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Consulate in the appropriate location.

A Participant Team shall be composed of two (2) student members from a single school and one (1) or two (2) Coach(es); only one (1) Team shall represent each University.

In exceptional circumstances, a university may send multiple Teams to the Competition, so long as the Teams are from different campuses and are otherwise eligible to participate in the Competition pursuant to Rule 2.4.

In order to preserve the integrity of the Competition, the number of Teams to participate each year will be determined by the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of Participant Teams. If the number of Teams registering for the Competition exceeds the maximum number of Teams allowed by the Technical Committee, the Technical Committee reserves the right to select which Teams will compete to ensure the diversity of the Competition. Geographical location, payment of registration fees, participation history in the Competition, and any partnerships with the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law will be considered when selecting participants. Fees will be returned in full to Teams that are not permitted to participate because of space limitations.

The selection process at each participating school should allow equal opportunity for all qualified students to compete for the moot court Team. Teams should be selected in a fair, transparent and competitive manner.

All ABA-accredited law schools from the United States of America and all international law schools shall be eligible to participate in the Competition. Competitors from non-law schools may not participate in the Competition.

Only students enrolled in a program of study equivalent to the U.S. Juris Doctor (JD) degree are eligible to participate as Competitors. Competitors may only take part in one edition of the

Competition as Competitors (see Definitions).

Teams may include the participation of one (1) or two (2) Coaches. Coaches may be former Competitors, faculty members, or otherwise affiliated with the University. The registration of the first Coach is included in the registration fee; a second Coach may register for an additional cost (see appendix B for exact fee). Teams may not have more than two (2) Coach

at its sole discretion, impose a point penalty on the Team, as it deems appropriate, or disqualify the Team from the Competition if the allegation is found to be true.

Assistance from faculty and Coaches must be limited to general discussion of the issues, suggestions as to research sources, consultations regarding oral advocacy technique, Memorial organization and structure, and oral advocacy training. Advice or input on which specific issues to raise, sub-arguments, and other substantive matters is strictly prohibited.

In the case that essential case law is not available in the Team's native language; Teams may seek outside assistance to translate English, Spanish or Portuguese documents into their native language for the purpose of research.

Participants cannot use memoranda, briefs and other documents related to cases pending before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights or Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, or any other international adjudicatory body. Only publicly available sources are acceptable.

Team Members cannot be substituted except in exceptional circumstances. Participant Teams must submit a written notice to the Technical Committee, explaining the exceptional circumstance and the need to replace a Team Member. If a Team Member is substituted without the required authorization of the Technical Committee, the Team may be disqualified from competing in the Competition and all Team Members converted to Observer status. Teams are responsible for registering the substituted member prior to the Competition through the online system.

Each Participant Team must complete in full the online registration form, upload the Dean's Authorization Form to their registration account, and pay the required fee to the Technical Committee prior to the Registration Deadline as noted on the Competition Calendar. Upon registration and receipt of the Dean's Authorization Form and fee, Participant Teams will be assigned their Role and a Team Number, which will be used to identify the Team throughout the Competition. (See Rule 8.1) Only in exceptional circumstances will the Role assignments be issued without prior receipt of the registration fee. A Team is only considered registered once it receives its Team Number and Role assignment.

Initially, Teams will be able to register without providing the names of the Competitors that will participate in the Competition. Nevertheless, the deadline to submit Competitors' names shall be on the same date as the deadline to register Teams for the Competition according to the Competition Calendar.

In any case, according to Rule 7.3 of these Rules, those Teams that do not register the names of the Competitors by the deadline shall not be able to submit clarification questions concerning the hypothetical case.

As part of the registration process, Teams must choose the language in which they will participate (English, Spanish or Portuguese). Teams must stay within their chosen language for all parts of the Competition, including the written Memorial and all oral rounds.

The Team fee for the current Competition is listed in Appendix B. This fee covers the cost of two (2) Competitors and one (1) Coach. If the Team sends a second Coach, the fee will increase by an additional amount (see Appendix B). Teams, observers, and coaches are responsible for paying the wire fees should they choose to pay by bank transfer. If their payment arrives with less than the required amount due to wire transfer fees, the individual or university will be required to pay the difference upon arrival at the Competition.

No refunds will be issued once a school pays the Team Registration Fee, except in exceptional circumstances and as outlined in Rule 2.2.

Participating Teams must include valid email addresses for all participants on the Registration Form for all Team notifications. Notice to any email address in a team's registration account shall constitute notice to all Team Members.

Each registered Participant Team will be assigned to prepare a document of written arguments (Memorial) and present oral arguments as a representative of either the VICTIMS and/or

All Participant Competitors, Coaches, Judges, Bailiffs and Observers must possess proof of adequate medical insurance to cover any emergency that may arise, as well as insurance to cover the cost of transportation home, should it become necessary. American University will not provide medical insurance to Competition Participants.

Participant Competitors, Coaches, Judges, Bailiffs and Observers must sign and return, prior to

criteria established in Rule 5.1.1. Only in exceptional circumstances will a non-attorney qualify to serve as a Judge in the Competition. Such a determination will be made at the sole discretion of the Technical Committee.

Judges must have at least one (1) year of post-graduation experience in the human rights and/or legal fields to qualify as Competition Judges. This requirement may be waived for former

current concern to the Inter-American System.

The Case will be translated by professional translators into the three (3) official languages of the Competition. Following the publication of the Case, there will be a three (3) week period in which Competitors, Coaches, Judges, and Observers may submit any concerns regarding the language used in the translated text. Once the revision period is closed, the Competition will post a corrected version in each language, which will henceforth be the official text of the Case for the Competition.

Only Participant Teams that have completed their registration (as outlined in Rule 3.1) and registered the names of its Competitors by no later than 5:00 pm EST on the day when Clarification Questions are due (see Appendix A) will be eligible to submit requests of clarifications of points of fact in the case. Each eligible Team may submit in writing up to three (3) requests for clarifications, subject to the submission procedure outlined below in Rule 7.3.2. Clarification requests by Teams that have not registered the names of their Competitors by the aforementioned deadline shall not be answered.

Requests for clarifications must be sent by electronic mail and must be received by the Technical Committee by 11: 59 P.M. to iamoot@wcl.american.edu on the date indicated on the Competition Calendar. The Technical Committee will not issue clarifications for any requests received after the deadline.

The Technical Committee has the right not to respond to compound questions, questions that are outside the facts or questions that would give rise to arguments that are outside the scope of substantive or procedural issues originally contemplated by the facts.

All clarifications to legitimate requests made pursuant to this section will be available to Participant Teams within the time established in the Calendar and will be posted on the Competition website. It is the responsibility of each Participant Team to ensure that it receives and adequately integrates these Problem Clarifications.

Each Team will prepare one (1) legal brief representing either the VICTIMS/PETITIONERS/COMMISSION or the STATE as assigned upon registration. Teams will not prepare a Memorial for both sides.

The Team Mem

to identify and locate the authority in a publication, and shall include the page number(s) of the Memorial on which each authority is cited. Failure to include this section, to properly label this section or to place it out of order in accordance with Rule 8.3 will result in a penalty.

The Statement of Facts shall be limited to the stipulated facts and necessary inferences from the Problem and any Clarifications to the Case.

A total of two (2) points will be deducted for Memorials submitted on page(s) other than that stipulated in Rule 8.5. A total of two (2) points will be deducted for Memorials submitted with margins other than that stipulated in Rule 8.5. A total of two (2) points will be deducted for Memorials written in the wrong font and format, including the footnotes. A total of two (2) points will be deducted if the official Team Number is not located on every page of the Memorial, including the Title Page. One (1) point will be deducted for every section omitted, including the Signature Page, or for each section that is out of order according to Rule 8.3 (for a total possible

Memorials and the Preliminary Round sessions. The Technical Committee reserves the right to make adjustments based on the number of Teams participating in the Competition. There will be roughly two (2) Teams (one (1) VICTIMS/PETITIONER/COMMISSION, one (1) STATE) allowed to participate in the semi-final rounds for every ten (10) Teams participating in the Competition. Therefore, ten (10) Teams representing each side of the argument would be the case if approximately 100 Teams participate in the Competition.

Based on the ranking of scores of the top twenty (20) percent of Teams from the Preliminary Round, pairings in the Semi-Final Round of Competition are as follows: the highest-ranked VICTIMS and/or PETITIONERS and/or COMMISSION Team against the lowest-ranked STATE Team, the second-highest-ranked VICTIMS and/or PETITIONERS and/or COMMISSION against the second-lowest ranked STATE Team, and so on. In exceptional circumstances, the Technical Committee may make adjustments to the Semi-Final Round pairings in order to guarantee the proper functioning of the Competition. Such determinations will be made at the sole discretion of the Technical Committee.

The Semi-Final Round of Competition shall be scheduled over as many days as are necessary to administer all Oral Argument Sessions.

No Team Member or Observer from the same University as a Team that will compete in the Semi-Final Rounds may watch other Teams compete during the Semi-Final rounds. Team Members must report to Competition headquarters by 8:30 AM the day of the Semi-Final Rounds to receive sequestration instructions from Competition staff. Violation of this rule will be considered illegal scouting, and subject to the same consequences (see Rule 10.5.3). Teams must remain in sequestration until the last semifinal round has been completed. Teams are allowed to leave the sequestration rooms for meals, bathroom breaks, and medical emergencies. The Technical Committee will decide if other exceptions are to be made.

The fact that two (2) teams may have met previously in the Preliminary Round shall be irrelevant in determining the pairings for the Semi-Final Round of Competition.

Qualifying Teams for the Final Round will be determined solely by the scores of the Semi-Final Round. The Final Round shall consist of a championship match between the highest-ranking

Participant Team representing the VICTIMS and/or PETITIONERS and/or COMMISSION and the highest-ranking Participant Team representing the STATE.

The Memorials of opposing Teams may be exchanged prior to each Oral Round. The Technical Committee will make all efforts to maximize the time each side will have to review the opposing Team's Memorial. The Technical Committee will make copies of the Memorials available online one (1) week prior to the Competition. Opponents' Memorials will be provided in the language in which they were submitted. Memorials will not be translated. The Competition Organizer's will make an effort to give out printed copies of opponents' Memorials during check-in.

Failure to receive an opponent's Memorial is not grounds for postponing an Oral Argument Session.

Each Oral Argument Session of the Preliminary and Semi-Final Rounds shall consist of ninety (90) minutes of pleadings, each side being allotted forty-five (45) minutes. The forty-five (45) minute allotted time shall include the pleadings of both orators from a Participating Team, as well as their rebuttal or surrebuttal. Both Participating Team Members must make a substantial oral presentation of approximately equal length of time. The Panel President may, at his/her discretion, extend the total Team oral time by up to five (5) additional minutes per Team.

Interpreted rounds last 50 minutes. In those sessions where interpretation is required, the Judges may also add an additional five (5) minutes per Team at the outset of the session, allowing for a total of 55 minutes. If time is extended for one Team it must also be extended for the other Team. Judges may, in the interest of fairness, make decisions necessary to ensure that both Teams have equal time to argue their case.

Further procedures may be promulgated by the Technical Committee to ensure fairness in the pleadings. A Bailiff will be appointed to each Oral Argument Session to serve as timekeeper.

As a general principle, Judges will be instructed to treat the Final Round as a formal courtroom proceeding. The performance of each Participating Team will be evaluated on its oral pleadings as a whole. Each Judge will receive the Memorial of the two (2) Participating Teams, and may refer to the substance of the Memorial, but they will not evaluate the Memorials as part of the Final Round scoring. Each side will have up to one (1) hour to make their pleadings. As in the other Rounds, both Participating Team Members must make a substantial oral presentation of approximately equal

If the Technical Committee determines that the absent Team missed its scheduled oral round through no fault of its own and that the absence could not have been avoided by the Team Members, the Technical Committee may allow the *ex parte* proceeding to be scored by the Judges as if they had appeared against the opposing Participating Team, with no penalties. However, in cases where the Technical Committee feels the absence could have been avoided through reasonable precautions on behalf of the Team Members, if the Team is given the opportunity to argue *ex parte*, the Judges will score the round normally, but the Technical Committee will then deduct 50% of the scores, both for Team and Individual Orator total scores and placement. Whether or not the tardy Team will be given the opportunity to argue *ex parte* will be determined by the Technical Committee at its sole discretion and based upon the availability of Judges to score the round.

If another round cannot be scheduled, the Team's score for the missed round will be calculated as follows. For Teams scheduled to participate in two preliminary rounds: the score for the missed round will be the same as the score granted to the Team in the Round in which they participated, minus a 50% deduction. For Teams scheduled to participate in three preliminary rounds: the Technical Committee will average the Team's scores for the two rounds in which they participated, then apply a 50% deduction to the average score, to arrive at the Team's score for the Round they missed. These formulas will apply to both Team and Individual Orator total scores.

For Semi -Final or Final Rounds, if the Technical Committee determines the Team Members could have avoided the absence, there will be no rescheduling. If the Technical Committee determines it to be in the best interest of the Competition, this rule may be revised at any time.

Individuals wishing to attend more than one round (who are not participating as a Judge or member

Committee.

Oral Argument Sessions are to be delivered in English, Spanish or Portuguese. In the event that opposing Participant Teams plead in different languages, interpretation will be arranged by the Technical Committee. Adequacy of and/or quality of interpretation cannot be a basis for questions, clarifications and complaints to the Technical Committee.

No physical items may be presented to the Judges' Bench during an Oral Argument Session. In addition, no electronic device or program may be used as part of the oral argument presentation.

Judging of the Oral Argument Sessions will be based on the organization of the presentation, quality and clarity of legal arguments and the ability to respond to opponent's arguments and questions from the Judges. Judges should complete all score sheets at the conclusion of each round prior to deliberating with each other. After all scores sheets have been delivered to the Bailiff, the Oral Argument Session will be over and judges should leave the room.

Each Oral Argument Session will be scored by a panel of at least three (3) Judges. Each Judge will score each orator on a scale of one (1) to one hundred points (100), one hundred (100) being the highest possible score. For the purpose of calculating the Participant Team score for that session, the average of both Participant Competitors' individual oral scores will be combined.

The scores of the written Memorials and the Oral Argument Sessions will be used to determine each Participant Team's score in the Preliminary Round. In the event that a Participant Team argues in more than two (2) Preliminary Round Oral Argument Sessions, all three (3) oral scores shall be averaged (Rule 9.3.3).

In the Preliminary Round, the written Memorial score will count for one-third (1/3) of the point total of each Participant Team, and the average Oral Argument Session score of the Participant

averaging the individual oral scores from the Preliminary Oral Round sessions. The highest-ranking individual orator in English, in Spanish and in Portuguese will each receive the Best Individual Orator Award for the Competition. There will also be an award for the Highest Orator Overall.

The Technical Committee shall, as soon as possible after the completion of the Competition, post the following information on the Competition Website:

- a) Team Memorial Rankings and Scores for the top 50%.
- b) Overall Team Rankings and Scores for the Preliminary Round of the Competition for the top 50%.
- c)

Registration Opens, Official Rules Available	November 1, 2019 (on Competition website)
Hypothetical Case Available	December 10, 2019 (projected date)
Period of Review for Hypothetical Case Translation	December 10, 2019 – January 3, 2020
Publication of Official Version of Hypothetical Case	January 6, 2020
Clarification Questions on Hypothetical Case due	January 17, 2020, 11:59 pm EST
Answers to Clarification Questions on Hypothetical Case Available	February 14, 2020 (on Competition website)
Team Registration Deadline	March 13, 2020, 11:59 pm EST
Team Memorial Due (without late submission penalties)	March 23, 2020, 11:59 pm EDT
Bailiff Registration Deadline	April 6, 2020, 11:59 pm EDT
Observer Registration Deadline	April 13, 2020 11:59 pm EDT
Observer Payment Deadline	April 20, 2020
Last day to submit a Memorial (with penalties for late submission)	April 20, 2020 11:59 pm EDT
Housing Registration Deadline	May 4, 2020 11:59 pm EDT
Judge Registration Deadline	May 4, 2020 11:59 pm EDT
Check-in, Bailiff Training and Opening Ceremony at American University Washington College of Law	
Oral Rounds at American University Washington College of Law	