



# Wyoming High School Mock Trial

## Explanation of Presentation Ratings

Students will be rated in categories on the ballot on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest), according to their roles in the trial. Scoring judges are scoring student presentation, not legal merits of the case. Each category is evaluated separately. Fractional points are not awarded. One team must be awarded more total points than the other. The team with more points wins the ballot and shall be entered in the tie-breaker section of the ballot. The team winning the majority of ballots shall win the round.

### **POINTS LEVEL CRITERIA**

1-2	Poor	Exhibits lack of preparation/understanding of case materials Communication is unclear, disorganized and ineffective Unsure of self, does not think well on feet, relies heavily on notes
3-4	Below Average	Exhibits minimal preparation/understanding of case materials Communication is minimally clear and organized, but lacking in fluency and persuasiveness Minimally self-assured, but lacks confidence under pressure
5-6	Average	Exhibits adequate preparation/understanding of case materials Communication is clear and organized, but could be stronger in fluency and persuasiveness Generally self-assured, reads from notes very little
7-8	Above Average	Exhibits mastery of the case materials Communication is clear, organized, fluent and persuasive Thinks well on feet, poised under pressure and does not read from notes
9-10	Excellent	Superior in qualities listed for 7-8 above Sorts essential from nonessential and uses time effectively to accomplish major objectives Demonstrates the unique ability to utilize all resources to emphasize vital points of the trial