*Different system of MCC then in ANNEX 2A rules – basic (two rounds, more teams, different format of written submissions, scoring, number of team members, pleadings) - Red colour means what you could change.*

**MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**RULES**

***SPECIFIC VERSION***

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**First part**

Competition Organisation

# General dispositions

* 1. A Moot Competition (Moot Court Competition) simulates the procedure of complaint in front of Court XX based on a fictitious case on issues of XX law.
  2. These Rules govern the conditions of the “Moot Court Competition” for students of bachelor's and master's degree programs of law faculties in the (YOUR COUNTRY), the purpose of which is to simulate court proceedings in civil proceedings (the “Competition”).
  3. These Rules govern the Competition. The Rules may be revised or updated at any time and modifications will be applicable as soon as they are published on the website. The organiser is obliged to notify all participants of the competition without delay.

# Competition Authorities

* 1. The competition is organised by ELSA (COUNTRY) (hereinafter referred to as the “Organiser”), who acts towards competitors through their representatives.
  2. The Organiser shall appoint one representative to supervise the compliance of these Rules by the competitors (hereinafter referred to as the “Coordinator”). The Coordinator is entitled to take all measures necessary to ensure compliance with these Rules (including the right to penalise or exclude participants in the Contest), in accordance with and within the limits set by these Rules.
  3. The Organiser cooperates with the Evaluators designated in cooperation with the Law Firm (YOUR PARTNER) (“Evaluators”).
  4. The Organiser, the Evaluators and the Judges are obliged to observe these Rules, to maintain fairness, impartiality, respect for decency and good manners throughout the Competition.

# Teams/Participation

* 1. In the competition, each team consists of XX members or individuals who meet the conditions outlined in these Rules (hereinafter referred to as “Teams”).
  2. The members of the teams may be only students of bachelor's or master's degree at one of the faculties of law at universities in the (COUNTRY) at the time of the announcement of the Competition. Members of one team could be from different law schools.
  3. The number of participating Teams is not limited.
  4. Each competitor individually and collectively in the Team is obliged to observe these Rules, to respect the organisational instructions of the Organiser, and to respect decency and good manners.
  5. The Competition Team may be disqualified from the Competition by the Organiser for reasons stated in these Rules.
  6. If the Competition Team has been disqualified, it is no longer entitled to participate in the Competition.
  7. The Competition Team may be penalised by the Organiser for reasons and in the manner stipulated by these Rules.

1. Organisation of the Competition
   1. The Competition comprises one or two written rounds and a single oral round and is based on a fictitious case (hereinafter referred to as the "Case").
   2. The valid and effective legal regulations of the (COUNTRY) shall apply in the competition as of the date of the announcement of the Competition.
2. Consultation
   1. The Organiser, the Evaluators and the Judges may not consult the Teams prior to announcing the results of the entire Competition.
   2. The Organiser may not provide written submissions of one Team to another Team unless otherwise stipulated in these Rules.
   3. If the Organiser finds a violation of these provisions of Art. 5, the Team, the Evaluator or the Judge could be excluded from the Competition.
3. Registration
   1. The competition teams will register for the Competition by submitting an e-mail application together with the **action** filed to e-mail: XXX with the subject “Moot Court Competition Application” no later than DD.MM.YYYY 23:59 local time inclusive.
   2. The application must contain the names and surnames of the members of the Competition Team, the year of study and the name of the faculty of which they are members (see Appendix No. 1 to the Rules).
   3. Each set of the Written Submissions should be saved and submitted as a single and separate pdf. document.
4. Communication
   1. All communication between Teams and the Organiser will primarily take place electronically via email: XXX, unless the situation requires another form.
5. Timeline

8.1 All communication between Teams and the Organiser will primarily take place electronically via email: XXX, unless the situation requires another form.

8.2 The Organising Committee is responsible for sharing a timeline when the Competition is launched. The Timeline shall contain all relevant deadlines specified in the Timeline.

8.3 Any penalties related to deadlines are based on the deadlines specified in the Timeline.

**Second part**

**Written submissions**

1. Case
   1. The Competition is based on a fictitious case prepared by the authors each year in cooperation with the Organising Committee and professionals.
   2. The Organising Committee is responsible for the publication of the Case when the Competition is launched.
   3. The Organising Committee is responsible for publication of all additional documents to the case, as well as the relevant materials of the Competition (e.g Handbook of the Competition, Guidelines, Templates) when the Competition is launched.
   4. Registered teams may submit up to three clarification questions each, before the clarifications deadline. Evaluators may refuse to answer questions without giving reasons if they are deemed to be unfair, unrealistic or irrelevant or dealing with matters that the Teams may reasonably be expected to work out for themselves in the context of the Competition
2. First Written Round
   1. In the first round of the written round, all Teams shall act on the part as the complainant.
   2. The task of each Team is to create an action for a fictitious client (the “Action”) based on the case.
   3. The application must be filed electronically in the .pdf version, as to prevent possible unwanted formatting changes. The application must be submitted via the relevant form before 23:59 CET on the deadline as set out in the Timeline.
   4. The application must comply with the formal criteria set out in the Case and must be addressed to the court specified in the Case. The application shall not be considered received, if it is submitted via other means or required form.
   5. The Organiser shall assign identification numbers to teams that will be duly and timely registered in the Competition.
   6. Teams will be marked only by assigned identification numbers. With the exception of the Organiser, no one shall be informed of the identity of the Teams and their members prior to the announcement of the results of the entire Competition. If the Team reveals its identity or its conduct leads to the disclosure of the identity of another Team prior to the announcement of the results of the entire Competition, the Organiser may disqualify them.
   7. Late applications shall be dealt with in accordance with the penalty system set out by the Organising Committee.
3. Evaluation of the first written round
   1. The Evaluators evaluate the submissions by recording the evaluation of each Action on a separate document.
   2. A Team may score a maximum of 100 points.
   3. The evaluation consists mainly of assessing the Command of the issues (max. 25), Argumentation (max. 25), Legal Analysis (max. 25) and Style (max. 25). *(It depends on which version of score sheets you choose – ANNEX 8A)*
   4. The Organiser shall notify Teams of the results of the evaluation of the Action by DD.MM.YYYY on the given deadline.
4. Qualification to the next round
   1. The XXXX teams with the best marks in the First Written Round will qualify for the Second Written Round and for the Oral Round. In case of an equal score, the Judges will decide according to their notes on the submissions of the Teams and their best knowledge and conscience.
   2. Simultaneously with the announcement of the advancing Teams, the Organiser randomly draws the advancing Teams into pairs (hereinafter referred to as “Pairs”).
   3. The organiser shall send to the teams the action of the opposite team from the Pair.
   4. In the case that a team that has advanced to the second round of this round does not participate or is presumed not to participate, and the conditions allow it, the next team that has scored the most points in the written round shall take its place.
   5. If the total number of Registered Teams for the Competition is less than six (6), then the four (4) Teams that earned the most points in the first Written Round shall proceed to the second stage of the written round. If the total number of Registered Teams for the Competition is less than four (4), the two contest teams that have scored the most points in the first written round will proceed to the second written round.
5. Second Written Round
   1. Teams that have advanced to the second written round shall submit the Respondent’s submission on the Action of the Second Competition Team of the Pair (hereinafter referred to as “Respondent Submission”) to the email address XXX with the subject “Respondent Submission - Moot Court Competition - team number” by DD.MM.YYYY 23:59 Central European Time on the given deadline.
   2. Respondent’s Submission shall be subject to rules similar to those set out in Art. 9 (3) and (4).
6. Evaluation of the second written round
   1. The Evaluators evaluate each Respondent's submission on a separate document.
   2. A Team may score a maximum of 100 points.
   3. The evaluation consists mainly of assessing the Command of the issues (max. 25), Argumentation (max. 25), Legal Analysis (max. 25) and Style (max. 25). *(It depends which version of score sheets you choose – ANNEX 8A)*
   4. The Organiser shall notify Teams of the results of the evaluation of the Respondent submissions by DD.MM.YYYY on the given deadline.

*OR you can organise only one written round, and each team must send one Written Submission for the Complainant and one Written Submission for the Respondent (two separate Written Submissions in total).*

**Third part**

**Final Oral Round**

1. Oral Round
   1. The oral round consists of X rounds.
   2. Teams who have advanced to the oral round must attend the oral round on the day indicated in the schedule.
   3. No later than the day before the start of the oral round, the roles of the complainant or the respondent will be randomly drawn to the Pairs Competition. The order of individual court hearings will also be drawn randomly.
   4. The task of each Team is to defend the party to the dispute before the court and the Judge.
   5. Immediately after the completion of all the oral rounds, the Organiser shall declare a break during which the Evaluators shall evaluate the performance of the Teams.
   6. The production of video and/or audio recordings during the oral round is allowed. The organiser is entitled to limit or prohibit the creation of such records if they would interfere with the continuity of court proceedings.
2. Pleadings
   1. The hearing shall be directed by the Judge. The court proceedings are governed by valid and effective legal regulations on the day of the oral round.
   2. Each member of the Team shall be actively involved during the meeting.
   3. Pleadings must not reproduce the content of written submissions, but to emphasize the important elements of argument and to respond to the arguments of the opposing party.
   4. The maximum time of one meeting is set at X minutes. Each hearing is followed by a short break.
   5. The order of pleading is:
3. Applicant: Team Appearances;
4. Respondent: Team Appearances;
5. Applicant: Main Oral Pleadings;
6. Respondent: Main Oral Pleadings;
7. Applicant: Rebuttal;
8. Respondent: Sur-Rebuttal..

15.6. The scope of the pleadings of a Team does not depend on the scope of its Written Submissions.

* 1. Each team shall have a total of XX minutes to present their opening speech, not including the introduction of the orators. One team member shall introduce all the team members. However, this should not exceed more than 3(X) minutes.
  2. A team may request extra time to enable it to complete its opening speech. The Judge has the discretion to grant the request.
  3. Extra time may be requested only during the Main Oral Pleadings. Any requests made after the expiry of the allocated time shall not be taken into account.
  4. If the complainant/respondent seeks and is granted extra time during its opening speech, that time will also be added automatically to the time allowed to the complainant/respondent for its final speech.
  5. If the allocated minutes for the open speech are not fully used, they will not be added to the time allowed for the final speech.
  6. Teams have XX minutes for discussion. During the discussion judges may submit questions to both parties.
  7. Each team shall have a total of X minutes to present their final speech.
  8. Timekeepers will indicate the elapsed time towards Judges and Teams at intervals of XX, X and X minutes.

1. Evaluation of the Oral Round
   1. The performance of the Teams is evaluated by the Evaluators.
   2. A team that wins a dispute in a court hearing does not automatically win a contest, nor does it automatically become a better Contest Team of the Pair.
   3. A team may score a maximum of 100 points.
   4. The evaluation consists mainly of the Command of the issues (max. 25), Argumentation (max. 25), Legal Analysis (max. 25) and Style (max. 25). *(It depends on which version of score sheets you choose – ANNEX 8B)*
   5. The Organiser shall announce the results of the oral round evaluation after the end of all negotiations and evaluation of the performance to the Evaluator.
   6. The winner is the Team which, in total, i.e. the sum of points from both written rounds and from the oral round, achieved the highest number of points. The second-ranked competition team is the one that has achieved the second-highest total score, while the third-place competition team has achieved the third-highest total score. If the number of points is the same, the higher number of points from the oral round will decide, then possibly a lottery.

**Fourth part**

1. Common and final provisions
   1. These Rules are binding for the Organiser, Teams, the Evaluators, the Judges and all other participants in the Competition.
   2. If a situation arises that is not addressed by any of the above provisions of these Rules, the Organiser shall decide on it together with Evaluators.
   3. Annex 1 - the application form forms an integral part of these Rules. *(Or you can create a Google application form, but you have to change where the teams have to send their submissions)*
   4. These Rules are in force as of the date of their publication.

In XXXXXXXXX, DD.MM.YYYY

**ANNEX 1 – APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION**

**Moot Court Competition YYYY/YYYY**

We hereby make a binding application to the Moot Court Competition YYYY/YYYY and declare that we will follow the instructions of the competition organiser.

**Faculty:**

**Contestants**:

*First Contestant:\**

**Name:**

**Surname:**

**Address:**

**Year of study:**

**E-mail:**

**Phone number:**

\*Contact person

*Second Contestant:*

**Name:**

**Surname:**

**Address:**

**Year of study:**

**E-mail:**

**Phone number:**

***Prepare consent to the processing of personal data for the purpose of organising the competition and consent to posting photos and videos from the event.***