

## **Rules of Procedure**

# **Round of the Americas**

**Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University**

**White Plains, New York**

**March 14-15, 2020**

**International Criminal Court Trial Competition**

*Please note: These rules apply to the Round of the Americas held at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. They are for the most part identical to those for the International Final rounds held in the Hague. While we endeavor to synchronize our rules with those for the International Finals, there may on occasion be slight variations between the two. For the purposes of the Round of the Americas, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and its organizers shall be the final arbiters of these rules. Should a conflict in the rules exist and should it potentially impact the competition, this should be brought to our attention and Pace will work directly with the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies – Leiden University to eliminate any such discrepancies.*





#### **Art. 8 - Team Identification**

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

#### **Art. 9 - Registration Fee**

- a. The Organization will issue an invoice for payment of the registration fee to eligible teams.
- b. Each team must pay their registration fee within thirty (30) days after the date the invoice was issued.
- c. Incomplete payment of registration fee renders that particular registration application invalid.
- d. The Organization reserves the right to accept late payment of registration fees for extraordinary circumstances.
- e. The registration fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.



- d. Subject to the exception set forth in Art. 12(a), the results of the written Memorials will not be taken into account in assessing the final scores of the Semi-Final Round.

**Art. 12- Final Round**

- a. The winner of each Semi-Final round will proceed to the Final Round. Should there be less than nine (9) teams advancing to the Semi-Finals and only two Semi-Final matchups, the third team to advance will be selected from the two

**Art. 15 - Memorial Format**

- a. Each team must submit its Memorial in Microsoft Word and Pdf 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 four (4) 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.





- d. All the sources included in the index of authorities, must be included in the footnotes as well.
- e. Footnotes must be uniform.
- f. Abbreviations of sources within footnotes are allowed. The abbreviation has to be announced in the footnote itself or in the index of authorities.
- g. Violations of

- a. Each team's Hearing pleadings must demonstrate an outstanding knowledge of the ICC Rules of Procedure and Evidence and case

disability.

- d. Violations of this article are sanctioned by up to fifty (50) points. It is up to the discretion of the Bench Members, taking into account the seriousness and consequences of the violation, how many penalty points will be deducted.

**Art. 28 - Raising Obje1j-oo[pooTc 0 -39.3 (t)-30.1 (.)J0 Tc 0 Tw 1h)-11.3 (e )J-de0 Td( )Tj-0.006.0 Tc 0 Tv**

- Presentation by the Government Counsel: up to 20 minutes
- Rebuttal by Defense

intervene with appropriate questions

3. Knowledge and use of the facts: twenty (20) points
4. Questions and rebuttal: twenty (20) points
5. Persuasiveness and style of presentation: twenty (20) points

#### **Art. 34 - Penalties for Inappropriate Behavior**

- a. Every team should maintain the fullest dignity and decorum, not only in the Courtroom, but during the entire Competition.
- b. Inappropriate behavior or blatant disregard for the procedures may result in the disqualification of penalty points and in extreme cases to the disqualification of the team.

#### **Art. 35 – Scouting**

- a. Scouting is forbidden at all times during the Competition.
- 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. 36 - 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 Government Counsel Memorial

c. Each participating team shall receive a certificate of