



## LEX CLIMATICA MOOT COURT



2024-2025

## RULES OF COMPETITION 2024-2025

### ARTICLE 1. REGISTRATION

Registration for this competition is subject to the conditions listed below and to the deadlines indicated in due course by the organizing committee set up to run the competition.

The competition is open to students enrolled in a Master 2, PhD or equivalent degree, in a faculty or other higher education establishment where at least part of the candidate's course of study involves the study of law. The competition is also open to people who have already obtained one of the above-mentioned diplomas and are training for a legal profession, in particular as a lawyer or magistrate. The candidate's school may be located in Africa, Europe or elsewhere.

In all cases, practicing attorneys and judges, as well as professors and retired professors in higher education (professors, lecturers or equivalent) are excluded.

To register, candidates must form a three-member team (not counting the supervisor). A two-member team is permitted (not including the supervisor). Team members may be affiliated with different universities.

To register, send the completed registration form (available at <https://lexclimatica.com/>) and, for each team member, a curriculum vitae, proof of enrolment in a law or international relations degree in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article, and a sworn statement certifying that the team meets the conditions required by these rules and that all the information provided is accurate.

Each team designates one of its members as a referent, who will receive information on behalf of his or her team throughout the competition.

Each team appoints a supervisor to oversee it and guarantee its participation in the competition.

Registration and participation in the competition are free of charge.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

By entering a team in the competition, all team members and their supervisors accept the rules and decisions made by the organizing committee.

In the event of force majeure or a serious health problem preventing a litigant from taking part in his joust, a team member may replace him. To do so, the team must obtain prior authorization, even in an emergency, from the organizing

committee and notify the clerk of the court of the substitution. This substitution is immediately brought to the attention of the referees and the opposing team.

Any failure on the part of a team member will result in the team's elimination, unless a reasoned request is made to the organizing committee for the team member to be replaced by a third party. The committee may or may not accept the substitution.

## **ARTICLE 2. LOCATION**

The final phase of the competition takes place person, in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Teams travel at their own expense.

## **ARTICLE 3. LANGUAGE**

The competition is held in French and English.

## **ARTICLE 4. SELECTION PHASE**

The first phase of the competition will take place in writing and by correspondence.

Each candidate team will write a statement of claim or a statement of defense based on the case study, which it will send to the Organizing Committee in accordance with the timetable drawn up by the Organizing Committee. The choice between a statement of claim and a statement of defense will be made by drawing lots, the results of which will be notified to the participating teams.

Candidates will adhere strictly to the facts presented in the Case submitted to them, without distorting or adding to them.

This rule applies to the entire procedure and each of its phases. A maximum of twelve teams will be selected on the basis of their submissions, which will be assessed on both form and content.

The procedure must take the form required in international arbitration, with the teams producing and communicating their briefs within the timetable set by the organizing committee.

At the end of the written phase, the Organizing Committee will select the teams qualified for the final rounds.

Selection is made by a jury set up for this purpose by the organizing committee. One or more training sessions may be offered to team members, in preparation for the final phase.

## **ARTICLE 5. WRITTEN BRIEFS**

Briefs, excluding cover page, bibliography, table of contents and/or case law table, should not exceed 35 pages, 1.5 line spacing, Times New Roman font, size 12, A4 format.

There will be no annexes or attachments.

The following information must appear on the cover page: the words "Lex climatica moot court"; the year corresponding to the edition of the competition concerned; the name of the team; the words "Statement of Claim" or "Statement of Defense", as appropriate. The file to be sent to the organizing committee must be named as follows: "[Team name] - Claimant - Memorial". "Team name] - Respondent - Memorial". The email address to send the brief is: <lexclimaticatf@aailp.org>. Documents submitted in this way are forwarded without delay by the organizing committee to the members of the mock chamber of the International Criminal Court set up for the purposes of this Competition.

Each team's brief must be sent before 23:59 PM (Paris time) on the deadline for submission set in the official Agenda of the competition notified to the teams. Documents sent after that date will not be considered.

The brief, when forwarded to the Organizing Committee, is deemed to have been presented to the Moot Court.

## **ARTICLE 6. FINAL PHASE**

The teams selected at the end of the selection phase move on to the final phase, which consists of oral arguments before a mock chamber of the International Criminal Court, acting as a jury and made up of three or five people. Its members cannot be challenged by the parties to the dispute.

The modalities of the oral phase of the Competition will be defined in a subsequent decision of the Organizing Committee. Each team must be prepared to plead both the claim and the defense, independently of the position defended during the written phase.

Candidates adhere strictly to the facts presented in the case before them, without modifying them, and adapt their pleadings to the arguments of the opposing team.

Each team member takes an active part in each of the arguments. The mock chamber of the International Criminal Court ensures that the adversarial process is respected.

The hearings are open to the public. However, the public is not allowed to show support for either team.

By way of derogation, team members are not allowed to attend matches between other competing teams.

The jury decides between the teams on the basis of the form and content of the pleadings, and the answers given to the questions.

The results of the final phase are announced by the organizing committee no later than the evening of the last match.

## **ARTICLE 7. AWARDS**

The Lex Climatica Organizing Committee will grant a number of individual and collective awards for **the best memorials and best oral argument**. Special prizes may be awarded to highlight the performance of particularly outstanding teams. Unless specified otherwise by the Organizing Committee at a later stage, no monetary awards will be granted to the winning teams.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify the prizes awarded to the teams, in particular to take account of any new partners in the Competition.

All candidates receive upon request a certificate of participation.

## **ARTICLE 8. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES**

Interpretation of these rules is the responsibility of the organizing committee. The committee may interpret the rules on its own initiative or at the request of a team, but is not obliged to answer all questions. In all cases, the Organizing Committee will ensure that all teams are aware of its interpretations.

No appeal may be lodged against the interpretations made by the organizing committee, which are as discretionary as all its decisions.