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Timekeeping Rules

While all mock trial team members should revie

closing argument) if there is more than a 15 second discrepancy between both timekeepers, the procedures outlined in the Timekeeping Discrepancies section of this guide should be adhered to. It should also be noted that time discrepancies less than 15 seconds will not be considered and that no time disputes will be entertained after the trial concludes.

Both timekeepers will keep time for both sides during all competition rounds, however, only the timekeeper of the team actively participating will display the time elapsed/time remaining card. The trial sequences and time limits are as follows:

1. Opening Statement (5 minutes per side)
2. Prosecution calls their three prosecution witnesses
    a. Prosecution attorneys will have 25 minutes total to conduct the direct and redirect (prosecution timekeeper will display time elapsed/time remaining cards)
    b. Defense attorneys will have 20 minutes total to conduct the cross and recross

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minutes for critiquing. The timekeepers will monitor the critique following the trial. Presiding judges are to limit critique sessions to a combined total of ten (10) minutes.

will be described below. Judging panels may elect to conduct the critiques whole group with both teams present or separated individually by team.

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- For example, it would be appropriate to notify a judge of a timing discrepancy after the directing attorney has said there are no further questions for that witness and before cross examination begins. It would not be appropriate to address this when an attorney is questioning a witness or while that witness is answering.

The Presiding Judge will rule on any timing discrepancy before the trial continues.

For example, if Plaintiff/Prosecution timing device indicates 2 minutes left for Plaintif

the Presiding Judge might decide to split the difference in the timing variation and give Plaintiff/Prosecution 1 minute to conclude. Defense would adjust timing to allow for the 1

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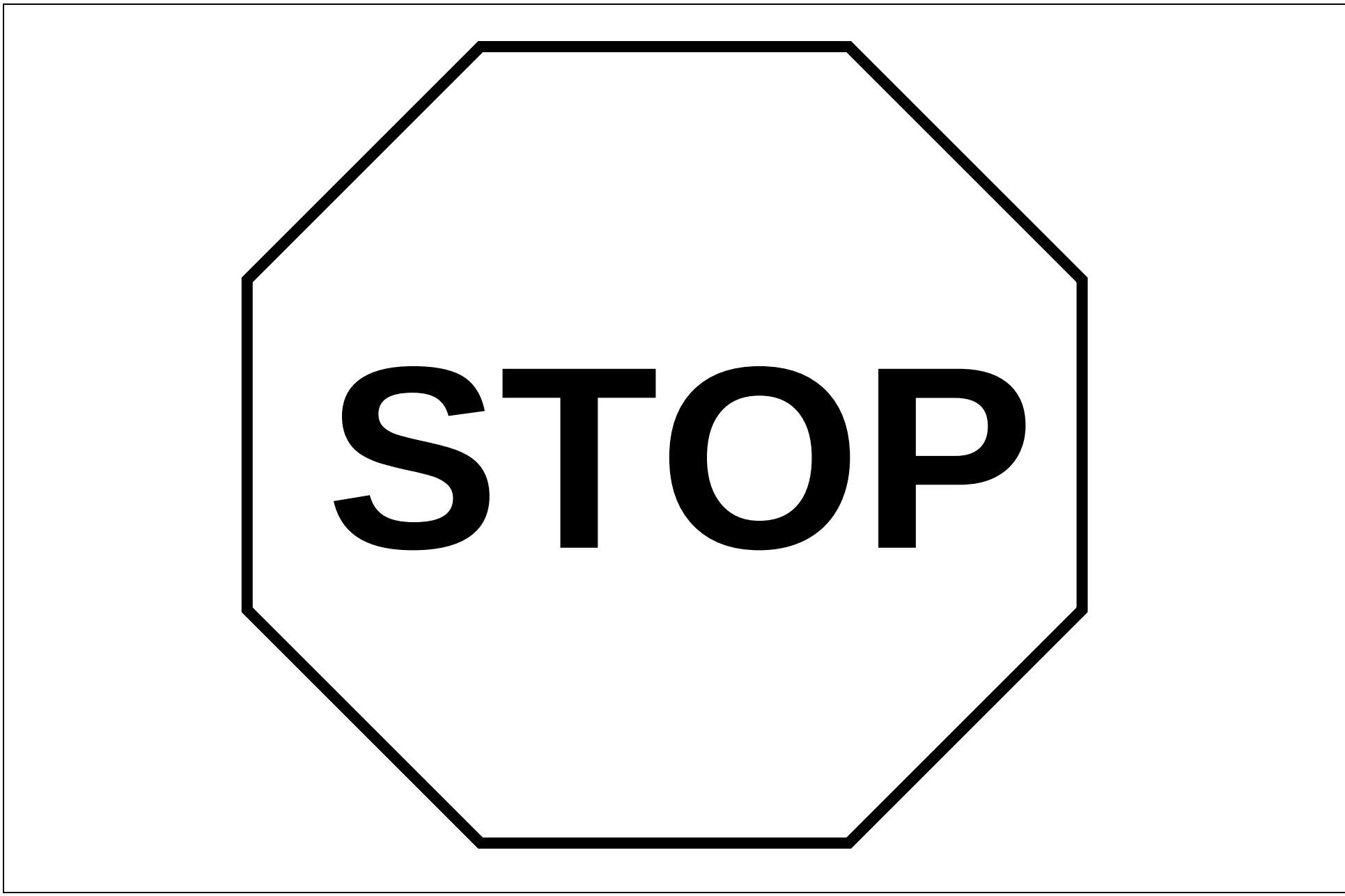
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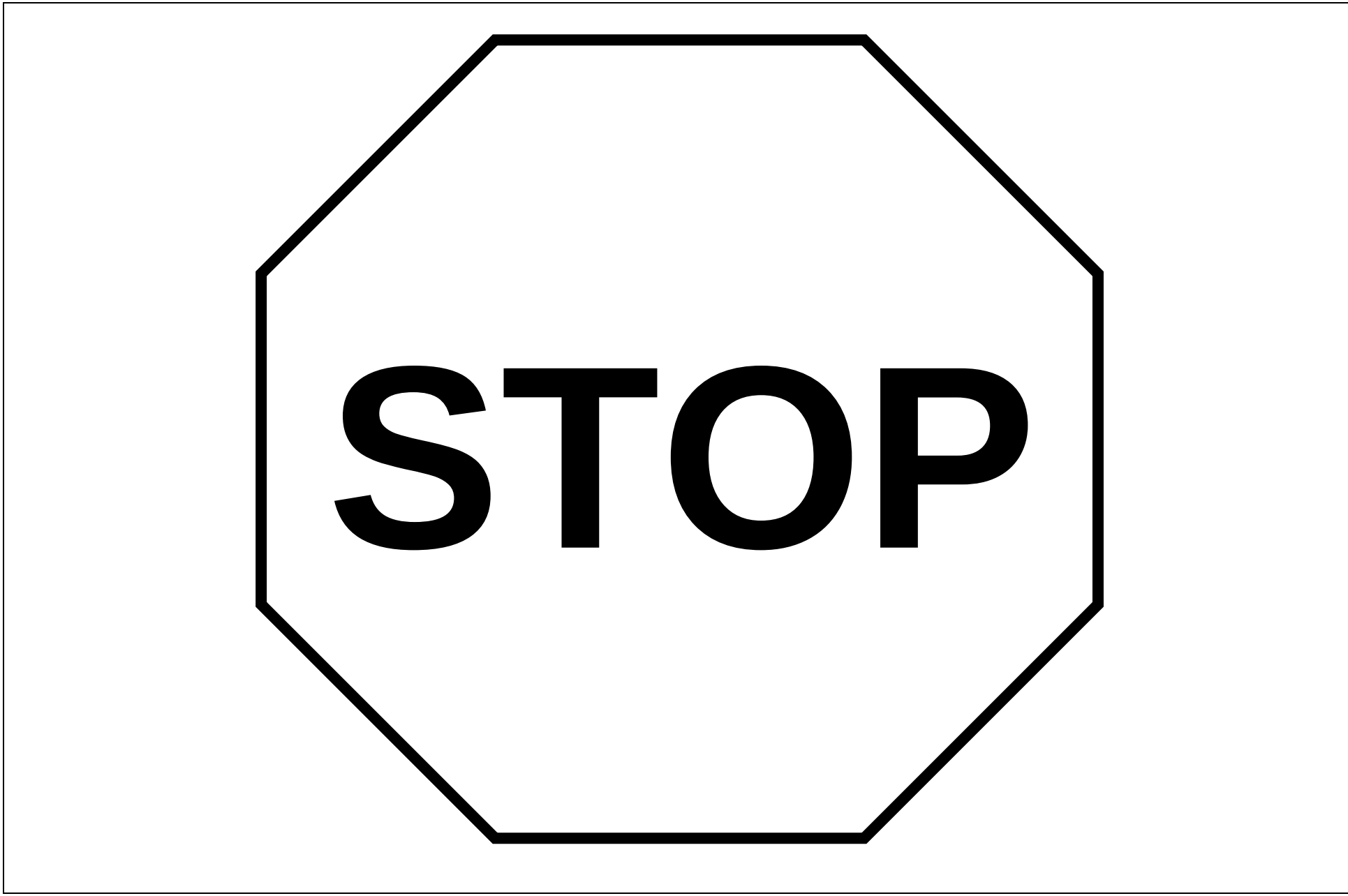
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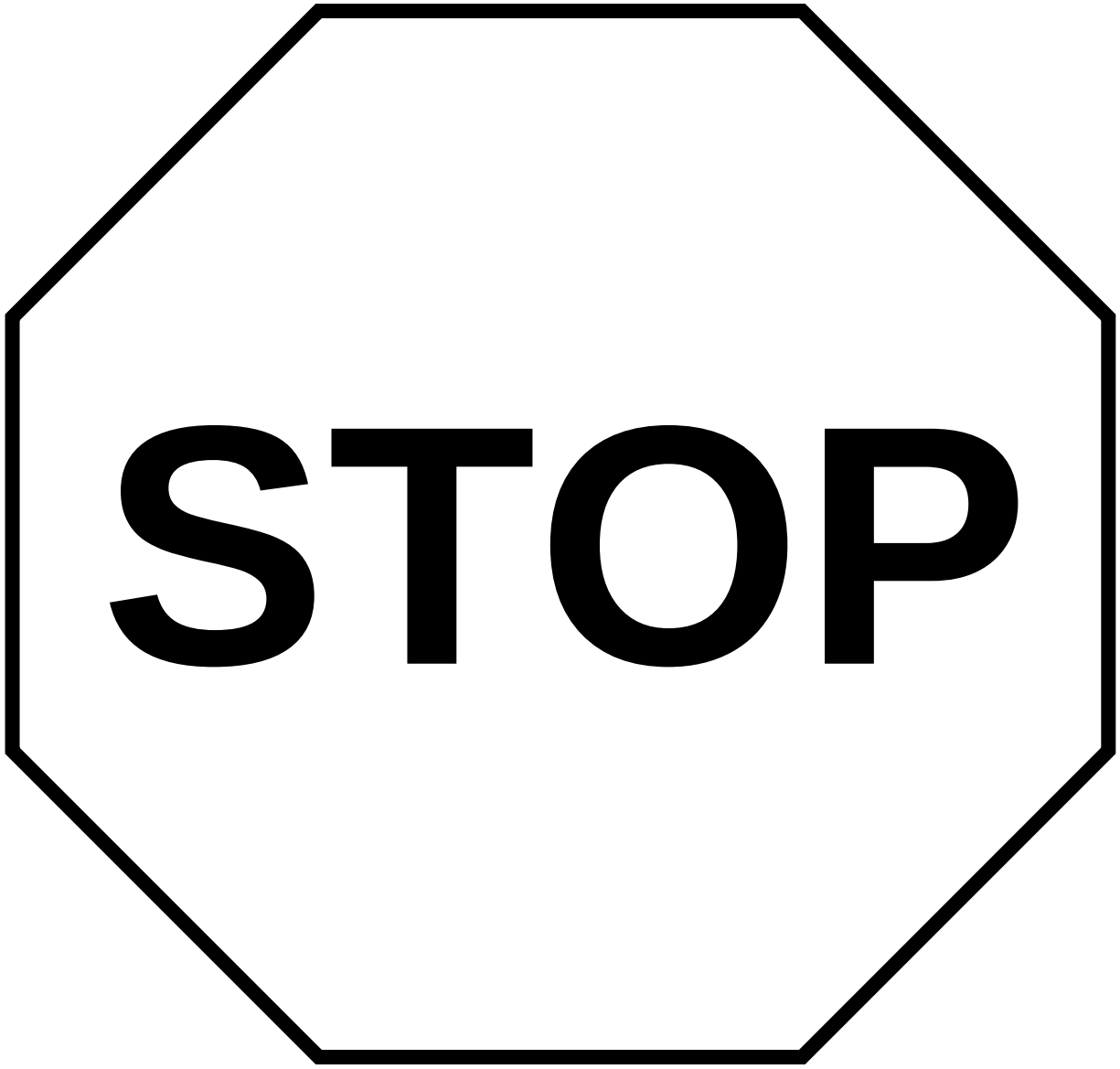
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