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Chapter 1: General Rules

Art. 1 – Organization

- a. The International Bar Association International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition (hereinafter “the Competition”, the “IBA ICCMCC”), consisting of the Preliminary Round, Quarter-final Round, and Semi-final Round, is organized by the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies – Leiden University (“Grotius Centre”) and the International Bar Association (“IBA”) (www.iccmoot.com).
- b. The 2023 IBA ICCMCC International Round shall be conducted in The Hague, The Netherlands.
- c. All materials developed by the Organizing Committee and Board of Advisors of the Competition, including, without limitation, the Rules of Procedure and the Competition Case, are the sole property of the IBA ICCMCC. These materials may not be reproduced for any purpose other than participation in or administration of the Competition without the express and prior written consent of the Board of Advisors of the Competition.
- d. The Final Round of the Competition will, if possible, be organized by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Art. 2 - Object

The present Rules of Procedure (“Rules”) govern the IBA ICCMCC 2023, held in the English language, organized by the Grotius Centre and by the IBA (hereinafter “the Organization”).

Art. 3 - Subject

All teams participating in the Competition are presumed to have knowledge of and shall be subject to these Rules.

Art. 4 - 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 International Oral Round if deemed necessary. Any changes made will be communicated to the participating teams on the website of the Organization (www.iccmoot.com).

Art. 5 - Aim of the Competition

The Competition aims to encourage university students to improve their knowledge of international criminal law in practice and in particular of the ICC, its mandate and its jurisprudence, by simulating ICC proceedings through arguing a hypothetical case. The Competition seeks to enhance knowledge about the Rome Statute, especially within countries that have yet to ratify it. In addition, the Competition provides participants with the opportunity to become familiar with international institutions based in The Hague.

Chapter 2: Participation and Eligibility

Art. 6 – Participation

- a. All educational institutions offering a degree, or similar graduate or postgraduate qualification or training, in law or in a field related to international law, or in international relations, are eligible to participate in the Competition.
- b. Each institution may enter one team, regardless of the number of colleges, departments, faculties, or schools within that institution, and the team may include students from one or more of its colleges, departments, faculties, or schools.
- c. Each country, including the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong, the Special Administrative Region of Macau, England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, may be represented by a maximum of **5 teams**, regardless of how many teams from the same country register. In case **more than 5** teams register from the same country, the teams will have to participate in a Qualifying Round in order to determine the 5 teams that will participate in the International Round of the Competition.
- d. The Organization retains the discretion to allow more than 5 teams from each country to participate in the Competition.

Art. 7 – Qualifying Rounds

- a. When more teams than allowed from one country are seeking registration for the Competition, a special procedure in the form of a Qualifying Round may take place. The Qualifying Round may take the form of (1) a National/Regional Round or (2) a Problem-solving Question Round.
- b. If there is no official National/Regional Round in the concerned Country/region yet, it may be organized by one of the competing universities, or an independent body, such as an NGO, academic association, etc. National/Regional Round. Their organization must be approved by the Organization beforehand.
- c. If no National/Regional Round exists in the concerned Country, each team from that country shall receive a problem-solving question from the Organization on **28 November 2022 @ 5pm CET**.
- d. Each team concerned must submit its answer to the problem-solving question on **5 December 2022, by 5pm CET at the latest**. An answer submitted after the specified deadline renders that team's registration automatically invalid.
- e. Each team will be notified of the result of its performance in this qualifying round and its eligibility to participate in the International Round of the Competition on **9 December 2022 @ 5pm CET**.
- f. All National/Regional Rounds must be completed by **1 April 2023**.

Art. 8 – Organization of National/Regional Rounds

- a. The Regional Round for the Americas and Caribbean is held in White Plains, New York, in the United States of America and is organized by Pace University Law School (<https://law.pace.edu/icc>)
- b. The National Round for Brazil is organized by the Universidade Federal do Paraná and Unicritiba - Centro Universitário Curitiba.
- c. The National Round for China is organized by the China University of Political Science and Law.

- d. The National Round for Germany is organized by the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, in cooperation with the German participating universities.
- e. The National Round for India is organized by National Law University, Delhi (www.nludelhi.ac.in)
- f. The National Round for The Netherlands is organized by the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies.

Art. 9 - Team Composition

- a. Each team will be comprised of three (3) **speakers**. Additionally, the team may include two (2) **researchers** and two (2) **coaches**: one Leading Coach and one Assistant Coach. The amount of team representatives may never exceed seven (7) at any moment in the Competition.
- b. Registration forms may be amended at any time before **3 April 2023 @ 5pm CEST**. Submitted registration forms can only be amended with prior approval from the Organization. To receive approval, please send us your reasoned request at iccmcc@law.leidenuniv.nl
- c. The Organization reserves the right to allow changes in team composition after this deadline in consideration of exceptional circumstances, or in the interests or fairness of the Competition.
- d. Teams that qualified through the Problem-solving Question Round or a National/Regional Round are not allowed to change more than one team member after their qualification. Teams are allowed, however, to cancel the participation of team members. In exceptional circumstances the Organization may accept more than one change of team member.
- e. The Coach, or a team member appointed by the team, represents both the university and the team before the Organization (hereinafter 'contact person').
- f. Any changes made to the details of the contact person must be communicated via email at iccmcc@law.leidenuniv.nl.

Art. 10 - Team Member Eligibility

- a. Only actively enrolled students in Bachelor, Master or Juris Doctor Programs are eligible to participate. Exchange students may participate on behalf of their host university.
- b. Non-law students may be considered eligible, provided that they have the requisite legal knowledge. It is each team's responsibility to ensure that its team members have a level of legal knowledge suitable for the Competition.
- c. Students admitted to practice, including by having taken and passed the bar exam, are prohibited to participate.
- d. These restrictions shall not apply to the leading and assistant coaches.

Chapter 3: Team Registration

Art. 11 - Team Registration

- a. Teams can register via the Competition's website (www.iccmoot.com) or directly [here](#). The deadline for registration is at **11.59pm CET on 23 November 2022**.
- b. A confirmation of participation will be sent to the teams that advance straight to the International Round on **28 November 2022**.
- c. Universities can register without submitting the names of the team members. The contact person's details must be included, otherwise the registration is not considered.
- d. Details of the team members must be submitted by **9 January 2023 @ 5pm CET**. Should details of the team members not be completed by the deadline, the registration of the university will be rendered invalid.

Art. 12 - Registration Fee

- a. The registration fee for participation in the International Rounds, is based on the World Bank List of Economies (FY 2022-2023). The registration fee for teams from countries qualified as high-income countries is €1250. Teams from countries qualified as upper middle-income countries, pay €950, and teams from lower-middle, or low-income countries €550. The [World Bank List of Economies](#) (FY 2022-2023) can be found in Annex 1.
- b. The registration fee covers the participation of maximum seven (7) team members.
- c. The Organization will issue an invoice for payment of the registration fee to eligible teams in January 2023. The invoice will be sent via email to the contact person listed on the registration form, under 'invoice details'.
- d. Each team must pay their registration fee within thirty (30) days of receiving the invoice.
- e. Incomplete payment of the registration fee renders that particular registration application invalid.
- f. The registration fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Art. 13 - Team Identification

- a. In the interest of fairness and objectivity, each team shall be assigned a team number upon their registration. This number will be emailed to each team by the Organization. This number becomes the team's identifier throughout the Competition.
- b. Teams must not reveal the identity of their institution or their country of origin to the judges at any time during the Competition.
- c. The Organization may disqualify or impose a Penalty against any team that intentionally or inadvertently discloses its school or country of origin to a judge during the competition, whether or not such disclosure occurs during an Oral Round.

Chapter 4: Judging in the Competition

Art. 14 – International Panel of Evaluation

- a. The International Panel of Evaluation (IPE) shall be tasked with the grading of the Memorials.
- b. All participating teams shall nominate **two** (2) duly qualified persons to be a member of the IPE. Each member of the IPE will evaluate three anonymous memorials (excluding the memorials of the nominating team).
- c. Teams participating in National/Regional Qualifying Rounds are exempted from nominating members to the IPE, unless they wish to do so.
- d. The nominated persons may in no way be involved with his/her nominating team, or its preparation.
- e. The team must inform the persons they wish to nominate and receive their consent for the nomination before submitting their names with the Organization.
- f. Participating teams must submit the names, contact details, position and affiliation of their nominees by **30 January 2023 @ 11:59PM CET at the latest** via our [online nomination form](#).
- g. The Organization may waive a team's duty to nominate panel members. The authority and discretion to grant waivers lies entirely with the Organization.
- h. Non-compliance with this article will result in 10 penalty points, to be deducted from the nominating team's total memorial score.
- i. If one or both of a team's nominee does not submit the scores for the memorials that were allocated to them by **17 April 2023 @ 11:59PM CEST**, the nominating team will be penalized with ten (10) points, to be deducted from the nominating team's total memorial score.
- j. The Organization shall also invite duly qualified persons to act as members of the IPE.
- k. Qualified persons may apply to become Evaluators in the Competition via our [online application form](#).

Art. 15 – Members of the Oral Round Judging Panel

- a. The Organization shall invite duly qualified persons to act as members of the Judging panels during the Preliminary, Quarter-final and Semi-final Rounds. Duly qualified persons include, but are not limited to lawyers, academics in a field of law, legal advisors, legal officers, court personnel.
- b. Qualified persons may apply to become judges in the Competition via our [online application form](#).

Art. 16 – Eligibility

- a. The Organization will determine the eligibility of persons to serve as evaluators and judges in the Competition.
- b. A person may act as a judge or an evaluator if he/she holds at least a Master's degree in law in any jurisdiction, or a Master's degree in an international law-related field. Experience in the practice of law is accepted in lieu of a Master's degree.
- c. Subject to the provisions below, a Judge may not judge a team with whom that judge is affiliated.
- d. A Coach or Assistant Coach of a participating team can under no circumstance be appointed as a Judge or as an evaluator.

- e. An “Affiliation” means a professional or close personal relationship between a judge and an institution, coach or team member participating in the Round in which the judge is to serve. A Coach or Assistant Coach of a participating team can under no circumstance be appointed as a Judge.
- f. The existence of a professional relationship between a Judge and a team shall not preclude the Judge from judging in the Competition when—in the determination of the Organizers—that Judge is not in a position to discover whether or not such an affiliation exists.
- g. The existence or non-existence of a close personal relationship shall be determined by the Organization.
- h. It is the duty of a judge to report any affiliations at the time he or she registers to judge or subsequently, directly to the Organizing Office in advance of the Moot. The Organizing Office shall investigate any reported affiliation (whether self-reported by a judge or otherwise) and shall determine whether such affiliation constitutes a conflict of interest.

Chapter 5: Competition Structure

Art. 17 - Case Publication

- a. Teams will be provided with a fictional case intended to enable the students to familiarize themselves with the law and practice of the ICC. The Competition case (hereinafter: “the Case”) will be made publicly available on the Competition’s website.
- b. Each team may request clarifications and corrections to the Case by **14 December 2022 @ 11:59PM CET**. All requests must be submitted via the **online submission form**.
- c. Each team may submit a maximum of five (5) questions/requests for clarification.
- d. The teams participating in National/Regional Rounds shall submit the questions/requests for clarification with the National/Regional Round Organizer.

Art. 18 - Preliminary Round

- a. The Preliminary Round of the Competition shall consist of two (2) consecutive phases, each independently graded: a written round (Memorials) and an oral round (Hearings).
- b. Each team shall address the Case in the roles of (1) **Counsel for the Prosecution** (or Prosecution Counsel), (2) **Counsel for the Defendant** (or Defense Counsel), and (3) **Counsel for the Government** (or Government Counsel) and shall submit one (1) Memorial per role, totaling a number of three (3) memorials per team.
- c. Each team shall participate in six (6) hearings before the Bench in the roles of (1) Counsel for the Prosecution, (2) Counsel for the Defendant, and (3) Counsel for the Government. (Twice per role.)
- d. The written and oral phase of the Preliminary Round are independently assessed. The sum of the scores obtained in both phases after the deduction of any penalty points will qualify the twenty-seven (27) best teams for Quarter-final Round. Both phases, the written and oral round, count for 50% of the total score each. If two or more teams rank number 27, the team with the highest total score in the oral phase of the Preliminary-Round will proceed to the Quarter-finals.

Art. 19 - Quarter-final Round

- a. The top twenty-seven (27) teams of the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the Quarter-final Round.
- b. The Quarter-final Round will consist of an oral phase only. The result of the written Memorials and the result of the Hearings of the Preliminary-Round will not be taken into account in assessing the final scores of the Quarter-final Round.
- c. Quarter-Final matchups will be predetermined by the Preliminary Rounds ranking.
 - Quarter-Final Matchup 1 : 1, 18, 27th place teams
 - Quarter-Final Matchup 2 : 2, 17, 26th place teams.
 - Quarter-Final Matchup 3 : 3, 16, 25th place teams.
 - Quarter-Final Matchup 4 : 4, 15, 24th place teams.
 - Quarter-Final Matchup 5 : 5, 14, 23rd place teams.
 - Quarter-Final Matchup 6 : 6, 13, 22nd place teams.
 - Quarter-Final Matchup 7 : 7, 12, 21st place teams.
 - Quarter-Final Matchup 8 : 8, 11, 20th place teams.

- Quarter-Final Matchup 9 : 9, 10, 19th place teams.
- d. To decide which role each team will represent in the Quarter-Final, designated team members of the qualified teams will select one envelope out of three envelopes provided by the Organization. Every envelope will contain a different role. The role mentioned in the envelope the designated team member draws, is the role that team will be representing in the Quarter-Final Round.
 - e. The teams are free to choose which of their three speakers will represent their team at the Quarter-final Round. They are not bound by the role the speakers represented in the Preliminary-Round.
 - f. The winning team of each of the nine (9) match-ups shall be decided by majority vote of the judges. No ties are allowed. The winning team in each match-up of the Quarter-final Round will advance to the Semi-final Round.

Art. 20 – Semi-final Round

- a. The nine (9) winning teams of the Quarter-final Round will proceed to the Semi-final Round.
- b. The Semi-final Round will consist of an oral phase only. The result of the written Memorials and the result of the Hearings of the Preliminary-Round and Quarter-final Round, will not be taken into account in assessing the final scores of the Semi-final Round.
- c. Semi-final matchups will be predetermined by the order of the advancing teams in the rankings from the Preliminary Rounds.
 - Semi-Final Matchup 1 : 1, 6, 9th place teams.
 - Semi-Final Matchup 2 : 2, 5, 8th place teams.
 - Semi-Final Matchup 3 : 3, 4, 7th place teams.
- d. To decide which role each team will represent in the Semi-Final, designated team members of the qualified teams will select one envelope out of three envelopes provided by the Organization. Every envelope will contain a different role. The role mentioned in the envelope the designated team member draws, is the role that team will be representing in the Semi-Final Round.
- e. The teams are free to choose which of their three speakers will represent their team at the Semi-final Round. They are not bound by the role the speakers represented in the Preliminary Round and Quarter-final Round.
- f. The winning team of each of the three (3) match-ups shall be decided by majority vote of the judges. No ties are allowed. The winning team in each match-up of the Semi-final Round will proceed to the Final Round

Art. 21 - Final Round

- a. The winner of each match-up of the Semi-final Round will proceed to the Final Round.
- b. To decide which role each team will represent in the Final Round, designated team members of the qualified teams will select one envelope out of three envelopes provided by the Organization. Every envelope will contain a different role. The role mentioned in the envelope the designated team member draws, is the role that team will be representing in the Final Round.

- c. The teams are free to choose which of their three speakers will represent their team at the Final Round. They are not bound by the role the speakers represented in the Preliminary-Round, Quarter-final Round, or Semi-final Round.
- d. The Bench of the Final Round will announce the winner of the Competition (to be picked at the discretion of the Bench). The team winning the Final Round will be the winner of the Competition, regardless of the scoring of the Memorials and the results of the team in the Preliminary-Round, Quarter-Final Round and Semi-Final Round.
- e. The Final Round of the Competition will, if possible, be organized by the ICC. It will consist of an oral phase only.

Chapter 6: Memorial Provisions

Art. 22 - Submission of Memorials

- a. All teams, excluding the teams participating in National or Regional Rounds, must submit their three (3) Memorials for each role by email to ICCMCC@law.leidenuniv.nl **prior to 6 March 2023 @ 11:59PM CET**.
- b. Memorials which are not submitted within this deadline will be subject to penalty points. A reduction of three (3) points for each 24-hour period, or part thereof, that exceeds the deadline, per memorial, will be imposed. Receipt of a Memorial five or more days after the deadline without seeking prior permission from the Organization, will result in the disqualification of the team.
- c. Submission must occur in a single email message with all three (3) Memorials attached as separate files titled “##P”; “##D” and “##G”, respectively (where “##” is the official number assigned to the team). Failure to comply with this provision will be penalized with **one (1) penalty point** per violation.
- d. Each team must submit its Memorials in both Microsoft Word and Pdf. format. Failure to do so will be penalized with **two (2) penalty points**.
- e. The organizers of the National and Regional Rounds will submit the Memorials of the participating teams to the Organization, **without giving the qualified teams the opportunity to change the memorials after their participation in the National or Regional Round**.

Art. 23 - Identification in Memorials

- a. Each team must omit the following references in their Memorials and in the metadata of the files:
 - The names of team members;
 - The members’ and/or the university’s country of residence;
 - Its nationality; and
 - The name of its university.
- b. Violations of this article will be sanctioned with **ten (10) penalty points** per violation.

Art. 24 - Memorial Format

- a. Each team must submit its Memorials in size 12 Times New Roman font style. This requirement applies to all pages of the Memorial, including the cover page.
- b. Each page must have a margin of 2 cm on every side of the text.
- c. Memorials must be continuously page-numbered, with each page being numbered.
- d. The line spacing for all parts of the Memorial is to be 1.5 lines.
- e. Headings and subheadings of more than one line in length must be single spaced.
- f. Violations of this article are sanctioned with **one (1) penalty point** per violation. More than one violation of the same item of this Article should be considered as one violation in total.

Art. 25 - 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**. The 10.000 words include the statement of facts, issues, summary of arguments, written arguments, submissions and

(optional) annexes, and exclude the front cover, title page, table of contents, list of abbreviations and index of authorities.

Art. 26 - Order of Content

- a. Each Memorial shall include the pages/sections below and shall be presented in the following order:
 - Front cover;
 - Title page;
 - Table of contents;
 - List of abbreviations;
 - Index of authorities (list of sources);
 - Statement of facts;
 - Issues;
 - Summary of arguments;
 - Written arguments;
 - Submissions;
 - Optional: Annex (max two (2) pages); and
 - Back cover.
- b. Violations of this article are sanctioned by **two (2) penalty points** per violation. The swapping of two sections will be sanctioned by **one (1) penalty point**.

Art. 27 - Front Cover Requirements

- a. The front cover (page) must contain the following information:
 - Team number;
 - Role (Prosecution Counsel, Defense Counsel, and Government Counsel);
 - Title of the Competition (IBA ICC Moot Court Competition in the English language);
 - Year; and
 - Total word count.
- b. The front cover (page) must be colour coded accordingly:
 - Green for Prosecution Counsel.
 - Red for Defense Counsel
 - Blue for Government Counsel.
- c. Violations of this article will be sanctioned with **one (1) penalty point** per violation.

Art. 28 - Footnotes

- a. Footnotes have to be in Times New Roman font style, size 10 font. Footnotes of more than one line in length must be single spaced.
- b. Spacing between each footnote shall be single.
- c. Consistency in the reference to sources throughout the Memorial is required. One referencing style only may be used throughout the Memorial.
- d. All the sources included in the index of authorities, must be included in the footnotes as well.
- e. Abbreviations of sources within footnotes are allowed. The abbreviation has to be announced in the index of authorities.

- f. Violations of this article are sanctioned with **two (2) penalty points** per violation. More than one violation of the same item of this Article should be considered as one violation in total.

Art. 29 - Scoring Structure Memorials

- a. Each Evaluator will score each Memorial on a scale of 50 to 100 points.
- b. The scoring factors to be considered, without regard to their order of importance, shall include, but not limited to: knowledge of the facts and law; proper and articulate analysis; extent and use of research; clarity and organization; evidence of original thought; persuasiveness; grammar and style.
- c. The score sheets will be emailed to each team upon the cessation of the Competition.

Art. 30 - Memorial Penalties

- a. Memorial Penalties shall be deducted from each of the individual evaluators' scores of a team's Memorial.
- b. The Organization shall notify all teams on **1 May 2023 @ 5PM CEST** about their penalty points. Any written appeals against the decision to impose penalties should be submitted **prior to 8 May 2023 @ 11:59PM CEST** via email to ICCMCC@law.leidenuniv.nl.

Chapter 7: Oral Round Provisions

Art. 31 – General procedures

- a. Each team shall participate in six (6) Hearings during the Preliminary Round, representing each role twice.
- b. Each Hearing shall take up to two (2) hours, with each team being allotted a total of thirty (30) minutes.
- c. Each team scheduled to appear has a maximum of thirty (30) minutes from the start of the scheduled time to appear before the bench.
- d. The Competition will proceed on an *ex parte* basis at the expiration of the thirty (30) minutes. The Organization may decide to delay the start of the proceedings, or reschedule the session, in exceptional circumstances.

Art. 32 – Order of Appearance and Time Division

- a. The order of the pleadings in each Hearing is:
 - Presentation by Defense Counsel: up to 20 minutes.
 - Presentation by Prosecution Counsel: up to 20 minutes.
 - Presentation by Government Counsel: up to 20 minutes.
 - Rebuttal by Defense Counsel: up to 10 minutes.
 - Rebuttal by Prosecution Counsel: up to 10 minutes.
 - Rebuttal by Government Counsel: up to 10 minutes
- b. Any other time division is strictly forbidden. Time not used in the presentation may not be allocated to the rebuttal, and time not used in the rebuttal may not be allocated to the presentation.
- c. Questions posed by the Judges are included in the speaking time of the presentation and of the rebuttal, respectively.

Art. 33 - Speakers

- a. Each team will have three (3) individual speakers. Every individual speaker of a team will represent in their pleadings the Defense Counsel, or the Prosecution Counsel or the Government Counsel. The rebuttal must be presented by the same speaker as the main presentation.
- b. Researchers are not allowed to present at any stage of the Competition.
- c. Each team must submit the role allocation within the team **by 8 May 2023 @ 11:59PM CET at the latest** (i.e. Team member X will undertake X role, where role is to be understood: Defense Counsel, Prosecution Counsel or Government Counsel). Failure to do so will be sanctioned with twenty (20) points.
- d. The role allocation must be submitted via our **online submission form**.
- e. Only two members of each team, two speakers, or one speaker and one researcher, are allowed to be present before the Bench. The person acting as co-counsel need not be the same person in each Hearing.
- f. Each speaker will present in accordance with the time allocated under Article 33.

Art. 34 – Scope of Pleadings

- a. A team's oral pleadings are not limited to the scope of the team's Memorial. Teams may refer directly to the opposing teams' memorials in their main argument.

- b. Speakers are not allowed to introduce new issues in their rebuttal. All arguments and issues raised by opposing counsels during both presentation and rebuttal may be discussed during the rebuttal.
- c. Objections regarding the substantive content of the pleadings are under no circumstances allowed at any moment during the proceedings.
- d. Objections regarding procedural issues (i.e., time allocation) are permitted.

Art. 35 - Bench Composition

- a. Each Bench will be composed of one (1) or two (2) Judge (s) and one (1) Presiding Judge (appointed by the Organization or by consensus by the Judges participating in the Hearing) and shall be assisted by a Bench Clerk.
- b. If only two Judges score a given Hearing, the Organization shall create a third score by averaging the scores of the two Judges.
- c. The organization may appoint a fourth Judge. In the event four (4) Judges score a given Hearing, the score that is furthest from the average of all four (4) scores, and the scoresheet on which it appears, will be disregarded.
- d. Judges in the Hearings do not have access to the teams' Memorials.
- e. Judges are not permitted to give their individual opinion outside the deliberation room regarding the quality of the presentations and results of the participating teams. Furthermore, Judges are not allowed to give the participating teams any feedback on details of the Case.
- f. During the oral rounds, the Bench shall ensure respect for the Rules of Procedure and will assess the quality of the arguments. The Judges are encouraged to intervene with appropriate questions during the oral pleading to further assess the knowledge and the preparation of the speakers.
- g. The Bench will follow its own Rules of Procedure within the framework of accepted norms of judicial practice, and with regard to questions of doubt or dispute in the procedure or facts. A decision of the Presiding Member of the Bench shall be final.
- h. The Judges shall mark the oral arguments in accordance with the scoring criteria provided for in these Rules.
- i. Team objections to the composition of the Bench due to conflict of interest or prior relationship must be disclosed and communicated to the Bench Clerk prior to the commencement of the Hearing.

Art. 36 - Role of the Bench Clerk

- a. The Bench Clerk is nominated by the Organization.
- b. The Bench Clerk is responsible for:
 - the collection of the score sheets and their delivery to the Organization;
 - briefing and advising the Bench Members on the Rules of Procedure contained herein;
 - keeping the order during the Hearing;
 - facilitating the sessions' development;
 - timekeeping.

Art. 37 - Scoring

- a. Scores are rewarded out of a maximum of 100 points for the overall performance of the team during each pleading. The presentation and the rebuttal shall be awarded with one score only.
- b. Points are allocated as follows:
 - Organization, structure and time management: max 20 points.
 - Knowledge and use of rules and principles of law: max 20 points.
 - Knowledge and use of the facts: max 20 points.
 - Questions and rebuttal: max 20 points.
 - Persuasiveness and style of presentation: max 20 points.
- c. Score sheets will be emailed to each team upon the cessation of the Competition.

Art. 38 - Penalties for Inappropriate Behaviour

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

Art. 39 - Recording of the Hearing

- a. Members of the presenting team, may (voice) record their own team members during their presentation and/or rebuttal. However, it is strictly forbidden to (voice) record the opposing teams during their presentation and/or rebuttal.
- b. Recording of the pleadings as per art. 41 (a) ROP may only take place upon prior approval from the judges and the Organization.
- c. Violations of this article are sanctioned with 50 penalty points.

Art. 40 - Scouting

- a. Scouting is forbidden at all times during the Competition.
- b. Scouting is defined as:
 - when a team or one or more of its members attend a Hearing in which they are not participants;
 - 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 8: The Awards

Art. 41 – Categories of the Awards

- a. The following awards will be given by the ICC after the Final Round:
- **Winner;**
 - **First Runner-up;**
 - **Second Runner-up;**
 - **Best Oralist.**
- b. The following awards will be given by the Organization in accordance with the scores obtained by teams in the Preliminary Round of the Competition:

(i) Memorial Awards

Best Prosecution Counsel Memorial	Best Defense Counsel Memorial	Best Government Counsel Memorial
First Runner-up Best Prosecution Counsel Memorial	First Runner-up Best Defense Counsel Memorial	First Runner-up Best Government Counsel Memorial
Second Runner-up Best Prosecution Counsel Memorial	Second Runner-up Best Defense Counsel Memorial	Second Runner-up Best Government Counsel Memorial
The IBA Award for Best Memorial Overall		

(ii) Speaker Awards – the speakers with the highest average score awarded per role

Winner Best Prosecution Counsel Speaker;	Winner Best Defense Counsel Speaker	Winner Best Government Counsel Speaker
First Runner-up Best Prosecution Counsel Speaker	First Runner-up Best Defense Counsel Speaker	First Runner-up Best Government Counsel Speaker
Second Runner-up Best Prosecution Counsel Speaker	Second Runner-up Best Defense Counsel Speaker	Second Runner-up Best Government Counsel Speaker
The IBA Award for Best Speaker Overall		

(iii) Team awards – the teams with the highest total score awarded in the written and oral round of the Preliminary Round

Best Prosecution Counsel Team	Best Defense Counsel Team	Best Government Counsel Team

First Runner-up Best Prosecution Counsel Team	First Runner-up Best Defense Counsel Team	First Runner-up Best Government Counsel Team
Second Runner-up Best Prosecution Counsel Team	Second Runner-up Best Defense Counsel Team	Second Runner-up Best Government Counsel Team
The IBA Award for Best Non-Native English-Speaking Team (A team is considered 'non-native' if at least two out of the three participating speakers are nationals of a non-English speaking country);		
The IBA Award for Best Newcomer Team (A team is considered 'newcomer' if it represents a university from a jurisdiction that is participating for the first time ever in the Competition);		
Best Regional Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Africa ○ The Americas (Central, North and South) & Oceania ○ Asia ○ Europe 		

- c. Upon completion of the entire program, each participant shall receive a certificate of participation.

Chapter 9: Friendly Rounds

- a. Friendly rounds and exchange of memorial are completely prohibited unless approved by the Organization. Please contact the Organization if you wish to organize/participate in friendly rounds.
- b. Only teams that do not participate in a National/Regional Round will be permitted to organize/participate in Friendly Rounds.
- c. Separate Rules of Procedure for Friendly Rounds can be found in Annex 2.

Annex 1: World Bank List of Economies 2022-2023

Low-income economies

Afghanistan	Guinea-Bissau	Somalia
Burkina Faso	Korea, Dem. People's Rep	South Sudan
Burundi	Liberia	Sudan
Central African Republic	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Chad	Malawi	Togo
Congo, Dem. Rep	Mali	Uganda
Eritrea	Mozambique	Yemen, Rep.
Ethiopia	Niger	Zambia
Gambia, The	Rwanda	
Guinea	Sierra Leone	

Lower-middle income economies

Angola	India	Philippines	Comoros
Algeria	Indonesia	Samoa	Congo, Rep.
Bangladesh	Iran, Islamic Rep	São Tomé and Príncipe	Côte d'Ivoire
Benin	Kenya	Senegal	Djibouti
Bhutan	Kiribati	Solomon Islands	Egypt, Arab Rep.
Bolivia	Kyrgyz Republic	Sri Lanka	El Salvador
Cabo Verde	Lao PDR	Tanzania	Eswatini
Cambodia	Lebanon	Tajikistan	Ghana
Cameroon	Lesotho	Timor-Leste	Haiti

Honduras	Tunisia
Mauritania	Ukraine
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Uzbekistan
Mongolia	Vanuatu
Morocco	Vietnam
Myanmar	West Bank and Gaza
Nepal	Zimbabwe
Nicaragua	
Nigeria	
Pakistan	
Papua New Guinea	

Upper-middle-income economies

Albania	Fiji	Namibia
American Samoa	Gabon	North Macedonia
Argentina	Georgia	Palau
Armenia	Grenada	Paraguay
Azerbaijan	Guatemala	Peru
Belarus	Guyana	Russian Federation
Belize	Iraq	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jamaica	South Africa
Botswana	Jordan	St. Lucia

Brazil	Kazakhstan	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Bulgaria	Kosovo	Suriname
China	Libya	Thailand
Colombia	Malaysia	Tonga
Costa Rica	Maldives	Türkiye
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Mauritius	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Mexico	
Equatorial Guinea	Moldova	
Ecuador	Montenegro	

High-income economies

Andorra	Greece	Poland
Antigua and Barbuda	Greenland	Portugal
Aruba	Guam	Puerto Rico
Australia	Hong Kong SAR, China	Qatar
Austria	Hungary	Romania
Bahamas, The	Iceland	San Marino
Bahrain	Ireland	Saudi Arabia
Barbados	Isle of Man	Seychelles
Belgium	Israel	Singapore
Bermuda	Italy	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
British Virgin Islands	Japan	Slovak Republic

Brunei Darussalam	Korea, Rep.	Slovenia
Canada	Kuwait	Spain
Cayman Islands	Latvia	St. Kitts and Nevis
Channel Islands	Liechtenstein	St. Martin (French part)
Chile	Lithuania	Sweden
Croatia	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Curaçao	Macao SAR, China	Taiwan, China
Cyprus	Malta	Trinidad and Tobago
Czech Republic	Monaco	Turks and Caicos Islands
Denmark	Nauru	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Faroe Islands	New Caledonia	United States
Finland	New Zealand	Uruguay
France	Northern Mariana Islands	Virgin Islands (U.S.)
French Polynesia	Norway	
Germany	Oman	
Gibraltar	Panama	

Annex 2: Friendly Rounds Rules of Procedure

Art. 1 - General

- a. Friendly Rounds and exchange of memorials are completely prohibited unless approved by the IBA ICCMCC Organizing Office.
- b. The Friendly Rounds do not constitute a qualifying round for participating in the International Round of the IBA ICC Moot Court Competition.
- c. No rights regarding the International Round of the Competition can be derived from participating/not participating/organizing a Friendly Round.
- d. Friendly Rounds will only be allowed to take place between teams that do not participate in National/Regional Rounds.
- e. Team participating in the problem-solving round are not precluded from participating in a Friendly Round.
- f. Each team can only participate in two (2) Friendly Rounds, and can only take up one role per round.
- g. The Friendly Rounds can take place either in one geographic place or virtually via skype/hangouts etc. or a combination of both.

Art. 2 - Registration

- a. Each team that wishes to participate in the Friendly Rounds must submit a written request with the IBA ICCMCC Organizing Office via email at iccmcc@law.leidenuniv.nl.
- b. The participation of a team in a Friendly Round will only be approved if the team has paid the fee and confirmed their participation in the International Round.

Art. 3 – Organization

- a. The IBA ICCMCC Organizing Office will have no involvement in the organization of the Friendly Rounds.
- b. The IBA ICCMCC Organizing Office will publish the organization of the Friendly Round on the Competition's website so that teams may join it.
- c. The Rules of Procedure of the International Round will apply strictly to the format of the oral pleadings of the Friendly Rounds.
- d. Teams participating in the Friendly Rounds can only exchange opposing memorials in accordance with the role they will be representing in the Friendly Round. The exchange of memorials can only take place one week before the Friendly Round.