) Are you available to come back to Austin January 6 for practice?		
UCLA (Los Angeles)/Columbia (New York) Jan 18-20		
Regionals (Dallas or Houston): February 21-23*	Unavailable dates in February:	
ORCS (Memphis): March 20-22*	Unavailable dates in March:	
Nationals (Chicago): April 10-12*	Unavailable dates in April:	

*Unconfirmed Dates