Lawton Chiles Mock Trial Team Charter

Article I

1. The Lawton Chiles Mock Trial Team will meet on Monday evenings from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the teacher sponsor's room and during Wednesday lunches in the teacher sponsor's room, unless there is notification otherwise.
2. The team will participate yearly in the FSU hosted Sunshine State Invitational, 2nd Judicial Circuit Mock Trial competition in January/February, and will participate in the state and national competitions (In March and May respectively) in the case that the team qualifies.
Any other competitions are optional and can be entered with the consent of club leadership, the teacher sponsor, and the attorney coach(es).
3. All final decisions for the club will be made by the club's teacher sponsor and attorney coach(es).

Article II (Officers)

1. The club will have the following student officers/club leadership:
President, Vice President, Fundraiser,
Recruitment Officer,and Club Representative.
2. The President will be in charge of organizing the
club and disseminating information from the club sponsor and coaches to the rest of the club. The Vice President will assist the President with whatever they need help with and be responsible for maintaining sign in sheets throughout the year at each meeting. The Fundraiser is in charge of organizing fundraising to pay for competitions, particularly in the case that the team makes it to state and nationals. The Recruitment Manager will be in charge of recruiting new members throughout the year. Club Representative will represent Chiles Mock Trial at ICC.
3. Elections will be called following the final competition of the school year. The elections will be by majority vote with each club member (competition or non-competition) receiving one vote.
4. The President must have been a member of the competition team for at least one school year at the time that they run for the position (unless no such members exist). All other officers must have been a member of the club (either in a competition or non-competition position) for at least one school year at the time that they run for the position.
5. Club Representative cannot represent other clubs at ICC during same school year.
6. New officer positions can be added with a super majority (75%) vote and the consent of the teacher sponsor and attorney coach(es).
7. The teacher sponsor and attorney coach(es) have the authority to remove any officer from their position in the case that they are not fulfilling their duties.

Article III (Tryouts)

1. Tryouts for the Circuit Competition will be held in the Fall,
on a yearly basis, at whatever time the coach deems
appropriate.
2. Anyone who wishes to try out for a witness and/or attorney

role will prepare a corresponding part in the Circuit/State case packet if it is available. (Otherwise, the attorney coach will pick an alternate case to use.)
3. The teacher sponsor and attorney coach(es) will pick 6-8 members for the competition team, as well as alternates.
Students, including officers, will have no say over who makes the competition team.
4. If any team member does not fulfill their responsibilities, the teacher sponsor and attorney coaches can remove them from the team.

Article IV (Competitions)
1. The Fall Tryouts will determine the composition of the
team for the Circuit Competition. Any active member of the club (as determined by the teacher sponsor) will be excused from school to attend the competition.
2. Except in the case of extenuating circumstances, the composition of the team will remain the same for any additional competitions.
3. The Fundraiser will raise funds to pay for lunch at the
Circuit competition and to pay for transportation, hotel rooms, registration, etc. at the State and National competitions. The burden of any funds that are not raised will be divided between the students attending the the competition.
4. Any active non-competition, non-alternate members that wish to attend the State or National competition may do so if there are extra spaces in the existing hotel rooms.
Priority will go to the most active members of the team, as determined by the teacher sponsor and attorney coach(es). Otherwise, they may still attend but they will have to pay
their own way. The competition members of the team will not be responsible for paying for additional hotel rooms, etc.

Article V (Amendments)
1. Any amendments to this charter must be made by a super majority (75%) vote of the active club members and must be approved by the teacher sponsor and attorney coach(es).

Article VI (Media and communication)
1. The social media accounts of the club must be maintained throughout the school year by at least one officer of the club
2. The current social media accounts of the club are the instagram and facebook accounts
3. All officers must be aware of the existence of all social media accounts for the club (official or not)
4. All who maintain the social media accounts do so as a representative of Lawton Chiles High School, LCHS Mock Trial, and all associated with it and will act accordingly
5. The website of the club must be maintained throughout the school year by at least one officer of the club
6. The current website is www.chilesmocktrial.wix.com/lchsmt
7. All officers must be aware of the existence of all websites for the club (official or not)

8. All content will be limited to that which is appropriate to represent Lawton Chiles High school, LCHS Mock Trial, and all associated with it
9. LCHS Mock Trial has a gmail account
10. The gmail account of the club must be maintained throughout the school year by at least one officer of the club
11. The current Gmail is chilesmocktrial@gmail.com
12. All officers must be aware of the existence of the gmail account
13. All who maintain the gmail accounts do so as a representative of Lawton Chiles High School, LCHS Mock Trial, and all associated with it and will act accordingly
14. If the use of the any of the above listed resources is ever abused, then the person who abused such use will lose all ability to maintain the above resources

Article VII (Moot Court)
1. LCHS/Chiles Moot Court is a part of LCHS Mock Trial
2. Its members are all a part of LCHSMT club
3. It, as of the creation of this article(2018), will not have any additional official meetings
4. Any member who is also on the LCHSMT competition team will not let participation in Moot Court interfere with their responsibilities as a member of the Mock Trial team and also accept the possibility of being removed from one or both if time/commitment/etc is an issue
5. LCHS Moot Court will submit at least one brief every year (if able) to attempt to qualify for competition

Article VIII (Middle School Mock Trial)
1. LCHSMT members have the ability to apply for a role as a student coach or like role at one of the annual Deerlake Middle School Civics event.
2. All LCHSMT members will be representing Lawton Chiles High School, LCHS Mock Trial, and all associated with it and will act accordingly

Article IX (Logo)
1. LCHSMT has an official logo
2. It will not be changed without the approval of a super majority of all members for the year, the teacher sponsor, and the attorney coaches
3. The current logo is attached at the end of the document



LCHSMT - Lawton Chiles High School Mock Trial
MSMT - Middle School Mock Trial
CMT - Chiles Mock Trial
CMC - Chiles Moot Court
LCHSMC - Lawton Chiles High School Moot Court