

Professionalism Policy

The Moot Court Executive Board (MCEB) expects all competitors to behave in a professional manner.

Professionalism includes:

- following all of the rules of the competition(s)
- competing in traditional business attire
- participating in the competition(s) with a sincere and serious interest

Examples of unprofessional behavior include, but are not limited to, the following:

- using profanity while competing
- mocking or ridiculing fellow competitors or the competition generally
- gross or deliberate breaching of the ABA Code of Professional Responsibility

Participation in Moot Court Executive Board competitions is a privilege. The MCEB will not tolerate unprofessional conduct during the competitions. If a MCEB member or competition judge observes unprofessional conduct during a competition, the following will occur:

- The competitor will be given a verbal warning and a written warning will follow the verbal warning after that round of competition is complete. The verbal and written warnings will alert the competitor that further unprofessional conduct will result in that competitor being barred from competing in MCEB sponsored competitions in the future.
- If after the first warning, the competitor continues his/her unprofessional behavior, the competitor will be eliminated from the competition and MCEB sponsored competitions in the future and he/she must remove the competition from his/her resume

NOTE: In addition to the above policy, if a competitor is found to be competing under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the competitor will be immediately disqualified from the competition and will be barred from all future MCEB competitions. Such competitor must also remove any MCEB competition(s) from his/her resume.

If a competitor is warned, disqualified, or barred from competition(s) for his/her unprofessional behavior, he/she may file a grievance under the MCEB Grievance Procedure and the MCEB will hear the competitor's grievance.

No competitor shall participate in any MCEB competition without signing a participation agreement indicating his/her knowledge of these rules.