

Article I General Provisions

Section 1: Membership

- A) Any student enrolled in classes at the University of Iowa may become a member of the University of Iowa Mock Trial club (UIMT).
1. To become a member of UIMT a person must contact the Vice-President who shall add that person to the official UIMT membership roster.
 2. To be selected for a competitive roster spot a person must tryout for said spot.
 - a. Only one tryout per person per competitive season is allowed.
 3. Members shall be expected to be productive additions to UIMT
 - a. Every member shall come up for review by the Coaching Staff once every two (2) months of the competitive season, beginning on the last Sunday of October.
 - i. In the event that there is no formal Coaching Staff, as defined, under Article VI of this Constitution, membership review will be governed and enforced by the Executive Council.
 - ii. This review shall take place on the last Sunday of each review month during the course of the competitive season.
 - iii. Because UIMT is intended to be a competitive organization with the goal of achieving excellence in inter-collegiate Mock Trial competitions, this review shall take into consideration, among other things, a member's active participation in UIMT and its competitive endeavors.
 - iv. If a member's active participation in UIMT and its competitive endeavors is determined by the Coaching Staff to have no additive value for UIMT, that person's competitive roster spot may be revoked at the discretion of the Coaching Staff.
 1. To revoke a person's membership by this method, in the event that there is no formal Coaching Staff for UIMT as defined by Article VI of this Constitution, shall require a unanimous vote of the CCI and the Executive Council.
 - v. Revocation of a competitive roster spot by the Coaching Staff does not necessitate revocation of membership status for the affected individual.
 - vi. Competitive roster revocation is not a permanent status.

position at the beginning of the Fall Semester or to petition for a placement on a new team or on the competitive roster during the course of the competitive season.

- D) Each member shall pay a membership due at the beginning of both the Fall and Spring Semesters.
 - 1. The amount of the membership due shall be established by the Executive Council by the passage of bylaws and shall be decided based on the financial needs of UIMT.
 - 2. The dues for each Semester shall have a date by which they shall be paid determined by the Executive Council.
 - 3. Any member, who joins UIMT after the final date to pay dues in a semester, shall have ten (10) days to pay the requisite due for the semester during which that person joined.
 - 4. Failure to pay dues shall disqualify any member from participating on a competitive team, from running for office, and from exercising any powers of the General Assembly.
 - i. Due payment requirements shall not be enforced on those students who have filed an official petition with the Coaching Staff and Executive Council expressing extreme financial hardships.
- E) All members of UIMT together shall comprise UIMT General Assembly.
 - 1. There shall be a requirement of a quorum of UIMT members to be present to convene an official meeting of the General Assembly.
- F) UIMT General Assembly shall be officially convened for General Elections, Special Elections, Elections of Disciplinary Representatives, to pass a Constitutional Amendment, to ratify a new Constitution, and at the official request of the Executive Council.
 - 1. All members of UIMT shall be notified of such meetings at least seven (7) days in advance.
 - 2. Any member of UIMT who fails to attend a meeting of the General Assembly, or fails to vote by proxy as allowed by this Constitution, shall waive their right to vote at that particular meeting.

Section 2: Teams

- A) UIMT shall at all times during the competitive season maintain at least one (1) competitive team and at least one (1) competitive roster.
- B) There shall be no limit placed on the number of mock trial teams allowed by UIMT, provided that each team meets the following requirements:
 - 1. Each team shall have at least six (6) members comprised from the competitive members of UIMT.
 - 2. Each competing participant must be an undergraduate student pursuant to the guidelines set forth by the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA).
 - 3. Each team shall have at least one (1) captain to handle administrative matters.
 - 4. Each team will at all times observe the rules of conduct and engagement of UIMT, or face penalty of loss of sponsorship and dissolution.
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- C) The first team(s) of the year shall be established no later than the first of October.
 - D) The existence of a team does not guarantee its right to participate in any given AMTA sanctioned tournament or any invitational tournament using the AMTA case materials.
 - 1. UIMT shall sponsor and finance as many teams as is financially and competitively desirable for any given tournament.
 - 2. In the event that there are more teams that wish to compete in a tournament than can be financed by UIMT, the decision of which team or teams will represent UIMT shall be made by the Coaching Staff.
 - 3. All provisions are subject to regulations relating to AMTA sanctioned events or regulations as set forth by the host of the invitational tournament.

Section 3: Conduct and Engagement

- A) Members of UIMT are representatives of the University of Iowa, and as such, shall adhere to the rules governing appropriate conduct mandated by the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG), or other governing bodies at the University of Iowa, at all times members are engaged in official activities on behalf of or sponsored by UIMT.
- B) UIMT at all times shall enforce a zero-tolerance policy for the use or possession of drugs or alcohol, regardless of age of the student, at times when its members are engaged in official activities on behalf of or sponsored by UIMT.
- C) The Executive Council shall further govern the conduct of UIMT members at times when members are engaged in official activities on behalf of or sponsored by UIMT by the passage of conduct related bylaws.
- D) The Head Coach shall always have the right to temporarily suspend the competitive rights of a member or members of UIMT at times when:
 - 1. Those members are engaged in official activities on behalf of or sponsored by UIMT and violate of any of the following:
 - a. Conduct and engagement governed by this Section.
 - b. Conduct and engagement governed by UISG or other University of Iowa governing bodies.
 - c. Conduct and engagement governed by AMTA rules and regulations.
 - 2. The temporary suspension shall remain in effect until the cessation of the official activities by UIMT during which the violation occurred.
 - 3. The temporary suspension of competitive rights must be addressed by the suspended member(s), the Head Coach, the Executive Council, and the OIC in a timely manner upon the return from official activities.
 - 4. In the event that UIMT does not have a Head Coach present during the official activities, temporary suspension of competitive rights governed by this Section may be affected by:
 - a. An Assistant Coach, or
 - b. A 4/5 vote by the Executive Council.
- E) Any conduct by a member at a tournament that does not qualify as official activities on behalf of or sponsored by UIMT shall be governed by the rules and bylaws of the Executive Council and its Disciplinary Committee.