



NJC PLANNING GUIDE

EXERCISE YOUR MIND

NJC is still months away, but planning can start today! This planning guide includes all the information you'll need to prepare for the event.

Conference materials and updates can be found on the conference portal – www.ymcavaq.org/njc

WHAT TO EXPECT

NJC is a mix of challenging Trial and Appellate Competitions and opportunities to meet participants from across the country who share a passion for Youth and Government and the judicial system. The competitions take place at the Minnesota State Capitol Complex – Capitol, Judicial Center and State Office Building. These facilities are about a 20-minute light rail ride from the competition hotel.

PREPARATION CALENDAR

May 16	Registration Opens; Cases & Rules Released
May 25	Student Chief Applications Due
June 24	FAQ Deadline; Registration Closes

TRAVEL LOGISTICS

The competition hotel is in Downtown Minneapolis
Marriott Minneapolis City Center
30 South 7th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 349-4000

By Plane: Minneapolis/St. Paul is served by one major airport with two separate terminals. Terminal 1 (Lindbergh) is the hub for all major airlines. Terminal 2 (Humphrey) serves regional and limited-service airlines (including Southwest). The terminals are adjacent to each other (across a major interstate highway) and is located 12 miles away from Downtown.

<https://www.mspairport.com/airport/terminal-information>

The competition hotel is accessible by light rail (\$2.50/person one way) or taxi/Rideshare (\$25-\$40 one-way, depending on time of day) from either airport. Travel time by light rail is 25 minutes, plus 5-7 minutes walking from the light rail station.

Take the Blue Line train towards Downtown.

- Get off at the Nicollet Mall Station.
- Walk South two blocks on Nicollet Mall 7th Street
- Walk West one block on 7th Street to the Hotel



SCHEDULE *subject to change

Monday, August 1, 2022

3:00pm–5:00pm	Registration
6:00pm–8:30pm	Dinner and Kick-Off Event
9:00pm–10:00pm	Trial & Appellate Trainings Adult Advisor Meeting
10:00pm–11:00pm	State Meetings/Team Practice

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

8:30am–4:00pm	Competition Rounds
5:00pm–9:00pm	Conference Dinner & Outing

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

8:30am–5:00pm	Competition Rounds
6:00pm–10:00pm	Delegation Free Time

Thursday, August 4, 2022

9:00am–11:00am	Showcase Rounds
11:15am–11:45am	Award and Closing Ceremony
12:00 Noon	Adjourn & Depart



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Cost is \$475 per student or adult

Fees include hotel (quad occupancy for students; double occupancy for adults), rental, 2 dinners, group activity on Tuesday night, materials and printed matter.

Adults can pay an additional \$295 for a private hotel room for the three nights.

Options and costs for other student sleeping room occupancy may be available as needed, upon request.

EXTENDED STAY AT HOTEL

Delegations planning on coming in early or staying late, beyond the NJC event itself should work with the Minnesota program to book their hotel rooms. The Marriott will honor the group rate for 3 days before/after the event.

TEAM PLANNING

Appellate Teams – Two students on each team

Mock Trial Teams – 5-8 students on each team

States bringing more than 6 Appellate teams or more than 4 Mock Trial teams cannot be guaranteed that their teams will not compete against each other.

We will also have student “Chiefs” – student leaders serving as Chief Judges/Justices for presiding over the court rooms. These Chiefs will be appointed by the Planning Committee, based on recommendations from State Directors. We are looking for incoming or outgoing senior students.

These student Chiefs will not be part of Trial or Appellate team counts but will be part of their state delegations. They will receive pre-conference training for their role. Application information will be sent to State Directors via email.

WEATHER

Expect highs in the mid-80s and lows in the high 60s. Rain showers are common, plan accordingly

DRESS CODE

All participants (including adults) are expected to wear appropriate attire during the NJC events as follows:

Monday: Casual clothing is appropriate for all Monday events – we recommend a State Shirt for fun!

Tuesday & Wednesday: Business attire is expected from our morning meeting until after the last court session in the afternoon.

Tuesday Evening: Business casual attire is appropriate for the dinner cruise, but you may want to dress up for the all-conference occasion.

Wednesday Evening: State Delegations are on your own. Please adhere to the dress code of any restaurants or events you choose to attend.

Thursday Morning: Professional business attire expected through conference adjournment.

*A detailed description of dress code will be sent in an informational email to the Trip Director as the event gets closer.

SPENDING MONEY

It is recommended each participant bring \$200 - \$250 for meals, sightseeing, souvenirs, light rail train fare, and other incidentals. This amount is based on mid-priced food choices.

WHAT TO BRING

Here a few reminders of important items to bring along with you to NJC:

- copy of health insurance card (front and back)
- a photo identification or student identification card, very helpful for government building access
- prescription medications
- comfortable shoes for walking to venues and exploring the city
- copies of the case, statements and any research you may need. **A printer is not available at the conference, so bring whatever printed materials needed.**
- notepad, pen, paper
- umbrella or rain poncho



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MEAL PLANNING

Competition fee covers dinner on Monday night at the hotel and dinner Tuesday night at the conference group outing.

Participants are responsible for all other meals. Please be aware that coordinating meals for large groups of people can be difficult. When possible, it's best to call ahead to make reservations at restaurants.

More specific information on dining options will be sent closer to the conference.

NJC CULTURE

Each state is encouraged to bring/create a "Delegation Shirt" and plan on wearing those on Monday night at the dinner and Kick-Off Event. Other culture practices will be developed and announced as the conference approaches.

VISITOR POLICY

To accommodate for teens' safety and space limitations during the YMCA National Judicial Competition, visitors (including family members) will not be allowed in courtrooms or to join any conference activities. Only registered chaperones will be permitted to attend.

DELEGATION FREE TIME

The competition schedule includes some free time to explore the Twin Cities. Here are some ideas to consider.

MINNEAPOLIS SCULPTURE GARDEN

Located in Loring Park, just minutes from Marriott, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is free to attend and home to more than 40 sculptures, including the well-known Spoonbridge & Cherry!

MINNEHAHA FALLS

Jump on the Light Rail and ride to one of Minneapolis' oldest parks and explore the beautiful 53-foot waterfall, miles of hiking trails, and limestone bluffs. Wheel Fun Rentals is on-site to rent bikes and explore further!

COMO PARK ZOO & CONSERVATORY

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is home to a wide variety of animals as well as many exotic plants throughout multiple gardens & exhibits. It is only open until 6PM most days so plan accordingly if you want to pay Como a visit.

SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA

Explore Earth's natural history, make great big discoveries, and submerge yourself in science while visiting downtown Saint Paul. Also, check out one of the many movie showings in the Omnitheatre!

STONE ARCH BRIDGE & ST. ANTHONY FALLS

Visit the picturesque Stone Arch Bridge that was built over the mighty Mississippi River and once brought trains back and forth into Minneapolis. Take some photos, walk the trails, and see how beautiful Minneapolis is. St. Anthony Main is home to many shops and restaurants for you to enjoy.

MALL OF AMERICA

Take the Light Rail over to the MOA, the largest mall in North America! While there, shop the hundreds of stores, explore the rides at Nickelodeon Universe, or visit one of the many restaurants for a meal!

...AND MORE!

Minnesota is home to many fabulous museums, eateries, and tourist attractions. We can't wait for you to explore the Twin Cities further!

COVID POLICIES

It is required that all students and advisors be vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide proof of vaccination via secure portal. Other practices and policies related to COVID will be evaluated and finalized based on prevailing conditions in the weeks preceding the event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information for participants and trip directors will be available as the committee continues to plan. Email youthvoice@ymcanorth.org for more information.

