

General Rules and Guidelines

for the WTO Moot Court Competition of 2024

1 Participants

- 1.1 Any student enrolled in a university (whether law school, or undergraduate/graduate school of any major) may participate in the Moot Court Competition by composing a Team of not more than four persons. Any person who qualifies as a lawyer, as a practicing attorney or a person who has been engaged in the practice of law for more than two years, is not eligible to apply. Also, any person who has participated in the Moot Court Competition in the previous year and has qualified for the quarter-final or final rounds is not allowed to participate as a Team member.
- 1.2 A graduate student who has completed the fourth semester of his/her Ph.D. coursework at the time of application of this Competition is not allowed to participate as a Team member.
- 1.3 Students belonging to different institutions may constitute a Team. A Team shall be composed of at least two members but not exceeding four members. A Team Advisor, as provided in Rules 2 below, is not counted as a Team member.

2 Team Assistance

- 2.1 Participants in the Moot Court Competition shall be responsible for all aspects of their preparation for the written submission and oral presentation.
- 2.2 Each Team may have one Team Advisor. Any full-time student enrolled in a university (whether law school, or undergraduate/graduate school), who has completed the fourth semester, may act as a Team advisor.
- 2.3 Participants shall not consult with their Academic Advisor or any other expert, except their Team Advisor, concerning the specific issues or questions in the Moot Court case. The role of the Team Advisor shall be limited to: (i) providing relevant academic materials; (ii) lecturing on WTO law in general; and (iii) advising on technical know-how in preparing the written submission and oral presentation, but not on the substantive contents of the Moot Court case.

3 Procedures for the Written Submission

- 3.1 A registered Team must prepare and submit the Written Submission containing arguments for both the Complainant and Respondent, and should not exceed twenty-five (25) pages for each (excluding cover, table of contents, abbreviations, references and signature pages).
- 3.2 For the Written Submissions, the Participants shall use the following format:
- File: MS Word.
 - Font: Times New Roman, 12pt.
 - Spacing: Single spacing.
 - Margins: Left 2.5cm, Right 2.5cm, Top 2cm, Bottom 2cm, Headings 2cm, Footer 2cm.
- 3.3 The Written Submission must include the following sections:
- a. Cover Page
 - b. List of Abbreviations
 - c. Table of Contents
 - d. Claims and Arguments
 - Identification of the Measures at Issue: The factual case measures which are being referred to either as a complaint that violates a WTO Agreement or as a defense that is justified by a WTO Agreement.
 - Legal Pleadings: Explanation of why the relevant provisions have been violated or not violated.
 - Request for Findings: The parties' specific requests as to what the Panel should suggest to the DSB for appropriate recommendations to bring the questionable measures into conformity with WTO law or other findings.
 - e. References
 - f. Signature on a separate page (by all members of the Team) with the following statement: "Each member of this team declares that he/she has abided by the General Rules and Guidelines in the course of preparing the Written Submission, and is aware that any violation of the Rules and Guidelines shall result in disqualification for participating in the Oral Hearings and receiving any awards."

- 3.4 Citation and Footnotes shall follow the general academic practices. Citations of WTO Panel and Appellate Body decisions can be made in abbreviated form, e.g., *AB-Shrimp*, para. 123.
- 3.5 Any violation of the rules under this paragraph (from 3.1 to 3.4) may result in deduction of points for the evaluation of the Written Submission or disqualification from participation in the Oral Hearings.

4 Procedures for the Oral Hearings

- 4.1 The Oral Hearings shall consist of quarterfinal, semi-final and final rounds. Based on the overall evaluation of written submissions, the Steering Committee will invite eight Teams to the Oral Hearing session. The invited Teams are expected to plead their arguments in front of the Panel, either as a Complaint or Respondent, by drawing lots.
- 4.2 More than one member of a Team will be encouraged to make an oral pleading or answer questions from the Panel. PowerPoint presentations are not allowed.
- 4.3 The Oral Hearings will be conducted in the following order: The duration of each session shall be eighty (80) minutes. At the outset, each Team shall be invited to make an Oral Presentation for fifteen (15) minutes. Following the Oral Presentations, each Team will be given ten (10) minutes for rebutting the opposing Team's Oral Presentation. Then, both Teams shall answer questions from the Panel for the next twenty (20) minutes. Lastly, each Team will make Concluding Remarks for five (5) minutes. Each Team is not allowed to ask questions directly to the opposing Team. During the Oral Presentation and Rebuttal, neither the Panel nor the opposing Team can make an interruption.
- 4.4 The winner(s) of the Moot Court Competition shall be determined by the Panel on the basis of the overall evaluation of the Oral Hearings only. No score sheets or specific reasons for the decision shall be disclosed to the Teams.
- 4.5 The Written Submissions shall not be exchanged between the Teams at any time.
- 4.6 The Oral Hearings is closed to the public.

5 Awards

5.1 The best eight (8) Teams shall be granted the following Awards:

- a. Award by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy for the First Place Winner
- b. Award by the President of the Korean Society of International Economic Law for the Second Place Winner
- c. Award by the Chair of the Steering Committee for 2023 WTO Moot Court Competition for the Third and Fourth Place Winners
- d. Award by the Panel of the 2023 WTO Moot Court Competition for the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Place Winners

5.2 An Award will be given to the Best Orator and to the Best Memorial Team.

** These rules and guidelines may be subject to change in light of further development in due course. In such case, the revised rules and guidelines will be immediately notified to the registered Teams.*