



Official Rules for the National Round of International Humanitarian Law

Role Play Competition 2019

THAILAND

Definitions

Coach : shall mean any individual who serves in an advisory or mentoring role to teams applying for or competing in the Competition.

Competition : shall mean the National Round of the International Humanitarian Law Role Play Competition (2019).

Competition Slots : shall mean the number of spots available for teams to compete in the Competition.

Judges : shall mean those individuals selected by the Organizing Committee to evaluate the performance of teams during the Competition.

Organizing Committee : shall mean the staff of ICRC Bangkok and representatives of Thammasat University as partner organization which oversees the organization and operation of the Competition.

Rounds : shall mean the segments of the Competition during which teams will receive simulations, prepare for simulation sessions, and participate in simulation sessions. Rounds are therefore, inclusive of both the preparation period, as well as the simulation sessions.

Simulations : shall mean the hypothetical scenarios which are the focus of each round. Each round will present participating teams with a new simulation which builds upon previous scenarios.

Simulation Session : shall mean any situation of the role play which is founded on a fictitious, but realistic scenario of armed conflict.

PART I: GENERAL

Article 1: Organization of the Competition

1. Introduction - The National Round International Humanitarian Law Role Play Competition (“Competition”) is a national role play competition on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to be held in Thailand on **27th October 2019**.
2. Organizing Committee - The Competition is organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Bangkok in cooperation with Thammasat University. The Organizing Committee for the Competition on IHL, composed of members of ICRC staff and representatives of Thammasat University, in its capacity as a partner organization, the Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the organization and administration of the Competition.
3. In its capacity as the organizer, the Organizing Committee may amend the present regulations at any time.
4. Competition Email Account – All inquiries and request for competition materials must be sent to the Competition Committee at schongchuwannich@icrc.org and kwongkom@icrc.org

Article 2: Purpose of the Competition

The purpose of the Competition include:

1. Enhancing students' knowledge and understanding of IHL;
2. Developing students' capacity to apply the law in a practical and relevant manner to real-life situations;
3. Supporting the teaching of IHL in academic institutions; and
4. Preparing participants for IHL and international relations related professional pursuits.

PART II: PARTICIPATION

Article 3: Participation in the Competition

1. Participants are invited to submit their application to participate in the Competition. The Organizing Committee will also extend its invitation to the selected institutions to participate in the Competition. The number of teams will be limited to 10 teams for this year's Competition. Each institution may send up to 2 teams. The teams will be accepted on the first-come-first-served basis. The teams are invited to submit the application before **18th October 2019**. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept and refuse participation, at its discretion.
2. Applicants must send an email to the Organizing Committee prior to the date specified in the invitation to confirm participation. Please include the name of the institution and mark “Participation Confirmation” in the subject line of the email correspondence. Non-responding teams or teams which have

withdrawn their application, as well as those who submit a confirmation after this deadline will forfeit their Competition slot.

Article 4: Eligibility

1. Teams comprised of three (3) students, representing a university or equivalent institution (military academies, etc). Teams can only have 3 participants in each simulation and to assist with research. All other persons accompanying teams cannot assist the team during the simulations.
2. Conditions for application require the three participants, at the time the application is submitted, to:
 - a. Be all registered as students in the represented institution;
 - b. Be enrolled in, or have already completed, a Bachelor Degree or its equivalent;
 - c. Be below 30 years of age;
 - d. Have a good knowledge of public international law.
3. Alternates – Each team may elect to choose one (1) alternate to replace a member of a team who may become unavailable prior to the Competition.
4. A student may participate only two times in the competition. If the student is part of the winning team from the year before, he or she is ineligible to compete a second time.

Article 5: Withdrawal from the Competition – Participating teams wishing to withdraw from the Competition must notify and submit its withdrawal request to the Organizing Committee before **23th October 2019**.

PART III: HOLDING OF THE COMPETITION

Article 6: Criteria for Evaluating Teams – The Competition focuses on knowledge of IHL as well as the ability to use it in a practical manner. Teams will be judged on their knowledge of IHL and capacity to use it (evaluating available information to determine critical elements that directly relate to the implementation of IHL) and on their ability to understand the professional role that they undertake.

Article 7: Competition Schedule – The simulations take place according to schedules given to the participants on the first day of the Competition.

Article 8: Language – The language used in all matters related to the Competition is English. All the reading material, official correspondence etc. must be in English.

Article 9: Judge

1. Judge Selection – The Organizing Committee shall decide on the composition and identity of the judge. To that end, it shall invite the alumnus of the Jean-Pictet Competition, experienced IHL experts or experts on the work of international organizations to serve as judges in the Competition. The

selection of the judges will be within the Organizing Committee's sole discretion.

2. Decisions of the judges shall be final.
3. Conflict of Interest – The affiliation of the Participating Institution of each participating team shall not be disclosed to the judges. To this end, no coach or participant shall disclose the affiliation of his or her team and/or any other team participating in the competition to the jury. Infringement of this regulation shall result in a penalty in accordance with the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee (such penalty may include an evaluation point deduction, or, in circumstances which the Organizing Committee deems particularly severe, disqualification). All candidates for judges must disclose all prior associations with eligible academic institutions. The Organizing Committee will endeavor to select judges from institutions other than those represented by teams at the Competition. The Organizing Committee however, reserves the right to make exceptions, provided that it is satisfied with the judge's complete and genuine impartiality. In such case, the judge will be prohibited from evaluating the team(s) from the institution(s) the judge is affiliated with.
4. Confidentiality – Judges are prohibited from sharing information about the Competition, including, but not limited to the evaluation criteria, judging guidelines, and simulations, with the participating teams, without prior authorization from the Organizing Committee.
5. Role of the Judges – A judge's primary responsibility during the Competition is to evaluate teams' theoretical knowledge and practical understanding of IHL during each simulation session and how well they get into a role. Judges however, may participate directly in simulation sessions by playing different roles during the simulation.

Article 10: Award, Prizes and Certificates

1. The winning team for Thai National Round will receive the IHL Competition Award and sponsorship of participation in an international IHL Competition during 2020, such as the Jean-Pictet Competition, provided the team applies and is admitted to such a Competition. If the team duly applies and is not admitted, the Organizing Committee may, at its discretion, decide to offer team members an alternative award related to IHL.
2. The Organizing Committee shall award, at its sole discretion, an award to the best individual speaker. The Organizing Committee may offer additional awards and prizes, at its exclusive discretion.
3. The Organizing Committee will issue certificates of participation to all participating students and medals to the Winning Team.

PART IV: PRELIMINARY TRAINING

Article 11: Training Prior to the Competition

1. Participating teams are expected to undertake independent study of IHL and may be required to attend supplementary training at their respective institutions.
2. During the weeks prior to the Competition, teams may receive IHL training materials and pedagogical materials on IHL from the Organizing Committee in order to help them prepare for the Competition.

Article 12: Coaching

1. Before and during the Competition, teams might benefit from training and coaching by coaches designated by their institution. However, a team may participate in the competition even if a coach was not appointed by the institution.
2. Upon the completion of each simulation round – but not while the simulation round is underway - coaches will be permitted to provide feedback to their teams in relation to all aspects of their performance.

PART VI: LOGISTICAL ASPECT

Article 13: Cost Covered

1. All reading materials and legal documents will be provided by the Organizing Committee. Participating Teams may obtain their own additional training documents. However, the cost will not be covered by the Organizing Committee.
2. The Organizing Committee will not cover accommodation and transportation to and from the Competition venue and all personal expenses of the team members including, laundry, telephone, etc. It is highly recommended to organize one's own transport for the Competition to have more flexibility.

Article 14: Publicity

The Organizing Committee may publicize the Competition and related events. The Organizing Committee may open the Competition or parts thereof to the public, including the media, prospective employers, academic staff and so forth.

Article 15: The Organizing Committee shall have in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, exclusive discretion in the development, timing, format, content and implementation of the Competition.

Article 16: Each team will be responsible for bringing to the Competition all materials, including research materials and props, which they intend to use during the Competition.

PART V: ELECTRONIC DEVICES & VIDEO RECORDING

Articles 17: Use of Electronic Devices –

The use of laptops, tablets or other devices for the purposes of conducting research is allowed. Electronic devices cannot be used to seek consultation from the coach or other persons during simulations. However, The Organizing Committee strongly cautions against over-reliance on electronic devices. Simulations are designed to create a realistic environment for the consideration of legal issues. Students therefore should consider the utility of using electronic devices during the simulation sessions for research, or even for their notes, keeping in mind that participants are evaluated, in part, on their ability to assume the role of the actors they represent during simulations.

Article 18: Video Recording and Photography during the Competition –

Video recording of the Competition is prohibited except for the official videographer of the Organizing Committee and those receiving prior approval of the Organizing Committee. Photography is only permissible prior to the simulation sessions provided that it does not disrupt teams preparing for the role-play. All participants, coaches and spectators, by attending and participating in the Competition agree that they will be filmed or photographed as part of the collection of promotional material for the Organizing Committee.

PART VI: GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

Article 19: General Structure –

The Competition will be composed of three rounds. Each round will present a new simulation building upon a larger hypothetical armed conflict. Teams will receive the simulations at the start of each round and will be allotted a specific amount of time to research and prepare the team's position prior to each simulation session.

Article 20: Structure of Rounds –

Each round will present teams with a different simulation requiring them to assume different professional roles and accomplish different objectives. Teams will be expected to adjust their positions according to the organization or groups that they represent. The structure of simulation sessions, including the length of each session, the number of teams participating in a simulation session simultaneously, and the role of the judges during each simulation session may also change from round to round.

Article 21: Scoring –

The points from each round will be used to evaluate the overall performance of each team. At the end of the Competition, the team with the overall highest points will be declared the winning team.

Article 25: Punctuality

As time is of the essence for the Competition, any participating students found to be unduly delaying the progress of the Competition without a valid, good faith reason may incur deductions of marks at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Article 26: Complaints

Any complaints to be made officially should be made by either a participating student or a coach of a participating team. The complaint should be related to the Rules contained herein or a good faith, valid reason. Any other complaints will not be entertained. The Organizing Committee has the full and final discretion to decide upon the actions to be taken with regard to any complaint.