



15th ALA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ASEAN MOOT

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OFFICIAL
RULES

ORAL ARGUMENTS

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1. Organisation

- 1.1 The ASEAN Moot (“**the Competition**”) will take place in conjunction and concurrently with the ASEAN Law Association Governing Council Meeting, or as decided by the ASEAN General Assembly.
- 1.2 The ASEAN Law Association national committee of the host country of that particular edition of the ASEAN Governing Council Meeting shall form an organising committee of the Competition (“**Organising Committee**”). However, if the national committee decides not to take charge of the organising of the Competition, the national committee of other member states may offer its assistance/bid for the opportunity to organise the Competition for that year.
- 1.3 The Organising Committee shall appoint a Moot Administrator to oversee the running of the Moot Rounds.

2. Eligibility and Composition of Country Teams

- 2.1 Each ASEAN member state is entitled to send one team, comprising a minimum of two (2) and maximum four (4) members (“Mooters”). Two Mooters will present the moot team’s case at each round.
- 2.2 The members of the team shall comprise of:-
 - (a) Law Undergraduates from universities and institutions of higher learning in the ASEAN region, including non-ASEAN national students. These students must be enrolled as a full time or part time student at a law school (of the university and/or institution of higher learning in the ASEAN member state that he/she is representing) at the date of the registration of the team and at the time of the Competition Oral Rounds; and/or
 - (b) ASEAN nationals who are pursuing their legal studies (undergraduate level) in any country including non-ASEAN countries. These students can represent the ASEAN member state of their nationality. These students must also be enrolled as a full time or part time student at a law school at the date of the registration of the team and at the time of the Competition Oral Rounds.
- 2.3 It is a further requirement that the aforementioned students have not engaged in the practice of law in any jurisdiction.
- 2.4 Members of each team need not necessarily be students from the same law school.
- 2.5 The names of the members shall be given to the Organising Committee on the date of registration. One member shall be designated the contact person.

3. Failure to turn up for Competition

- 3.1 In the event where there is a no-show by any of the participating teams or any participant, a penalty in monetary value may be imposed on the national committee of that participating team.

4. Language

- 4.1 The language of the Competition is English and interpreters will not be available. However, judges will be mindful of the difficulties faced by Mooters arguing in a language other than their own.

5. Assistance

- 5.1 Teams may not have any outside assistance in the preparation or presentation of their cases (in writing or orally) other than general guidance on the issues involved and research sources.

6. The Moot Problem

- 6.1 The moot problem will be announced at an appointed date and the same problem will be used throughout the Competition. Teams are expected to prepare arguments for both the Claimant and the Respondent.
- 6.2 The moot problem could contain two distinct issues: one procedural issue on jurisdiction and one substantive issue on the merits.
- 6.3 To achieve the objectives of the ASEAN Moot, the moot problem could feature current and prevailing issues within ASEAN, such as state investor disputes. It could also include discussions on treaties/agreements signed between ASEAN member states and its domestic implementation, as well as disputes between investors and/or joint venture partners based in different jurisdictions. This can be varied accordingly to mirror current topical issues at the time of organising to give flexibility to the Organising Committee of that particular year.
- 6.4 The Organising Committee will be responsible for collaborating with relevant research institutes for the development of the moot problem.
- 6.5 Teams will be allowed to request for clarifications regarding the moot problem. After clarifications have been given by the Organising Committee, teams will be allowed to request for further clarifications. This will be limited to matters raised in the clarifications.

7. Prizes

- 7.1 All participants of the ASEAN Moot will receive a Certificate of Participation. The following trophies will also be awarded:
- (a) ASEAN Moot Challenge trophy;
 - (b) Runner-up Team trophy;
 - (c) Best Memorial trophy; and
 - (d) The ASEAN Moot Best Mooter trophy.
- 7.2 The winning team in the Final Round of the Competition will be awarded the ASEAN Moot Challenge Trophy. The other finalist team will receive the Runner-Up Team trophy.
- 7.3 The team with the highest score for the written Memorial will be awarded the Best Memorial trophy.
- 7.4 The winner of the ASEAN Moot Best Mooter trophy shall be decided by assessing the total individual points in the Preliminary Rounds as well as comments from the judges on the performance of the Mooters.

- 7.5 In addition to the above, winners of the abovementioned awards will be given an opportunity to have an internship experience with a law firm based in the host country. The internship is to take place within 12 months from the date of the Competition.

8. The Competition

- 8.1 Each team is to prepare written Memorials as well as to participate in the Oral Rounds, details of which can be found in paragraphs 10 and 11 hereinbelow.
- 8.2 For the Oral Rounds, there shall be Preliminary Rounds, Semi-final Rounds and a Final Round.
- 8.3 Each team will moot four (4) times in the Preliminary Rounds, twice for the Claimant and twice for the Respondent. Each team will be awarded individual and team marks at the end of each moot.
- 8.4 The top 4 teams ranked from the Preliminary Rounds will proceed to the Semi-final Rounds. All semi-finalists will moot twice. The team ranked as number 1 from the Preliminary Rounds will moot twice against the team ranked as number 4, once as Claimant and once as Respondent. While the team ranked as number 2 will moot twice against team ranked as number 3, once as Claimant and once as Respondent. The winner of each semi-final will moot in the Final Round.

9. Judging the Competition

- 9.1 The Organising Committee will be responsible to engage and invite experienced practitioners, academics and sitting judges from different ASEAN member states to act as moot judges for the Competition.
- 9.2 Each Oral Round and Memorial shall be judged by a panel of 3 judges appointed by the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee may in its discretion increase the number of judges for the Final Round.
- 9.3 The Organising Committee should, to the best of its ability, ensure that each panel of judges is comprised of members from different ASEAN member states.
- 9.4 For the Oral Rounds, the judges will award marks based on the following criteria:-
- (a) Knowledge of the law (30 points);
 - (b) Application of the law to the facts (25 marks);
 - (c) Ingenuity and ability to answer questions (30 marks);
 - (d) Style, poise, courtesy and demeanour (10 marks)
 - (e) Time management (5 marks)
- 9.5 As the judges will have to award marks based on the Mooter's ability to answer questions, judges will be asking questions during each Mooter's oral submissions. Judges may choose to interrupt the Mooter in the middle of the Mooter's submissions or judges may choose to ask the questions after the Mooter has completed his/her submissions.
- 9.6 The winning team will not necessarily be the team for which decision/judgment may be given on the law.

10. Memorials

- 10.1 Each team participating in the Competition must prepare one Claimant and one Respondent Memorial.

10.2 The Memorials must comprise of the following:

- (a) Front cover – with team number on the top right-hand corner followed by “C” for Claimant’s Memorial and “R” for Respondent’s Memorial (e.g. team number 8301 would put “8301-R”), name of the Court/tribunal (e.g. “Asian International Arbitration Centre”), year of the Competition, name of the case and title (e.g. “Memorial for Respondent”);
- (b) Table of Contents;
- (c) Index of Authorities – list of all legal authorities cited in the Memorial with the page number(s) of the Memorial on which the authority is cited;
- (d) Statement of Jurisdiction;
- (e) Questions Presented;
- (f) Statement of Facts - the given facts and any relevant inferences from the Moot Problem and clarifications or corrections (if any) to the moot problem. The Statement of the Facts should exclude any uncorroborated facts, alteration of given facts, contrary statements and legal arguments. Memorials will be judged according to conformation of the facts to legal arguments without producing new facts or making unreasonable inferences from the Moot Problem;
- (g) Summary of Pleadings – an objective and substantial summary of the Pleadings of the Memorial; and
- (h) Pleadings (including Conclusion/Prayer for Relief) – substantive, confirmatory legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Moot Problem. Summaries of these legal arguments may be included in the Questions Presented and the Summary of Pleadings.

10.3 Format of the Memorials:-

- (a) Each Memorial must be submitted in a single file in the following Microsoft Word format: letter size, 8.5 x 11 inches (21.6 x 27.9 cm), or A4 size, with equal margins of at least one inch (2.54 cm) on all four sides, font and size in Times New Roman 12-point (excluding the cover page and footnotes), double-spaced. Footnotes must be 10-point size and be single spaced.
- (b) Word count (using the standard word count in Microsoft Word):
 - (i) The Pleadings (including the Conclusion/Prayer for Relief and footnotes) must be no longer than 8,000 words;
 - (ii) The Summary of Pleadings must be no longer than 500 words;
 - (iii) The Statement of Facts must be no longer than 750 words.
- (c) A copy of the Memorial in PDF format must also be submitted together with the copy in Word format.

10.4 Footnotes:-

- (a) Endnotes are not permitted. Footnotes must be used for citation of authorities and sources of statements made in the Memorial only and must not include any substantive pleadings. Mooters may choose whichever Citation style they prefer.

- (b) Citations appearing in the Index of Authorities and Footnotes of the Memorial must include a description of each authority adequate to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority in a publication of general circulation.

10.5 Plagiarism:-

Plagiarism is defined as the use of ideas or words of others without appropriate acknowledgment. A penalty will be imposed if plagiarism is found in the Memorials.

10.6 Submission of Memorials:-

- (a) Unless otherwise specified, the team must send its Claimant and Respondent Memorials via e-mail to the Organising Committee at the address provided by the Moot Administrator.
- (b) The deadline to submit the Memorials will be indicated in the Competition Schedule.
- (c) Submission must occur in a single e-mail with both Memorials attached. If one of the Memorials is to be submitted later, a team may separately send the timely Memorial before the deadline without penalty.
- (d) Once submitted to the Organising Committee, Memorials may not be resubmitted or altered. Equipment failure or problems will not be considered an excuse for improper formatting or late mailing of Memorials.

11. Moot Oral Rounds

11.1. In any given Oral Round, only 2 Mooters from each team are allowed to submit before the panel of judges. The additional team members may sit at the counsel table with the two Mooters so long as he or she is a registered team member.

11.2 Unless otherwise instructed by the Organising Committee, team members must attend the Oral Rounds in business attire, i.e. dark suits with tie for men and dark suits with skirt or trousers for ladies.

11.3 Each team is allowed 45 minutes for the oral submission. This is apportioned accordingly to:-

- (a) first Mooter – 20 minutes
- (b) second Mooter – 20 minutes
- (c) rebuttal or surrebuttal – 5 minutes.

The time will continue to run even when the judges are questioning the Mooter. Judges have the discretion to permit time extensions (on their own volition or upon request).

11.4 The order of the oral submission in each moot round of the Competition is:-

- Claimant Mooter 1
- Claimant Mooter 2
- Respondent Mooter 1
- Respondent Mooter 2
- Rebuttal (Claimant Mooter 1 or 2)
- Surrebuttal (Respondent Mooter 1 or 2).

The judges have full discretion to permit variation to the order of pleadings.

11.5 Scope of Pleadings:-

- (a) The scope of pleadings is not limited to the scope of the Memorial. Mooters are not bound by their Memorials and no reference should be made to their Memorials or the Memorials of their opponents during the Oral Rounds.
- (b) The Claimant's rebuttal is limited to the scope of the Respondent's pleadings.
- (c) The Respondent's surrebuttal is limited to the scope of the Claimant's rebuttal, unless the Claimant has waived rebuttal, in which case there shall be no surrebuttal.

11.6 Failure to attend an Oral Round:-

- (a) If a team does not appear for a scheduled Oral Round, the moot shall proceed *ex parte*. The team that failed to appear forfeits all the round's total points. In such instances, the Organising Committee shall in its absolute discretion decide on the scoring system as appropriate taking into consideration the Competition structure and to ensure that all teams are judged fairly on their performance.
- (b) The team which presents its pleadings shall be given scores by the judges to the degree possible as if the opposing team had been in attendance and presenting its arguments. The Moot Administrator may, at his or her absolute discretion, schedule an *ex parte* proceeding for the absent team if time permits.

11.7 Communication during the Oral Rounds:-

- (a) Only oral communications are permitted during the Oral Rounds. Other than the oral submissions, there shall be no other forms of communication to any judge, and this includes but are not limited to any form of documents whether in writing or otherwise, pictures, charts, diagrams as well any video or audio recordings.
- (b) A Mooter may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that Mooter, during the Mooter's allotted speaking time.
- (c) Communication at the counsel table during Oral Rounds must be minimised so as to avoid distractions i.e. noise, outbursts, or other improper conduct. All communication at the counsel table shall be in writing only. However, a Mooter may orally consult with his teammates only with the permission of the judges during his allotted speaking time.
- (d) Team members at the counsel table shall not communicate either orally or in writing with spectators or other team members not present at the counsel table.

11.8 No audio or videotaping of a moot round is permitted without the advance permission of the Moot Administrator. The Organising Committee reserves all rights to the audio and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any moot round or part thereof. All participating teams are deemed to have consented to the taping and broadcasting of that round.

11.9 During an Oral Round, Mooters at the podium and seated at counsel table shall not utilise laptops, computers, tablets, mobile phones or any other computing device for any purpose.

12. Scoring

12.1 Judges should judge the teams on the overall quality of their performances, not on the underlying merits of the case.

- 12.2 Scoring of each Moot Rounds shall consist of two parts: the scoring of the written Memorials, and the scoring of the Oral Rounds. Two (2) categories of points shall be awarded to teams in each round: Raw Score and Round Points.
- 12.3 Memorial Raw Scores:-
- (a) Each team Memorial shall be submitted to three (3) Memorial judges.
 - (b) Each judge will score each Memorial on a scale of fifty (50) to one hundred (100) points. The calculation of Raw Scores shall be subject to the deduction of penalty points under the provisions of Rule 14 below.
 - (c) The Total Memorial Raw Score for each team is the sum of the three (3) Memorial judges' scores.
 - (d) A team's Total Competition Memorial Raw Score is the sum of the scores for its Applicant and Respondent Memorials. This score shall be used to determine the Best Memorial Awards.
- 12.4 Oral Raw Scores:-
- (a) Each Oral Round will be scored by a panel of three (3) judges.
 - (b) Each judge will score each Mooter on a scale of fifty (50) to one hundred (100) points.
 - (c) In each Oral Round, a team's Total Oral Raw Score is the sum of the scores of the three (3) judges for each of its two Mooters. The calculation of Raw Scores shall be subject to the deduction of penalty points under the provisions of Rule 14 below.
- 12.5 In each Round, a team's Total Raw Score is the sum of the team's Total Memorial Raw Score for that round and the team's Total Oral Raw Score for that round. A team's Total Competition Raw Score is the sum of the Total Raw Scores from each of its moot rounds.
- 12.6 Memorial Round Points:-
- (a) In each Moot Round, a total of three (3) Memorial Round Points will be awarded based on a comparison of the highest, middle, and lowest scores on Memorials.
 - (b) The Memorials to be compared should correspond to the side that the teams argued in that Round. In other words, the scores of the Claimant Team's Claimant Memorial should be compared against the scores of the Respondent Team's Respondent Memorial.
 - (c) For each comparison, the team with the higher score is awarded one (1) Round Point. Hence, the highest score given by a Memorial judge for one team is compared to the highest score given the other team, and then one round point is awarded to the team with the higher of these two scores. In a similar fashion, the two middle scores, and then the two lowest scores, are compared to determine which team receives the second and third round points. If in any such comparison the two teams' scores are equal, each team is awarded one-half (0.5) Round Point.
- 12.7 Oral Round Points:-
- (a) In each Oral Round, a total of six (6) Round Points will be awarded based on a comparison of combined oral argument scores.

- (b) For each judge, the sum of the judge's score for Claimant Mooter 1 and Claimant Mooter 2 is compared to the sum of the judge's scores for Respondent Mooter 1 and Respondent Mooter 2.
 - (c) For each judge, the team with the highest combined Mooter score is awarded two (2) Round Points. If in any such comparison, the two teams' scores are equal, each team is awarded one (1) Round Point.
- 12.8 In each Round, a team's Total Round Points is the sum of the team's Memorial Round Points and Oral Round Points. A team's Total Competition Round Points is the sum of the Total Round Points from each of its moot rounds.
- 12.9 If only two judges score a given Memorial or a given Oral Round, the Moot Administrator shall create a third score by averaging the scores of the two judges.

13 Determination of Winners and Rankings

- 13.1 Determining the Winner of a Moot in an Oral Round:-
- (a) In any given Moot in an Oral Round, the team receiving the greater of the nine (9) available Round Points wins the Moot.
 - (b) If the two teams each receive 4.5 Round Points, the team with the higher Total Raw Score wins the Moot.
 - (c) If the two teams have an equal number of Round Points and an equal Total Raw Score, the Moot is a draw.
- 13.2 Preliminary Round Rankings:-
- (a) Teams shall be ranked by number of wins in the Oral Rounds, from highest to lowest.
 - (b) If two or more teams have the same number of wins, the team having the higher Total Competition Round Points from the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked higher.
 - (c) If two or more teams have the same number of wins and the same Total Competition Round Points, the team with the higher Total Competition Raw Scores from the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked higher.
- 13.3 Tie-Breaking Procedure:-
- (a) If two or more teams are tied after application of Rule 13.2, and the outcome of the determination does not affect any team's entry into the advanced rounds, or the pairing of any teams in the advanced rounds of the Competition, the teams shall be ranked equally.
 - (b) If, however, further determination is necessary, the rankings shall be accomplished as follows:-
 - (i) If only two teams are tied and if the tied teams have faced each other in the Preliminary Rounds, the winner of that Moot shall be ranked higher.
 - (ii) If only two teams are tied and the teams have not faced each other in earlier Rounds, the Moot Administrator shall determine the method for breaking the tie. This may include scheduling a Moot between the two teams if time permits.

13.4 Determination of the winner of the Semi-final Rounds:-

- (a) The team that wins both of its semi-final moots will proceed into the Final Round.
- (b) In the event that both teams in a Semi-final Round won one moot each, the team with the higher total Round Points from the Semi-final Rounds will proceed into the Final Round. In the event that both teams have the same total Round Points, the team with the total Raw Scores from the Semi-final Rounds will proceed into the Final Round.
- (c) The two teams that will be proceed to the Final Round will be ranked according to the number of wins in the Semi-final Rounds. If it is a tie, the round points from the Semi-final Rounds will be used to rank the teams. If there is still a tie, the raw scores from the Semi-final Rounds will be used to rank the teams. If there is still a tie, the Moot Administration shall determine the method for breaking the tie. The team that is ranked as no. 1 shall decide if they will moot for the Claimant or the Respondent in the Final Round.

13.5 The method in rule 13.1 shall be used to determine the winner of the Final Round.

13.6 Ranking of Mooters:-

- (a) Total scores for each Mooter in the Competition shall be determined by adding the raw scores awarded to that Mooter in each Moot the Mooter participated in, adjusted for any penalties assessed against the Mooter.
- (b) Mooters shall be ranked from highest to lowest total score. Ties are permitted.

13.7 Ranking of Memorials:-

- (a) Total Memorial scores for each team shall be determined by adding the Total Raw Score of a team's Applicant Memorial and the Total Raw Score of the Respondent Memorial, for a total of six (6) judges' scores.
- (b) Team Memorials shall be ranked from the highest Total Memorial score to the lowest. Ties are permitted. Scores shall be adjusted for penalties imposed.

13.8 Reporting of Results:-

After the conclusion of the Competition, each team participating in such Competition shall receive the soft copies of the following:

- (a) a copy of individual Memorial judges' scoresheets and penalties, if any, with attendant comments, if any;
- (b) a copy of individual Oral Round judge's scoresheets and penalties, if any, with attendant comments, if any, from Preliminary Rounds of the Competition;
- (c) a copy of the Overall Rankings of the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition, with the Total accumulated Win-Loss records, Raw Scores, and Round Points;
- (d) a copy of the Mooter Rankings from the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition;
- (e) a copy of the Memorial Rankings; and
- (f) a summary of the Advanced Rounds of the Competition.

14. Penalties

14.1 Memorials penalties:-

- (a) Memorials penalties may be imposed by the Organising Committee and shall be deducted from each of the individual judges' scores on a team's Memorial. In the event that a Memorial is scored by only two (2) judges under Rule 12.9, penalties shall be deducted from each of the two (2) judge's scores prior to calculating the third score.
- (b) The minimum adjusted raw score that any team may receive from any individual Memorial judge is fifty (50) points. No further reduction may be made to scores after the minimum score is reached, regardless of unallocated penalty points remaining.
- (c) In instances where only one Memorial is in violation of the Rule, Memorial penalties may be deducted from the scores of the offending Memorial only.
- (d) The Moot Administrator shall notify all affected teams of imposed penalties prior to the first Preliminary Round, and shall include with such notification a reasonable deadline for any appeals from the decision to impose penalties. A team may appeal any penalty imposed against its Memorials in writing to the Moot Administrator. The Organising Committee shall decide upon the validity of any appeal from the imposition of a penalty. No further appeal is available from this decision of the Organising Committee.
- (e) Penalties shall be assessed for violations of other Rules concerning the Memorials by reference to the following table:

Rule	Summary	Penalty
10.3(a)	Use of incorrect font or font-size, use of font of inconsistent size, or improper line spacing	1 point per violation, up to a maximum of 5 points
10.2	Failure to include all parts of Memorial, or inclusion of an unenumerated part	2 points for each part
10.2(a)	Failure to include necessary information on Memorial Cover Page	2 points (one-time penalty)
10.2	Substantive legal argument outside of approved parts of Memorial	2 points (one-time penalty)
10.3(b)(i)	Excessive length: Pleadings	5 points per 100 words over the limit
10.3(b)(ii)	Excessive length: Summary of Pleadings	2 points (one-time penalty)
10.3(b)(iii)	Excessive length: Statement of Facts	2 points (one-time penalty)
10.5	Plagiarism	Depending on the severity, the penalty may be a one-time deduction of points or disqualification from the Competition in serious cases.

10.6	Tardiness in submitting Memorials	5 points for first day, 3 points per day thereafter
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14.2 Oral Round penalties:-

The Moot Administrator shall impose an Oral Round penalty only when he or she is satisfied that an event subject to such penalty has occurred, if necessary, after consultation with the judges, registrars of the Moot Courts, Moot Court Registrars, teams and spectators.

14.3 Complaint procedure:-

- (a) If a team believes that an infraction of the Rules has occurred during an Oral Round, the team may notify the Moot Court Registrar in writing within five (5) minutes of the conclusion of that Oral Round. If there is no Registrar, the team must approach the Moot Administrator with complaints.
- (b) Written notification shall clearly describe the violation and the parties involved in the violation.
- (c) The team shall not directly approach the judges regarding a violation of these Rules. When possible, the matter should be raised with the Registrar outside the attention of the judges.
- (d) Failure by any team to follow the procedures described in this paragraph shall result in a waiver of the team's complaint.

14.4 Deduction of penalties by judges are prohibited:-

- (a) If one or more judges believe an infraction has occurred during an Oral Round, he or she shall notify the Registrar orally or in writing within five (5) minutes of the completion of the Oral Round. When possible, the matter should be raised with the Registrar outside the attention of the other judges.
- (b) Penalty points may be deducted only by the Moot Administrator. In no instance shall judges themselves deduct from the scores of the Mooters any penalty points. Judges shall score the Oral Round as if no violation occurred.

14.5 Penalty for improper courtroom communication:-

- (a) Where there is improper courtroom communication which is in violation of rule 11.7, a penalty of up to 10 points may be imposed.
- (b) The Moot Administrator shall deduct the penalty amount from each judge's combined score (the sum of the judge's score for Mooter 1 and Mooter 2) prior to determining the Oral Round Points.

14.6 Discretionary penalties:-

- (a) In addition to the penalty referred to in Rule 14.5 above, the Moot Administrator may assess up to fifteen (15) point penalties for other violations of the letter or spirit of these Rules.
- (b) The size of the penalty shall correspond to the degree of the violation in the judgment of the Moot Administrator.
- (c) Discretionary penalties shall be imposed only by the Moot Administrator. Such violations may include:

- (i) engaging in poor sportsmanship;
- (ii) submitting multiple frivolous complaints against other teams;
- (iii) engaging in inappropriate behaviour at the counsel table during the Oral Rounds;
- (iv) exhibiting blatant disregard for the procedures or requirements outlined in the Rules.

14.7 Notice and appeals:-

- (a) The Moot Administrator shall notify teams of his or her decision regarding imposition of any Oral Round penalty as soon as practicable.
- (b) Along with the decision, the Moot Administrator shall set a reasonable deadline by which either team may appeal the decision.
- (c) If an appeal is submitted, the Moot Administrator shall consult with the Organising Committee in resolving the appeal. The Organising Committee's decision, if any, on all appeals is final.

14.8 *De Minimis* rule:-

The Moot Administrator may waive or reduce the penalty for a *de minimis* rule violation.

15. Power to Promulgate Additional Measures

- 15.1 The Organising Committee may promulgate such other measures for the orderly conduct of the Competition or to correct deficiencies in the Competition.
- 15.2 The Moot Administrator may, in consultation with and upon approval of the Organising Committee, promulgate such other measures for the orderly conduct of the Competition. Modifications shall not violate the spirit of these Rules or the best interests of the Competition.

16. Interpretation of Rules

- 16.1 The Moot Administrator in consultation with the Organising Committee shall be the final arbiter in the interpretation of these Rules.