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NORTH AMERICAN ROUND
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT TRIAL COMPETITION
WHITE PLAINS, NY
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A) Teams

The Competition is open to recognised Law Colleges and Law Faculties around the world. The participation is limited to (**under**) graduate Law students only. Students holding a LLM and correspondent courses are excluded from participation.

Each team shall consist of up to four students. One more student shall be permitted by the organisers if they are associated with the team as researchers. Each team will be accompanied by one or two Academic coaches, which brings the total to 4-7 persons per team.

B) Tournament Outline

- 1) Pre-Tournament information
 - a. Team registration will be open (online) **01-08-2008**
 - b. Teams register, pay the registration fee and team participation will be confirmed **1-10-2008 (extended to November 1, 2008)**
 - c. Teams receive the ICC Trial Competition package (case and rules) by e-mail **17-10-2008**
 - d. The deadline for posing questions regarding the problem is **1-12-2008**
 - e. Responses to questions are posted on the website on **15-12-2008**
 - f. The deadline for submission of memorials (3: P, DC, VC, by e-mail) is **15-01-2009**
 - g. Arrival of teams at The Hague for International Finals
 - i. **16-02-2009 – 19-02-2009**: The Hague preliminary rounds and visit to the ICC
 - j. **20-02-2009**: Finals
- 2) Tournament structure

- a. Teams are welcomed to the North American ICC Trial Competition organisation on the eve of the first Tournament day 30-01-2009
- b. The three Tournament Rounds start 31-01-2009
 - i. Every round the teams will be evaluated by an Expert Panel allocating points to the teams, both on their Memorial (this is done previously) and their arguing (the scoring structure).
 - ii. In the event 18 or more teams compete, the six teams with the best overall scores will proceed to the semi-finals.
 - iii. The winner of each semi-final round and the non-winning team with the highest score in the semi-final round will advance to the Finals.

C) Memorials

Teams must, in advance, hand in their three memorials for the Rounds I, II and III. Memorials must be handed in by e-mail. (Penalty: 20 points)

Memorials must be prepared in English! (Penalty: 0 points for the memorial)

The participating teams must not be identified in the memorial. Names or nationality of participants or schools are not allowed in the memorial or on the cover. (Penalty: 0 points for the memorial). Teams will be assigned numbers prior to the competition in order to maintain anonymity.

The body of the memorial (parts f-k) shall be not more than 25 pages in length. (Penalty: 5 points per page) The following parts have to be included in the memorial in the given order: (Penalty: 2 points per violation)

- a) Front and back cover
- b) Title page
- c) Table of contents
- d) List of abbreviations
- e) Index of authorities (list of sources)
- f) Statement of facts
- g) Issues
- h) Summary of arguments
- i) Jurisdiction of the court
- j) Written arguments
- k) Submissions
- l) Annex (max. 2 pages)

25 pages x max. 400 words = max 10.000 words

The memorial (including the space between two footnotes) must be 1.5 spaced. Individual foot-notes, titles and sub-titles that are more than one line in length should be single spaced. (Penalty: 1 point per violation, max. 4 points).

Memorials must be differentiated by different coloured covers (background colour). Prosecutor memorials must have a blue cover, Victims Counsel memorials a green cover and Defence Counsel a red cover. The cover must contain the following information: team number, role (prosecutor, defence counsel or victims counsel), name of the competition and the year. (Penalty: 1 point, max. 3 points)

Directive on the issues to be discussed during the three rounds and the finals:

To be included before 25 October 2008 (you will receive notification and amended regulations document)

How should teams prepare for the Finals?

The Teams can prepare themselves for the Finals, by expecting to make the Finals and prepare all the three roles they could possible represent.

In the morning of day four, the three finalist teams are provided with time to prepare their role in the finals

- No memorial in advance needed
- The Tournament structure and program will provide the Finalists with: time, location and facilities to prepare themselves for the Finals.

E) Competition Rules

1. All teams participating are given a chance to argue on all sides of the case during the preliminary rounds. .
2. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, the competition will take place without the presence of that team. (Ex parte proceeding)
3. Scouting in any manner is strictly prohibited. No team member or person directly associated with any team may attend a round in which the said team is not participating.
4. Every team should maintain fullest dignity and decorum in the Court Room. Inappropriate behaviour in the Court Room or blatant disregard for the procedures may result in the

Total (max) 70

Oral Arguments

Points will be awarded for:

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| a) Knowledge of facts and legal principles | 10 |
| b) Articulate analysis of the issues | 10 |
| c) Use of authorities and citations | 10 |
| d) Ingenuity and clarity | 10 |
| e) Persuasiveness | 10 |
| f) Logic and reasoning | 10 |
| g) Presentation | 10 |

Total (max)

