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PREAMBLE

Resolution of the Board of the IASLA

The International Air and Space Law Academy,

Recognising the need to promote education and awareness of the principles of space law among students, academics and lawyers,

Further recognising the need for an international moot court competition devoted to space law that is organised transparently, fairly and professionally,

Encouraging the peaceful settlement of international space law disputes while recognising the diversity of the students united together through participation in a moot court competition,

Promoting the development of skills in professional oral and written advocacy,

Determined to administer the moot court competition fairly, impartially, competently and effectively through the application of specific rules,

1. *Establishes* the IASLA Space Law Moot Court Competition;
2. *Calls upon* all eligible educational institutions and eligible students around the world to participate in the Competition;
3. *Adopts* the Competition Rules for the effective conduct of the Competition;
4. *Further adopts* the Administration Rules for the effective organisation of the logistical and administrative aspects of the Competition;
5. *Further adopts* the Financial Rules for the effective fundraising and administration of the finances of the Competition; and
6. *Appoints* Dr. Ricky J. Lee of Australia as the Principal Administrator of the Competition pursuant to Rule A1.01 of the Administrative Rules.

ARTICLE C2. STRUCTURE

Rule C2.01 Overall Structure

The Competition comprises three levels:

- (1) the Domestic Funding Rounds;
- (2) the Regional Rounds; and
- (3) the International Finals.

Rule C2.02 Need for International Finals

The International Finals are to be held if there are two (2) or more Regional Rounds.

Rule C2.03 Need for Regional Rounds

- (1) The Principal Administrator will endeavour to organise at least two (2) Regional Rounds in each Competition Year.
- (2) Countries are allocated to Regional Rounds in accordance to Schedule A.
- (3) The Principal Administrator, after consulting the Board of Governors, may move a country from one Regional Round to another, provided that no institution has participated in the Competition in any previous or current Competition Year.

Rule C2.04 Regional Directors

The Principal Administrator will appoint a Regional Director to each of the Regional Rounds and will publish the contact details of the Regional Directors.

Rule C2.05 Finals Director

The Principal Administrator may appoint a Finals Director to the International Finals.

Rule C2.06 Appointment of Other Organisers

The Regional Directors may appoint other individuals to positions within the Regional Rounds at their absolute discretion, except that appointments of Domestic Funding Rounds Organisers are subject to the approval of the Principal Administrator.

ARTICLE C3. PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

Rule C3.01 Eligible Institutions

Subject to Rule C3.05 and Rule C3.06, the following institutions are eligible to participate in the Competition:

- (1) law schools;
- (2) law faculties;

- (3) institutions with law or law-related degree programs; and
- (4) other institutions that include space law or public international law in their curriculum, subject to the approval of the Principal Administrator in consultation with the relevant Regional Director.

Rule C3.02 Participation by Eligible Institutions

- (1) Each institution eligible to participate in the Competition may do so by registering one (1) Team in the relevant Regional Rounds.
- (2) Institutions must participate in the designated Regional Rounds for their country of nationality as provided for in Schedule A.

Rule C3.03 Application for Approval of Non-Law Institutions

Applications from institutions for approval of the Principal Administrator under Rule C3.01(4) are to be made no less than four (4) weeks prior to the deadline for registration on the form prescribed by the Principal Administrator and be sent by email and fax to both the Principal Administrator and the relevant Regional Director.

Rule C3.04 One Team per Institution

In any Competition Year, no institution may participate in the Competition with more than one (1) Team, unless the Teams represent different campuses of the institution and will operate entirely independently of each other.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

Rule C3.05 Effect of Disciplinary Exclusion

In any Competition Year, institutions subject to a current Disciplinary Exclusion are not eligible to participate in the Competition.

Rule C3.06 Effect of Financial Suspension

In any Competition Year, institutions subject to a current Financial Suspension are not eligible to participate in the Competition unless the full amount of the relevant outstanding debt to the Competition is paid, along with any general fees and charges payable, on registration.

ARTICLE C4. STUDENTS

Rule C4.01 Eligibility of Students

A student is eligible to a Student Member of their institution's Team if:

- (1) they are enrolled in full-time or part-time study in their educational institution;
- (2) their institution is an eligible institution under Rule C3.01;
- (3) their study is to pursue an Eligible Course;

- (4) they have not engaged in the practice of law in any jurisdiction after graduating from any type of law program, degree or qualification; and
- (5) they have not previously participated in the Competition representing their present institution or any other institution.

Rule C4.02 Eligible Course

The term *Eligible Course* means any degree in law and/or international law at an eligible institution, including but not limited to:

- (1) Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.);
- (2) Juris Doctor (J.D.);
- (3) Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.); and
- (4) Master of Laws (LL.M.),

but excludes any:

- (5) advanced postgraduate doctoral degree by coursework;
- (6) advanced postgraduate doctoral degree by research; and
- (7) advanced postgraduate doctoral degree by coursework and research.

Rule C4.03 Discretion of the Principal Administrator on Student Eligibility

- (1) The Principal Administrator has the discretion to grant or deny eligibility in exceptional circumstances notwithstanding Rule C4.01 in accordance with the dictates of fairness and the best interests of the Competition.
- (2) In particular, students subject to the following criteria are required to obtain the written authority of the relevant Regional Director before registration:
 - (a) students enrolled as an exchange or visiting student;
 - (b) students enrolled in more than one institution simultaneously;
 - (c) students who have already received a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree or equivalent; or
 - (d) students who have already received an advanced postgraduate doctoral degree in law or a law-related discipline.

Rule C4.04 Number of Student Members

- (1) A Team may comprise two (2) to four (4) Student Members.
- (2) Before the deadline for registration, a registered Team may add to their number of Student Members provided that the total number of Student Members does not exceed four (4).

- (3) Only the Student Members may contribute to the contents of the oral arguments and the Memorials.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

Rule C4.05 Substitution of Student Members Prohibited

Substitution of Student Members is not permitted except in extraordinary circumstances and with the express written approval of the Principal Administrator.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

Rule C4.06 Restrictions on Internal Selection Process for Student Members

Student Members may be chosen by any methodology, mechanism and/or procedure adopted by the institution, provided that:

- (1) if an internal competition is held to select the Student Members, the current Moot Problem of that Competition Year or a problem based substantially on the Moot Problem of that Competition Year must not be used;
- (2) the process adopted does not involve any criteria or requirement that involves or amounts to discrimination of certain students of that institution based on age, race, sex, religion, sexual orientation or the absence of disabilities, whether in breach of relevant Australian laws to which the Competition, as an activity of an Australian entity, may be subject or otherwise; and
- (3) the process is not unlawful in the jurisdiction in which the institution is located.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

Rule C4.07 Students from Multiple Institutions

No Team may comprise Student Members of more than one institution unless:

- (1) prior written permission of the Regional Organiser has been obtained; and
- (2) the Regional Organiser is satisfied that the respective institutions cannot put together a Team without such permission being granted.

ARTICLE C5. EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

Rule C5.01 Prohibition on External Assistance

As a general rule, a Team must develop its own arguments without the assistance of any person who is not a Student Member of the Team.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

Rule C5.02 Staff Advisors

Staff Advisors may only give advice and commentary to their own Team on:

- (a) basic principles of space law and international law;
- (b) research methods and sources;
- (c) writing methodology and structure for Memorials;
- (d) the Competition Rules; and
- (e) strategy options and choice of counsel.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

Rule C5.03 Assistance from other Teams and Teachers

- (1) No Team may provide any assistance to any other Team, including participation in any practice moots against another Team, except where approved by the Principal Administrator as being in the best interests of the Competition.
- (2) No Team may continue in the Competition if they have attended a class that the present Competition Year's Moot Problem had been used, except where the class is limited to the Student Members of the Team.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

Rule C5.04 Draft Memorials

Teams may not share their draft Memorials to anyone outside the Team.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

Rule C5.05 Bench Memorandum

- (1) The Bench Memorandum is strictly secret and confidential to the judges at various levels of the Competition. All copies of the Bench Memorandum must be printed on coloured paper that cannot be easily photocopied.
- (2) Individuals who have had access to the Bench Memorandum may not judge any practice round for any Team.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

- (3) Any Team that has access to a copy of the Bench Memorandum, regardless of how such access eventuated, must return it to the Regional Director or the Principal Administrator without examining its contents.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

ARTICLE C6. COMPETITION YEAR

Rule C6.01 Calendar for the Competition Year

At least four (4) weeks before the start of the Competition Year and in any event no later than 31 August of any year, the Principal Administrator is to publish the Calendar for that Competition Year, specifying:

- (1) the date that the Moot Problem will be published;
- (2) the deadline for registration in the Regional Rounds, which is to be the same date for all Regional Rounds;
- (3) the deadline for submission of clarifying questions on the Moot Problem, which is to be the same date for all Regional Rounds;
- (4) the date that the Statement of Additional Facts will be published;
- (5) the deadline for submission of Memorials;
- (6) the dates and locations of the Domestic Funding Rounds, which ought to be held in June where possible;
- (7) the dates and locations of the Regional Rounds, which ought to be held in July where possible; and
- (8) the dates and locations of the International Finals, which ought to be held in August where possible.

Rule C6.02 Restriction on Competition Dates

Each of the dates to be specified by the Principal Administrator under Rule C6.01, except those for the Domestic Funding Rounds or the Regional Rounds, must not be a Saturday or a Sunday.

ARTICLE C7. REGISTRATION

Rule C7.01 Duty to Register

Each Team must register by completing the prescribed registration form and paying the prescribed registration fees by the prescribed registration deadline in the Calendar. Every Student Member and Staff Advisor for each Team must be registered.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

Rule C7.02 Contact Person

Each Team must specify a contact person, notice to whom would constitute notice to the entire Team, though all Student Members and Staff Advisor of the Team may be contacted by the relevant Regional Director.

Rule C7.03 Team Number

When the registration process is complete and only then, the relevant Regional Director will issue the Team with a Team Number, which may be randomly issued from a range of Team Numbers assigned to each of the Regional Rounds by the Principal Administrator in the beginning of the Competition Year.

Rule C7.04 Documentary Evidence of Sufficient Funding

Teams not based in the city where the Regional Rounds of that Competition Year is to be held must submit with their Memorials documentary evidence of having sufficient funding to participate in the Regional Rounds.

This may take the form of a photocopy of the plane tickets, paid receipt for the airfare or letter(s) committing specified sums of money as funding from the Participating University or its sponsor(s).

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

Rule C7.05 Withdrawal of Registration

Except in extraordinary circumstances at the absolute discretion of the Principal Administrator, any team withdrawing from the Competition are not entitled to any refund of any fees paid by that team.

Rule C7.06 Applications for Waiver or Reduction of Registration Fees

In considering any request for a waiver or reduction of registration fees, the Regional Director and/or Principal Administrator must consider the following factors:

- (1) whether the team is based in a less developed country;
- (2) whether the team has a particular financial disadvantage vis-à-vis other teams from the same country beyond the actual amount of participation costs;
- (3) whether the team has a particular financial disadvantage vis-à-vis other teams from other countries in the same region beyond the actual amount of participation costs;
- (4) whether the team is participating in the Competition for the first time;
- (5) whether the team is funded by the university or institution; and
- (6) whether the team has other readily available funding sources.

ARTICLE C7A. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

Rule C7A.01 Clarifying Questions

- (1) Each Team may submit to the Regional Director no more than five (5) questions clarifying factual aspects of the Moot Problem by the deadline published by the Regional Director.

- (2) If more than five (5) questions are submitted, only the first five (5) questions submitted will be taken into consideration.

Rule C7A.02 Statement of Additional Facts

If a Statement of Additional Facts is published, it will from the date of publication form part of the Moot Problem.

ARTICLE C8. MEMORIALS

Rule C8.01 Both Applicant and Respondent

Each Team must prepare one Applicant Memorial and one Respondent Memorial.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

Rule C8.02 Submission of Memorials

Unless an extension of time has been previously granted by the Regional Director or the Principal Administrator in exceptional circumstances, each Team must submit to the Regional Director or the Domestic Funding Rounds Organiser, where applicable, an electronic copy of their Memorials by electronic mail no later than 23:59 at the local time of the Participating University on the date specified in the Calendar to be the deadline for the submission of Memorials.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

Rule C8.03 Deemed Failure to Submit Memorials

A Team is deemed to have failed to submit one (1) or more of the Memorials under Rule C8.01 if the Team has not submitted both Memorials ten (10) days after the published deadline for the submission of the Memorials or any extended deadline granted by the Regional Director pursuant to Rule C8.07.

Rule C8.04 Consequence of Deemed Failure to Submit Memorials

A Team deemed to have failed to submit one (1) or more of the Memorials under Rule C8.03 is disqualified from participating further in the Competition.

Rule C8.05 Alternative Means of Submission

If a Team is not able to send its Memorials by electronic mail in the manner described in Rule C8.02 due to technological limitations, the Team must notify the Regional Director as soon as possible before the date specified in the Calendar to be the deadline for the submission of the Memorials and the Regional Director may impose a different process for the submission of the Memorials of that Team.

Rule C8.06 No Submission of Printed Memorials

Unless specifically required by the Regional Director, physical submission of printed copies of the Memorials is not required or permitted.

Rule C8.07 Absolute Deadline

The deadline for the submission of the Memorials is absolute and, except in extraordinary circumstances totally beyond the control and reasonable anticipation of the Team at the absolute discretion of the Regional Director, no excuses will be accepted for late submission of the Memorials.

Rule C8.08 Identification Prohibited

Except for the Team Number, no Memorial may contain any reference capable of identifying the Participating University, the Team, the Student Member(s), the Staff Advisor(s) or their nationality, including such reference in the “document properties”, undeleted comment, HTML or XML tags in the Memorial.

***Note:** Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.*

Rule C8.09 Contents of the Memorials

Each Memorial must contain all the following sections and only the following sections:

- (1) Cover Page;
- (2) Table of Contents;
- (3) Index of Authorities;
- (4) Statement of Jurisdiction;
- (5) Questions Presented;
- (6) Statement of Facts;
- (7) Summary of Pleadings;
- (8) Pleadings; and
- (9) Prayer for Relief.

***Note:** Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.*

Rule C8.10 Cover Page

The Cover Page of each Memorial must contain:

- (1) the Team Number in the top right corner followed by an “A” for the Applicant Memorial or an “R” for the Respondent Memorial;
- (2) the name of the Court, specifically the International Court of Justice;
- (3) the name of the Competition and the Competition Year;
- (4) the name of the case, being the title of the Moot Problem; and
- (5) the title of the Memorial, being either the “Memorial for the Applicant” or “Memorial for the Respondent”.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

Rule C8.11 Restriction of Legal Arguments to the Pleadings

All substantive legal argument or interpretation of the facts of the Moot Problem may only be presented in the Pleadings section of a Memorial, though such arguments may be summarised in the Questions Presented and the Summary of Pleadings sections.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

Rule C8.12 Format of the Memorials

- (1) All parts of a Memorial must be contained in a single electronic file in Microsoft Office Word format and capable of being opened on the Windows platform, free of tracked changes, comments, HTML and XML tags and document properties.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (2) All pages of a Memorial must be formatted or printed on paper of either Letter (8.5" x 11") or A4 (21cm x 29.7cm) size.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (3) All pages of a Memorial must have margins on all sides of at least one inch (1") or two and a half centimetres (2.5cm).

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (4) The font and text size of the text in all parts of a Memorial excluding the Cover Page but including the footnotes must be Times New Roman in 12 point type.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (5) The text of all parts of a Memorial, excluding the Cover Page, Table of Contents and Index of Authorities, must be double-spaced.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (6) The text of footnotes and quotes from external sources of more than forty (40) words may be single-spaced, provided in the case of quotes that the paragraph is indented on both left and right sides.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

Rule C8.13 Language

- (1) Subject to Rule C8.13(2), the Memorials must be in English.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (2) In the Latin American Regional Rounds:
 - (a) the Memorials of the Teams participating in the Latin American Regional Rounds must be in Spanish; and

- (b) if a Team from the Latin American Regional Rounds advances to the International Finals, the Memorials must be translated into English by an officially accredited translator in the home country of the Team or otherwise as approved by the Principal Administrator, who is to certify that the translated Memorials is to the greatest extent possible the verbatim translations of the original Memorials and have not been revised, altered or updated during the translation process.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

Rule C8.14 Footnotes and Citations

- (1) Footnotes must be used to identify sources of statements or propositions.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (2) The use of endnotes is prohibited.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (3) The footnotes may not include any text other than the actual citation.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (4) The system of citation adopted must be consistent throughout the Memorial and must be adequate to allow a reasonable person to identify and locate the authority and, in particular, Teams are strongly encouraged to adopt the Bluebook or the Australian Guide to Legal Citation to ensure compliance with this Rule C8.14.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

Rule C8.15 Word Limits

- (1) The length of the Pleadings section of a Memorial, including the Prayer for Relief and any footnotes, must not exceed nine thousand (9,000) words.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (2) The Summary of Pleadings must be no longer than eight hundred (800) words.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

- (3) The Statement of Facts must be no longer than one thousand (1,000) words.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

Rule C8.16 Drawings and Images Prohibited

The Memorials must not contain any drawings, diagrams, charts, slides, sketches, images, photographs, sound, models or video recordings or have any other form of insert, attachment or annexure.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class I penalty — see Rule C16.03.

ARTICLE C9. ORAL ROUNDS GENERALLY

Rule C9.01 Judging Panels

- (1) In the International Finals, each Oral Round is to be adjudicated by three (3) individual judges.
- (2) In the Domestic Funding Rounds or the Regional Rounds, an Oral Round is to be judged by three (3) judges, though one may be adjudicated by two (2) judges where adjudication by three (3) judges is not possible.
- (3) Only in exceptional circumstances may an Oral Round in the Domestic Funding Rounds or the Regional Rounds to be adjudicated by a single judge.

Rule C9.02 Order and Contents of Submissions

- (1) The order of the pleadings in each Oral Round at all levels of the Competition is:
 - (a) the first counsel for the Applicant;
 - (b) the second counsel for the Applicant;
 - (c) the first counsel for the Respondent;
 - (d) the second counsel for the Respondent;
 - (e) the rebuttal, which may be made by either one of the two counsel of the Applicant who have already made oral submissions to the Court; and
 - (f) the surrebuttal, which may be made by either one of the two counsel of the Respondent who have already made oral submissions to the Court.
- (2) The Applicant may waive its rebuttal and, where there are rebuttal submissions, the Respondent may waive its surrebuttal. If the Applicant waives its rebuttal then the Respondent is taken to waive its surrebuttal.
- (3) Teams are not confined to the written pleadings in their Memorials in their oral pleadings, though both Teams in an Oral Round may refer to the written pleadings of both the Applicant and the Respondent in their oral pleadings.
- (4) The oral pleadings in rebuttal are confined to the submissions of the Respondent.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.
- (5) The oral pleadings in surrebuttal are confined to the rebuttal submissions.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.
- (6) Teams are not required to choose the counsel to make the rebuttal or surrebuttal submissions before the rebuttal or surrebuttal submissions are made.

Rule C9.03 Time Limits

- (1) Each Oral Round of the Domestic Funding Rounds and the Regional Rounds are to be of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings in duration, with:
 - (a) the Applicant and the Respondent each allotted thirty (30) minutes;
 - (b) no counsel may speak for more than eighteen (18) minutes, including any time allotted for rebuttal or surrebuttal; and
 - (c) no rebuttal or surrebuttal may be allotted for more than six (6) minutes.
- (2) Each Oral Round of the International Finals is to be of ninety (90) minutes of oral pleadings in duration, with:
 - (a) the Applicant and the Respondent each allotted forty-five (45) minutes;
 - (b) no counsel may speak for more than twenty-seven (27) minutes, including any time allotted for rebuttal or surrebuttal; and
 - (c) no rebuttal or surrebuttal may be allotted for more than nine (9) minutes.
- (3) Before the start of an Oral Round, each Team is to indicate to the clerk of the Court how it has chosen to divide up its time between the first counsel, the second counsel and the rebuttal or surrebuttal and are to announce their time allocations to the judges at the time when they make their appearances.
- (4) Any time allotted by a Team to the main pleadings that is unused may not be used by the Team to extend the time allocated for rebuttal or surrebuttal.
- (5) Subject to Rule C9.04, extensions of time may only be granted by the judges of an Oral Round under extenuating circumstances.

Rule C9.04 Language

- (1) Except where otherwise specified in this Rule C9.04, the language of all of the Oral Rounds in the Competition must be English.
- (2) The Oral Rounds of the Latin American Regional Rounds and any Domestic Funding Rounds in the Latin American Region are to be conducted in Spanish.
- (3) The Team that win the Latin American Regional Rounds and thus qualify for the International Finals may choose to submit its oral pleadings in the International Finals in English or Spanish. If the Team elects to submit its oral pleadings in the International Finals in Spanish, then:
 - (a) the Team must arrange for a properly-accredited interpreter to interpret its oral pleadings at the International Finals into English and the arrangements and costs incurred in hiring the interpreter are the responsibility of the Team;
 - (b) the interpreter hired by the Team must be officially accredited as an interpreter in the home country of the Team or the country where the International Finals are held and must not be involved with the Team, the

university of the Team, or related to the Team or a member of the Team in any capacity;

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

- (c) the Team must notify the Principal Administrator and the Finals Director, where applicable, at least one (1) month before the commencement of the International Finals of the Team's choice of language and the identity of the interpreter to be hired by the Team;

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

- (d) the interpreter may only engage in a literal interpretation of the pleadings and the questions from the judges and not embellish anything; and

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

- (e) the Principal Administrator or the Finals Director may extend the total time for the Team to submit its oral pleadings in each Oral Round of the International Finals by no more than twenty (20) minutes, in which case the same extension of time is to be granted to the opposing Team to enable their pleadings and questions from the judges to be interpreted.
- (4) The Principal Administrator or the Finals Director may appoint an interpreter to verify a Team's compliance with Rule C9.04(3)(d).

Rule C9.05 Seating at the Bar Table

During each Oral Round, only the two (2) counsel of each Team are to be seated at the bar table or counsel table.

Rule C9.06 Spectators

- (1) Subject to Rule C9.07(2), all of the Regional Rounds and the Grand Final of the International Finals are open to the public.
- (2) The International Finals other than the Grand Final and all of the Domestic Funding Rounds are closed to the public.
- (3) Teams are responsible for any disruptive behaviour and compliance with these Competition Rules by their spectators.

Rule C9.07 Permitted Communications

No oral communication may take place in an Oral Round except between the Student Member submitting oral submissions and the judges. No written communication may take place during an Oral Round except between the two seated Student Members at the bar table and between the judges. In particular:

- (1) no communication of any kind may take place between:
 - (a) anyone other than the judges; and

- (b) any of the Student Member seated at the bar table or the Student Member submitting oral pleadings; and
- (2) no communication of any kind may take place between a spectator and anyone else in the courtroom.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

Rule C9.08 Lateness and Forfeiture

- (1) Where one or both Teams are late in an Oral Round, the appropriate penalty is to be determined in accordance with the following table:

TEAMS	APPLICANT ON TIME	APPLICANT < 0:10 LATE	APPLICANT > 0:10 LATE
RESPONDENT ON TIME	No penalty	Deduct 20% to 60% from Applicant’s Oral Round points.	Applicant is to forfeit that Oral Round but keeps Memorial points.
RESPONDENT < 0:10 LATE	Deduct 20% to 60% from Respondent’s Oral Round points.	Deduct 40% from both teams’ Oral Round points.	Deducted 20% from Respondent’s Oral Round points and 60% from Applicant’s points.
RESPONDENT > 0:10 LATE	Respondent is to forfeit that Oral Round but keeps Memorial points.	Deduct 20% from Applicant’s points and 60% from Respondent’s Oral Round points.	Both teams are to forfeit that Oral Round but may keep points for their Memorials.

- (2) Penalties imposed under Rule C9.08(1) are not subject to appeal.
- (3) The Domestic Funding Round Organisers, the Regional Directors, the Finals Director and the Principal Administrator have the discretion to reduce or waive the penalty imposed under Rule C9.08(1) in the Domestic Funding Rounds, the Regional Rounds and the International Finals, respectively.

Rule C9.09 Recording

- (1) Subject to this Rule C9.09, a Team may not make an audio or video recording of an Oral Round in the Regional Rounds in which they are participating without the prior permission of all of the judges, all Student Members of the opposing Team and the relevant Regional Director. The recording media will be held by the Regional Director until the end of the Regional Rounds.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

- (2) No audio or video recordings of any kind may be made by a Team during any stage of a Domestic Funding Round or the International Finals.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

- (3) All Teams participating in the International Finals are deemed to have consented to the recording of the Oral Rounds by the Principal Administrator.

Rule C9.10 Devices

- (1) Except for the judges, no mobile phone, portable computer, smartphones, electronic readers, personal digital assistants or any other computing or electronic devices may be operated by anyone in a courtroom and they all must be switched off and out of sight during an Oral Round.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

- (2) While a Student Member of a Team may use an analogue or digital watch or stopwatch during an Oral Round, such timing device may not be touched or operated by any Student Member of that Team when oral pleadings are being submitted by any Student Member of any Team.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

Rule C9.11 Scouting

Except for the Regional Final in each of the Regional Rounds and the Grand Final of the International Finals, Student Members or Staff Advisors of a Team or anyone affiliated, involved or related with any Team or its members may not watch an Oral Round in which the Team is not participating.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class III penalty — see Rule C16.05.

Rule C9.12 Disclosure of Identity or Nationality

No Student Member or any person involved with or associated with a Team may indicate, verbally or otherwise, their Participating University, the country where the Participating University is located or their nationality, including the placement of folders, notebooks, binders, library book labels and the wearing of clothing, decorations or any other identifying feature except for their nametags and the Team Number.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

Rule C9.13 Compliance with Directions

All Teams must comply with all reasonable directions given by the Domestic Funding Rounds Organiser, the Regional Director, the Finals Director and the Principal Administrator, their staff and the clerk of the Court concerning the conduct of each of the Oral Rounds at all levels of the Competition.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

ARTICLE C10. JUDGING OF MEMORIALS

Rule C10.01 Memorial Points

- (1) Each Memorial is to be graded out of a score of one hundred (100), of which:
 - (a) a perfect Memorial would have a score of one hundred (100);
 - (b) an excellent or outstanding Memorial would have a score that is an integer between ninety (90) and ninety-nine (99);
 - (c) a good Memorial would have a score that is an integer between eighty (80) and eighty-nine (89);
 - (d) an above average Memorial would have a score that is an integer between seventy (70) and seventy-nine (79);
 - (e) an average Memorial would have a score that is an integer between sixty (60) and sixty-nine (69);
 - (f) a below average Memorial would have a score that is an integer between fifty (50) and fifty-nine (59);
 - (g) a poor Memorial would have a score that is an integer between forty (40) and forty-nine (49); and
 - (h) a terrible or unacceptable Memorial would have a score that is an integer below forty (40).
- (2) The Memorial Points awarded by the judges to the Memorials under Rule C10.01(1) (the **Raw Memorial Points**) are to be used for the purpose of determining any awards for the best Memorials.
- (3) The Raw Memorial Points of each of the judges are to be scaled so that the average of all the scores given by each of the judges is the same. The Memorial Points derived after the scaling process (the **Scaled Memorial Points**) are to be used for the scoring in the Oral Rounds under Rule C11.01.

Rule C10.02 Judging Panels

- (1) The Regional Directors, in consultation with the Principal Administrator, shall appoint a panel of at least three (3) judges to grade each Memorial submitted in the Domestic Funding Rounds and the Regional Rounds.
- (2) The Regional Directors shall submit the Memorials of the three (3) Teams with the highest combined Raw Memorial Points for contention for the International Award for the Best Memorials.
- (3) The Finals Directors, in consultation with the Principal Administrator, shall appoint a panel of at least three (3) judges to grade each Memorial submitted in the International Finals and those submitted in contention for the International Award for the Best Memorials.

ARTICLE C11. JUDGING OF ORAL ROUNDS

Rule C11.01 Scoring of Oral Rounds

Each Oral Round shall be decided by the award of a maximum of nine (9) points:

- (1) two (2) points to be awarded by each of the three (3) judges of the Oral Rounds to the Team with the superior oral submissions or, in the case of a tie, one (1) point to be award to each Team; and
- (2) for the Memorials:
 - (a) where the difference in the scores for the Memorials, as determined prior to the Regional Rounds, equal to or exceed seven percent (7%), then three (3) points are to be awarded to the Team with the superior Memorial;
 - (b) where the difference in the scores for the Memorials is less than seven percent (7%), then two (2) points are to be awarded to the Team with the superior Memorial and one (1) point is to be award to the other Team; and
 - (c) where there is no difference in the scores for the Memorials between the Teams, then both Teams are to be award one and a half (1.5) points.

Rule C11.02 Backup Judges in the Regional Rounds

The Regional Director may, where and when necessary, require staff advisers to act as backup judges during the Regional Rounds and, where requested, a staff adviser must make himself or herself available as a backup judge during the Regional Rounds.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

ARTICLE C12. DOMESTIC FUNDING ROUNDS

Rule C12.01 Participation

If a university or other institution is participating from a country where Domestic Funding Rounds are held:

- (1) subject to Rule C12.03, the university or other institution may elect to participate in the Domestic Funding Rounds or otherwise without prejudice to their rights of participating directly in the Regional Rounds;
- (2) the winner of the Domestic Funding Rounds will have its costs of participation paid for by the sponsoring organisation of the Domestic Funding Rounds; and
- (3) teams participating in the Domestic Funding Rounds must comply with all requirements under the Competition Rules.

Rule C12.02 Dates and Venues

The organiser of a Funding Round may choose any suitable date(s) and venue(s) for the Domestic Funding Rounds, provided such dates are no earlier than the regional deadline for submission of Memorials and no later than four (4) weeks before the start of the Regional Rounds, taking into account the possible need for the participating teams to apply for visas and other travel authorities from the government hosting the relevant Regional Rounds.

Rule C12.03 Registration Procedure for Participating Universities in Countries with Domestic Funding Rounds

- (1) All Teams from countries in which Domestic Funding Rounds are held are required to complete registration requirements for both the Regional Rounds and the Domestic Funding Rounds and must indicate on the registration form for the Regional Rounds, its election to either:
 - (a) compete in the Regional Rounds regardless of the outcome of the Domestic Funding Rounds;
 - (b) compete in the Regional Rounds only if successful in the Domestic Funding Rounds; or
 - (c) compete in the Regional Rounds without competing in the Domestic Funding Rounds.
- (2) Teams electing to compete in the Regional Rounds only if they are successful in the Domestic Funding Rounds:
 - (a) must register with both the Regional Rounds and the Domestic Funding Rounds and comply with all applicable registration requirements; and
 - (b) may postpone the payment of the registration fees and any other compulsory fees for the Regional Rounds unless and until it is successful in the Domestic Funding Rounds.
- (3) Teams electing to compete in the Regional Rounds regardless of the outcome of the Domestic Funding Rounds and Teams electing to compete in the Regional Rounds without competing in the Domestic Funding Rounds must:
 - (a) register with both the Regional Rounds and the Domestic Funding Rounds and comply with all applicable registration requirements;
 - (b) pay the registration fees and other compulsory fees with their registration for the Regional Rounds;
 - (c) provide sufficient written evidence to the satisfaction of the Regional Director at the time of registration that real and reasonable prospects of raising all necessary funds independent of the Funding Rounds; and
 - (d) provide sufficient written evidence to the satisfaction of the Regional Director at the time of the submission of Memorials that sufficient funding for participation in the Regional Rounds has been secured.

Rule C12.04 No Waiver or Reduction of Fees

No consideration will be given to any request for reduction or waiver of registration fees or any other compulsory fees for the Regional Rounds from a university or institution from a country in which Domestic Funding Rounds are conducted.

ARTICLE C13. REGIONAL ROUNDS

Rule C13.01 Preliminary Phase

- (1) Each Team shall be required to compete in four (4) Oral Rounds during the Preliminary Phase of the Regional Rounds. In any given year, the Regional Director may decide to require each team to compete in two (2) or three (3) Oral Rounds during the Preliminary Phase, in which case the Regional Director shall notify all Teams in the Regional Rounds less than one (1) month before the date of commencement of the Regional Rounds.
- (2) The judges will not disclose the result at the conclusion of Oral Rounds in the Preliminary Phase of the Regional Rounds.

Rule C13.02 Return of Memorials

Each Team must return their opponent's Memorial to the clerk of the Court at the conclusion of each Oral Round.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class II penalty — see Rule C16.04.

Rule C13.03 Determination of Regional Finalists

- (1) At the conclusion of the Preliminary Phase of the Regional Rounds, the Regional Director shall tabulate the scores for each Team and announce the Teams with the highest point totals as Teams proceeding to the Finals Phase of the Regional Rounds, with the number of Teams advancing to the Finals Phase to be determined as follows:
 - (a) if there are six (6) teams or less in the Regional Rounds, the Regional Director shall announce the two (2) Teams with the highest point totals as the Teams proceeding directly to the Regional Final;
 - (b) if there are seven (7) to twelve (12) Teams in the Regional Rounds, the Regional Director shall announce the four (4) Teams with the highest point totals as the Teams proceeding to the Regional Semi-Finals; and
 - (c) if there are more than twelve (12) Teams in the Regional Rounds, the Regional Director shall announce the eight (8) teams with the highest point totals as Teams proceeding to the Regional Quarter-Finals.
- (2) In the case of two Teams having equal points, the tie shall be broken by, in order:
 - (a) to the number of victories during the four (4) Oral Rounds in the Preliminary Phase of the Regional Rounds;

- (b) the combined score of both Memorials;
 - (c) the combined score of the Applicant Memorial;
 - (d) the Regional Director having drawn lots to choose a particular Memorial judge, the score given for the Memorial to the two (2) Teams by that judge, with the exercise repeated until a result is reached or the number of Memorial judges are exhausted; and
 - (e) a coin toss with the Team having the higher Team Number calling the toss, unless the tie may result in a team not qualifying for the final rounds, in which case the Teams have the option of requesting that the tie be broken by the Regional Director or a person unconnected with any Team in the Competition as designated by the Regional Director making a fresh assessment of the Memorials.
- (3) The Regional Director may alter the structure of the Regional Finals of the Regional Rounds to allow more teams to proceed to the Regional Finals, provided that the Regional Director informs all Teams in writing before the start of the Regional Rounds.

Rule C13.04 Regional Finals

- (1) The draw for Regional Quarter-Finals or Regional Semi-Finals shall be determined by the top ranking Team competing against the lowest ranking Team and the second-highest ranking Team against the second-lowest ranking Team, and so on.
- (2) If the Teams have competed against each other previously, then the Teams will argue the side that they did not take on the previous occasion. Otherwise the side each Team will argue in each round of the Regional Finals shall be determined by a coin toss, and the Team with the higher ranking shall call the toss. The coin toss shall take place at the time following the announcement of the advancing Teams.
- (3) The judges will announce the winner at the conclusion of each round of the Regional Finals.
- (4) The winner of each Regional Quarter-Final or Regional Semi-Final shall advance to the Regional Semi-Finals or the Regional Final, respectively. In the former case, the draw of the Semi-Finals shall be determined accordingly to the rankings of the Teams given at the end of the Preliminary Phase of the Regional Rounds.

Rule C13.05 Regional Awards

- (1) The winner of the Regional Final will receive the Regional Champion's trophy and attains the right to advance to the International Finals of the Competition.
- (2) The Team with the best aggregate score for the Memorials will receive the award for the Best Memorials of the Regional Rounds. In the case of a tie, the Regional Director shall determine the winner with reference to raw scores awarded by the judges of the Memorials.

- (3) There shall be awards given to the runners-up, the best counsel of the preliminary rounds and the best counsel of the final rounds. In the case of a tie, the Regional Director shall determine the winner with reference to raw scores awarded by the judges of the Oral Rounds.

ARTICLE C14. INTERNATIONAL FINALS

Rule C14.01 Qualification for the International Finals

- (1) Each of the Regional Rounds receives qualification places to advance to the International Finals based on the following formulae:
 - (a) Regional Rounds that have two (2) to ten (10) Teams, excluding those that participated in Domestic Funding Rounds but not the Regional Rounds, receive one (1) qualification place in the International Finals;
 - (b) Regional Rounds that have eleven (11) to twenty (20) Teams, excluding those that participated in Domestic Funding Rounds but not the Regional Rounds, receive two (2) qualification places in the International Finals;
 - (c) Regional Rounds that have twenty-one (21) to thirty (30) Teams, excluding those that participated in Domestic Funding Rounds but not the Regional Rounds, receive three (3) qualification places in the International Finals; and
 - (d) Regional Rounds that have more than thirty (30) Teams, excluding those that participated in Domestic Funding Rounds but not the Regional Rounds, receive four (4) qualification places in the International Finals.
- (2) In order to avoid having an odd number of Teams in the International Finals or where it is proper and appropriate to do so in the best interests of the Competition, the Principal Administrator may grant an additional qualification place in the International Finals in the following order of priority:
 - (a) the largest of the Regional Rounds that have ten (10) Teams or less, using the number of Teams that participated in the associated Domestic Funding Rounds as the tie-breaker, where appropriate; and
 - (b) if none of the Regional Rounds have ten (10) Teams or less, the largest of the Regional Rounds that have less than thirty (30) Teams.
- (3) In any given Competition Year, the Principal Administrator has the discretion to amend the thresholds referred to in Rule C14.01(3).

Rule C14.02 Structure of the International Finals

- (1) If there are two (2) Teams in the International Finals, both of those Teams will advance directly to the Grand Final.

- (2) If there are three (3) Teams in the International Finals, the Team with the highest Raw Memorial Scores will advance directly to the Grand Final while the remaining two (2) Teams will contest the Preliminary Final.
- (3) If there are four (4) Teams in the International Finals, they will contest Semi-Finals with a draw to be decided by lot, the winners of which would advance to the Grand Final.
- (4) If there are five (5) Teams in the International Finals, the two (2) Teams with the lowest Raw Memorial Scores will contest a Qualification Final, the winner of which would join the remaining teams in the format under Rule C14.02(3).
- (5) If there are six (6) Teams in the International Finals, the two (2) Teams with the highest Raw Memorial Scores will advance directly to the Semi-Finals, with the remaining four (4) Teams contesting Qualification Finals. The draw for the Qualification Finals and the Semi-Finals are to be decided by lot, save that the two (2) Teams advancing directly to the latter are to be in separate Semi-Finals.
- (6) If there are eight (8) Teams in the International Finals, they shall compete in Quarter-Finals with the draw to be decided by lot, the winners of which would advance to Semi-Finals, the winners of which in turn advance to the Grand Final.

Rule C14.03 Venue and Judges

- (1) The Principal Administrator will endeavour to have the International Finals held in The Hague in the Netherlands and invite present or former judges of the International Court of Justice to adjudicate the Grand Final.
- (2) The Principal Administrator must notify the Regional Directors of the dates and venue of the International Finals before the conclusion of the earliest of the Regional Rounds to be held in the Competition Year.

ARTICLE C15. PLAGIARISM, CHEATING AND OTHER UNFAIR BEHAVIOUR

Rule C15.01 Prohibition of External Assistance

No Team is allowed to receive External Assistance in the research, writing, editing, formulation or development of its oral arguments or written submissions.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

Rule C15.02 Academic Dishonesty

Without limiting the operation of Rule C15.01, no Team may use the expressions, ideas or language of another, or parts or passages of another individual's writing and pass them off as the work product of the Team without attribution.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

Rule C15.03 Cheating, Intimating or Other Unfair Behaviour

No Team may engage in behaviour that may reasonably be considered cheating, intimidating or other unfair behaviour.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

Rule C15.04 Conduct Bringing the Competition into Disrepute

Except for the sole purpose of making reasonable and informed criticism, no Team may conduct itself in a manner that has the purpose or effect of bringing the Competition into serious disrepute.

Note: Breach of this Rule incurs a Class IV penalty — see Rule C16.06.

ARTICLE C16. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Rule C16.01 Financial Suspension

- (1) Where a debt is owed by a Participating University to the Competition and remained unpaid at the end of the relevant Competition Year, the Principal Administrator or the Regional Directors may declare the said Participating University to be in bad financial standing with the Competition and place the Participating University under Financial Suspension.
- (2) The Financial Suspension is lifted automatically upon satisfaction of the debt owed to the Competition by the Participating University.

Rule C16.02 Disciplinary Exclusion

- (1) Where a Participating University in the Competition commits a breach of the Competition Rules for which the Principal Administrator with reference to Rule C16.06 declares that Participating University to be placed under Disciplinary Exclusion for a fixed number of Competition Years.
- (2) After a minimum of one (1) Competition Year, the Principal Administrator has the discretion to suspend the remainder of a Disciplinary Exclusion.

Rule C16.03 Class I Penalties

The Regional Director, the Finals Director or the Principal Administrator may impose the following penalties for the corresponding breaches of the Competition Rules:

RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
Rule C8.02	Late submission of the Memorials	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points and an additional one (1) Raw Memorial Point for every day, including weekends and public holidays, that the Memorial is late

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RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
Rule C8.08	Identification of the Team beyond the Team Number	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points and the Team is required to resubmit the Memorial within twenty-four (24) hours, or penalty is imposed as if the Memorial is submitted late
Rule C8.09	Missing section of the Memorial	Deduction of five (5) Raw Memorial Points for each missing section
Rule C8.10	Missing portion of the Cover Page	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points for each missing portion
Rule C8.11	Substantial legal argument or factual interpretation in sections of the Memorial other than in the Pleadings	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points for each instance up to a maximum of ten (10) Raw Memorial Points for each of the Memorials
Rule C8.12(1)	Electronic format of the Memorial	Deduction of three (3) Raw Memorial Points for each instance up to a maximum of twelve (12) Raw Memorial Points for each Memorial
Rule C8.12(2)	Paper size of the Memorial	Deduction of three (3) Raw Memorial Points and the Memorial reformatted by the Regional Director
Rule C8.12(3)	Margin size of the Memorial	Deduction of three (3) Raw Memorial Points and the Memorial reformatted by the Regional Director
Rule C8.12(4)	Font and text size of the Memorial	Deduction of three (3) Raw Memorial Points and the Memorial reformatted by the Regional Director
Rule C8.12(5)	Double paragraph spacing for parts of the Memorial	Deduction of three (3) Raw Memorial Points for each instance and the Memorial reformatted by the Regional Director
Rule C8.12(6)	Single paragraph spacing for footnotes and quotes in the Memorial	Deduction of three (3) Raw Memorial Points for each instance and the Memorial reformatted by the Regional Director

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RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
Rule C8.13(1)	Memorials in English	Deduction of five (5) Raw Memorial Points for each of the Memorials
Rule C8.14(1)	Failure to use footnotes	Deduction of five (5) Raw Memorial Points for each of the Memorials
Rule C8.14(2)	Use of endnotes	Deduction of five (5) Raw Memorial Points for each of the Memorials
Rule C8.14(3)	Footnotes containing text that goes beyond citations	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points for each instance up to a maximum of ten (10) Raw Memorial Points for each of the Memorials
Rule C8.14(4)	Failure to use a system of citations	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points for each instance up to a maximum of ten (10) Raw Memorial Points for each of the Memorials
Rule C8.15(1)	Exceeding the word limit of the Pleadings and the Prayer for Relief	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points and an additional (1) Raw Memorial Point for every five hundred (500) words in excess of the word limit
Rule C8.15(2)	Exceeding the word limit for the Summary of Pleadings	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points and an additional (1) Raw Memorial Point for every hundred (100) words in excess of the limit
Rule C8.15(3)	Exceeding the word limit for the Statement of Facts	Deduction of two (2) Raw Memorial Points and an additional (1) Raw Memorial Point for every hundred (100) words in excess of the limit
Rule C8.16	Drawing or image in the Memorial	Deduction of four (4) Raw Memorial Points for each instance with no aggregate maximum and the drawing(s) or image(s) removed

Rule C16.04 Class II Penalties

The Regional Director, the Finals Director or the Principal Administrator may impose the following penalties for the corresponding breaches of the Competition Rules:

RULE	MINIMUM PENALTY	MAXIMUM PENALTY
Rule C7.01	Written warning	Late Registration Penalty of up to forty percent (40%) of the compulsory registration fee
Rule C9.02(4)	Written warning for first offence	For the second and further offences, deduction of one (1) Oral Round point for the relevant Oral Round
Rule C9.02(5)	Written warning for first offence	For the second and further offences, deduction of one (1) Oral Round point for the relevant Oral Round
Rule C9.04(3)(c)	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point in which an interpreter is used by the Team in the International Finals	
Rule C9.07	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point for a minor offence	Deduction of six (6) Oral Round points for a serious offence
Rule C9.09(1)	Deduction of two (2) Oral Round points for the Oral Round recorded or, if this is impractical, deduction of two (2) Oral Round points in the next Oral Round after the finding of the offence	
Rule C9.09(2)	Deduction of two (2) Oral Round points for the Oral Round recorded or, if this is impractical, deduction of two (2) Oral Round points in the next Oral Round after the finding of the offence	
Rule C9.10(1)	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point for a minor offence	Deduction of six (6) Oral Round points for a serious offence
Rule C9.10(2)	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point for a minor offence	Deduction of two (2) Oral Round points for a serious offence
Rule C9.11	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point for a minor offence	Deduction of two (2) Oral Round points for a serious offence
Rule C9.13	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point in the next Oral Round of the Team for a minor offence	Deduction of six (6) Oral Round points in the next Oral Round of the Team for a serious offence
Rule C11.02	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point in the next Oral Round of the Team for a minor offence	Deduction of two (2) Oral Round points in the next Oral Round of the Team for a serious offence
Rule C13.02	Written warning for first offence	For the second and further offences, deduction of one (1) Oral Round point for the relevant Oral Round

Rule C16.05 Class III Penalties

The Regional Director, the Finals Director or the Principal Administrator, after giving the relevant Team the right to be heard, may impose the following penalties for the corresponding breaches of the Competition Rules:

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RULE	MINIMUM PENALTY	MAXIMUM PENALTY
Rule C3.04	Disqualification of both Teams in the current Competition Year	
Rule C4.04	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year	
Rule C4.05	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year	
Rule C5.05(2)	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point in the next Oral Round of the Team for a minor offence	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year
Rule C5.05(3)	Deduction of two (2) Oral Round point in the next Oral Round of the Team for a minor offence	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year
Rule C7.04	Written warning	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year
Rule C8.01	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year	
Rule C8.13(2)	Deduction of ten (10) Raw Memorial Points and the Team is required to resubmit the Memorial within five (5) days of the notice of penalty	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year
Rule C9.04(3)(b)	Deduction of up to three (3) Oral Round points for minor offences	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year
Rule C9.04(3)(d)	Deduction of one (1) Oral Round point for a minor offence	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year
Rule C9.11	Deduction of two (2) Oral Round points in the Oral Round against the Team the subject of scouting	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year

Rule C16.06 Class IV Penalties

The Principal Administrator, after the relevant Regional Director or the Finals Director having given the relevant Team the right to be heard, may impose the following penalties for the corresponding breaches of the Competition Rules:

RULE	MINIMUM PENALTY	MAXIMUM PENALTY
Rule C4.06	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year	Disciplinary Exclusion for three (3) further Competition Years
Rule C5.01	Written warning for a first and minor offence	Disciplinary Exclusion for three (3) further Competition Years
Rule C5.02	Written warning for a first and minor offence	Disciplinary Exclusion for three (3) further Competition Years
Rule C5.03	Written warning for a first and minor offence	Disciplinary Exclusion for three (3) further Competition Years
Rule C5.04	Written warning for a first and minor offence	Disciplinary Exclusion for three (3) further Competition Years

RULE	MINIMUM PENALTY	MAXIMUM PENALTY
Rule C15.01	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year	Disciplinary Exclusion for two (2) further Competition Years
Rule C15.02	Disqualification of the Team in the current Competition Year	Disciplinary Exclusion for one (1) further Competition Year
Rule C15.03	Written warning for a first and minor offence	Disciplinary Exclusion for three (3) further Competition Years
Rule C15.04	Written warning for a first and minor offence	Disciplinary Exclusion for three (3) further Competition Years

Rule C16.07 Rights of Appeal

- (1) A Team may, within ten (10) hours of being notified of a penalty being imposed under Rule C16.04 or Rule C16.05 by the Regional Director or the Finals Director, appeal the decision to impose the penalty to the Principal Administrator by giving written notice of appeal and specifying the reason(s) for the appeal to the Regional Director or the Finals Director.
- (2) The Principal Administrator must determine the appeal after consulting with the relevant Regional Director or Finals Director as soon as practicable.
- (3) No right of appeal lies from a decision to impose a penalty under Rule C16.03.
- (4) No right of appeal lies from a decision of the Principal Administrator, whether made at first instance or on appeal.

Rule C16.08 Notice to Participating University

In addition to notifying the relevant Team, the Principal Administrator must give written notice of any decision by the Competition to disqualify a Team or to place an institution on Disciplinary Exclusion to the institution by its dean, principal, head of school or equivalent officer, along with the reasons for the penalty being so imposed.

ARTICLE C17. DEFINITIONS

Rule C17.01 Definitions

Unless the context suggests otherwise, the following defined terms have the following corresponding meanings:

- (1) **Administrative Rules** means the Administrative Rules of the Competition as adopted by the IASLA and amended at any time and from time to time;
- (2) **Calendar** means the calendar published by the Principal Administrator for the Competition Year under Rule C6.01;
- (3) **Competition** means the IASLA Space Law Moot Court Competition;

- (4) **Competition Rules** means these rules as amended at any time and from time to time;
- (5) **Competition Year** means the period beginning from the date of the public release of the Moot Problem to the conclusion of the International Finals that are based on that Moot Problem;
- (6) **Disciplinary Exclusion** has the meaning given in Rule C16.02;
- (7) **Domestic Funding Rounds Organiser** means a person appointed by the Regional Director to organise and administer one (1) of the Domestic Funding Rounds;
- (8) **Eligible Course** has the meaning given in Rule C4.02;
- (9) **Financial Rules** means the Financial Rules of the Competition as adopted by the IASLA and amended at any time and from time to time;
- (10) **Financial Suspension** has the meaning given in Rule C16.01;
- (11) **IASLA** means the International Air and Space Law Academy Limited;
- (12) **Memorial** means the written submissions of each Team;
- (13) **Moot Problem** means the official problem of the Competition for any given Competition Year;
- (14) **Oral Round** means a single match of oral presentations by two (2) Teams, one representing the Applicant and the other the Respondent;
- (15) **Participating University** means an institution represented in the Competition by a Team;
- (16) **Principal Administrator** means the person so appointed by the Board of Governors of the IASLA;
- (17) **Raw Memorial Points** has the meaning given in Rule C10.01(2);
- (18) **Regional Director** means the person appointed by the Principal Administrator to organise and administer one (1) of the Regional Rounds;
- (19) **Scaled Memorial Points** has the meaning given in Rule C10.01(3);
- (20) **Staff Advisor** means an employed faculty staff member of the institution with responsibility for organising, advising, supporting or training a Team and ensures its compliance with the Competition Rules;
- (21) **Student Member** means an eligible student registered as a member of a Team; and
- (22) **Team** means a team of eligible students registered as a Team representing the relevant Participating University.

ARTICLE C18. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Rule C18.01 Interpretation and Decisions of Principal Administrator Final and Binding

Subject to Rule C18.02 and Rule C18.03, all interpretations of the Competition Rules and decisions, rulings and determinations made by the Principal Administrator under the Competition Rules are final, binding and not subject to appeal.

Rule C18.02 Interpretation and Decisions of Regional Directors Final and Binding

During the Domestic Funding Rounds and the Regional Rounds, interpretations of the Competition Rules and decisions, rulings and determinations made by the Regional Director under the Competition Rules are final, binding and not subject to appeal except where otherwise provided for specifically under these Rules.

Rule C18.03 Interpretation and Decisions of Finals Director Final and Binding

Where applicable, during the International Finals, interpretations of the Competition Rules and decisions, rulings and determinations made by the Finals Director under the Competition Rules are final, binding and not subject to appeal except where otherwise provided for specifically under these Rules.

Rule C18.04 Results Final and Binding

No correspondence will be entered into by the Principal Administrator or any other organiser of the Competition in relation to the results of any stage or part the Competition, which are in any event final, binding and not subject to appeal.

SCHEDULE A

ASIA & OCEANIA

Afghanistan
 Australia
 Bahrain
 Bangladesh
 Bhutan
 Brunei
 Cambodia
 China, People's Republic
 French Polynesia
 Hong Kong
 India
 Indonesia
 Iran
 Iraq
 Japan
 Jordan
 Korea, DPR
 Korea, Republic of
 Kazakhstan
 Kuwait
 Kyrgyzstan
 Laos
 Lebanon
 Macau
 Malaysia
 Maldives
 Micronesia
 Mongolia
 Myanmar
 Nepal
 New Caledonia
 New Zealand
 Oman
 Pakistan
 Palau
 Papua New Guinea
 Philippines
 Qatar
 Saudi Arabia
 Singapore
 Sri Lanka
 Syria
 Taiwan
 Tajikistan
 Thailand
 Turkmenistan

United Arab Emirates
 Uzbekistan
 Vanuatu (South Pacific)
 Vietnam
 Yemen

EUROPE

Albania
 Andorra
 Armenia
 Austria
 Azerbaijan
 Belarus
 Belgium
 Bosnia-Herzegovina
 Bulgaria
 Croatia
 Cyprus
 Czech Republic
 Denmark
 Estonia
 Finland
 France
 Georgia
 Germany
 Greece
 Hungary
 Iceland
 Ireland
 Israel*
 Italy
 Latvia
 Liechtenstein
 Lithuania
 Luxembourg
 Macedonia
 Malta
 Moldova
 Monaco
 Montenegro
 Netherlands
 Norway
 Poland
 Portugal
 Romania
 Russia

San Marino
 Serbia
 Slovakia
 Slovenia
 Spain
 Sweden
 Switzerland
 Turkey
 Ukraine
 United Kingdom
 Vatican City

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina
 Bolivia
 Brazil
 Chile
 Colombia
 Costa Rica
 Ecuador
 El Salvador
 Guatemala
 Honduras
 Mexico
 Nicaragua
 Panama
 Paraguay
 Peru
 Uruguay
 Venezuela

NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Anguilla
 Antigua and Barbuda
 Aruba
 Bahamas
 Barbados
 Belize
 Canada
 Cuba
 Dominica
 Dominican Republic
 Grenada
 Guyana*

Haiti
Jamaica
Netherlands Antilles
St Kitts and Nevis
St Lucia
St Vincent & the Grenadines
Suriname*
Trinidad and Tobago
United States of America

AFRICA

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Dem. Rep. of the Congo
Djibouti
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria

Réunion
Rwanda
São Tomé and Príncipe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

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