



**INTERNATIONAL AIR AND SPACE LAW ASSOCIATION**

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MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

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### PREAMBLE

#### Resolution of the Board of Governors of the IASLA

*The International Air and Space Law Association,*

*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 Administrative 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 A1.02 of the Administrative Rules.

## **ARTICLE A1. ORGANISATION**

### **Rule A1.01 Organiser**

The Competition is organised annually by the IASLA.

### **Rule A1.02 Principal Administrator**

- (1) The Competition is administered by the Principal Administrator, who is appointed by the Board of Governors of the IASLA.
- (2) The Principal Administrator has overall responsibility for the administration of the Competition, subject only to the provisions in Article A4.

### **Rule A1.03 Competition the Property of the IASLA**

All property, materials and assets of the Competition, including any intellectual or industrial property, vest in the IASLA, whether held directly or indirectly by the IASLA.

### **Rule A1.04 Additional Measures**

- (1) The Principal Administrator has the discretion to implement measures on an interim basis for the proper conduct of the Competition or to correct any of its deficiencies, provided such measures are in accordance with the spirit of the Competition Rules and the Competition.
- (2) Any such measures imposed by the Principal Administrator under this Rule A1.04 are implemented by way of amendment to the Competition Rules pursuant to Article A7 at the earliest opportunity, no later than the start of the following Competition Year in any event.

## **ARTICLE A2. STRUCTURE**

### **Rule A2.01 Overall Structure**

The Competition comprises three levels:

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

### **Rule A2.02 Need for International Finals**

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

### **Rule A2.03 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 A2.04 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 A2.05 Finals Director**

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

**Rule A2.06 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.

<b>ARTICLE A3. MOOT PROBLEM</b>
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**Rule A3.01 Drafting Commission**

The Drafting Commission has the responsibility for drafting the Moot Problem, the Bench Memorandum and the Statement of Additional Facts in each Competition Year.

**Rule A3.02 Composition of the Drafting Commission**

The Drafting Commission is to have four (4) Commissioners.

**Rule A3.03 Term of a Commissioner**

- (1) The term of a Commissioner is four (4) years except that two (2) of the initial Commissioners are to have a term of (2) years.
- (2) The two (2) Commissioners with the shorter initial term of office may be chosen by lot, unless one or two of the Commissioners voluntarily chose to have a shorter term of office.
- (3) There is no limit on the number of consecutive or non-consecutive terms that an individual may serve as a Commissioner.

**Rule A3.04 Appointment of Commissioners**

- (1) Every two (2) years, the Principal Administrator will nominate two (2) suitably qualified scholars in space law and/or public international law, taking into account their experience in mooted competitions, for appointment as Commissioners by the Board of Governors.
- (2) If a nominee for Commissioner is rejected, the Principal Administrator will nominate another candidate to the Board of Governors and will continue to nominate candidates to the Board of Governors until all positions on the Drafting Commission are filled.

**Rule A3.05 Casual Vacancy**

If any casual vacancy arises on the Drafting Commission for any reason, the Principal Administrator will nominate a candidate for appointment as a Commissioner by the Board of Governors, who will serve the remainder of the term of the casual vacancy.

**Rule A3.06 Restrictions on Appointment of Commissioners**

Except for the Principal Administrator, no person directly involved in the organisation of the Competition at any level or any Team may be a Commissioner or continue to be a Commissioner after such involvement began.

**Rule A3.07 Principal Author**

- (1) One of the Commissioners, determined by rotation among the Commissioners, will act as the Principal Author for the Moot Problem, the Statement of Additional Facts and the Bench Memorandum in any Competition Year.
- (2) The title and topic(s) of the prospective Moot Problem is to be proposed by the Principal Author and approved by majority of the Drafting Commission by no later than 1 February each year.

**Rule A3.08 Timeframe**

- (1) The Drafting Commission must endeavour to adhere to the following deadlines:
  - (a) finalisation of the Moot Problem by 1 July;
  - (b) finalisation of the Statement of Additional Facts within two (2) weeks after the deadline for submission of clarification questions on the Moot Problem by the Teams; and
  - (c) finalisation of the Bench Memorandum no later than one (1) week before the deadline for the submission of Memorials or, if different deadlines exist for the various Domestic Funding Rounds or the Regional Rounds, the relevant deadline is the earliest of the deadlines for the submission of the Memorials.
- (2) The Principal Administrator is to publicly release and publish the Moot Problem on or before 1 September each year.

<b>ARTICLE A4. DOMESTIC FUNDING ROUNDS</b>
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**Rule A4.01 Organisation of Domestic Funding Rounds**

- (1) With the written approval of the Principal Administrator and the relevant Regional Director, a sponsor or sponsors in a country may organise a Domestic Funding Round in which one or more Teams will have its participation costs in the Competition, including registration fees, fully or partly funded.
- (2) Domestic Funding Rounds must not be a qualifying requirement in any character, such as where participation in such a round is compulsory for Teams from that country or if the defeated Teams in the Funding Round lose their right to proceed directly to the Regional Rounds.

- (3) Each of the Domestic Funding Rounds shall be organised by one or more persons appointed as the Organiser.
- (4) Domestic Funding Rounds must be conducted in a manner that is completely fair, impartial and unbiased in all aspects and must do all acts to ensure the interests and reputation of the Competition is protected or enhanced at all times. Further, the Organiser of Domestic Funding Rounds must comply with all directions of the Regional Director and the Principal Administrator in the organisation and conduct of the Domestic Funding Rounds.

**Rule A4.02 Duty of Organiser to Inform**

The Organiser of the Domestic Funding Rounds must inform the Regional Director and the Principal Administrator of all matters arising from the organisation of the Domestic Funding Rounds as soon as practicable, including chosen date(s) and venue(s), the participating Teams, the format of the round, the draw, judges involved in each Oral Round and the results.

**Rule A4.03 Grading of Memorials**

The organisation for the process of grading the Memorials submitted by the Teams participating in the Domestic Funding Rounds is the responsibility of the relevant Regional Director.

<b>ARTICLE A5. OVERSIGHT</b>
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**Rule A5.01 Reporting by Domestic Funding Rounds Organisers**

Each of the Domestic Funding Rounds Organisers are required to submit to the relevant Regional Director and the Principal Administrator a written report within one (1) month after the conclusion of the Domestic Funding Rounds containing the following information:

- (1) the Teams participating in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (2) the judges involved in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (3) the scores given by each of the judges in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (4) the penalties, if any, imposed on any of the Teams;
- (5) the financial state of the Domestic Funding Rounds, including a listing of all income and expenditure relevant to the Competition Year;
- (6) any suggestions for amendments to the Competition Rules;
- (7) any suggestions for the conduct and organisation of the Domestic Funding Rounds specifically; and
- (8) any suggestions for the conduct and organisation of the Competition generally.

**Rule A5.02 Reporting by Regional Directors**

Each of the Regional Directors are required to submit to the Principal Administrator a written report within one (1) month after the conclusion of the Regional Rounds containing the following information:

- (1) the Teams participating in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (2) the judges involved in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (3) the scores given by each of the judges in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (4) the penalties, if any, imposed on any of the Teams;
- (5) the financial state of the Regional Rounds, including a listing of all income and expenditure relevant to the Competition Year;
- (6) any suggestions for amendments to the Competition Rules;
- (7) any suggestions for the conduct and organisation of the Regional Rounds specifically; and
- (8) any suggestions for the conduct and organisation of the Competition generally.

**Rule A5.03 Reporting by the Finals Director**

The Finals Director is required to submit to the Principal Administrator a written report within one (1) month after the conclusion of the International Finals containing the following information:

- (1) the Teams participating in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (2) the judges involved in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (3) the scores given by each of the judges in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (4) the penalties, if any, imposed on any of the Teams;
- (5) the financial state of the International Finals, including a listing of all income and expenditure relevant to the Competition Year;
- (6) any suggestions for amendments to the Competition Rules;
- (7) any suggestions for the conduct and organisation of the International Finals specifically; and
- (8) any suggestions for the conduct and organisation of the Competition generally.

**Rule A5.04 Reporting by the Principal Administrator**

The Principal Administrator is required to submit to the Board of Governors a written report within two (1) months after the conclusion of the Competition Year containing the following information:

- (1) the Teams participating in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (2) the judges involved in each of the Oral Rounds;

- (3) the scores given by each of the judges in each of the Oral Rounds;
- (4) the penalties, if any, imposed on any of the Teams;
- (5) the financial state of the Competition, including a listing of all income and expenditure relevant to the Competition Year;
- (6) any changes to the personnel of the Competition;
- (7) any suggestions for amendments to the Competition Rules, Administrative Rules and the Financial Rules;
- (8) any suggestions for the conduct and organisation of the International Finals specifically; and
- (9) any suggestions for the conduct and organisation of the Competition generally.

## ARTICLE A6. DEFINITIONS

### Rule A6.01 Definitions

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

- (1) **Commissioner** means a commissioner of the Drafting Commission;
- (2) **Competition** means the IASLA Space Law Moot Court Competition;
- (3) **Competition Rules** means the Competition Rules as amended at any time and from time to time;
- (4) **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;
- (5) **Domestic Funding Rounds Organiser** means a person appointed by the Regional Director to organise and administer one (1) of the Domestic Funding Rounds;
- (6) **Drafting Commission** means the body responsible for the drafting of the Moot Problem, the Bench Memorandum and the Statement of Additional Facts;
- (7) **IASLA** means the International Air and Space Law Association Limited;
- (8) **Memorial** means the written submissions of each Team;
- (9) **Moot Problem** means the official problem of the Competition for any given Competition Year;
- (10) **Oral Round** means a single match of oral presentations by two (2) Teams, one representing the Applicant and the other the Respondent;
- (11) **Participating University** means an institution represented in the Competition by a Team;

- (12) **Principal Administrator** means the person so appointed by the Board of Governors of the IASLA;
- (13) **Principal Author** means the Commissioner determined by rotation who has the primary responsibility for proposing the topic(s) and drafting the Moot Problem;
- (14) **Regional Director** means the person appointed by the Principal Administrator to organise and administer one (1) of the Regional Rounds;
- (15) **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;
- (16) **Student Member** means an eligible student registered as a member of a Team; and
- (17) **Team** means a team of eligible students registered as a Team representing the relevant Participating University.

## ARTICLE A7. AMENDMENT OF THE COMPETITION RULES

### **Rule A7.01 Proposed Amendments by Regional Directors**

At the conclusion of the Regional Rounds in each Competition Year, the Regional Directors are to provide the Principal Administrator with any proposed amendments to the Competition Rules.

### **Rule A7.02 Circulation of Draft Amendments**

- (1) No less than four (4) weeks before the start of a Competition Year, the Principal Administrator may propose amendments to the Competition Rules and circulate them to the Regional Directors, the Finals Director, the President and the Executive Director of the IASLA and any other person considered by the Principal Administrator to be appropriate for comment.
- (2) Subject to Rule A7.03 and compliance with this Article A7, the Principal Administrator has the power and discretion to amend of the Competition Rules.

### **Rule A7.03 Amendment Subject to Approval**

No amendment of the Competition Rules is valid unless and until it has been approved in writing by the President of the IASLA who, if deemed appropriate, may consult with the Board of Governors prior to approving or rejecting the amendment.

### **Rule A7.04 Approved Amendments to be Published**

The Principal Administrator must publish the Competition Rules with any approved amendments on the first day of the Competition Year, along with a written memorandum annexed to the Competition Rules specifying the amendments made to the Competition Rules since the previous Competition Year.

**Rule A7.05 No Amendment during Competition Year**

Except in extraordinary circumstances, for reasons of unavoidable necessity and with the concurrence of the Principal Administrator, the President of the IASLA and all of the Regional Directors, no amendment to the Competition Rules may be made during the course of a Competition Year.

**ARTICLE A8. AMENDMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**Rule A8.01 Proposed Amendments by Regional Directors**

At the conclusion of the Regional Rounds in each Competition Year, the Regional Directors are to provide the Principal Administrator with any proposed amendments to the Competition Rules.

**Rule A8.02 Circulation of Draft Amendments**

(1) No less than four (4) weeks before the start of a Competition Year, the Principal Administrator may propose amendments to the Competition Rules and circulate them to the Regional Directors, the Finals Director, the President and the Executive Director of the IASLA and any other person considered by the Principal Administrator to be appropriate for comment.

(2) Subject to Rule A7.03 and compliance with this Article A7, the Principal Administrator has the power and discretion to amend of the Competition Rules.

**Rule A8.03 Amendment Subject to Approval**

No amendment of the Competition Rules is valid unless and until it has been approved in writing by the President of the IASLA who, if deemed appropriate, may consult with the Board of Governors prior to approving or rejecting the amendment.

**Rule A8.04 Approved Amendments to be Published**

The Principal Administrator must publish the Competition Rules with any approved amendments on the first day of the Competition Year, along with a written memorandum annexed to the Competition Rules specifying the amendments made to the Competition Rules since the previous Competition Year.

**Rule A8.05 No Amendment during Competition Year**

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## **ARTICLE A9. AMENDMENT OF THE FINANCIAL RULES**

### **Rule A9.01 Proposed Amendments by Regional Directors**

At the conclusion of the Regional Rounds in each Competition Year, the Regional Directors are to provide the Principal Administrator with any proposed amendments to the Competition Rules.

### **Rule A9.02 Circulation of Draft Amendments**

- (1) No less than four (4) weeks before the start of a Competition Year, the Principal Administrator may propose amendments to the Competition Rules and circulate them to the Regional Directors, the Finals Director, the President and the Executive Director of the IASLA and any other person considered by the Principal Administrator to be appropriate for comment.
- (2) Subject to Rule A7.03 and compliance with this Article A7, the Principal Administrator has the power and discretion to amend of the Competition Rules.

### **Rule A9.03 Amendment Subject to Approval**

No amendment of the Competition Rules is valid unless and until it has been approved in writing by the President of the IASLA who, if deemed appropriate, may consult with the Board of Governors prior to approving or rejecting the amendment.

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**SCHEDULE A**

**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 (France)  
 Rwanda  
 São Tomé and Príncipe  
 Senegal  
 Seychelles  
 Sierra Leone  
 Somalia  
 South Africa

Sudan  
 Swaziland  
 Tanzania  
 Togo  
 Tunisia  
 Uganda  
 Zambia  
 Zimbabwe

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Afghanistan  
 Australia  
 Bahrain  
 Bangladesh  
 Bhutan  
 Brunei  
 Cambodia  
 Dem. People's Rep. of Korea  
 Fed. States of Micronesia  
 Fiji  
 French Polynesia (France)  
 Hong Kong (China)  
 India  
 Indonesia  
 Iran  
 Iraq  
 Japan  
 Jordan  
 Kazakhstan  
 Kiribati  
 Kuwait  
 Kyrgyzstan  
 Laos  
 Lebanon  
 Macau (China)  
 Malaysia  
 Maldives  
 Marshall Islands  
 Mongolia  
 Myanmar  
 Nauru  
 Nepal  
 New Caledonia  
 New Caledonia (France)  
 New Zealand  
 Oman

Pakistan  
 Palau  
 Papua New Guinea  
 People's Republic of China  
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 Qatar  
 Republic of Korea  
 Samoa  
 Saudi Arabia  
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 Solomon Islands  
 Sri Lanka  
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Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Russia  
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Slovenia  
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Uruguay  
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Guyana\*  
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Jamaica  
Netherlands Antilles  
St Kitts and Nevis

<b>HISTORICAL NOTES</b>
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