

International Law Moot Court Case Rules

I. Structure

1. **Complainant's Oral Argument:** Complainant's team presents each of their arguments, focusing their case on the issues of law they feel most important in establishing their claims. This is the Complainant's only opportunity to raise their arguments.
2. **Respondent's Oral Argument:** The Respondent establishes their own arguments and attempts to establish the issues of law they feel are most important as well as their various claims. This is the Respondent's only opportunity to raise their arguments. In addition, the Respondent can and should use some of this time to respond to the claims made in the Complainant's Oral Argument.
3. **Complainant's Rebuttal:** The Complainant can make counter-arguments to the claims raised in the Respondent's Oral Argument. The rebuttal can only deal with issues discussed in the Respondent's Oral Arguments and no new claims can be raised.
4. **Respondent's Sur-Rebuttal:** The Respondent can make counter-arguments to the claims raised in the Complainant's Rebuttal. The Sur-Rebuttal can only deal with issues discussed in the Complainant's Rebuttal and no new claims can be raised.

II. Time Limits

1. Each team has a total of 40 minutes to present their entire case (Oral Argument and Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal).
2. The Rebuttal and/or Sur-Rebuttal can be NO LONGER THAN 10 minutes in length, but can be as short as a team wishes.
3. The Oral Argument can be no longer than 40 minutes, and as short as a team wishes, however a team can only save 10 minutes for their Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal. After Oral Arguments, any remaining time in excess of 10 minutes is forfeited.
4. Responses to Judges' questions during the Oral Arguments, Rebuttal, and Sur-Rebuttal are counted against the teams' total time (the clock does not stop to answer Judges' questions.)
5. If the Judges feel an important area of law has been left uncovered or incompletely developed, they reserve the right to give each team three minutes to fully discuss a specific issue after the last set of Rebuttals
6. No preparation time will be given in between presentations. The team's preparation time is counted against their total presentation time.
7. After both the Complainant and Respondent have presented their Oral Arguments, the Court will go into recess for no longer than 10 minutes. The time allotted for recess will not count against either Party with regard to the 40 minute time limit.
8. Teams are free to keep time for their own reference, however the time kept by court is the official time.

III. Time Signals

1. Judges will keep time for each team and will give time cues every five minutes for the first 35 minutes.
2. Judges will give time cues each minute for the last five minutes.

IV. Speaking Rules

1. Each team member must speak.
2. No speaker may speak for more than 20 minutes in any one session.
3. Any team member may respond to any question posed by the judges.
4. Judges reserve the right to stop speakers at any time and question them about their case.
5. Questions will be reserved for the Court only. Neither the Complainant nor Respondent may directly pose questions to one another.
6. No objections will be permitted during oral arguments.
7. The court will assume the responsibility for determining when oral arguments are irrelevant or beyond the scope of the argument.

V. Miscellaneous

1. Both teams should dress "business casual."
 1. No jeans, no sneakers, no shirts with stains or holes or inappropriate slogans.
 2. The men may wear ties if they so desire, however a tie is not required.
 3. The women may wear skirts, however a skirt is not required. Nice slacks will suffice.
2. Both teams may have water and/or coffee at their respective tables.
 1. No food or chewing gum will be prohibited.
 2. Teams may refill their water and/or coffee at the time of the designated recess.
3. Facts in this case are limited to the facts stated in Telder's International Law Moot Court Case 2006: Case Concerning Treatment of Humana (Arcadia v. Utopia)
4. Teams may bring laptops to the hearing however laptops cannot be connected to the internet at any point between the beginning and end of the hearing.