

The Levan Alexidze International Law Moot Court Competition

Edition II 2020

Rules of Procedure

Section 1: General provisions

Article 1. Object and interpretation

1. The present rules (hereinafter “Rules”) govern the The Levan Alexidze International Law Moot Court Competition Edition II 2020 (hereinafter “Moot Court”), organized by the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in cooperation with the Academician Levan Alexidze Foundation (LAF), Georgian-American University (GAU) and the International Criminal Law Center of Tbilisi State University (TSU), which constitute the organizers of the Moot Court.
2. All teams participating in the Moot Court shall be subject to the present rules and additional instructions given to them by the organizers.
3. The Organizers shall be solely authorized to interpret and/or amend any provisions contained in the Rules.
4. The language of the Moot Court shall be English.
5. The Moot Court will be held in December, 2020, in Tbilisi, Georgia or online - depending on the epidemical situation in Georgia and worldwide.

Article 2. Participation and team composition

1. Universities and/or other higher educational institutions from the Eastern Partnership of the European Union: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine**, as well as **Estonia, Latvia** and **Lithuania** are eligible to participate in the Moot Court. Totally up to 10 teams shall be selected for participation.
2. Only actively enrolled students in Bachelor and Master Programs are eligible to participate. Exchange students may participate on behalf of their host university. Non-law students may be considered eligible, provided that they have the requisite legal knowledge. It is each team’s responsibility to ensure that its team members have a level of legal knowledge suitable for the Competition. Students admitted to practice, including by having taken and passed the bar exam, are prohibited to participate.
3. Each team shall be comprised of not less than two (2) and not more than three (3) students. The team may be accompanied by one coach or advisor responsible for training and general advising. The maximum composition of the team should be four (4) persons, including a coach or advisor. Only the students registered with the Organizers as team members shall write the Memorials and act as oralists. Any changes in the team composition after registration should be immediately communicated to the Organizers and will be subject of approval by them.
4. Each team shall submit registration form by 5 September, 2020 as a latest to the Organizers on the following e-mail: laf@laf.ge and enigma@icmpd.org. Confirmation e-mail will be sent out by the organizers on the following days. The teams will be assigned their identification number, which will be used during the entire Competition.

Article 3. Participation fee and costs of competition

1. There is no registration or participation fee for the Moot Court. All expenses related to international travel, accommodation and food during the Competition in Georgia of all selected teams shall be covered by the Organizers.
2. Any other own expenses (including medical or travel insurance) should be covered by the participants.

Article 4. Structure

The Moot Court shall have two (2) consecutive phases, each independently graded: a written round (Memorials) and an oral round (Hearings). After the first oral round (Preliminary Round), a Semi-Final Round, and a Final Round will take place consecutively.

Article 5. Case

Written and oral rounds will be carried out in relation to the hypothetical case, which describes factual background of the disputed situation.

Section 2: Written round

Article 6. Memorials

1. Each registered team shall submit two (2) written memorials on behalf of the Applicant and on behalf of the Respondent parties. The memorials shall be written in English.
2. Each team must **omit** the following references in their Memorials:
 - (i) The names of team members;
 - (ii) The members' and/or the university's country of residence;
 - (iii) Its nationality; and
 - (iv) The name of its university.

Article 7. Format

1. The Memorial shall be typed on A4 paper (21 cm x 29 3/4 cm), on one side, in font Times New Roman size 12. This requirement applies to all pages of the Memorial, including the cover page.
2. Each page must have a margin of 2 cm on all sides.
3. Memorials must be continuously page-numbered.

4. The text of the Memorial must be 1.5 spaced.
5. Each memorial must not exceed 5.000 words (including footnotes).

Article 8. Content of memorials

Each memorial must have the following sections in the following order:

- (i) Cover page (indicating team number, case title and the party on whose behalf the submission is made)
- (ii) Table of contents (standard Microsoft Word tool to be used)
- (iii) List of abbreviations
- (iv) Statement of relevant facts
- (v) Summary of arguments
- (vi) Written arguments
- (vii) Submissions
- (viii) List of sources

Article 9. Footnotes

1. Footnotes shall be placed at the bottom of the page in font Times New Roman size 10. Spacing between each footnote shall be 1.5.
2. Footnotes must be complete and uniform.

Article 10. Evaluation

1. Scores for each memorial are awarded of maximum 100 points. Each written memorial shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - (i) Use of facts and legal principles (20 points)
 - (ii) Use of analysis and logical reasoning (30 points)
 - (iii) Use of international legal instruments and practice (30 points)
 - (iv) Grammar, style and clarity (20 points)
2. Violation of provisions of articles 6-10 will lead to deduction of 1 penalty point per violation.

Article 11. Plagiarism

Plagiarism in Memorials will be sanctioned with the disqualification of the team. A team's disqualification is final and irrevocable.

Section 3: Oral Rounds

Article 12. Selection of the teams

After submission, all memorials will be evaluated pursuant to the provisions of section 2 and up to 10 best scoring teams will be invited to compete in oral rounds.

Article 13. Presentations

1. Presentations in preliminary rounds and semi-final rounds will last for 1 hour (25 min. presentation by the applicant, 25 min. presentation by the respondent, 5 min. rebuttal by the applicant, 5 min. rebuttal by the respondent), including the time needed to answer the questions of the judges. The oral arguments shall be presented in English. Per session no team member shall speak for more than 20 minutes.

2. Presentations in the final round will last for 1.5 hour (35 min. presentation by the applicant, 35 min. presentation by the respondent, 10 min. rebuttal by the applicant, 10 min. sur-rebuttal by the respondent).

Article 14. Qualification

1. All teams will plead at least twice in the preliminary rounds (once on behalf of the applicant and once on behalf of the respondent).

2. Four best scoring teams from the preliminary rounds will compete in the semi-final rounds.

3. One best scoring team from each semi-final round will advance to the final round.

Article 15. Evaluation

Evaluation in the oral rounds will be based on the same scoring and criteria, as applied in written rounds.

Article 16. Awards

The following awards will be given after the final round:

(i) The winner team;

(ii) The runner-up team;

(iii) The best speaker.