



SPORTS ARBITRATION MOOT COMPETITION



OFFICIAL RULES OF ILC CUP 2022

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CHAPTER I GENERAL RULES

Article 1. Purpose

The ILC Cup Sports Arbitration Moot Competition (the “ILC Cup”) is hosted by the Law Firm of Ingles Laurel Calderon and administered by the ILC Cup Organizing Committee. The purpose of ILC Cup is to raise awareness regarding sports law, international or otherwise, and the rule of law among students inside and outside the Philippines through academic exchange. It is hoped that ILC Cup will foster friendship among students in the Philippines and beyond.

Article 2. Structure

The ILC Cup consists of three (3) Rounds (i.e. Elimination, Semifinals, Championships), each having two (2) stages: (a) written pleadings (Memorials); and (b) oral pleadings (Oral Rounds).

Article 3. Official Language and Venue

- (1) The official language of the ILC Cup is English.
- (2) The ILC Cup is held virtually through online platforms (e.g. Zoom, e-mail, ILC website, Facebook, etc.).

Article 4. Competition Problems and Supplementation

- (1) The Organizing Committee publishes the ILC Cup Competition Problems.
 - (a) Each match in the Elimination, Semifinal, and Championship Rounds shall comprise a separate and distinct Problem from all others.

- (b) For every match, the Organizing Committee shall assign a separate and distinct Problem to every team in accordance with the timeline provided in the Official Schedule.
- (2) The Organizing Committee may publish supplementation to such Problems if necessary.

Article 5. Subject Matter and Forum

- (1) The Moot involves hypothetical disputes (Problems) in the field of sports law.
- (2) The entire Competition (from Elimination Rounds to Championships) shall have a total of seven (7) matches. Each match shall involve a unique Problem independent from all others.
- (3) The Problems will be set in the mock Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). To the extent that the Competition rules are silent, CAS rules will apply. If a CAS rule conflicts with a Competition rule, the Competition rule will prevail.

CHAPTER II PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Article 6. Team Eligibility and Composition

- (1) Each law school may enter multiple teams. A team may also be composed of law students from multiple schools. However, all teams must be participating independently of each other.
- (2) A team may be composed of two (2) to four (4) team members who shall be the only individuals contributing to the work product of the team in the ILC Cup. Conducting research for a team's written and/or oral arguments, writing any part of a team's Memorial, and presenting any of a team's oral arguments are examples of activities that contribute to a team's work product.
- (3) Team members may be chosen by any method within the school.

Article 7. Team Member Eligibility

- (1) A team member must be officially enrolled as a law student in a university or equivalent program.
- (2) A student enrolled in a graduate degree program (such as a LL.M. or S.J.D.), a law graduate, and an individual who has worked as a legal professional may not be a team member.

CHAPTER III TEAM REGISTRATION

Article 8. Registration

- (1) Every team must register with the Organizing Committee online at <https://tinyurl.com/ilccup2022reg> by the deadline in the Official Schedule.
- (2) Every student who contributes to the work product of the team must be registered as a team member.

- (3) The team's registration certifies that each member meets the requirements provided in Article 7, by the deadline in the Official Schedule.

Article 9. Team Number

Once a team has completed registration, the Organizing Committee will assign the team a team number.

Article 10. Changes of Team Members

Once team members are registered, teams may not make changes, whether additions or substitutions, of team members, without permission from the Organizing Committee. Any request to make a change must be submitted to the Organizing Committee with an explanation for the requested change.

Article 11. Observers

- (1) Persons other than those members registered in accordance with Article 9 are regarded as observers, subject to an approval by the Organizing Committee.
- (2) Observers may not act as an oralist in the Oral Rounds.

CHAPTER IV MEMORIAL

Article 12. Submission of Memorial

- (1) There are three (3) rounds of Memorial submissions: Elimination Rounds, Semi-finals, and Championships, respectively.
- (2) In every round, each qualifying team shall submit **either** an Applicant or Respondent Memorial (depending on the side **assigned** by the Organizing Committee in accordance with the Official Schedule) online at ilcsportsarbit@gmail.com on or before the deadline indicated in the Official Schedule.
- (3) Unless otherwise agreed in advance and in writing by the Organizing Committee, a team will forfeit its match and be disqualified from the ILC Cup if it does not submit its Memorial by the deadline and in accordance with the side assigned by the Organizing Committee.

Article 13. Memorial Formatting

- (1) **File Type and Name:** The Memorial must be contained in a single file and submitted in the form of a PDF document named "Team Number_Applicant/Appellant" or "Team Number_Respondent", as the case may be.
- (2) **Paper Size/Margins:** The Memorial must be typed in black on white international standard paper (21 x 29.75 centimeters), with margins of not less than 1 inch or 2.6 centimeters on all four sides.

- (3) **Font, Font Size, and Line Spacing:** The font and size of the text of the Memorial, exclusive of Cover Page and page numbers but including footnotes, must be in Bookman Old Style 12-point. The line spacing for the Memorial must be double-spaced, with the exception of footnotes.
- (4) **Page Numbers:** The text pages must be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals (1, 2, ...). Tables pages must be numbered consecutively in small Roman numerals (i, ii, ...). Each page must be numbered bottom-centre.
- (5) **Paragraph Numbers:** The paragraphs of the Pleadings must be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals (1., 2., ...).

Article 14. Memorial Content

- (1) The Memorial must consist of the following parts and be saved in a single file:
 - (a) Cover Page, which must include the title of the document (i.e., Memorial for Applicant/Appellant or Respondent, as the case may be), a statement indicating that what follows is the Memorial for ILC Cup 2022, and the Team Name and Number in the upper right-hand corner;
 - (b) Table of Contents;
 - (c) Summary of Pleadings, which must not exceed two (2) pages;
 - (d) Pleadings (consisting of Statement of Facts and Arguments), which must not exceed ten (10) pages, including footnotes; and
 - (e) Conclusion/Prayer of Relief.
- (2) Parts not enumerated in the aforementioned paragraph should be excluded from the Memorial.

CHAPTER V ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES

Article 15. Format for Oral Pleadings

The Oral Rounds consist of three (3) tranches: Elimination, Semifinal, and Championships, respectively. The teams qualifying for each round shall follow the play-off format outlined below:

- (a) **Elimination Rounds:** Teams 1-8 (T1-T8) shall be paired off for the Elimination Rounds through a random draw.
- (b) **Semifinals:** The four (4) winners of each Elimination match shall then be paired off for the Semifinals based on their total Elimination Round scores, as follows: 1st top-scorer (TS1) vs. 4th top-scorer (TS4); 2nd top-scorer (TS2) vs. 3rd top-scorer (TS3).
- (c) **Finals:** Finally, the 2 winners of each Semifinal match (WS1 and WS2) shall go against each other in the Championships. Winner takes all.



Article 16. General Procedures

Each Oral Round consists of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings. Applicant and Respondent are, in principle, each allotted thirty (30) minutes. Oral presentations must be made by two (2) members from each team. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each team must indicate to the bailiff how it wishes to allocate thirty (30) minutes among: (a) its first oralist, (b) its second oralist, and (c) rebuttal

(for Applicant) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent). The team may not allocate more than twenty (20) minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, to either oralist. Oralists must be registered team members.

Article 17. Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion

Judges may, at their discretion, extend total team oral argument time beyond the thirty (30)-minute allocation, and oralists asked by the judges to expand upon arguments may, in this instance, exceed the twenty (20)-minute individual limit.

Article 18. Two Judge Panels

In each Oral Round, the Organizing Committee, in principle, shall employ two (2) judges, and may employ more than two (2) judges in the Semifinal Rounds and the Final Round. In extenuating circumstances, the Organizing Committee may authorize panels of one (1) judge.

Article 19. Oral Rounds

The order of the pleadings in each Oral Round is:

Applicant 1 -> Respondent 1 -> Applicant 2 -> Respondent 2 -> Rebuttal (Applicant 1 or 2) -> Sur-rebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).

Article 20. Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal

Each team may reserve up to five (5) minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Only one oralist participating in the Oral Round may deliver the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, but the team need not indicate in advance which of the pleading team members will do so. Teams may waive their rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

Article 21. Scope of the Pleadings

- (1) Oral pleadings at each Oral Round should, in principle, be made on the basis of the Memorials submitted by both teams. The scope of Applicant's rebuttal is limited to responding to Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of Respondent's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to Applicant's rebuttal. If Applicant waives rebuttal, Respondent's sur-rebuttal is automatically waived as well.
- (2) Oral judges may take any non-compliance with this principle into account in evaluating an oralist's performance.

Article 22. Communication and Electronic Devices in Oral Rounds

- (1) During an Oral Round, the team members pleading may only communicate with those team members at the counsel's table, the Tribunal, the Secretary (if any), and opposing counsel.

- (2) Communication at the counsel table shall be limited to written or electronic communication among team members seated at the counsel table.
- (3) Behavior that distracts from the hearing is prohibited. Team members pleading in a given Oral Round may exchange written or electronic notes or assist each other in finding the necessary documents. No other communication shall be allowed.
- (4) During an Oral Round, use of any electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, laptops, etc.) such as for time-keeping, note-taking, argument outlining or providing information in support of the pleadings is permitted.

Article 23. Timekeeping Devices in Oral Rounds

The official time of the match shall be indicated by the bailiff or the timekeeper. No one other than the bailiff or the timekeeper may display timecards or otherwise signal to the oralist how much time is left.

CHAPTER VII COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Article 24. Elimination Rounds

- (1) Each team shall participate in the Elimination Rounds consisting of one (1) Memorial Round and one (1) Oral Round, either as Applicant or Respondent, depending on the side assigned to the team by the Organizing Committee in accordance with the Official Schedule.
- (2) The team with the higher score based on Articles 30 to 32 between the two shall move on to the Semifinal Rounds.

Article 25. Pairing

- (1) Before the Problems are released, the pairing of teams for Elimination Rounds shall be done by a random draw. The Organizing Committee will distribute to each team the Memorials of opposing teams on or prior to the first day of the Elimination Oral Rounds.
- (2) The Organizing Committee may modify the pairing to account for absent teams or other unforeseeable contingencies. If teams must be newly paired, they must be provided the Memorial of their new opposing team as soon as reasonably possible.

Article 26. Semifinal Rounds

- (1) The Semifinal Rounds shall also consist of one (1) Memorial Round and one (1) Oral Round.
- (2) The Semifinal Rounds consist of two (2) pairings of the four (4) winners of the Elimination Rounds. The pairings in the Semifinal Rounds shall be based on their total scores during Elimination Rounds:
 - (a) **Match 1:** The first-ranked team versus the fourth-ranked team; and
 - (b) **Match 2:** The second-ranked team versus the third-ranked team.

- (3) Shortly after the release of the Semifinal Problems, the first and second-ranked teams (TS1 and TS2) shall have the choice of which side to argue in their Semifinal Matches: Applicant or Respondent. Once made, the side not chosen shall be argued by the third and fourth-ranked teams (TS3 and TS4).
- (4) Should the first or second-ranked teams (TS1 and TS2) fail to communicate their choice on or before the deadline prescribed in the Official Schedule, the Organizing Committee shall assign such sides by random draw.
- (5) For each Match, the team with the higher score based on Articles 28 to 30 between the two shall move on to the Championship Round.

Article 27. Championship Round

- (1) The Championship Round shall also consist of one (1) Memorial Round and one (1) Oral Round.
- (2) The two (2) winning teams from the Semifinal Rounds advance to the Championship Round of ILC Cup 2022.
- (3) The team with the higher score based on Articles 28 to 30 between the two shall be named the winning Champion of the ILC Cup.

CHAPTER VIII COMPETITION SCORING

Article 28. Scoring of Memorials

Each judge will score each Memorial on a scale of fifty (50) to one hundred (100) points. A Memorial judge may utilize the following evaluation criteria:

- (a) Knowledge of facts and law;
- (b) Proper and articulate analysis;
- (c) Extent and use of research;
- (d) Clarity and organization; and
- (e) Style, formatting, grammar, and citation of sources.

Article 29. Scoring of Oral Rounds

Each judge will score each oralist on a scale of fifty (50) to one hundred (100) points. An Oral judge may utilize the following evaluation criteria:

- (a) Knowledge of the law;
- (b) Questions and answers;
- (c) Knowledge of the facts;
- (d) Style, pose, and demeanor; and

- (e) Organization and time management.

Article 30. Scores

The calculation of scores shall be subject to the deduction of Penalties under Chapter IX.

- (1) Each team's Total Memorial Score is the sum of the two (2) Memorial judges' scores. This score shall be used to determine the Best Memorial Award.
- (2) Each oralist's Individual Oral Score is the sum of the scores of the two (2) Oral judges for the oralist. This score shall be used to determine the Best Oralist Awards.
- (3) Each team's Total Oral Score is the sum of the scores of the two (2) Oral judges for each of its two (2) oralists arguing the respective side assigned.
- (4) Each team's Total Score is the sum of the team's Total Memorial Score and the team's Total Oral Score.

CHAPTER IX PENALTIES

Article 31. Memorial Penalties

- (1) Memorial Penalties shall be deducted from each judge's score on a team's Memorial.
- (2) Penalties shall be assessed for violations of the Rules concerning Memorials as follows:
 - (a) Failure to include all parts of the Memorial (Article 14): 5 points for each part;
 - (b) Excessive length of Summary of Pleadings [Article 14(1)(c)]: 5 points per page;
 - (c) Excessive length of Pleadings [Article 14(1)(d)]: 5 points per page; and
 - (d) Tardiness: 5 points per hour late.

Article 32. Oral Round Penalties

- (1) Oral Round Penalties shall be deducted from each judge's score for each oralist.
- (2) Penalties shall be assessed for violations of the Rules concerning Oral Rounds as follows:
 - (a) Improper communication in Oral Rounds (Article 22): up to 10 points.
- (3) In addition, the Organizing Committee may assess up to 10-point penalties for other violations of the letter or spirit of the Rules.
- (4) If a team believes that an infraction of the Rules has occurred during an Oral Round, the team may notify the bailiff or the Organizing Committee within five (5) minutes of the conclusion of that Oral Round.

CHAPTER X AWARDS

Article 33. The ILC Cup Championship Award

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The ILC Cup Championship Award is presented to the team that wins the Championship Round of ILC Cup 2022.

Article 34. The Diego Maradona Award for Best Memorial

The Diego Maradona In Memoriam Award for Best Memorial is presented to the team with the highest accumulated Total Memorial Score throughout the entire tournament.

Article 35. The Iñigo Lopez de Loyola Award for Best Oralist

The Iñigo Lopez de Loyola Award for Best Oralist is presented to the oralist with the highest accumulated Individual Oral Score throughout the entire tournament.

ANNEX A. OVERVIEW OF ILC CUP 2022 MECHANICS

Elimination Rounds:

- There shall be 4 distinct Problems for the Elimination Rounds.
- On the same day the Problems are released, teams shall be randomly paired and assigned a Problem. The assignment of Applicant (A) and Respondent (R) sides for each Problem/Pair shall likewise be made on the same day.
- In the Oral Rounds, each team shall argue the same side as the Memorial submitted.
- The 4 winning teams shall qualify for the Semifinals.

Semifinals:

- The day after the 4 qualifiers are announced, the 2 Semifinal Problems shall be released and assigned, while teams shall be paired as follows: TS1 v. TS4; TS2 v. TS3.
- Thereafter, TS1 and TS2 shall be given the privilege to choose their side of choice (either A or R) for their Memorial submission.
- Once made, TS3 and TS4 shall be informed of their assigned sides.
- In the Oral Rounds, each team shall argue the same side as the Memorial submitted.
- The winning teams for each Match shall move on to the Championships.

Championships:

- The day after the finalists are announced, the Championship Problem shall be released and the assignment of A & R sides shall be made.
- In the Oral Rounds, each team shall argue the same side as the Memorial submitted.
- The winner shall be declared the ILC Cup 2022 Champion!