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TIME SHEETS NHSMTC 2022

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Courtthouse (letter) ____ Courtroom # ____		Trial: 1 st		2 nd		3 rd		4 th		Final	
Plaintiff – Team Code: _____						Defense - Team Code: _____					
Plaintiff				Time		Defense				Time	
Opening Statements											
Opening Statement - 5 Minutes						Opening Statement - 5 Minutes					
Confirm the time with the opposing time keeper. Are the times off by more than 15 seconds? If so, tell the judge!											
Plaintiff Case in Chief											
Plaintiff has 25 min for this section						Defense has 20 min for this section					
1 st Witness Direct Exam						1 st Witness Cross Exam					
1 st Witness Redirect (optional)						1 st Witness Re-cross (optional)					
2 nd Witness Direct Exam						2 nd Witness Cross Exam					
2 nd Witness Redirect (optional)						2 nd Witness Re-cross Exam					
3 rd Witness Direct Exam						3 rd Witness Cross Exam					
3 rd Witness Redirect (optional)						3 rd Witness Re-cross Exam					
Confirm the time with the opposing time keeper. Are the times off by more than 15 seconds? If so, tell the judge!											
Defense Case in Chief											
Plaintiff has 20 min for this section						Defense has 25 min for this section					
1 st Witness Cross Exam						1 st Witness Direct Exam					
1 st Witness Re-cross Exam						1 st Witness Redirect Exam					
2 nd Witness Cross Exam						2 nd Witness Direct Exam					
2 nd Witness Re-cross Exam						2 nd Witness Redirect Exam					
3 rd Witness Cross Exam						3 rd Witness Direct Exam					
3 rd Witness Re-cross Exam						3 rd Witness Redirect Exam					
Confirm the time with the opposing time keeper. Are the times off by more than 15 seconds? If so, tell the judge!											
Closing Arguments - 5 minutes per team											
Plaintiff is allowed to use part of the time to follow the Defense with a rebuttal.											
Closing Statement - 5 Minutes						Closing - 5 Minutes					
Rebuttal (if used)						-					
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Signature/Name of Time Keeper _____

Team Code _____



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From Rule 4.6 (pg 7)

Time keepers may communicate privately in the chat (to each other) about time remaining

In trial, each team is to use a set of **“Time Remaining” cards** with the following designations to signal time: 22:00, 20:00, 18:00, 15:00, 12:00, 10:00, 7:00, 5:00, 4:00, 3:00, 2:00, 1:00, 0:40, 0:20, and “STOP”. Modification of intervals is not permitted.

During a virtual competition, timekeepers shall post the time remaining using the “chat” or similar feature visible to all participants at the end of each task during the trial presentation (i.e., at the end of each opening, at the end of each witness direct examination, at the end of each cross examination, and at the end of each closing argument).

At the end of each task during the trial presentation (i.e., at the end of each opening, at the end of each direct witness examination, at the end of each cross examination and at the end of each closing argument) **if there is more than a 15 second discrepancy between the teams’ timekeepers, the timekeepers must notify the presiding judge of the discrepancy.** The presiding judge will then rule on the discrepancy, the timekeepers will synchronize their stopwatches accordingly and the trial will continue. Any discrepancies between timekeepers less than 15 seconds will not be considered. **No time disputes will be entertained after the trial concludes.** The decisions of the presiding judge regarding the resolution of time disputes are final.

Time stops only for objections, questioning from the judge, or administering the oath. Time does not stop for the introduction of exhibits. The presiding judge shall have discretion to stop time for technical difficulties in a virtual competition that do not rise to the level of an emergency under Rule 1.3.B.