

John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition The Rules

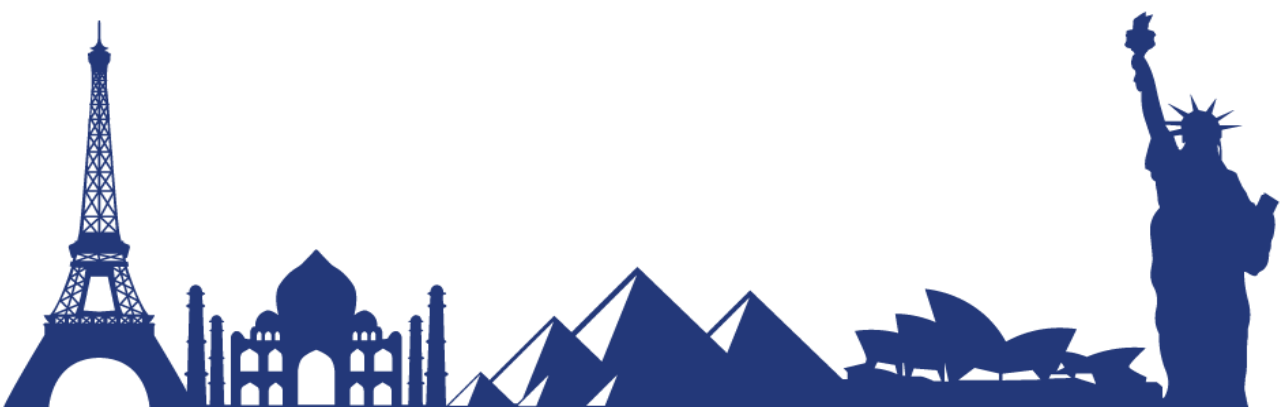
Preface

The World Trade Organization is the international inter-governmental organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. At its heart are the WTO Agreements, negotiated and signed by the majority of the world's trading nations and ratified by their parliaments. Thus the WTO Agreements cover nearly 97 % of all global trade. The goal of the WTO is to develop trade rules in order to help Members' producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business in a facilitated way.

The European Law Students' Association is the world's largest independent, non-profit, non-political association run by and for law students and young lawyers. The ELSA Vision is: "A just world in which there is respect for human dignity and cultural diversity." Contributing to legal education and promoting Human Rights awareness are among the central aims of the association. Through various academically focused projects and events, ELSA provides opportunities for law students and young lawyers to apply theory in practice and to learn about other legal systems.

The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition is the annually held international moot court competition owned by the European Law Students' Association (ELSA).

In view of these goals, ELSA International sees the need to support and enhance the development of trade between nations with the development of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition into a worldwide competition. ELSA's acknowledges its role in on-going action to contribute to Clinical Legal Education globally. The competition seeks to educate law students from all over the world to develop their legal- and oral presentation skills and to educate the lawyers of the future in the area of world trade law. The competition attempts for greater involvement of WTO experts from legal academia, the WTO Secretariat and international trade law practitioners.



In that regard, ELSA International has set out the following John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition Rules:

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Abbreviations

- “AB” Academic Board
- “Africa RR” African Regional Round
- “All-America RR” All American Regional Round
- “Asia-Pacific RR” Asian-Pacific Regional Round
- “TWR” International Written Round

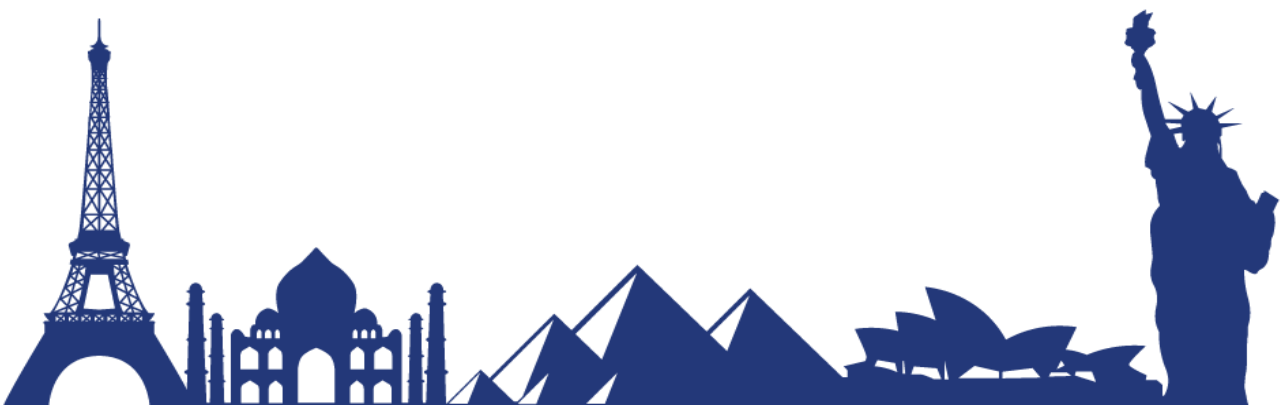
- “EI” ELSA International
- “ELSA” European Law Students’ Association
- “ELSA RR” ELSA Regional Rounds
- “FOR” Final Oral Round
- “IOC” International Organising Committee
- “OP” Oral Pleading(s)
- “RR” Regional Round(s)
- “RRO” Regional Round Organiser
- “WS” Written Submissions
- “WTO” World Trade Organization



A. Organisation and Structure

1. Organisation of the Competition

- 1.1. As the competition is organised by ELSA International, ELSA has the overall responsibility of the organisation of the competition. The World Trade Organization offers technical and academic support.
- 1.2. The Vice President in charge of ELSA Moot Court Competitions, acting on behalf of ELSA International shall be the Head of the organisation of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and in this role the person responsible overall for the competition.
- 1.3. ELSA International will appoint hosts for the various Regional Rounds which will have the responsibility for organising those Rounds.
- 1.4. ELSA International will be overall responsible for organising the Final Oral Round in cooperation with an International Organising Committee.
- 1.5. The Academic Board appointed by ELSA International shall be in charge of ensuring the high quality of the competition. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Assisting in developing the Rules, the scoring and marking guidelines and score sheets as well as advising ELSA International on the appointment of the case author and the topic of The Case of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition;
 - (2) Selecting Panellists for scoring the WS of the RR and FOR, and for the oral pleadings of the various RRs and the FOR.



1.6 ELSA International has the right to develop, and interpret the existing rules as well as issue additional rules and updates which will be applicable immediately. These come into force once they are published on the website.

1.7 ELSA International will define a timeline for the competition which will be binding.

1.8 ELSA International owns the intellectual property rights of all the documents of the competition.

2. Structure of the Competition

2.1 The competition will be entirely held in the English language.

2.2 The competition is divided into two rounds: the Selection Rounds and the Final Oral Round.

2.3 The Selection Rounds, which will either take place through an International Written Round or a Regional Round, shall function as a selection round with the aim of selecting the teams for the Final Oral Round.

2.4 National Groups of ELSA or non-ELSA member countries may organise National Rounds in their respective Country after consultation with ELSA International and the approval of the Vice President for ELSA Moot Court Competitions of ELSA International. The winning teams will not be considered to qualify to participate in one of the RRs.

2.5 ELSA International will publish the allocation, date and venue of the various Regional Rounds.



2.6 The teams will be allocated to the IWR or one of the RRs according to the following list:

(1) European Regional Rounds

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

(2) All-American Regional Round

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & The Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela.

(3) Asian-Pacific Regional Round

Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei-Darussalam, Cambodia, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Macau, China, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, People's Republic of China, Republic of (South) Korea, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

(4) African Regional Round

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo,



Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tomé Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

(5) International Written Round

Afghanistan, Kingdom of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic, Lebanese Republic, Maldives, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, , Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

2.7 In case a RR of the aforementioned list does not take place, the teams will be allocated to another RR, the IWR or a written RR.

2.8 (a) ELSA International will determine the number of teams qualifying for the FOR from each RR. However, from the RRs, at least the winning team and runner-up will progress. ELSA International reserves the right to select the team with the highest score to qualify to the FOR, in a case of an uneven number of teams qualifying to the FOR.

(b) From the IWR, two teams shall progress to the FOR. ELSA International in cooperation with the Academic Board will set the minimum score requirements on the WS, before the deadline of the WS, for the two aforementioned teams of the IWR to qualify to the FOR.

2.9 The Regional Rounds shall have at least three stages: Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Finals and the Grand Final. The Final Oral Round shall also include a Quarter Final. ELSA International reserves the right to add additional elimination rounds, based on the number of teams in the Round (RR or FOR).

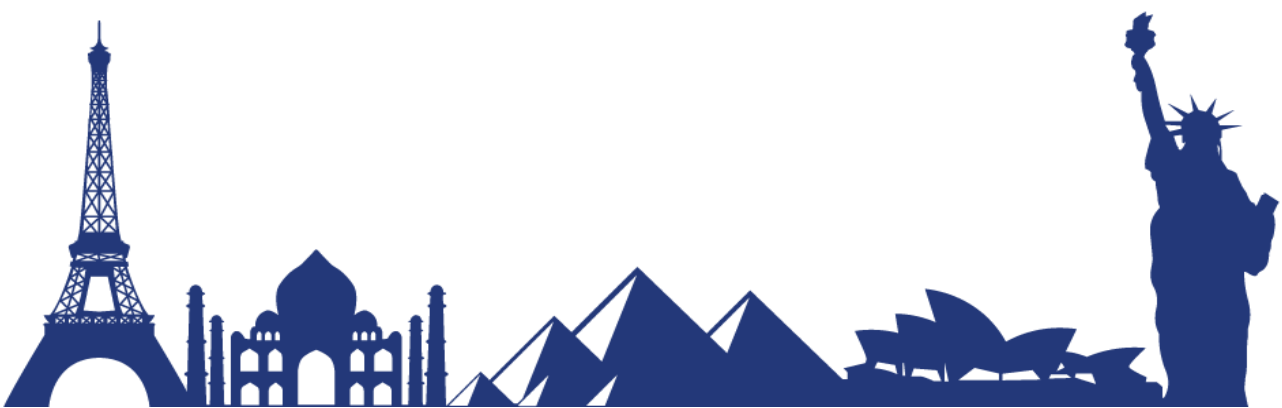
2.10 The Quarter Final Rounds will be held as follows:



- (1) The teams ranked as the eight (8) best teams out of the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the Quarter Finals.
- (2) In Quarter Final #1 the Team with the highest (1st) Overall Score will plead against the Team with the eighth (8th) highest Overall Score.
- (3) In Quarter Final #2 the Team with the second (2nd) highest Overall Score will plead against the Team with the seventh (7th) highest Overall Score.
- (4) In Quarter Final #3 the Team with the third (3rd) highest Overall Score will plead against the Team with the sixth (6th) highest Overall Score.
- (5) Quarter Final #4 the Team with the fourth (4th) highest Overall Score will plead against the Team with the fifth (5th) highest Overall Score.
- (6) The four (4) winning teams of the Quarter Finals will qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.

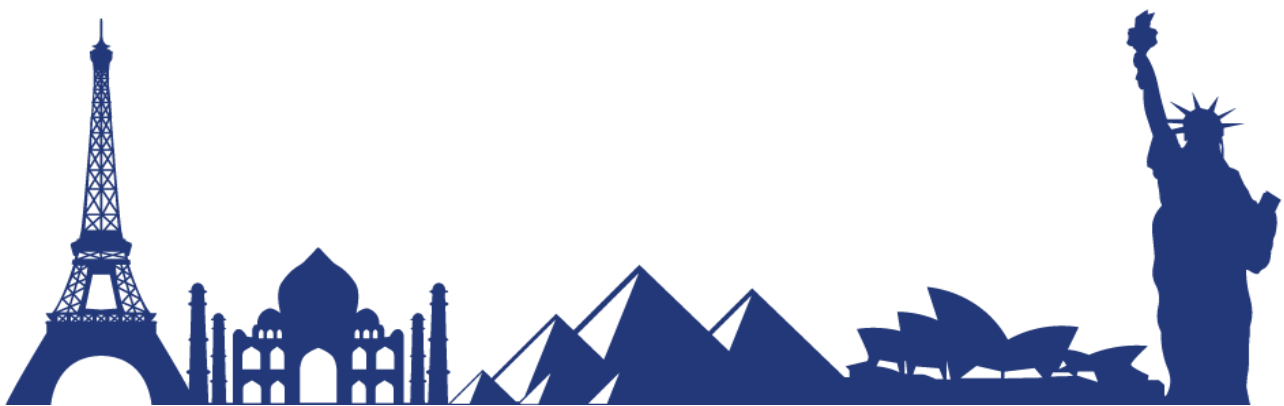
2.11 The Semi-Final Round will be held as follows:

- (1) The four best teams either from the Preliminary Round or the Quarter Final Round will qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.
- (2) In Semi-Final #1 the Team with the highest (1st) Overall Score will plead against the Team with the fourth (4th) highest Overall Score.
- (3) In Semi-Final #2 the Team with the second (2nd) Overall score will plead against the Team with the third (3rd) highest Overall score.
- (4) The winning teams of each Semi-Final Round will advance to the Grand Final.



3. The Panel

- 3.1. The Panel consists of world trade law experts appointed by ELSA International in cooperation with the Academic Board, willing to be active at the hearings. These individuals are referred to as Panellists. The Panellists shall not provide support or advice of any kind to any participating team or any coach before, during or after the competition commences, including Regional Rounds and the Final Oral Round. Teams receiving support or advice from a Panellist will be disqualified.
- 3.2. A maximum of two Panellists will examine and score the WS according to certain scoring and marking guidelines.
- 3.3. The Panel shall consist of the following:
- (1) Regional Rounds
In the preliminary rounds three (3) Panellists, in the semi-finals three (3) or five (5) Panellists, and in the Grand Final five (5) to seven (7) Panellists, as appropriate to the circumstances.
 - (2) Final Oral Round
In the preliminary rounds three (3) Panellists, in the semi-finals three (3) or five (5) Panellists and in the Grand Final seven (7) to nine (9) Panellists, as appropriate to the circumstances.
- 3.4. Panellists must keep the contents of the Bench Memorandum strictly confidential from teams and the coaches throughout the competition.
- 3.5. Timekeepers are responsible for recording the time allocations notified by the Teams, and any extensions awarded by the Panel Chair. Timekeepers will notify the time remaining for every individual oralist, including extension times, both to the Panel and to the two Teams.



3.6. The Panel shall ask questions from the teams at any time during the pleading.

3.7. The Organizers will make an effort to keep the diversity of the Panel composition throughout the Competition.

3.8. A person who discloses or who is considered to have a conflict of interest shall not be selected to be a Panellist in a Regional Round or at the Final Oral Round, if the team that gave rise to the conflict is competing. However, in a round in which the team that caused the conflict to arise is eliminated, that person may, after that elimination, serve as a Panellist.

3.9.

A “Conflict of Interest” means an affiliation which would, in the eyes of a reasonable observer, create an inference that the affiliated Panellist would be unable to be impartial as to the conduct or result of the Oral Round. Affiliation means a personal or professional relationship between a Panellist and a school, coach, or Team member that is participating in the competition in which the Panellist is participating.

3.10. Conflicts of Interest DO NOT appear when:

- (1) the Panellist knows one or both coaches, either because of professional or personal affiliation, prior participation in moot court competitions, or other reasons;
- (2) the Panellist is an alumnus of one of the schools participating in the Oral Round;
- (3) the Panellist is an employee of one of the schools participating in the Oral Round where such employment is sufficiently remote from the activities of the Team as to dispel any reasonable suspicion of partiality;
- (4) the Panellist is from the same country as a team that he/she is scoring.



B. The Competition

1. Team Composition

- 1.1 In order to take part in the competition, a team must be from a university or law faculty located in a Member State of ELSA or a Member State of or country in accession to the WTO. If the university has a campus in another country, this is allowed to enter as well.
- 1.2 There shall only be one (1) team per university since the team will be representing it. If different independent universities are located in the same city, each may send a separate team. However, all team members must be from the same university. If more than one team per university will register, the university shall select the participating team.
- 1.3 Only students from a university or law faculty awarding a law degree, not a doctoral program, are allowed to participate.
- 1.4 Each Team is allowed to register only two (2) coaches.
- 1.5 The team shall consist of 2-4 law students and they must be enrolled in the same university or law faculty. Students being on exchange in another country are eligible to participate under the foreign university. The teams shall submit their team composition via the registration form.
- 1.6 Although the students must do all the research of the written memoranda themselves – without assistance from anyone who is not a student member of the team-faculty, advisors, and coaches may help identify the issues, comments on the persuasiveness of the arguments the students have made in drafts and, when necessary, suggest other arguments the students might consider employing, as well as assist in linguistics matters. However, the final product

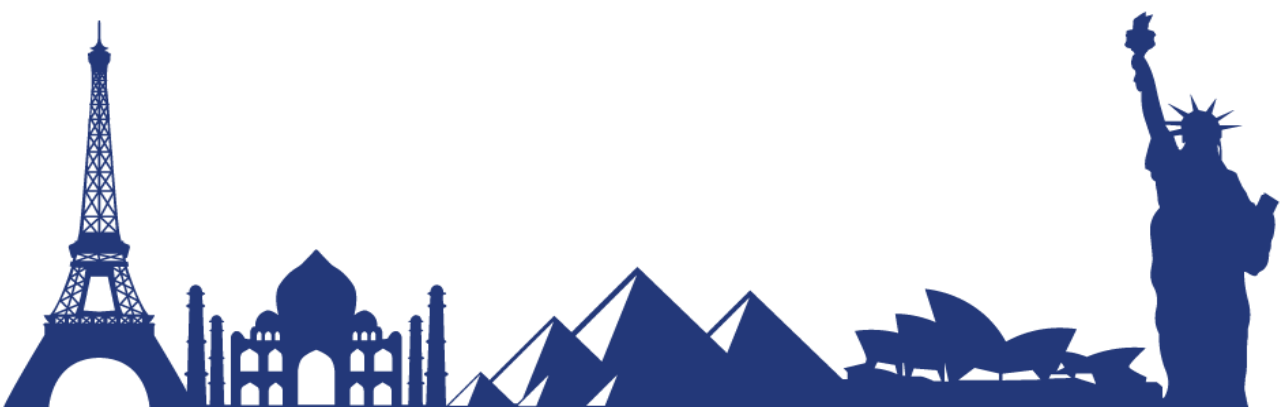


must be the students' – not the coaches'. Teams not obeying this rule will be disqualified.

1.7 Registered Team Members from one Team are permitted to engage in practice moots amongst themselves and within their own institutions. Any assistance given in this phase will also be limited to a general discussion of the issues, linguistic help and training in presentation skills.

1.8 Students involved in any of the following points will be excluded or disqualified:

- (1) The student is involved in the current organization of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition;
- (2) The student has previously participated in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, unless the team was kept from participating because of external complications, such as force majeure or visa issues;
- (3) The student was a member of a registered team and the team withdraws or disqualified (this student may then register the next edition again);
- (4) The student is not enrolled in the university;
- (5) Students who have been/are engaged in the practice of law. The practice of law implies a significant amount of professional activity in functions such as judge, advocate lawyer, attorney, barrister, solicitor, notary, bailiff, or corporate legal officer. Practice of law entails activities such as pleadings before domestic or international courts, arbitral tribunals or other dispute resolution institutions, including those with a mediation or conciliation function. One, but not the sole indication of activities relevant for this rule is that the activity at issue is normally undertaken only by admitted legal practitioners, even if it can technically also be performed by non-admitted legal practitioners.



(6) Student employment during holiday periods that is typically undertaken by law students (such as internships of up to 3 months of duration in law firms and other legal institutions) shall normally not be regarded as having been or engaging in the practice of law. However, teams should consult the ELSA International representative in case of any doubts, in particular in cases of professional activities outside of holiday periods, so as to avoid subsequent disqualification.

1.9 A student who is engaged in any activity is not subject to such Rules if the activity occurs after the Commencement of Rounds date listed in the timeline.

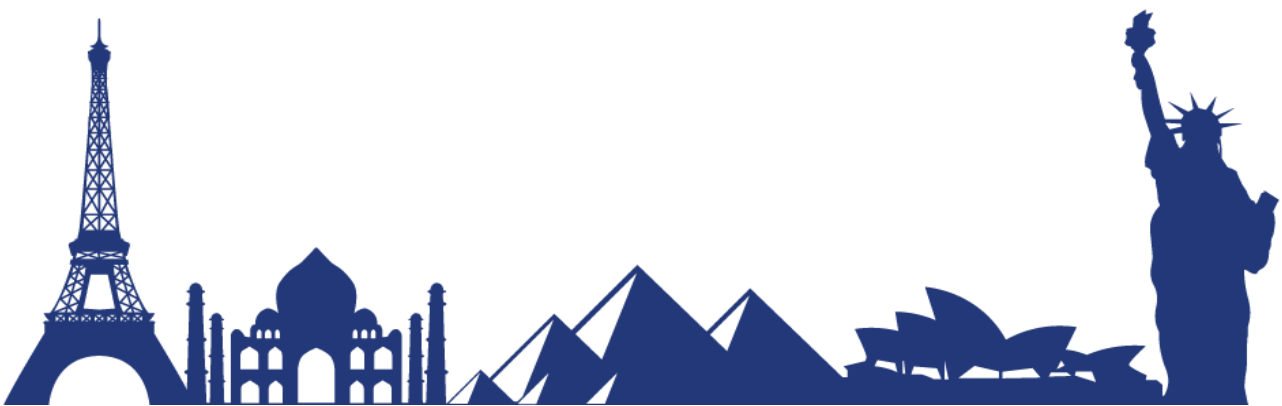
1.10 Students or team coaches/administrators may apply for an exemption from the aforementioned rules by email to ELSA International before the stated registration deadline.

1.11 Team Members, and Team Coaches are prohibited from engaging in communication with a Panellist on the issues of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition Case before the end of the FOR.

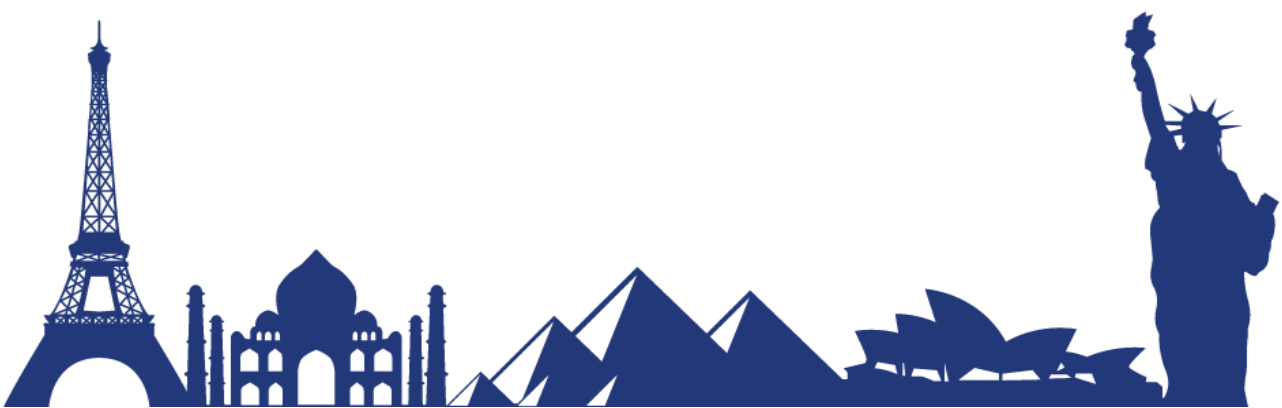
2. Registration and Fees

2.1 Teams have to fill in a team registration form and have to pay the registration fee before the beginning of actual pleading rounds in order to be fully registered to the competition. ELSA International will provide the teams with a confirmation of their registration.

2.2 Once the team has filled in the registration form, the team composition shall not be changed after the registration deadline. However, ELSA International may consider such a change in exceptional circumstances if an email has been sent with a detailed request.



- 2.3 The team composition does not include the Team Coach(es). However acceptance of such last minute changes will be subject to additional costs.
- 2.4 Contact details will be provided to the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition sponsors. Registered team members can expect to receive communications from the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition Sponsors, regarding their career opportunities.
- 2.5 The registered teams have to pay a competition fee which consists of the registration and the participation fee. The registration fee has to be paid to ELSA International, the participation fee has to be paid to the respective Regional Round Organizer. The teams have to bear the costs for any bank transfers.
- 2.6 Each team completing the full registration will have to pay a non-refundable registration fee for the admission to enter the competition. The registration fee is 250 Euro for one team, not dependent on the allocation to a Regional Round or the IWR.
- 2.7 The teams will have to pay a participation fee for each team member for the taking part at the RR and, if qualified, for the FOR (not the IWR). This fee covers: items such as the social program, and administration costs and they will be announced on the website. The teams also bear the cost of any bank transfer fees. Cancellations must be in writing to ELSA International and it is at the discretion of ELSA International whether to refund these fees.
- 2.8 Team coaches will have to pay the participation fee. Only two (2) coaches can attend the Regional Rounds and the Final Oral Round with their team.

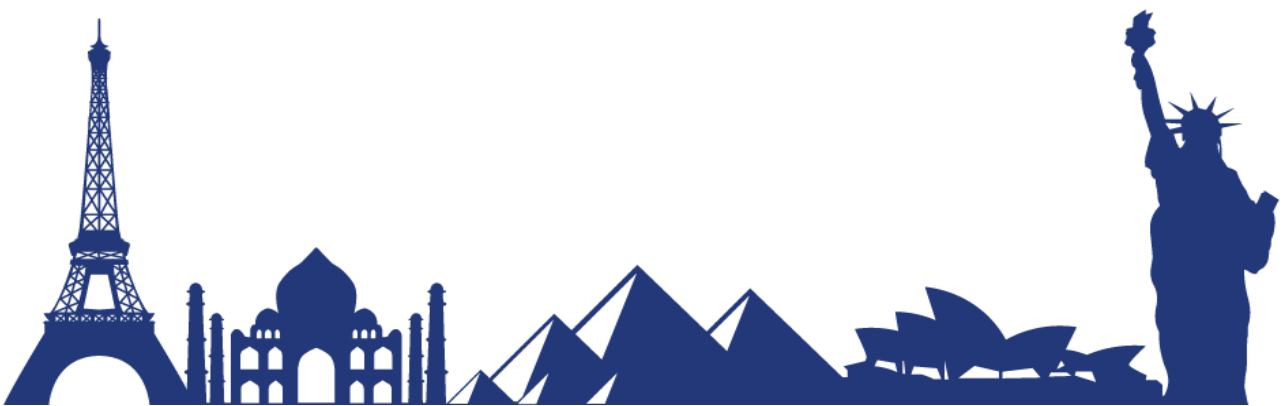


3. Team Identification and Anonymity Rule

- 3.1 After submitting the registration form, ELSA International will issue a team number. All communication must be made in reference to this team number.
- 3.2 According to the anonymity rule, the Panellists (not including other teams, coaches or self marketing on social platforms) shall not be aware of any details or information regarding the registered teams' universities or countries of origin. Coaches and teams should be careful not to disclose their identities or that of their schools to the Panellists. Ex parte communications between coaches/teams and Panellists are not encouraged.
- 3.3 In this regard, teams and team coaches are prohibited to disclose the aforementioned information. They are only allowed to reveal their team numbers to the panels.
- 3.4 For breaches of the Anonymity Rule that occur in or outside of the Oral Pleading Session, the penalty will be at the discretion of ELSA International.

4. The Case and the Timeline

- 4.1 ELSA International in cooperation with the Academic Board will appoint an individual world trade law expert to be the Case Author. The Case will reflect one or more WTO trade law issues. The case author must not have any close relations to participants of the competition.
- 4.2 The competition will be launched after the Case has been published on the website according to the timeline. The same Case has to be used throughout the whole period of the competition.



4.3 ELSA International will issue a timeline which is binding in accordance with these rules. The timeline will be published on the website.

4.4 Teams may submit a maximum of five (5) clarification questions to the case within the indicated clarifications deadline.

5. The Written Submissions

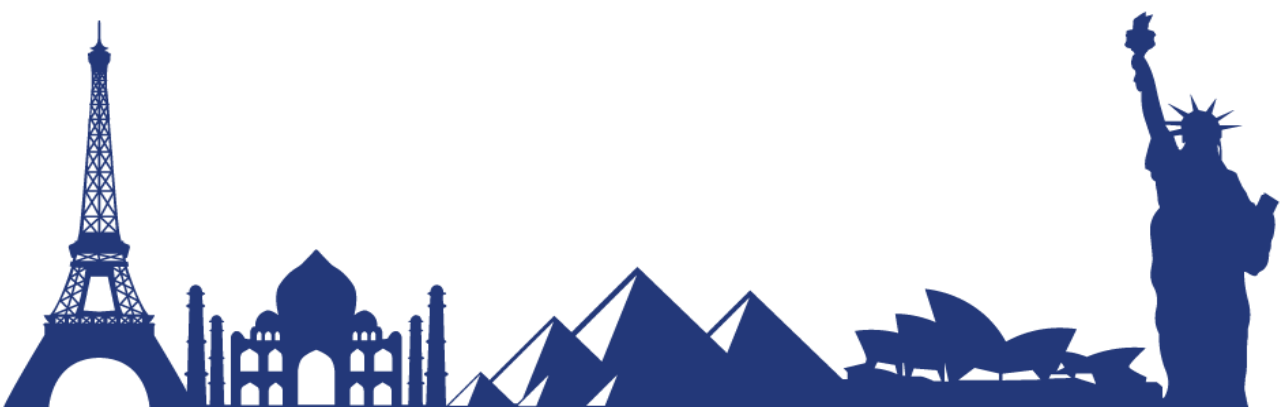
5.1 Registered teams must send one Written Submission for the Complainant and one Written Submission for the Respondent (two separate Written Submissions in total). Guidelines for WS can be found on the website.

5.2 The WS shall be written under the following instructions:

- A4 size paper
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Kerning is not permitted
- Margins of 2.54 cm on top, bottom and both sides
- 1.5 interlinear space for only the text of the Statement of Facts, Summary, Identification of Measures at Issue, Legal Pleadings and Request for Findings

5.3 The WS shall contain the following:

- (1) General Part (in Roman numbers);
- (2) A cover page (with the given team number, the name of the case and type of document);
- (3) A table of contents;
- (4) A list of references;



- (5) A list of abbreviation;
- (6) Substantive Part (in Arabic numbers);
- (7) A summary (bullet points);
- (8) A statement of facts (brief description);
- (9) Identification of the measures at issue (factual case measures referred to as a violation or as a defence);
- (10) Legal Pleadings (detailed explanation);
- (11) Request for Findings (specific request what the Panel should find).

Each Submission shall not exceed 30 pages, not including the cover page. The following lengths of each part have to be obeyed:

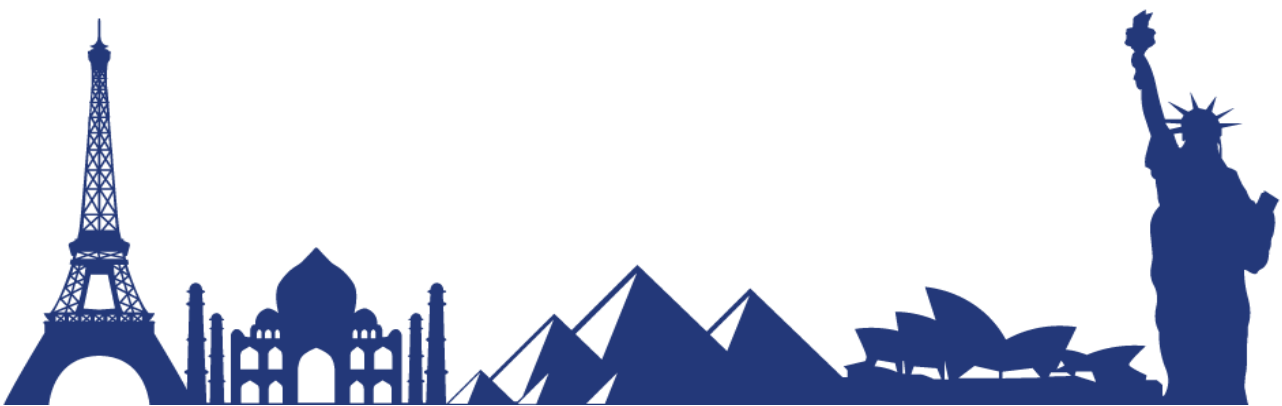
- (1) Table of Contents, List of References and List of Abbreviations - maximum ten (10) pages;
- (2) Statement of Facts – one (1) page;
- (3) Summary - two (2) pages;
- (4) Identification of the Measures at Issue and Legal Pleadings – maximum sixteen (16) pages;
- (5) Request for Findings – one (1) page.

5.5 Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, font 10 point and used for legal references only. They shall not contain any additional substantive parts of the pleadings.

5.6 The WS have to be submitted as electronic copies only in word document format. The 'protect document' function may be used. The title of this electronic document shall include the party and team number.
(e.g. JHJMCC_Team014_ComplainantWS_20162017.doc)



- 5.7 If a team does not send in their WS within the deadline, penalty points will be given. If they are not sent in maximum three (3) days after the deadline, the team will be disqualified.
- 5.8 Any modification of the WS after submitting them to ELSA International is not permitted.
- 5.9 ELSA International will own the copyright on the WS after submitted.
- 5.10 The Academic Board and ELSA International will in cooperation with the selected Panellists score and overview the WS. Each of the WS shall be assessed by a maximum of two (2) Panellists.
- 5.11 The WS will be scored on the following criteria:
- (1) Analysis of the legal issues, 60%;
 - (2) Argumentation and writing style, 40%.
- 5.12 The maximum score is 50 points per WS.
- 5.13 30 % of the total scores of both WS will be used for the team ranking.
- 5.14 The penalty system can be found in Appendix 3.
- 5.15 The scores of the Selection Rounds and the FOR become the sole property of ELSA International.
- 5.16 The final scores will be published after the FOR has been concluded.



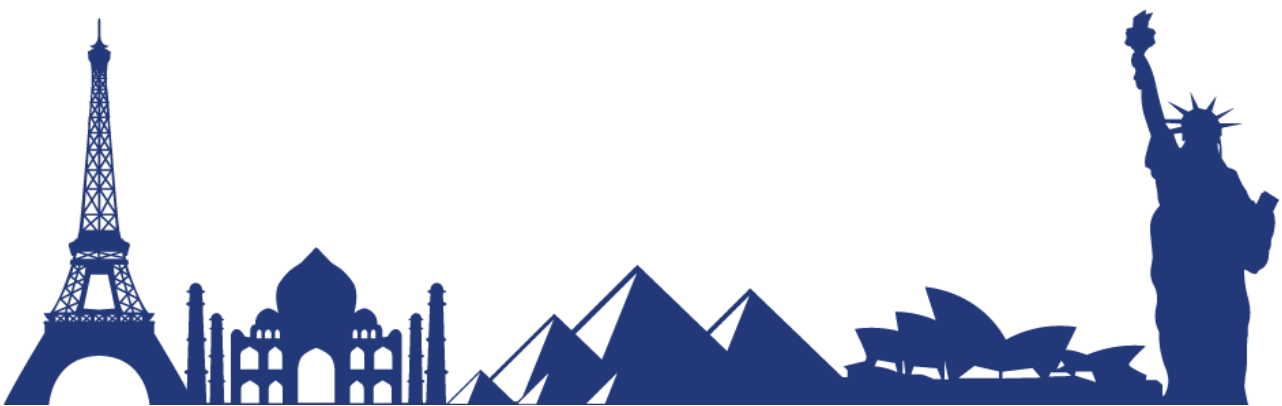
6. The Oral Pleadings

- 6.1. Each team shall present their oral arguments for the Complainant and the Respondent. The pleadings may be held in sitting.
- 6.2. The Vice President in charge of ELSA Moot Court Competitions shall establish the pairings for the Preliminary Rounds, in the first instance, by a random draw. The Vice President in charge of ELSA Moot Court Competitions may modify this random draw to ensure geographic and competitive diversity and balance.
- 6.3. Each team is granted a total forty-five (45) minutes, during which time they present their main oral pleading and address the questions asked by the Panel. The Team Appearance is not included. In addition, each team is granted five (5) minutes to present their rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- 6.4. Prior to the beginning of their pleadings, each Team must indicate to the timekeepers how it wishes to allocate its forty-five (45) minutes of main pleading time among its oralists. In addition, the Complainant Team must indicate how it wishes to allocate its five (5) minutes of rebuttal and the Respondent Team must indicate how it wishes to allocate its five (5) minutes of sur-rebuttal. Only one person can present the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- 6.5. A Team may not allocate more than twenty-five (25) minutes of their main pleading time to any oralist. Time allocated for, but not used by one oralist, may not be used by another oralist during their pleading, or in the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
- 6.6. A Complainant oralist may ask for an extension at the end of his/her pleading time. The Panel Chair will decide whether to award an extension, in consultation with the other Panellists. A maximum of two (2) minutes may be awarded to any given oralist. The Respondent Team has a right to ask for any extension time awarded to the Complainant Team. This time will NOT be

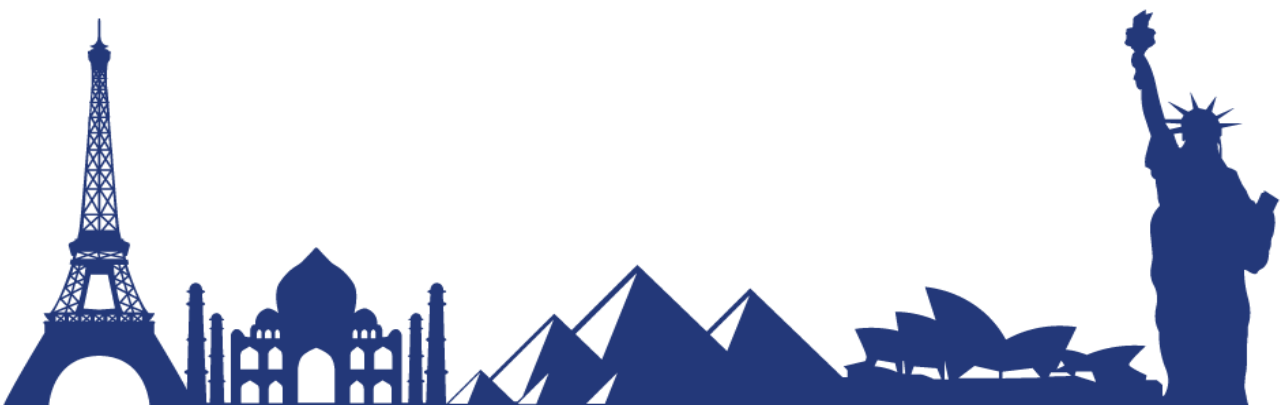


automatically awarded to the Respondent Team but only upon request at the end of a Respondent oralist's allocated time. This extension time can be freely divided between the Respondent oralists, without the 2 min. per person restriction. If all the extended time is used up, Respondent oralists are not entitled to any other extensions.

- 6.7. No extensions are permitted during rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
- 6.8. A minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) team members shall present the main oral pleading. Each Orator must at least speak seven (7) minutes during the main OP to be eligible for the Best Orator's award. Each Orator must present oral pleadings for the Complainant and the Respondent in the Preliminary Rounds, to be entitled for the prize.
- 6.9. The team captain shall introduce all the team members and the nominated Orators within the Team Appearance. This time is not included in the main oral pleading time. However, this should not exceed more than 3 minutes.
- 6.10. Only the nominated Orators may answer questions from the Panel during the main oral pleading. This needs to be done during the allocated speaking time.
- 6.11. Each Team shall be given a maximum of five (5) minutes to present its rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, including the time to address the Panel's questions.
- 6.12. Only one team member, nominated during the team appearance, shall present the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal and answer the Panels' questions (unless the Panel indicates otherwise). The scope of the Complainant's rebuttal is limited to the issues raised in the Respondent's main oral pleadings and Respondent's sur-rebuttal should refer to the Complainant's rebuttal.
- 6.13. The scope of the OP of a team does not depend on the scope of the WS.



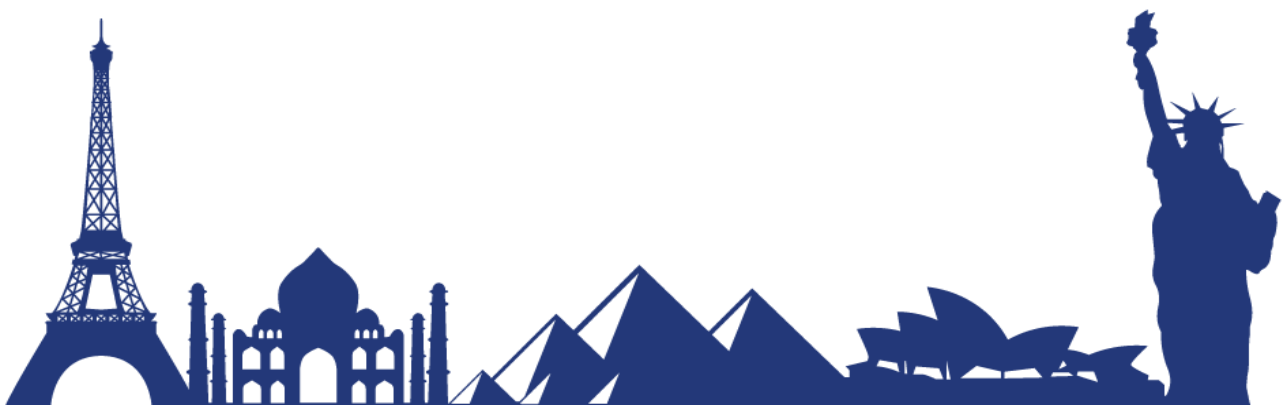
- 6.14. The order of the presentations during the OP can be found in the guidelines for the OP on the website.
- 6.15. The teams will be ranked according to the total score of their OP (70 %) and their WS (30 %) in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 6.16. In case of a tie in the ranking, the average score of the WS will be essential.
- 6.17. The role of the teams in the OP will be determined by a coin toss by ELSA International. The highest ranked team will call the coin toss. If the teams have pleaded against each other before, they will plead for the opposite party.
- 6.18. The scores of the OP will be made on the following criteria each counting for 50 %:
- (1) Legal Analysis
 - (2) Argumentation and Style
- 6.19. The maximum score is 50 points (1-5 poor, 6-10 fair, 11-15 good, 16-20 very good, 21-25 excellent; for each criteria).
- 6.20. During the preliminary rounds and the Quarter Finals, only the Panel and other Panellists, the timekeepers, the teams, the team coaches and supporters, organisers and ELSA International are allowed to take part. The Semi-Finals and the Grand Finals are open to the public.
- 6.21. Teams shall not present any visual aids or presentations or documents, treaties, other legislation, amicus curia briefs, hand-outs to the other teams and the Panel.
- 6.22. Teams may use one (1) device for the inquiry of information only. One (1) additional device may be used for timekeeping. The use of internet is not allowed. Recording of notes on the laptops, during the OP is prohibited. The



Panel has the right to issue penalty points in case of disturbance due to the use of the laptop.

7. Penalty System

Action	Penalty Points
Exceeds the maximum length of Table of Contents, List of References and list of abbreviations	0,5 per page
Exceeds the maximum length of Statement of Facts	0,5 per page
Exceeds the maximum length of Summary	0,5 per page
Exceeds the maximum length of Identification of WTO Measures at Issue and Legal Pleadings	0,5 per page
Exceeds the maximum length of Request for Findings	0,5 per page
Failure to use A4 electronic page	0,5



Failure to use correct Font	0,5
Failure to use correct Font size	0,5
Applied “kerning” to the document	0,5
Failure to use correct Inter-liner Spacing in main text	0,5
Failure to use correct Page margin	0,5
Failure to use team Number or Team identifies itself by name	1,5
Failure to use the name of the Case	0,5
Failure to use correct front cover as per Appendix B	0,5
Failure to correctly identify the document of the party (e.g. Complainant WS)	0,5



Failure to use correct Page Numbering in the General Section	0,5
Failure to use correct Page Numbering in the Substantive Section	0,5
Failure to meet the Form requirements of the footnotes	0,5 per infraction
Includes pleadings in the footnotes	0,5 per infraction
Electronic copy of Written Submissions dispatched in wrong format. Additionally, team will be asked to send their WS in the right format.	1,5 per WS
One (1) day delay in dispatch of documents	0,5
Two (2) days delay in dispatch of documents	1,5
Three (3) days delay in dispatch of documents	2,5



Four (4) days delay in dispatch of documents	Team Disqualified
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8. Awards

8.1 The following awards will be given to the teams during all the RRs and the FOR. Only the teams progressing to the FOR are eligible for the awards given during it. ELSA may also provide awards to the runner up to each of the award (3) – (8). Additional awards may be added throughout the Competitions duration.

- (1) The Winner.
- (2) The Runner-up.
- (3) The Best Overall Written Submissions (combined scores of the Complainant and Respondent WS as well as the penalty points).
- (4) The Best Complainant's Written Submission – *The Gabrielle Marceau Award*.
- (5) The Best Respondent's Written Submission – *The Valerie Hughes Award*.
- (6) The Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds (each Orator must present oral pleadings for the Complainant and the Respondent to be entitled for the prize).
- (7) Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals.
- (8) The Best Orator of the Semi-Finals.
- (9) The Best Orator of the Grand Final – *The Werner Zdouc Award*.



C. Appendixes

The Appendixes are an addition to the official rules and thus, binding.

Appendix A – Competition Timeline

Appendix B – Written Submission Cover Example

Appendix C – Guidelines for Written Submissions

Appendix D – Guidelines for Oral Pleadings

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