



“Supplemental Rules for Europe”

1 General

1.1 These Supplemental Rules for Europe (the “Supplemental Rules for Europe”), adopted pursuant to Article 2(2) of the ‘Official Rules’ provided by the International Institute of Space Law (the “IISL”) of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (the “Competition”), governs the conduct of the European Regional Round of the Competition.

1.2 The Regional Organizer, the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL), has the exclusive right to interpret the Supplemental Rules for Europe. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.

2 Memorials

2.1 Each memorial, both from Applicant and Respondent, is graded by at least two space law experts who grade separately. These memorial scores will be averaged to reach the final score for each memorial. If any grader's score is 5 or more points lower than the next lowest grade for that memorial, the experts who graded the memorial will be asked to re-evaluate the score.

2.2 Memorials of teams participating in the oral Rounds: Will be electronically distributed to the respective opponent teams by the Regional Organizer at least two (2) days but not more than four (4) days before the Preliminary starts.

2.3 Teams are requested to submit also printed memorials to the Regional Organizer at the location of the Regional. These should be double-sided and bound, and in line with the Official Rules Art. 5(3). The number of copies and the submission date will be communicated by the Regional Organizer.

3 Grading of Preliminary Rounds

3.1 Each team will plead four times, twice as the Respondent and twice as the Applicant. In each round, the members of the Bench will score each team out of a maximum score of 50 and keep to the following general indication: less than 35 is poor, 35-40 is average, 40- 45 is good, and 45-50 is excellent. The scoring will be based on the scoring factors contained in Article [8(4)] of the Official Rules. An overall oral score for the Preliminary Round will be determined by averaging each team’s four oral pleading scores

3.2 A final score for the Preliminary Round will be determined by averaging the preliminary overall oral score (from Rule 3.1) and the memorial score.



3.3 At the end of the Preliminary Rounds, the top four teams will be identified and ranked from the top team (#1) to the lowest team (#4). If there is a tie, the team with the best average oral score will be declared the winner. If a tie remains, and the tied teams argued against each other in a Preliminary Round, the team with the higher oral score in that argument will advance. If a tie remains, the team with the highest of the individual memorials scores will advance. If a tie still remains, the tie will be broken by a coin toss with the Regional Organizer selecting the team that will make the call.

3.4 The Preliminary Rounds are closed to the public and other teams.

4 Semi-Finals

4.1 In the Semi-Finals, the team with the highest score shall face the team with the lowest scores of the four, and the team with the second highest score shall face the team with the third highest score. The team entering the round with the highest score will call the toss of coin to determine who is the Applicant or Respondent of each round. Except, if the teams have argued against each other in a prior round, then those teams will switch sides for the Final round.

4.2 In judging the Semi-Finals, the judges will give specific scores to the oral arguments as in the Preliminary Rounds. The Regional Organizer will then average all grades for the oral pleadings. The Regional Organizer will then calculate a final score to identify the winning team by weighing the memorial scores at 25% and orals scores at 75%. The team with the highest resulting score will be the winner of each Semi-Final round. Oral argument grades from the Preliminary Rounds will not be considered. The team winning each round will advance to the Final.

4.3 In case of a tie in a Semi-Final, the winner will be the team with the best graded oral argument from the Semi-Final. If still a tie, the team with the best scores from the preliminary rounds (oral and written) will proceed to the Final. If a tie remains, the team with the highest of the individual memorials scores will advance. If a tie still remains, the tie will be broken by a coin toss with the Regional Organizer selecting the team that will make the call.

4.4 Third and fourth place shall be determined based on the scores from the Semi-Finals. Third and fourth place certificates will be awarded. If there is a tie, third place will be awarded to the team with the best graded oral argument from the Semi-Final. If still a tie, the team with the best scores from the preliminary rounds (Oral and written) will be awarded third place.

4.5 The Semi-Finals may be open to the public, subject to conditions set forth by the Regional Organiser. Teams competing in a Semi-Final are not allowed to observe the other Semi-Final.



5 The Final round

5.1 The teams winning each Semi-Final round will argue against each other in the Final round. A coin toss will determine which team argues as Applicant and which team as Respondent, with the team with the highest score from the Semi-Finals calling the toss. Except, If the teams have argued against each other in a prior round, then those teams will switch sides for the Final round. In case of a tie, the Regional Organiser will determine the toss.

5.2 In judging the European Finals, the Bench will consider only the oral arguments of this round. They will not give precise marks or scores to the oral argument, but will determine an overall winner based on the oral submissions.

5.3 The Finals may be open to the public, subject to conditions set forth by the Regional Organiser.

6 Best Oralist

The Best Oralist shall be selected from the teams competing in the Semi-Finals and Final. The judges presiding over the Final shall select the Best Oralist, but input may be provided by the judges of the Semi-Finals.

7 Best Written Memorial

The best-written memorial shall be awarded to the team who received the highest average grade for their memorials (Respondent and Applicant).

8 Sharing of Results

The average written score and average oral scores from the preliminary-rounds and Semi-Finals, in addition to the overall placement of all teams will be made public after the European Rounds of the competition. There is no opportunity to challenge scores or placement.

9 Sponsorship to World Finals

The ECSL will sponsor the winning team to participate to the World Finals, which are organised by the IISL. The sponsorship is subject to conditions set by the ECSL.