

Rules of Procedure

International Criminal Court Trial Competition

Chapter 1: General Rules

Art. 1 - Object

- a. The present rules (hereinafter “Rules”) govern the ICC Trial Competition, held in the English language (hereinafter “Competition”).
- b. The Competition

- c. The deadline for registration is at **23.59 CET on 31 October 2011**. A team cannot register after this date.

Art. 9 - Team Identification

- a. In the interest of fairness and objectivity, each team shall be assigned an anonymous number upon their registration.
- b. This number will be emailed to each team by the Organisation.
- c. This number becomes the team's identifier throughout the Competition.

Art. 10 - Registration Fee

- a. The Organisation will issue an invoice for payment of the registration fee to eligible teams.
- b. Each team must pay their registration fee within seven (7) days of the date of the invoice was issued.
- c. Incomplete payment of registration fee renders that particular registration application invalid.
- d. The Organisation reserves the right to accept late payment of registration fees for extraordinary circumstances.
- e. The registration fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Art. 11 - Team Selection

As per Rule 6(a), only two (2) teams per country may participate. In the event two (2) or more teams from one country register for the Competition, a special preliminary selection round may be organized.

Art. 12 - Case Publication

- a. The Competition case (hereinafter: 'Case') shall be made available at **12.00 CET on 1 November 2011** via the Organisation's websites.
- b. The deadline for each team to email any questions regarding the Case to the Organisation is at **12.00 CET on Wednesday 30 November 2011**. Any questions submitted after this deadline will not be answered.
- c. Each query will be answered by the author of the Case. The answers will be posted on the Organisation's website within fifteen (15) days after the filing of the query.

Chapter 3: Competition Structure

Art. 13 - Structure

- a. The International Round of the Competition shall have two (2) consecutive phases, each independently graded: a written round (Memorials) and an oral round (Hearings).

Art. 17 - Identification in Memorials

- a. Each team must omit the following references in their Memorials:
 1. names of team members;
 2. the members' and/or the university's

5. Persuasiveness: 10 points
6. Logic and reasoning : 20 points
7. Grammar and style: 5 points

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Art. 30 - Communication

- a. Communication between the speakers and the coaches, team members not presenting or Competition spectators, is strictly prohibited during the Hearings.
- b. Only those present before the bench are permitted to communicate in writing with each other.
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Art. 35 - Bench Composition

- a. Each Bench must be composed of two (2) members and a President (appointed by the Organisation or by consensus of the judges participating in the hearing) and shall be assisted by a bench clerk. The Bench Members shall have knowledge and experience in the fields of international criminal law, international human rights law, public international law, and/or criminal law.
- b. An advisor of a participating team cannot be appointed as a Bench Member.
- c. Bench Members for oral sessions can be distinct from the Bench evaluating the memorials. All Bench Members must read the case, as well as other explanatory

5. Persuasiveness: 15 points
 6. Logic and reasoning: 10 points
 7. Presentation: 10 points
- c. Score sheets may be obtained by each team upon the cessation of the Competition.

Art. 38 - Penalties for Inappropriate Behaviour

- a. Every team should maintain the fullest dignity and decorum not only in the Courtroom but during the entire Competition.
- b. Inappropriate behaviour or blatant disregard for the procedures may result in the disqualification of a team or the team will be sanctioned by a deduction of fifteen (15) points.
- c. Inappropriate behaviour displayed by any observers of the Competition will result in being escorted out of the Competition venue.

Art. 39 - Scouting

- a. Scouting is forbidden at all times during the Competition.
- b. Scouting is defined as:
 1. when a team or 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 judges.
- c. Violations of this article will result in disqualification. A team's disqualification is final and irrevocable.

Chapter 6: The Awards

Art. 40 - Categories of the Awards

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- a. The following awards will be given by the ICC after the Finals

Chapter 7: The Organisation

Art. 41 – Organisation

- a The Regional Round for North-America is held in White Plains, New York, in the United States and is organized by Pace University Law School (<https://www.pace.edu/law/academics/experiential-learning/advocacy-program/moot-court-competitions/international-criminal>).
- b The Pre-Rounds, Semi-Final Rounds and the Final Round are organised by the International Criminal Law Network (ICLN) (www.icln.net).