

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

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- c. Each team must submit in writing their team composition at the time of registration. Each university will be responsible for the selection of the team members and the designation of their coach(es).
- d. The maximum number of team representatives for each team cannot exceed seven (7). A team may be comprised of no fewer than three (3) speakers without an explicit waiver received upon written request of the Organizers.
- e. Any other changes in team composition must also be submitted in writing before February 10, 2017. Any request for changes in team composition after this timeframe shall be rejected. However, the Organization reserves the right to allow team



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 Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5 PM EST.
- b. Elisabeth Haub School of Law will submit the Memorials of the winner and runner-

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5. Grammar, style, and clarity: 20 points

be present before the Bench.

- c. Each speaker will speak according to the time allocated under Articles 29 and 30.
- d. Verbatim reading of the Memorials during the Hearings is strictly prohibited and will be penalized.

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.
- c. The use of laptops, mobile devices, or any other electronic devices during the Hearings is strictly prohibited. Speakers are permitted the use of a watch only. An exception can be made by the Organization for exceptional circumstances, such as a team member's disability.

- d. The Bench will decide by unanimous vote on the admissibility or inadmissibility of the objection. In case of misusing the objection, the speaker that objects will be sanctioned

Members score a given hearing, the Organization shall create a third score by averaging the scores of the two Bench Members. The organization may appoint a fourth Bench Member. In the event four (4) Bench Members score a given hearing, the score that is furthest from the average of all four (4) scores, and the score sheet on which it appears, will be disregarded.

- b. An Assistant coach of a participating team can under no circumstance be appointed as a Bench Member.
- c. Bench Members for hearings can be different from the Bench evaluating the memorials. All Bench Members must read the case, as well as other explanatory documents.

3. Keeping order during the Hearing;
4. Facilitating the sessions' development;
5. Timekeeping.

Art. 34 - Scores Hearings

- a. Scores are rewarded out of a maximum of 100 points for the Presentation and 100 points for the Rebuttal. 70% of the total score is based on the score the team received 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

- 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. 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:
 - 1. Winner
 - 2. First Runner-up
 - 3. Second Runner-up
 - 4. Best Oralist
- b. The following awards will be given by the Organization after the Final Rounds:
 - 1. Best Defense Counsel Memorial
 - 2. Best Prosecution Counsel Memorial
 - 3. Best Victims' Counsel Memorial
- c. Each participating team shall receive a certificate of participation.

Chapter 7: The Organization

Art. 38 – Organization

- a. The Regional Round for the Americas and Caribbean is held in White Plains, New York, in the United States and is organized by Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (<http://www.pace.edu/school-of-law/ICC>).

b. The Pre-Rounds, Semi-