

# 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).