

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership Eligibility

- A. Any student enrolled in classes at the University of Iowa is eligible to become a member of Mock Trial at the University of Iowa.
- B. *In no aspect of its programs shall there be any difference in the treatment of persons on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, pregnancy, disability, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran, service in the U.S. military, sexual orientation, gender identity, associational preferences, or any other classification which would deprive the person of consideration as an individual. The organization will guarantee that equal opportunity and equal access to membership, programming, facilities, and benefits shall be open to all persons. Eighty percent (80%) of this organization's membership must be composed of UI students.*

Section 2. Classes of Membership

- A. Officers
 - a. To be eligible for an elected or appointed office, one must be a member in good standing, as defined in §2.D of this Article.
 - b. Officers are elected by the General Assembly, as outlined in Article VII of this Constitution.
 - c. The roles, duties, and powers of officers are outlined in Article III of this Constitution.
 - d. All officers shall together comprise the Executive Board.
- B. Captains
 - a. To be eligible for a captainship, one must be a member of the competitive roster, as defined in §2.C of this Article.
 - b. Captains are appointed by the Coaching Staff.
 - c. The duties of captains are outlined in Article VI §3 of this Constitution.
- C. Members of the Competitive Roster
 - a. To be eligible to become a member of the MT@UI competitive roster, one must be a member in good standing, as defined in §2.D of this Article. One must also be a qualified student as set forth in the American Mock Trial Association Rulebook.
 - b. Members of the competitive roster are selected by the Coaching Staff.
 - c. To be selected as a member of the competitive roster, one must try-out for a spot.
 - i. Each person will be allowed one (1) try-out per competitive season.
- D. Members in Good Standing

- a. Members in good standing have the right to vote and the right to seek and hold an elected or appointed office.
- b. To be a member in good standing, one must be a student enrolled at the University of Iowa who has:
 - i. Adhered to the MT@UI code of conduct as outlined in §3 of this Article.
 - ii. Paid any applicable dues.
 - iii. Met any applicable GPA, meeting attendance, or membership review requirements set forth by the Coaching Staff.
 1. In the event that there is no formal Coaching Staff as outlined in Article V of this Constitution, any requirements will be governed by the Executive Board.
 2. Because MT@UI is intended to be a competitive organization with the goal of achieving excellence in intercollegiate mock trial competition, any membership review shall take into consideration, among other things, a member's active participation in MT@UI and its competitive endeavors.
- c. All members who are in good standing shall together comprise the General Assembly.

Section 3. Member Conduct and Engagement

- A. Members of MT@UI are representatives of the University of Iowa. As such, at any time members are engaged in official activities on behalf of or sponsored by MT@UI, they shall adhere to the rules governing appropriate conduct mandated by the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, the Office of Student Accountability, Undergraduate Student Government, Recreational Services, and other governing bodies at the University of Iowa.
- B. At times when its members are engaged in official activities on behalf of or sponsored by MT@UI, the organization shall enforce a zero-tolerance policy for the use or possession of drugs or alcohol, regardless of age of the student.
- C. The Executive Board shall further govern the conduct of MT@UI members at times when members are engaged in official activities on behalf of or sponsored by the organization through the passage of conduct-related bylaws.
- D. Any conduct by a member that does not qualify as official activities on behalf of or sponsored by MT@UI shall be governed by the rules and bylaws of the Executive Board and its Disciplinary Committee.

Section 4. Procedure for Addition of Membership

- A. The organization shall admit as a member any person who expresses interest, contacts the organization officers, and provides their name and contact information.

Section 5. Procedure for Reclassification or Revocation of Membership

- A. Upon membership review, the Coaching Staff may reclassify or revoke membership for any person if such action is reasonably determined by the Coaching Staff to further the interests of the organization.
- B. Membership may be reclassified or revoked for reasons including, but not limited to: inappropriate behavior, being delinquent in paying dues without explanation, and/or one year inactive membership (not attending or being involved in communication with the officers or the organization).
- C. Reclassification or revocation of membership may occur due to situations that arise both outside of organization functions and those that arise during organization functions.