



Memo: 2023 - 2024 Appellate Updates and Reminders

Please note the following updates to the judicial section documents and procedures. These changes were made in consultation with District Directors, Section Leaders, and the State Office.

Appellate Section:

- All questions regarding case material and procedures should be submitted via the link on the website (Judicial Section) no later than October 13, 2023. One document will be provided and will include all questions and our responses by October 27, 2023.
- Reminders: scoring rubrics will not be release till the end of September
- Teams should review and understand the Bailiff requirements in Rules and Instruction of Appellate Procedure.
- The team should be aware of the Judge requirement in the Rules and Instructions. 1 Judge must be registered for every two participating teams.
- Training videos can be accessed on the Texas Youth and Government YouTube channel.
- Reminder if there are new clubs starting this year, please take a look at the Judicial Curriculum, made available due to the generous support of the Texas Bar Foundation. Advisors can access the curriculum on the Resources tab.
- The State Office will continue to use the digital app YAPP at State Conference (YAPP) to announce rounds and release the full Judicial rankings during or after closing ceremonies. We will invite those participants attending state to download the link after District Conferences. ** Some Districts will also use YAPP for District Conference.
- 3 Legal Clinics will be offered this fall for teams wanting legal support. Must complete program registration to qualify for YMCA Texas Youth and Government program offerings.
- ALL Briefs are to be submitted when completing District Conference registration. Deadline to register for District October 26, 2023, statewide.
- If Briefs are revised after the District Conference, the final date to submit will be during state conference registration. Deadline December 15th.
- Teams without briefs will not be allowed to register for district or state competitions.
- Briefs should be submitted in WORD format, with a signature either typed or electronic.
- This is a **closed case**, only use cases/sources that are referenced within the case. Please review the Appellate Case Material for guidance.