

# Tryout Process

Step 1: Fill out our Preliminary Tryout Form [here](#).

Our **Tryout Form** puts you on our radar, and it helps us keep track of you as you move throughout the Tryout process. The link to the form will be released here as soon as it becomes available. **You must fill out a Preliminary Tryout Form before booking a tryout slot.** It's quick—just basic biographical data.

Step 2: Book a Round I Tryout [here](#).

If you experience any difficulties or have any questions about booking a tryout time, don't hesitate to text Charles Stock at (469) 305-9512. He can also be reached via email at [cstock@nd.edu](mailto:cstock@nd.edu) or [mt@nd.edu](mailto:mt@nd.edu). If none of the tryout times work due to extenuating circumstances, please inform us ASAP.

Step 3: Round I Office Hours (Optional!)

If you have any questions, feel free to email us at [mt@nd.edu](mailto:mt@nd.edu) and schedule a time to talk to us. Meet a team member or two, run your tryout material for feedback, or just say hi! Just let us know when you're free and we'll answer any questions you have. Again, this is only for your own comfort and totally optional.

Step 3: Read our Round 1 Tryout Packet

The Tryout Packet contains all relevant information for the Round I Tryout, extra resources to help you prepare, and the written content you'll rely on for the witness portion of your tryout.

Step 4: Prepare for Your Round I Tryout

Everything you need to prepare can be found in the Round I Tryout Packet. Be sure to read it attentively. As you'll see, **there are three components to Round I: Witness, Speech, and Debate.** In the Witness portion, you will assume the role of one of the three witnesses we make available and will learn that witness's affidavit (a written statement of facts, sworn to under oath) in order to prepare to testify as that witness on Direct Examination. In the Speech portion, you will deliver a 2-3 minute prepared speech about a subject of your choosing. There is only one limitation: the speech cannot be related to the law or Mock Trial. And finally, in the Debate portion, you will be asked to debate on the spot for 1-2 minutes, answering a topic of our choosing.

Step 5: Attend Your Round I Tryout

Please arrive at your Round I Tryout no later than 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time. We apologize in advance if we are running 5-10 minutes late. If we are running late, please wait outside the tryout room. Tryouts will be held on September 3rd and September 4th in DeBartolo Hall. Rooms TBD.

*From Round I Tryouts on, we will be in touch individually.*

If you have any questions about the tryout process, please do not hesitate to reach out at [mt@nd.edu](mailto:mt@nd.edu).

