

# Rules of Procedure

Pace Law School

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International Criminal Court Trial Competition

***Please note: These rules apply to the Round of the Americas held at Pace Law School. They are for the most part identical to those for the International Final rounds held in the Hague.***

- c. The Organization reserves the right to make changes when necessary. Any changes made will be communicated to the team(s) most likely to be affected

Art. 4 -

- d. The maximum number of team representatives for each team cannot exceed seven (7). A team may be comprised of no fewer than three speakers without an explicit waiver received upon

b. Each team shall address the C

- b. Pace Law School will submit the Memorials of the winner and runner-up of the Round of the Americas to the Organization.

#### Art. 14 - 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 country of residence;
  - 3. its nationality; and
  - 4. its university.
- b. Violations of this article will be sanctioned with fifty (50) penalty points.

#### Art. 15 - Memorial Format

- a. Each team must submit its Memorial in Microsoft Word format
- b. Each Memorial must be printed on A4 sized paper or standard letter size paper
- c. Each team must submit its Memorials in size 12 Times New Roman font style
- d. Each page shall have a margin of at least 2 cm on every side of the text
- e. Memorials must be continuously page-numbered, excluding the front-cover
- f. Violations of this article are sanctioned with one (1) penalty point per violation, with a maximum of five (5) penalty points.

#### Art. 16 - Spacing

- a. The text of the Memorial must be 1.5 spaced.
- b. Headings and subheadings of more than one line in length must be single spaced.
- c. Violations of this article are sanctioned with one (1) penalty point per violation, with a maximum of four (4) penalty points.

#### Art. 17 - Word Limit

Each Memorial must not exceed 10,000 words (including footnotes). Violations of this article are sanctioned by five (5) penalty points per 400 words.

#### Art. 18 - Order of Content

- a. Each M

4. List of abbreviations;
5. Index of authorities (list of sources);
6. Statement of facts;
7. Issues;
8. Summary of arguments;
9. Written arguments;
10. Submissions;
11. Optional:

- b. Scores are awarded for:
  - 1. Organization, structure, and analysis of the issues: 20 points
  - 2.

Art. 27 - 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. 32 - Bench Composition

- a. To the best of the Organization's ability, each Bench will be composed of two (2) members and a President (appointed by the Organization or by consensus of the judges participating in the hearing) and shall be assisted by a bench clerk. We will endeavour to have Bench Members that have knowledge and experience in the fields of international criminal law, international human rights law, public international law, and/or criminal law. All Bench Members will be fully briefed on the issues presented.
- b. An advisor of a participating team cannot be appointed as a Bench Member without prior consent from teams participating in that round.
- c. Bench Members for oral sessions can be distinct from the Bench evaluating the memo

- c. Use of authorities and citations: 20 points
- d. Persuasiveness, ingenuity, logic, and reasoning: 20 points
- e. Presentation: 20 points

#### Art. 35 - 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. 36 - Scouting

- f. Scouting is forbidden at all times during the Competition.
- g. Scouting is defined as:
  - 1. when a team or its members including students, coaches and spectators associated with that team 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.
- h. Violations of this article will result in disqualification. A team's disqualification is final and irrevocable.

### Chapter 6: The Awards

#### Art. 37 - Categories of the Awards

- a. The following awards will be given by the ICC after the Final Round:
  - i. Winner
  - ii.

