



Qatar Airways/McGill
Intramural Air Law Speed Moot Court Competition

Rules of Procedure
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1. Organisation:

The following rules will govern the *Qatar Airways/McGill Institute of Air and Space Law Intramural Air Law Speed Moot Competition* (“the Competition”).

The Competition is a joint initiative of Qatar Airways, located in Doha, Qatar, and the Institute of Air and Space Law of McGill University (the “Institute”), located in Montreal, Canada. All materials developed and published for the purposes of the Competition will remain the sole property of the Institute, and may not be reproduced or published without express permission.

2. Structure of the Competition:

The competition will consist of two rounds comprising a preliminary round followed by a Grand Final for which the teams with the highest scores will qualify.

3. Participation – Eligibility:

The Competition is open to all students registered in the Bachelor of Laws (BCL/LLB), Master of Laws (LLM) or doctoral (DCL) programmes at McGill University. Each team must comprise two members who shall be the sole contributors to the work product of the team. No substitution of team members is

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permitted once the registration deadline has passed except in case of extenuating circumstances with the written permission of the Director of the Institute.

4. Registration:

Teams must register by completing and submitting the registration form on the website of the Institute of Air and Space Law at <https://www.mcgill.ca/iasl/airmoot>.

5. Outside Assistance:

Teams may receive outside assistance, but this is to be restricted to a general discussion of topics and help with oral presentation skills. No student who has been associated with the drafting of the problem will assist the teams in any manner. A violation of this provision will result in immediate disqualification.

6. Oral Rounds:

6.1 *Language*

The language of the competition will be English.

6.2 *Time*

Each round will comprise a total of 30 minutes of oral pleadings. Each team will prepare oral arguments for both the Applicant and the Respondent. Each team will be allotted a total of 15 minutes to present their arguments, including the time used to answer questions posed by the judges. Teams may choose to utilise an additional two minutes for rebuttal or surrebuttal. While it is recommended that the two speakers utilise the time provided equally, should

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they choose not to, no speaker is to speak for more than 9 minutes of the total time awarded to each team.

6.3 Procedure for Judges' Panel

The members of each panel of judges will assess the oral argument of each speaker on an individual basis. Each judge will assess each speaker based on the criteria listed under Paragraph 6.4 on scoresheets provided. Members of the judges' panel may interrupt a speaker at any moment in an oral argument in order to pose a question or to make a comment. Each panel may, at its discretion, decide to give a particular speaker or team extra time to finish an argument if it feels it is reasonable to do so. For all proceedings within the courtroom, the decision of the judges' panel will be final and binding.

6.4 Criteria

Each speaker will be scored on:

- (i) the originality of their argument,
- (ii) the structure and logic of their argument,
- (iii) their knowledge of the facts and of relevant law,
- (iv) their competence in answering questions, and
- (v) their overall presentation.

6.5 Scores

Each category mentioned in Paragraph 6.4 will be worth 10 points. Each speaker will be scored from a total of 50 points (so that a team can earn a maximum of 100 points between its two speakers).

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6.6 *Conduct*

Teams are to be seated behind their respective tables at the time indicated to them. No oral or written communication is permitted between team members while a speaker is presenting an argument. This will not prevent a speaker from approaching his/her table to access and consult any material required in responding to a question. No written or oral communication is permitted between the teams and the judges' panel without the express permission of the panel.

6.7 *Tie-Break*

If there is a tie between one or more teams at the time the two Grand Final teams are to be determined, the team that has the greater number of win points will advance to the final round. Each round that a team wins will earn 10 points for that team. Win points will be added to the total score for each team only in the event of a tie. In the event that this number is equal as well, the determination will be made by the Joint Committee comprised of the Director of the Institute and the designated Representative of Qatar Airways (the "Joint Committee") in a manner that is fair and is communicated to the student participants.

7. Judges

7.1 *Preliminary Round*

Each preliminary round will be judged by a panel of two judges who are competent in the field of international air law and who shall be nominated by the Joint Committee.

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7.2 Final Round

The Grand Final will be judged by a panel of three judges who are distinguished authorities in the field of international air law and who shall be nominated by the Joint Committee.

7.3 Final Decision

All decisions regarding the rules of the Competition and any matters relating to the conduct of the Competition that are taken by the Joint Committee will be final and binding.