

# The 15th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (2017)

*(An Inter-University Competition for Asia-Pacific Region)*

Co-organized by the Hong Kong Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross in collaboration with The Chinese University of Hong Kong and The University of Hong Kong

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### General

1. The 15th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (2017) (the "Competition") shall be run under the auspices of an Organizing Committee, comprising representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC), which shall have the power to:
  - i. plan and organize the Competition;
  - ii. set Rules for the Moot, which interpretation should exclusively rest with the Committee;
  - iii. decide the criteria of participating teams and invite such teams to join the Competition;
  - iv. invite and appoint writer(s) of Moot problems, judges and other persons who can assist in the Competition;
  - v. invite and appoint collaborators for the competition<sup>1</sup>;
  - vi. delegate all or any of its power to a Secretary and/or Assistant Secretary(ies) to administer the competition.
- 2a. The date for the Competition and Activities shall be 8th – 11th March 2017. The Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) will give due notice on the venue of the Competition.
  - i. 8th March 2017 (afternoon & evening) – General Rounds
  - ii. 9th March 2017 (afternoon & evening) – Red Cross Activity & Quarter-final Round
  - iii. 10th March 2017 (morning & afternoon) – Red Cross Activity & Keynote Seminar
  - iv. 11th March 2017 (morning & afternoon) – Semi-final & Final Rounds
- 2b. Unless otherwise notified by the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies), the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) will convene a meeting in Hong Kong, which all teams must attend (restricted to all participating students, local and overseas alike), on Wednesday, 8th March 2017, at a venue to be announced. At the

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<sup>1</sup> The collaborating universities of the 15th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Moot (2017) are:

1. Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
2. Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong.

meeting, the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) will provide a briefing to all participating teams.

## **Participating Teams**

### *Composition*

- 3a. The Competition shall be open to not more than one team from each participating institution.
- 3b. Each team shall have two students as mooters. Each participating institution may also opt to include one student as a researcher (the “Researcher”).

### *Eligibility*

- 4a. The total number and eligibility of teams<sup>2</sup> to participate in the Competition shall be decided by the Organizing Committee, subject to the following conditions:
  - i. The winning team from each local competition, organized in cooperation with the ICRC/National Societies of the Red Cross/Red Crescent, shall be eligible to participate in the Competition;
  - ii. Each collaborating institution is entitled to send one team to participate in the Competition;
  - iii. Notwithstanding Rule 4a(v), there would normally be one team from the same country to participate in the Competition;
  - iv. Eligibility of institutions interested in the Competition but coming from countries or regions with no local competitions, shall be considered by the Organizing Committee pursuant to Rule 1(iii);
  - v. Organizing Committee, at its own discretion, may invite or consider additional nominations made by the ICRC or National Societies of the Red Cross/Red Crescent, provided that the total number of participating teams does not exceed the maximum set for that year.
- 4b. A person may register as a member of a team if he or she is:
  - i. A registered student of the relevant participating institution as of 15 November 2016, either for a first degree in law, including Juris Doctor (JD), or for any university degree below the level of a doctorate; or
  - ii. A registered student of the relevant participating institution certified by the ICRC Regional Delegation for East Asia to be a member of the winning team of a local competition under Rule 4a(i).
- 4c. A person is ineligible to participate in the Competition if he or she, as of 1st January 2017:
  - i. holds or has held a full time or part time teaching post in law at any tertiary institution; or
  - ii. has been admitted or licensed to practise law in any jurisdiction.
  - iii. has already participated twice in previous years, regardless of acting as a mooter or a researcher. Participating students must make a declaration when registering for the Competition that they have not participated twice in previous years whether as a mooter or as a researcher. Any false declaration could lead to disqualification of the entire team concerned.

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<sup>2</sup> The total number of eligible teams to participate in the 15th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Moot (2017) shall be no more than 24.

- 4d. Participating students need not be nationals of, or normally resident in, the country in which their participating institution is located.
- 4e. The Organizing Committee shall have discretion to:
  - i. grant exemption for specific requirement(s) relating to the eligibility pursuant to Rule 4a-d should the Organizing Committee in its view consider such requirement(s) being not applicable/practical in a local competition,
  - ii. determine the eligibility of participating students in case of disputable circumstances, and
  - iii. invite an institution from the region to send a team after the registration deadline (Rule 5a) in case of withdrawal of a registered team or in the event that an odd number of teams register for the Competition. The deadlines for the request of clarifications and submission of the memorials shall be adapted according to the circumstances.

### *Registration*

- 5a. Each participating institution must notify the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) via e-mail (to [ihl@redcross.org.hk](mailto:ihl@redcross.org.hk)) on or before 16th December 2016 of:
  - i. The names of the two mooters and the researcher, if any;
  - ii. The law degree or programme in which each mooter and the researcher, if any, is enrolled (e.g. LL.B.);
  - iii. The number of times the mooters and the researcher, if any, have participated in the Competition before;
  - iv. The team coach, if any; and
  - v. The name, address, e-mail address, fax number and telephone number of a contact person, who should not be in a student status, as delegated by the participating institution.

### **[Download Registration Form](#)**

Please be reminded that each participating institution must notify their ICRC delegations.

- 5b. Winning team from a local competition (under Rule 4a) held after, or less than three days before, the registration date may submit their registration form shortly after the deadline set in Rule 5a, provided that prior request has been made by the organizer of the local competition and that approval has been granted by the Organizing Committee. The teams concerned shall accept and follow all other dates and deadlines as stated in the Rules.

### *Team Coach*

- 5c. Each team may be accompanied by a team coach to Hong Kong, who should be a law teacher, a legal practitioner, or a legal officer of a Red Cross/Red Crescent National Society. The team coach of individual team, if any, should be responsible to verify the declaration made by its participating students (refer to Rule 4c).
- 5d. To expand the pool of judges and to share their expertise, team coaches may be exceptionally invited to participate as judges of General Rounds of the Competition. Team coaches may be invited to provide a brief curriculum vitae detailing their academic attainments for the consideration and approval by the Organizing Committee.

- 5e. The Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) will confirm the judge appointment with the team coaches by the mid of February 2017.
- 5f. Appointed team coaches shall uphold the principles of fairness and confidentiality in exercising their role as judges, so that no participating team will be preferentially or unfairly treated.

#### *Contact Person*

- 5g. Each contact person for a participating institution will be sent:
  - i. The individual moot number assigned to each of its team;
  - ii. Memorials of opposing teams to be met in General Rounds (refer to Rule 8b) to each member of its team.
  - iii. Information relating to accommodation and transport in Hong Kong; and
  - iv. Any other relevant material.
- 5h. The contact person for each participating institution is responsible for:
  - i. Distributing the information and material (refer to Rule 5g) to each member of its team;
  - ii. Conveying enquiries or other correspondence for that team to the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies);
  - iii. Verifying the declaration of participating students in absence of team coach (refer to Rule 4c).

Communication between each team and the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) through any person other than the relevant contact person for that team is at the risk of the team.

#### *Substitute members*

- 5i. A team will normally not be permitted to make any substitution of its mooters and researcher after they have been registered under Rule 5a.
- 5j. In exceptional circumstances and with the express prior approval of the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies), a team may for the oral hearings substitute a student registered as its mooter with the student registered as its researcher. Any other substitution of registered members of a team shall be permitted only in extraordinary circumstances and with the express prior approval of the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies).
- 5k. The eligibility of substitute members will be the same as other participating students pursuant to Rule 4.

### **The Mooting Problem**

#### *Selection*

- 6a. The Organizing Committee shall have the sole power to determine the mooting problem to be used in the Competition pursuant to Rule 1.

#### *Distribution*

- 6b. The moot problem will be distributed tentatively on 12th December 2016, unless otherwise updated by the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) on the website of the Hong Kong Red Cross at the following URL: <http://web.redcross.org.hk/moot15/>
- 6c. Local competitions organized by the ICRC or other National Societies of the Red Cross/Red Crescent to determine the eligibility of participants in this Competition can choose common or different moot problems at their own discretion, but in any event different from the moot problem mentioned in Rule 6a.

#### *Clarifications*

- 6d. Requests for clarification shall not be entertained unless the clarification would have material significance in the context of the moot problem. In particular, teams should bear in mind that the moot problem provides a limited set of facts. Teams should not use a request for clarification merely for convenience to obtain additional facts to those contained in the moot problem.
- 6e. Before making any request for clarification, a team must discuss the necessity for making such a request with the team coach or the contact person for their team. Any request for clarification of the moot problem shall be brought to the attention of the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) via e-mail (to [ihl@redcross.org.hk](mailto:ihl@redcross.org.hk)) by 30th December 2016. A request for clarification, if any, must include a brief explanation of the expected material significance pursuant to Rule 6d.
- 6f. The Organizing Committee shall have absolute discretion to determine whether it is necessary to respond to any request for clarification and to resolve such request in a manner in which it thinks fit. If the Organizing Committee deems it necessary to respond to a request for clarification, such clarification shall be distributed to all teams by 9th January 2017 using the same method for distribution as used for distribution of the moot problem. Clarifications issued become part of the moot problem.

#### *Receipt of Problem and Clarifications*

- 6g. Any team that is unable to receive the moot problem or any clarification in the manner distributed should notify the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) immediately via e-mail, fax or telephone (refer to Rule 7e), to arrange an alternative method of distribution.

### **The Memorials**

#### *Form and Length*

- 7a. Each team shall submit two memorials for the Prosecutor and the Defendant respectively.
- 7b. Each memorial (including body of the text, citations and footnotes) shall be typed with 1 ½ line-spacing, using 'Times New Roman' font in size 12. Citations must be in the body of the text or in footnotes (not endnotes) and using a proper legal citation standard.

- 7c. Each memorial must have two cover sheets:
- i. The first cover sheet must indicate (a) the name of the participating institution, (b) the names of the two mooters of the team in the order of the oral hearings throughout the competition, (c) whether the memorial is for the Prosecutor or the Defendant, and (d) the word count of the memorial; and
  - ii. The second cover sheet must have on it only (a) the team's individual moot number which was supplied to the contact person of the team (see Rule 5g), and (b) whether the memorial is for the Prosecutor or the Defendant. (The purpose of this requirement is to protect the anonymity of the teams to ensure no prejudice or bias is shown in the assessment of the memorials.)
- 7d. Each memorial (excluding cover sheets) shall **not exceed 4000 words in length in total**, including titles and subtitles, citations, footnotes, endnotes, sources, etc. Omitting space between individual words to circumvent the word limit would be subject to mark deduction at the discretion of the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies). In the event that any team submits a memorial exceeding 4000 words, the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) shall deduct marks from that team's memorial score out of 100 (calculated pursuant to Rule 17b) according to the following scale:
- i. 1-100 words in excess – deduction of 5 marks;
  - ii. 101-200 words in excess – deduction of 10 marks;
  - iii. 201-400 words in excess – deduction of 20 marks; and
  - iv. Over 400 words in excess – deduction of 30 marks.

#### Submission of Memorials

- 7e. Each team shall submit an electronic copy for each memorial via a single e-mail (to [ihl@redcross.org.hk](mailto:ihl@redcross.org.hk)) by 11:59 p.m. (HK time), 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017, and must dispatch 24 hard copies (12 for Prosecutor and 12 for Defendant) of the same memorials via speed post or any express mail service on or before the same day (according to post mark stated by service provider), to the Secretary at the following address:

The Secretary of the 15th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot  
Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters  
19 Hoi Ting Road  
West Kowloon  
Hong Kong S.A.R.  
Phone : (852) 2802-0021 / Fax : (852) 2802-7359  
Email : [ihl@redcross.org.hk](mailto:ihl@redcross.org.hk)

Each team shall observe the local public holidays to avoid possible delay on the dispatch. Each team shall also keep a copy of receipt issued by the speed post service for reference by the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies), if necessary.

The copies of the memorial which are e-mailed must be in the format of Microsoft Word for Windows (.doc or .docx). No other data format will be accepted without the express prior consent of the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies).

- 7f. The 24 hard copies of the Prosecutor and Defendant memorials must be double-sided. The hard copies must be securely stapled (unnecessary to bind on the edge) so that the stapling will hold throughout the Competition. Memorials should

not be held together by rubber bands, lightweight staples, paperclips, pins or other insecure means.

- 7g. In the event that any team fails to submit both of its Prosecutor and Defendant memorials on time (pursuant to Rule 7e), the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) shall deduct 5 marks for each calendar day from each of the team's memorial score out of 100 (calculated pursuant to Rule 17b).

#### *Revision of Memorials*

- 7h. A memorial may not be revised for any purpose whatsoever once it has been submitted.

### **Oral Hearings**

#### *General Rounds*

- 8a. The General Rounds consist of two oral rounds. Each team pleads once as Prosecutor and once as Defense. The Organizing Committee will determine which Prosecutor and Defendant teams will meet each other in the General Rounds of the Competition by means of a random draw conducted on or before 14th February 2017. No team shall compete against the same team twice in the General Rounds.
- 8b. The Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) will distribute to the respective contact persons electronic copies of memorials of the opposing teams, pursuant to Rule 5g, at least fourteen days before the General Rounds, on or before 20th February 2017. The teams should bring their own hard copies of the memorials of their opposing teams for the General Rounds, if needed.
- 8c. Any team that is unable to receive the memorials of its opposing teams should check with their respective contact person first, while the contact person should notify the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) for arranging an alternative method of distribution.

#### *Quarter-final Round*

- 8d. The eight (8) winning teams in the General Rounds (calculation pursuant to Rule 17) shall enter the Quarter-final Round.
- 8e. The Organizing Committee will determine the role to be played by each of the eight (8) teams (Prosecutor or Defendant) by means of a random draw after the results of the General Rounds have been determined. The Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) will then announce the random draw and the pairing results, and make available a copy of each team's memorial to its opposing team. The winning teams shall be decided by the panel of judges before which they pleaded respectively.

#### *Semi-final and Final Rounds*

- 8f. The four (4) winning teams of each pair of opposing teams of the Quarter-final Round will enter the Semi-final Round. The Organizing Committee will determine the role to be played by each of the four (4) teams (Prosecutor or Defendant) by

means of a random draw after completion of Quarter-final Round. The winning teams shall be decided by the panel of judges before which they pleaded respectively.

- 8g. The two (2) winning teams of each pair of opposing teams of the Semi-final Round shall enter the Final Round. The Organizing Committee will determine the role to be played by the two (2) teams (Prosecutor or Defendant) by means of a random draw after completion of Semi-Final Round. The winning teams shall be decided by the panel of judges before which they pleaded respectively.

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- 8h. In the Quarter-final, Semi-final or Final Rounds, the teams may play the same or a different role as in the preceding rounds. They may also compete against teams which they have met in previous rounds.

*Proceedings before the court*

- 9a. Each team shall consist of a first mooter and a second mooter, as designated by the team or the relevant participating institution.
- 9b. The pleading order of the two mooters for each team shall be consistent throughout the competition, regardless of the team pleads as Prosecutor or Defense, and shall follow the same order as marked on their memorials (refer to Rule 7c).
- 10a. In the event that a team fails to appear for a scheduled oral hearing, the round of the Competition in concern will proceed as an ex parte hearing in the following order:
- i. A court clerk will confirm the presence of both teams.
  - ii. If one team is absent, the court clerk will inform the judges and notify the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies).
  - iii. Once the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) has been notified, the court clerk will then call the moot number pertaining to the absent team two times inside and two times outside the court room with an interval of 30 seconds each.
  - iv. If the team whose number is called fails to appear, the court clerk will announce to the court that there is no appearance by the team called.
  - v. In a General Round, the oral hearing will then proceed as an ex parte hearing. The team appearing will receive the score pursuant to Rule 17e.
  - vi. In the Quarter-final or Semi-Final Rounds, the oral hearing will then proceed as an ex parte hearing. The appearing team will move automatically to the next round.
- 10b. In the event that only one mooter appears for a scheduled oral hearing, or one mooter withdraws in the midst of the oral hearing, the court clerk will notify the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies). Once the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) has been notified, the court clerk will announce the start or continuation of the oral hearing. The oral hearing will proceed as follows:
- i. The single mooter shall speak in the oral hearing in the order pursuant to Rule 13 and receive an individual score from the judges pursuant to Rule 17d. The mooter's score shall be computed for the purpose of determining the Best Mooter pursuant to Rule 21c.
  - ii. There shall be no rebuttal or surrebuttal.



- iii. In the General Rounds, the team with only one mooter will forfeit all scores as a team for that round of the Competition. The opposing team with both mooters present will be heard and scored as provided in the rules.
  - iv. In the Quarter-final and Semi-Final Rounds, the team with both mooters will move automatically to the next round.
- 11. Each team member shall refrain from disclosing the name of his or her institution at all times until the announcement of the results of the General Rounds. Team members or any person associated with a team shall also refrain from disclosing the name of his or her institution to any person acting as a judge whether during or outside the hearings until the announcement of the final results of the competition. Disclosure may subject the mooters concerned to a deduction mark of 5 points from the mooter's individual score. The deductions shall also affect the team's overall score.
- 12a. Each team shall speak for no more than 40 minutes. The first mooter and the second mooter for each team shall each speak individually for a minimum of 15 minutes.
- 12b. Each team may reserve up to 10 minutes for rebuttal (in the case of a Prosecutor team) or surrebuttal (in the case of a Defendant team).
- 12c. The scope of the Prosecutor's rebuttal is limited to responding to the Defendant's oral hearings, and the scope of the Defendant's surrebuttal is limited to responding to the Prosecutor's rebuttal.
- 12d. Each team shall indicate at the beginning of its oral argument, how long each mooter will speak and how much time it intends to reserve for rebuttal or surrebuttal.
- 12e. Either the first mooter or the second mooter may address the court in rebuttal or surrebuttal. For the avoidance of doubt, the time reserved for rebuttal or surrebuttal is not included in the minimum time for each mooter to speak as specified in Rule 12a.
- 12f. The court may, in its discretion, extend the time for each mooter for good cause, provided that the maximum extension of time granted to any mooter shall not exceed 5 minutes. In the Final Round, the maximum extension of time granted to any mooter is at the discretion of the Court.
- 12g. Time shall be kept by a court clerk, who will indicate to each mooter by appropriate means when they have:
  - i. 5 minutes left;
  - ii. 1 minute left;
  - iii. to conclude their address forthwith.
- 13. The order of the oral hearings shall be:
  - i. Prosecutor's first mooter;
  - ii. Prosecutor's second mooter;
  - iii. Defendant's first mooter;
  - iv. Defendant's second mooter;
  - v. Rebuttal, if any (Prosecutor's first or second mooter);
  - vi. Surrebuttal, if any (Defendant's first or second mooter).
- 14a. All oral hearings are open to the public. Subject to venue capacity, the Organizers may limit the number of spectators in a room in any rounds of the Competition.

The presence of team coaches or other spectators affiliated with a team is permitted in a courtroom during an oral hearing in which that team is competing.

- 14b. Every courtesy shall be given to mooters during oral hearings. Communication between team's members shall be in writing to prevent disruption, and teams and spectators shall avoid all unnecessary noise or other inappropriate behavior which distracts from the argument in progress.
- 14c. Team members seated at the counsel table shall not be permitted to communicate with spectators, or with any other external person except the judges. Without limiting the foregoing, with respect to teams that have a researcher, mooters shall not be permitted to communicate with the researcher during the oral hearings and the researcher shall not be permitted to sit with the mooters at the counsel table.
- 14d. Team members or persons directly associated with any team may only attend the General Rounds in which their team is competing.
- 14e. Scouting is prohibited. Persons directly associated with any team shall not attend or record an oral hearing involving one or more teams against which their team may compete in the subsequent rounds.
- 15. Violation of Rules 14d-e should be brought to the attention of the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) immediately, without disturbing the oral hearing, or immediately after the oral hearing is finished. The team concerned may be subject to a mark deduction at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

## **Assistance**

### *Memorials*

- 16a. All research, writing and editing relating to the memorials must be work of the team members registered pursuant to Rule 5a.

### Assistance from Staff and Other Advisors

- 16b. Staff of the participating institutions and coaches, assistants or advisors should restrict their advice to general matters, such as to a discussion of the issues, suggestions as to research sources, and a general commentary on structure, organization and flow of arguments, format, presentation and style.

## **Judging and Scoring**

- 17a. In the General Rounds, scoring shall consist of two parts: the scoring of memorials and the scoring of the oral hearings.
- 17b. Each memorial shall be assessed by no less than two judges, at least one of whom is a current or former judge, lawyer, or law teacher, or otherwise experienced in the field of international law. The judges will be supplied with copies of the memorials with cover sheets showing only the teams' individual moot number. The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 points, which shall be the average of the scores awarded by the judges assessing their memorials.

- 17c. The oral hearings shall be assessed by at least two judges in each oral hearing of the General Rounds and by at least three judges in the oral hearings of Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final Rounds. At least one judge in each oral hearing of the General Rounds, Quarter-final and the Semi-final Rounds, and at least two judges in the oral hearing of the Final Round, shall be a current or former judge, lawyer, or law teacher, or otherwise experienced in the field of international law. In case the number of judges cannot be consistent across all oral hearings of a particular round, due to unexpected absence of judges and no substitute can be identified, the assessment of oral presentation for competing teams will be subject to available judges who present at the oral hearing.
- 17d. In each General Round, the maximum score for each mooter shall be 100 points and the maximum score for each team's oral hearing shall be 200 points. The score for each mooter shall be the average of the scores (out of 100 points) awarded by the judges assessing their oral presentations. The maximum score for each team shall be 300 points in each General Round, consisting of the following parts:
- i. 100 for Prosecutor / Defense memorial;
  - ii. 100 for first mooter when pleading as Prosecutor / Defense;
  - iii. 100 for second mooter when pleading as Prosecutor / Defense.

The decision of the judges or the court shall be final.

- 17e. In each General Round, the team having higher score (calculation pursuant to Rule 17d) against its opposing team in that General Round shall be considered as the winning team in that round. In the event that, teams have tied on the score of a General Round, the team with the higher score out of 200 points for their oral hearings shall be considered as the winning team of that round. In the further event that such teams are also tied in their score out of 200 points for oral hearings, the team whose first mooter has the higher score out of 100 points for his or her oral hearings shall be considered as the winning team of that round. If a tie persists, the Organizing Committee Chairman or his/her representative shall discuss with the respective judges and the decision after discussion shall be final.
- 17f. The total score for each team in the General Rounds shall be 600 points, consisting of the following parts:
- i. 100 for Prosecutor memorial;
  - ii. 100 for Defense memorial;
  - iii. 100 for first mooter when pleading as Prosecutor;
  - iv. 100 for second mooter when pleading as Prosecutor;
  - v. 100 for first mooter when pleading as Defense;
  - vi. 100 for second mooter when pleading as Defense.
- 17g. The eight (8) teams eligible to enter Quarter-final Round will be determined by the following conditions:
- i. Teams winning in **two** General Rounds shall have the priority to enter the Quarter-final Round;
  - ii. In the event that, more than eight (8) teams win in two General Rounds, the eight (8) teams win in two General Rounds with the highest total scores (calculation pursuant to Rule 17f) among other teams, shall have the priority to enter the Quarter-final Round;
  - iii. In the event that, less than eight (8) teams win in two General Rounds, those teams that win in either **one** of the General Rounds, and obtain the

- highest total scores (calculation pursuant to Rule 17f) among other teams shall have the priority to enter the Quarter-final Round until the total number of teams eligible to enter Quarter-final Round has reached eight (8);
- iv. In the event that, two or more teams have tied on the total scores, the team with the highest score out of 400 points for their oral hearings in the General Rounds shall enter the Quarter-final Round. In the further event that such teams are also tied in their score out of 400 points for oral hearings, the team whose first mooter has the highest score out of 200 points for his or her oral hearings shall enter the Quarter-final Round. If a tie persists, the Organizing Committee Chairman or his/her representative shall discuss with the respective judges and the decision after discussion shall be final.
18. Copies of individual judges' scoresheets of oral hearings shall be distributed to the respective teams immediately after the announcement of the results of the General Rounds. Participating teams may appeal to the Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) through their team coach or first mooter (if in the absence of team coach) within 15 minutes if any arithmetic error is identified. The Secretary/Assistant Secretary(ies) shall check and rectify any errors. If such rectification affects the teams entering the Quarter-final Round, the rectified results will be announced within 15 minutes after verification of the rectification.
  19. Any appeal other than arithmetic error or exceeding 15 minutes after the announcement of the results shall not be handled.
  20. In the Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final Rounds, the court will decide which is the winning team based on their oral presentation without scoring.

## **Awards**

- 21a. The winning team of the Final Round shall be awarded a certificate and a trophy. The team shall also receive a scholarship of USD2000 (for a team of two mooters), together with a list of recommended IHL related courses organized by the ICRC for their further enhancement on the understanding on the application of the International Humanitarian Law (further details about the IHL courses to be provided).
- 21b. The runner-up team shall be awarded a certificate and a trophy. The team shall also receive a scholarship of USD1000 (for a team of two mooters), together with a list of recommended IHL related courses organized by the ICRC for their further enhancement on the understanding on the application of the International Humanitarian Law (further details about the IHL courses to be provided).
- 21c. The mooter with the highest average score out of 200 points in the oral hearings of the two General Rounds shall be adjudged the Best Mooter and shall be awarded a certificate.
- 21d. The mooter with the second and third highest score out of 200 points in the oral hearings of the two General Rounds shall receive the first and second honorable mention respectively and shall each be awarded a certificate.
- 21e. The Prosecutor memorial with the highest average score out of 100 points should be adjudged the Best Memorial for Prosecutor; the Defendant memorial with the highest average score out of 100 points shall be adjudged the Best Memorial for

Defendant (pursuant to Rule 17b). The teams submitted such memorials shall be respectively awarded a certificate.

- 21f. The memorials with the second and third highest average score out of 100 points from each of the Prosecutor and Defendant side shall be adjudged the first and second honorable submission respectively. The teams submitted such memorials shall be respectively awarded a certificate.
- 21g. The Organizing Committee may in its discretion decide to award alternative prizes in lieu of the prizes described above.

### **Interpretation and Application of Rules**

- 22. The Organizing Committee may in its discretion decide to award alternative prizes in lieu of the prizes described above.