

Note: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. This Official Rules is significantly different from its previous versions as this year's Competition will be held in person and is closely linked to the national IHL moot court competition. For further clarifications, please contact the Competition Secretary. The **online briefing for participants** will be held on **26 October 2022, 5pm**.

Official Rules

7th Malaysian National International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

Role Play Competition 2022

DEFINITIONS

Coach refers to any individual who serves in advisory or mentoring role to teams applying for or competing in the Competition

Competition refers to the 7th Malaysian National Rounds of the International Humanitarian Law Role Play Competition 2022, co-organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS).

Judges are individuals invited by the Secretariat to evaluate teams' performance in each Competition round and may play specific roles in the context of a simulation.

Secretariat are independent individuals appointed by the co-organizers to operationalize and administer this Competition and the 19th Malaysian National IHL Moot Court Competition 2022 and led by:

Competition Secretary

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Simulations are hypothetical yet realistic scenarios through which competing teams will negotiate and practically demonstrate their IHL knowledge in each round of this Competition. Simulations are based on the same facts set in the Moot Problem of the Malaysian National IHL Moot Court Competition 2022.

Team collectively refers to the students, alternate member, coach, and contact person representing an accredited university or academic institution in this Competition.

A. GENERAL

Article 1: Competition Rules

- (a) These are the official rules for the Competition.
- (b) These rules are subject to amendments as may be communicated from time to time through the Secretariat's email (ihlmootcourtmalaysia@gmail.com).

B. PARTICIPATION

Article 2: Registration

- (a) This Competition is open to all accredited universities and institutions of higher learning with main campus located in Malaysia. Each accredited institution may register up to three (3) teams per institution.
- (b) Registration of diverse teams comprising different sex, religion, race, ethnicity, age, disability, and academic disciplines are encouraged.

Article 3: Eligibility

- (a) Each team shall comprise: three (3) students actively enrolled in any degree program or course with the accredited institution; one (1) alternate to replace a member of a team who may become unavailable during the Competition; one (1) individual coach; and one (1) contact person who must be a staff member of the affiliate institution.
- (b) Teams may consist of member(s) who are already registered to participate in the National IHL Moot Court Competition 2022. Such a composition shall not amount to any advantage in the team evaluation.
- (c) The Secretariat may deny or disqualify the participation of any team member with significant field or practice experience in international humanitarian law or humanitarian organization. Significant experience in this regard includes three months or more working experience for a humanitarian organization.
- (d) No team shall have any member(s) who has participated in the Jean Pictet Competition.

Article 4: Withdrawal

Any withdrawal from this Competition must be notified to the Secretariat not less than two weeks before the Competition date (18 November 2022).

C. PREPARATIONS

Article 5: Prior Study and Training

Teams shall bear their own costs related to any independent IHL study and training needed to prepare for the Competition.

Article 6: Coaching

Coaches may accompany and support their teams throughout the Competition except during the simulations for each round of the Competition.

Article 7: Communications with the Secretariat

Save in emergencies, all team communications and correspondences with the Secretariat shall be conducted through the team's registered contact person.

Article 8: Pre-Competition Briefing

All teams must be represented at the virtual Participants Briefing.

D. STRUCTURE

Article 9: Language

The language for the Competition is English. All communication, written and verbal, throughout the Competition must be in English.

Article 10: Actors and Judges

- (a) The Secretariat has the discretion to appoint all actors and judges for the Competition, including among IHL teachers and practitioners, humanitarians, and past participants of the Pictet, regional and national IHL role play competitions.
- (b) The Secretariat shall endeavour to appoint actors and judges with no affiliation with any university or institution participating in this Competition.
- (c) Teams may notify the Secretariat of any potential cause for actor or judge's conflict of interest no less than 14 days before the Competition day. The Secretariat's decision to appoint actors and judges for this Competition in any event is final.
- (d) All actors and judges are required to declare all prior associations with any team participating in this Competition to prevent conflicts of interest.
- (e) No team member shall in any way disclose their real identity and affiliate university to any judge. Failing to comply with this rule may amount to penalty or disqualification.
- (f) Actors and judges shall not disclose to the participating teams any information and material in relation to the Competition, including their own identity, judging guidelines, simulations, and background documents, before the corresponding

dates in the Competition Schedule without prior approval of the Secretariat. Failing to comply with this rule may amount to penalty or disqualification for the recipient team, and removal of the actor or judge from this and future competitions.

- (g) Judges' decision in all rounds of this Competition are final.

Article 12: Moot Proposition and Simulations

- (a) All registered teams shall receive the extended moot proposition online and through their contact points within two (2) weeks before Competition Day.
- (b) All registered teams shall receive the first simulation online and through their contact points one (1) week before Competition Day.
- (c) Finalists shall receive the second simulation before the final on Competition Day.

Article 13: Rounds

- (a) Overall, teams will be judged on their knowledge and ability to apply IHL and universal humanitarian principles, particularly in analyzing the facts; understanding their role and applicable rules of IHL relevant to the context of the simulations; and interacting with relevant actors in the implementation of IHL to achieve the specified objectives.
- (b) Each round will present teams with a different simulation requiring them to assume different professional roles and accomplish different objectives. Teams should adjust their roles according to the organizations they represent.
- (c) Each round will consist of simulation and advocacy sessions, but the structure, length of time, number of teams participating simultaneously, and role of judges may differ between sessions in each round.
- (d) Finalists shall be judged solely on their performance during the final round.
- (e) As time is of the essence for the Competition, any team causing unreasonable delay in the progress of the Competition may incur a penalty.

Article 14: Prize

The winning team will receive a prize and sponsorship to participate in the 2023 Jean-Pictet Competition.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

Article 15: Complaints

- (a) Any reasonable complaint against another team for failing to comply with any rule(s) herein shall be made by the team's contact person to the Secretariat.
- (b) The Secretariat has full discretion on how to deal with a complaint and the decision of the Secretariat in this regard is final.

Article 16: Costs

All teams shall arrange and bear their own travel, accommodation, and all other related costs and expenses to participate in this Competition at the IIUM campus in Gombak, Kuala Lumpur.

Article 17: Props, Costumes and Materials

Each team is responsible for bringing their own props, costumes, and materials as deemed fit for their roles and use in the context of the simulations at this Competition.

Article 18: Use of Electronic Devices

- (a) Teams may use laptops, tablets, or other electronic devices to conduct research during advocacy sessions of the Competition but are strongly discouraged as the simulations are designed to create a realistic environment for the consideration of legal issues.
- (b) Teams are prohibited from using electronic devices during the simulation sessions for research but may use them only for note taking and keeping. Participants are reminded that they are evaluated, in part, on their ability to assume the role of the actors they represent during simulations.

Article 19: Publicity

- (a) The Secretariat may publicize this Competition and related events in any media, social media and other channels as it deems fit to raise the profile of this Competition, IHL, and/or any humanitarian concern highlighted in the simulations.
- (b) By participating in the Competition, teams, judges, and observers are presumed to consent to be filmed or photographed for the Secretariat's record and promotional materials.
- (c) Any video or audio recording of the Competition is prohibited except with prior approval of the Secretariat.
- (d) Photography is allowed during the Competition if it does not cause, nor intended to cause, disruption to other teams preparing or participating in the Competition.

Article 20: Exclusivity

The Secretariat shall have exclusive discretion in the interpretation and modifications of this Competition Rules.

Annex: Competition Timeline

For ease of reference, the timeline of the Competition are as follows:

Date	Activity
28 September 2022	Call for Participants
5 October 2022	Deadline for Registration
12 October 2022	Confirmation of Registration
26 October 2022	Briefing for Participants
26 October 2022	Briefing for Judges
3 November 2022	Release of Moot Proposition
9 November 2022	Release of Simulations
18 November 2022	National IHL Role Play Competition Day

Annex – Registration Form

Name of University⁽⁴⁾		Click or tap here to enter text.	
Faculty/School/Department <i>(official name, no acronyms)⁽⁴⁾</i>		Click or tap here to enter text.	
Website of Faculty/School/Department <i>(if any)</i>		Click or tap here to enter text.	
Contact Person⁽²⁾	Name	Click or tap here to enter text.	Post/Title Click or tap here to enter text.
	Mobile Phone No.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Email Click or tap here to enter text.
	Affiliate Institution	Click or tap here to enter text.	
	Corresponding Address		

	Full Name	Title/Status <small>(e.g. law teacher/ legal practitioner)</small>	Gender	Degree/Program Enrolled <small>(e.g. LLB)</small>	IHL Role Play Experience		Allergy/Dietary Needs <small>(all meals are halal)</small>
					(Y/N)	Year & Capacity	
Coach (if any)	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Choose an item.		Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Team Member 1	Click or tap here to enter text.		Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Team Member 2	Click or tap here to enter text.		Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Alternate Member	Click or tap here to enter text.		Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	

Remarks

- (1) Requests to amend individual names of participants and institutions in participation certificates after the Competition will not be entertained. Please ensure accuracy.
- (2) Details in this section will be used for direct communication between the Secretariat and the team's contact person
- (3) The Secretariat will endeavour to accommodate dietary requirements of participants

Team Coach / Contact Person Declaration:

- I confirm that all information stated in this registration form is true;
- I authorise the Secretariat to use the above information for the Secretariat's record and publication;
- On behalf of the team, I accept the penalty and/or disqualification of the entire team from this Competition if any information herein is false; and
- On behalf of the team, I consent to the recording and use of audio, photo and video of myself and any team members during any event related to this Competition by the Secretariat and persons authorised by the Secretariat for documentation and promotional purposes

Date : Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature :

Name : Click or tap here to enter text.(Team Coach / Contact Person)