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Rules for the Nuremberg Moot Court 2014



1. Aim of the Competition

The competition aims to encourage university students to become familiar with International Criminal Law by arguing a fictitious case in front of the “International Criminal Court”. The final round of the competition will take place in the historic Court Room 600, location of the Nuremberg Trials after World War II, connecting the past with the present while offering a unique and historical educational experience.

The Nuremberg Moot Court enables students to improve their public speaking and practical legal skills. Students will understand the practices of the International Criminal Court through active participation in the competition. In addition, the competition seeks to advance knowledge about the International Criminal Court’s mandate, functions, and jurisprudence.

2. Organization of the Competition

a) Administration

The Nuremberg Moot Court 2014 is organized by the Founding Office of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy:

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b) Structure of the Competition

The case will be sent to the team administrators on 7 July 2014.

The competition consists of a written and an oral phase. During the written phase each team prepares a memorial for the defence and the prosecution.

The oral phase consists of two days of Moot Court competition. This will take place on 1–2 August 2014, in the East Wing of the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg. The final round will be held in Courtroom 600.

3. Participation and Eligibility

All law students, law schools, law faculties, and institutions with international law related degree programs are eligible to participate in the competition as a team. Non-law students may also be considered eligible, provided that they have the requisite legal knowledge.

Each team requires an official team coordinator. The team coordinator will serve as supervisor and assistant to the team members, but may not participate as an active team member. The coordinator is responsible for the team’s administrative tasks, such as the application, election of team members, and communication with the administration.

Please note that the official team coordinator is the only person on the team to receive the Moot Court case on 7 July 2014.

4. Team Registration

Teams may be composed of three to five team members. Substitution of team members is normally not permitted after the registration deadline in the official schedule, with the exception of extenuating circumstances.

Teams may register through their team coach until 16 June 2014 to ianp@stadt.nuernberg.de.

The application must contain the following:

Name, country and full address of your university, as well as name, title, position, full address and email address of the team coach as **contact**. Additionally, a list of full names and email addresses of the students of the Moot Court Team is required.

For fairness and objectivity, each team will be assigned an anonymous number prior to submission of their memorials.

This number will be emailed to each team by the organizers and will become the team’s identification number throughout the competition.

5. Registration Fee

No registration fee is required.



6. Written Memorials

a) Preparation

Each team must prepare one prosecution and one defendant written memorial in English. Each team must research, write, edit, and develop its own legal and factual arguments without the help of persons outside the team. Team coaches may provide general advice to the team: for example, general instruction on international (criminal) law, general advice on research methods or advice on pleading options and strategies.

b) Memorial Format

Each team must submit its memorial in Microsoft Word format, printable on A4 sized paper, 12 point Times New Roman font. Each page shall have a margin of at least 2 cm. The text of the memorial must be set to a line space of 1.5. Each memorial must not exceed 3,500 words (including footnotes). The front cover must show the team number, role (Defence Council or Prosecution), title of the competition, the year and total word count. Citations must be used to identify the source of statements made in the memorials, where necessary. Violations of the word count restriction will be sanctioned by five penalty points per 100 words.

c) Written memorials

The maximum score is 100 points.

1. 40 points are awarded for knowledge of legal principles and analysis of the case
2. 40 points are awarded for logic and legal reasoning
3. 20 points are awarded for grammar and style

d) Deadline for Submission

Written memorials must be submitted to the Academy by Wednesday, 30 July 2014: ianp@stadt.nuernberg.de

e) Late Delivery and Plagiarism

Plagiarism and late delivery of memorials will be sanctioned with disqualification.

7. Oral Round Provisions

a) Structure

Preliminary rounds will take place on Friday, August 1. Every team will be pleading as both Defence Counsel and Prosecution in preliminary rounds. The best four teams will reach the semifinal, which will be conducted on Saturday, 2 August, 2014. The final will also take place on the same day.

b) Speakers

Each team will consist of up to two speakers. Each speaker on a team takes on the presentation of either Defence Counsel or Prosecution. It is within the discretion of the team to decide which speaker will present the rebuttal.

c) Speaking Time

The total speaking time is 30 minutes including rebuttal and surrebuttal. Teams may reserve up to 5 minutes for rebuttal and surrebuttal.

d) Raising Objections

The speakers are not allowed to make objections during the exposition of the oralist of the other teams.

e) Practice Rounds

Teams may organize practice rounds for the oral pleadings in their domestic surroundings.

f) Scores

The maximum score for oral pleadings is 100 points.

1. 70 points for the knowledge of facts, legal principles, reasoning and analysis of the legal issue
2. 30 points for presentation and speaking



8. Bench Composition

- The bench will be composed of up to two members and one president. Team coaches of participating teams cannot be appointed as a bench member.
- Bench members for oral sessions can be distinct from the bench evaluating the memorials.
- The bench will follow its own Rules of Procedure within the framework of accepted norms of judicial practice.
- Bench members are encouraged to intervene with appropriate questions during the oral pleadings to assess the knowledge of the oralists and to mark the oral arguments in accordance with the scoring criteria provided.

9. Behaviour

Every team should maintain the utmost dignity and decorum in the courtroom and during the entire competition. Inappropriate behavior may result in the disqualification of the team.

10. Awards

The following awards will be given by the ICC after the final round:

1. Winning Team in the Final Round (overall winning team)
2. Best Speaker in Preliminary Round
3. Best Speaker in Semifinal/Final Round
4. Best Memorial Prosecutor
5. Best Memorial Defence Counsel

Each participating team will receive a certificate of participation.