

# Supplementary Rules for the online Leiden-Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition 2021



## Article 1 – General

- a. The online edition of the International Air Law Moot Court 2021 will take place over a period of three (3) days, with the semi-finals on 19 and 20 May and the finals scheduled on 21 May.
- b. The Leiden Bureau will provide a full schedule, taking into account the different time zones of all participating teams, in due course.
- c. Unless stated otherwise in the presented rules, the *Rules of Procedure for the Leiden-Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition* (of 17 September 2019) will apply.

## Article 2 – Platform(s)

- a. The Leiden Bureau will provide for the online platform where the sessions will be held at a later date, along with all necessary information and instructions for its use.
- b. All teams are responsible to ensure they have access to software and hardware, including a working camera, microphone and stable internet connection, that enables them to properly participate in the Competition
- c. The Leiden Bureau reserves the right to use different platforms for other elements of the Competition's full program.

## Article 3 – Oral Arguments

- a. Other than stated in the Rules of Procedure under Article 12, sub b(i), each team shall present their oral argument only once as Applicant and once as Respondent.
- b. The duration of the oral argument is reduced from forty (40) minutes, as per Article 12, sub b(viii) of the Rules of Procedure, to thirty (30) minutes. Each agent must speak for at least twelve (12) minutes, with two to six minutes reserved for rebuttal or surrebuttal.
- c. The oralist is not permitted to share his or her screen, present any other text or written materials, or make use of other online tools before, during or after a session.

## Article 4 – Participants in an Online Session

- a. The following participants are permitted to join an online session during semi-finals:
  - i. judges assigned to that session;
  - ii. members of each team pleading in that session;
  - iii. coaches of each team pleading in that session;
  - iv. members of the Leiden Bureau and *Room Administrator(s)*;
  - v. any persons authorized by the Leiden bureau to observe that session;
- b. Only team members and coaches, and those mentioned under iv are allowed to be in the same room, provided local laws, regulations, guidelines and/or institutional rules permit.

## Article 5 – Online Sessions Set-up

- a. The online sessions will be monitored by a *Room Administrator*.
- b. During an online session, all judges and oralists delivering the oral arguments shall, to the degree possible, arrange their camera so that their face is visible to the other participants.
- c. The oralists may sit or stand when making their submissions.
- d. All participants in a session shall have their microphone muted unless they are making their oral presentation, or they receive questions from the panel of judges. Judges should have their microphone muted unless they are asking a question.

- e. Team members must ensure that their name, team number and role (Applicant, Respondent) are properly displayed during the online session.
- f. Team members and coaches may not directly or indirectly indicate their country or university of origin to the judges, including through the display of screen names, the wearing of name tags, pins, logos, or other signifiers, or the placement of folders, files, library books, or other materials identifying their university or country in such a way as may be visible to a judge.

#### **Article 6 – Communication during Online Sessions**

- a. Team members participating in an online session may communicate with each other in any written or electronic medium. In accordance with Article 12, sub b(xi) of the Rules of Procedure, no other person, including a coach, may communicate with the team member in any way during an online session.
- b. In line with Article 12, sub b(xi) of the Rules of Procedure, no team member may communicate with the oralist in any way while he or she is making his or her oral argument.
- c. The only exception to the prohibition under a and b is to give technical assistance with any equipment being used to participate in the online session.

#### **Article 7 – Technical Issues**

- a. Where a team or a team member is experiencing technical issues in joining an online session, or during an online session, they must inform the Leiden Bureau immediately.
- b. If a team fails to join the online session due to technical reasons, the Room Administrator shall consult with the Leiden Bureau, and, after waiting 30 minutes, shall allow the session to proceed *ex parte*. In an *ex parte* proceeding, the attending teams present their oral arguments, which are scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent team had been present and arguing. The Leiden Bureau, taking into account all circumstances, shall exercise its discretion as to how to proceed with the team that failed to appear for its scheduled session.
- c. Where a team member, who has been designated as oralist, either is unable to join the session or, having joined the session has such technical difficulties as makes it impossible for him or her to commence or finish his or her oral argument, the judges may permit another team member to substitute and plead on behalf of that team member, taking into account that no team member may speak for longer than the time permitted by the present Rules.