



## **Chapter 1: General Rules**

### **Art. 1 - Object**

- a. Competition 2018  
organized by Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies - Leiden University in partnership with the International Bar Association (IBA), and the Elisabeth Haub School of Law Pace University

### **Art. 2 Subject**

- a. All teams participating in the Competition are presumed to have knowledge of and shall be subject to these Rules.

### **Art. 3 - Interpretation of the Rules**

- a. The Organization has the authority to interpret and amend the provisions contained in the Rules.
- b. The Organization reserves the right to make changes at any time before the commencement of the Preliminary Round or when necessary. Any changes made will be communicated to the participating teams most likely to be affected.

### **Art. 4 - Aim of the Competition**

The Competition aims to encourage university students to improve their knowledge of international criminal law in practice and in particular of the ICC, its mandate and its jurisprudence, by simulating its proceedings through arguing a hypothetical case. The Competition seeks to enhance the knowledge about the Rome Statute, especially within countries that have yet to ratify it. In addition, the Competition provides participants with the opportunity to become familiar with the Hague based International institutions.

### **Art. 5 Participation**

- a. Each country may be represented by a maximum of three (3) teams. In case twelve (12) or more universities (but less than twenty-four (24) universities) from the same country register for the Competition, three (3) teams may represent their country at the International Round of the Competition. If less than twelve (12) universities of the same country register, a maximum of two (2) teams may represent their country at the International Rounds of the Competition.

- b. Only actively enrolled students in Bachelors, Masters, JD, and LLM Programs are eligible to participate. Exchange students may participate on behalf of their host university.
- c. Non-law students may be considered eligible, provided that they have the requisite legal of legal knowledge suitable for the Competition.
- d.

- a. In the interest of fairness and objectivity, each team shall be assigned an anonymous number prior to submission of their memorials.
- b. This number will be emailed to each team by the Organization.
- c.

**Art. 9 - Registration Fee**

- a. The Organization will issue an invoice for payment of the registration fee to eligible teams.
- b. Each team must pay their registration fee within thirty (30) days after the date the invoice was issued.
- c.

- c. Subject to the exception set forth in Art. 12(a), the results of the written Memorials will not be taken into account in assessing the final scores of the Semi-Final Round.

#### **Art. 12- Final Round**

- a. The winner of each Semi-Final round will proceed to the Final Round. Should there be less than nine (9) teams advancing to the Semi-Finals and only two Semi-Final matchups, the third team to advance will be selected from the two Semi-Final runner ups -Final Round score and 50% phase.
- b. The teams are free to choose which of their three speakers will present at the Final Round. They are not bound by the role the speakers presented in the pre-rounds or Semi-Finals.
- c. The Bench of the Final Round will assess the substance of the arguments and the quality of the performance of the three teams. It will deliver its judgment and announce the winner of the Competition (to be picked at the discretion of the Bench, one vote per judge). The team winning the Final Round will be the winner, regardless of the scoring of the Memorials.

#### **Chapter 4: Memorial Provisions**

#### **Art. 13 - Submission of the Memorials**

- a. All teams participating in the Round of the Americas organized by Elisabeth Haub School of Law must submit their three (3) Memorials for each role *by email* by 4 ( 99.047 0.0944T 00 0 6

**Art. 15**

9. Written arguments;
10. Submissions;
11. Optional: Annex (max two (2) pages); and
12. Back cover.

b. Violations of this article are sanctioned by two (2) penalty points per violation.

#### **Art. 19 - Front Cover Requirements**

- a. The front cover must contain the following information:
  1. Team number;
  - 2.
  3. Title of the Competition (ICC Moot Court Competition in the English Language);
  4. Year; and
  5. Total word count.

- d . All the sources included in the index of authorities, must be included in the footnotes as well.
- e . Footnotes must be uniform.
- f. Abbreviations of sources within footnotes are allowed. The abbreviation has to be announced in the footnote itself or in the index of authorities.



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presentation.

**Art. 30 Rebuttal**

- a. Rebuttal by Prosecution Counsel: up to 10 minutes
- b. Rebuttal by Defense Counsel: up to 10 minutes
- c.
- e. Speakers are not permitted to introduce new.04 Tf115.46 654.7 Tde10 004C5 0055 12nd (00107) 004E99

are not permitted to give their individual opinion outside the  
regarding the quality of the presentation and results of the  
s. Furthermore, Bench Members are not allowed to give the  
s any feedback on the details of the case.

unds, the Bench shall ensure the respect for the Rules of Procedure  
e quality of the arguments. The Bench members are encouraged to  
ropriate questions during the oral pleading(i/pa)3.007 (t)-4.004 (it ong)-7.002t88bboT.

for its initial presentation, and 30% of the total score is based on the score the team received for the rebuttal.

- b. Scores for the initial presentation are allocated as follows:
  - 1. Organization, structure, and analysis of the issues: twenty (20) points
  - 2. Use of facts and legal principles: twenty (20) points
  - 3. Use of authorities and citations: twenty (20) points
  - 4. Persuasiveness, ingenuity, logic, and reasoning: twenty (20) points
  - 5. Presentation: twenty (20) points
- c. When scoring the rebuttal, the criteria mentioned in this Article under section (b) should be considered, but not rewarded separately.
- d. Score sheets will be emailed to each team upon the cessation of the Competition.

#### **Art. 35 - Penalties for Inappropriate Behavior**

- a. Every team should maintain the fullest dignity and decorum, not only in the Courtroom, but during the entire Competition.
- b. Inappropriate behavior or blatant disregard for the procedures may result in the disqualification of penalty points and in extreme cases to the disqualification of the team..

#### **Art. 36 Scouting**

- a. Scouting is forbidden at all times during the Competition.
- b. Scouting is defined as:
  - 1. When a team or one or more of its members attend a Hearing in which they are not participants;
  - 2. Instances where students, coaches, or spectators discuss with or pose questions of substantive issues of international (criminal) law to the Bench Members.
- c. irrevocable.

## **Chapter 6: The Awards**

**Art. 37**