

# 2026 Mock Trial Competition

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"Mock Trials has genuinely been the most useful and educational experience I have had in high school. The fact it has allowed me to discover what I want to do for a career and has set me up with the skills to achieve that goal is simply amazing for a high school program" (Student - 2025)

"[The Mock Trial Competition] challenges and prepares you in for the court room in a way that classes alone cannot. 10/10 would recommend." (Student - 2025)

It will be a lot of work, but if you go in with a positive attitude and put in plenty of effort, you will have so much fun!." (Student - 2025)

Since 1987, the Law Society of Western Australia has offered Western Australian students in years 10, 11 and 12 a unique immersive learning experience through its Mock Trial Competition.

Within their teams, students take on the roles of barristers, solicitors, witnesses and court staff to prepare and present a case before a competition judge in a real court room. The focus of the Competition is on developing advocacy skills, not knowledge of substantive law. While ideal for students with an interest in a legal career, there are opportunities for students with other interests to participate behind

the scenes or as a witness. Through their team participation, students enhance their analytical thinking, problem solving, ability to think on their feet, teamwork and communication skills while experiencing the challenges and operations of the WA legal system firsthand.

The MTC is a SCSA endorsed program. Students who attend at least 3 mock trials are eligible for WACE Accreditation. If your school has an ICSEA value of 1,000 or less your school is eligible for the Student Access Program (reduced registration fees - see Fee Schedule on our website for more information).

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## **EVENT INFORMATION**

### Competition Dates for 2026

Round 1 9 to 26 March 2026

Round 2

6 to 28 May 2026

Round 3

8 to 25 June 2026

Schools need to ensure they are available to attend Court on at least three dates during each round (trials are Monday to Thursday). Please refer to the 2026 MTC Calendar for more information and provide the calendar to interested students so they can confirm their availability prior to registration.

#### Registration

Schools can register their team/s for the 2026 MTC using the online form on our website from 2 February 2026. There can be 6 to 15 students

Registration is only confirmed once you receive confirmation by email from the Mock Trial Coordinator. The registration fee must be paid at the time you submit the form.

Teachers are required to advise of their school's unavailable dates at the time of registration (so fixtures can be prepared without delay).

Teams can be registered without individual student names provided the teacher emails a complete list of student names to the Mock Trial Coordinator prior to Round 1.

Registrations open 2 February and close 12 February 5pm (or earlier if team cap is reached).

## More information

Further information about the Competition including examples of past case materials are on the Law Society website. The 2026 Competition documents will be updated prior to Term 1 2026 mocktrial@lawsocietywa.asn.au.