



## MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

### RULES GOVERNING FUNDING ROUND FOR INDIA

pursuant to Article 6 of the Regional Rules

#### ARTICLE I: GENERAL RULES

1. These Specific Rules for the Funding Round for India (the “Funding Round Rules”), as amended from time to time, will be in force for the India Funding Round.
2. The Funding Round Rules are enacted pursuant to **Article 6** of the Regional Rules provided by the International Institute of Space Law (“IISL”), for the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (the “Competition”), as in force from time to time.
3. Subject to Article 1(4), the Funding Round Rules are supplementary to the Regional Rules of the Competition and, during the course of the Funding Round, the Funding Round Rules shall prevail in cases of inconsistency with any other Rule or Regulation.
4. The Organiser of the Funding Round has the exclusive right to interpret the Funding Round rules and his or her interpretation shall be final and binding.

#### ARTICLE II: ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

1. In order to participate in the Funding Round of the Competition, a team must be eligible to participate in the Regional Rounds, as per to the rules prescribed for that purpose from time to time.
2. The registration fee for the Funding Rounds is Rs. 4000. (Rupees Four Thousand)
3. Eligible teams, i.e., teams from a university or institution that suffers from any financial

hardship may apply to the Funding Rounds Organiser in writing before the registration deadline (referred to in the form, as **April 1 , 2015**) to have all or part of its registration fees waived, subject to satisfaction of the Funding Rounds Organiser. No application for a waiver of registration fees will be accepted after the registration deadline.

4. If a waiver of registration fees is granted to a team that fails to pay the reduced amount or any other requisite fees by the registration deadline, the Funding Round Organiser has the absolute discretion to revoke the waiver granted to the team.
5. No registration or other fees paid by a team, which withdraws after the registration deadline will be refunded under any circumstance.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMORIALS**

1. Each team must prepare memorials in accordance with the Regional Rules, as modified from time to time.
2. Each team must submit memorials for the Funding Rounds to **manfredlachsindia@gmail.com**, subject to fulfilment of registration requirements, on or before the last date of submission of memorials for the Regional Rounds, as notified by the Regional Rules.
3. Penalties for late submission are applicable as notified in the Regional Rules.
4. Each team must also submit hard copies of both memorials, as notified subsequently under these Funding Round Rules.
5. Evaluation of memorials for Regional Rounds, which shall be conducted prior to the Funding Rounds, shall be deemed to be evaluation for the Funding Rounds on a scale of 0-50 oints.

### **ARTICLE IV: ORAL ROUNDS GENERALLY**

1. Teams must use their Anonymous Identifiers (i.e. Team Numbers as assigned by the Funding Rounds Organiser) to identify themselves and must not conduct themselves in any way that would reveal or suggest the identity of the university they represent, to any time-keeper or judge.
2. All teams must comply with all directions given by the Funding Round Organiser, his or her staff and any timekeeper concerning the conduct of each oral round.
3. Pursuant to Article 7(3) of the Official Rules, each side shall argue for thirty (30) minutes in total and comply with time limits as stated in that provision.
4. Only the two (2) speaking members of each team may be seated at the bar table and may

communicate amongst themselves by written notes only. Once a moot round is in progress, any form of communication between those seated at the bar table and any person not seated at the bar table, is strictly prohibited. This limitation does not apply to interaction with the judges during the moot round.

5. The decisions of the judges in each round are final and no contemporaneous or subsequent correspondence will be entered into, with regard to the decisions.
6. No person may make any audio or video recording of an oral round without the prior consent of the participating teams, the judges and the timekeeper.

#### **ARTICLE V: PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

1. Each team shall be required to compete in four (4) moots rounds during the preliminary phase of the competition. However, contingent on participation, the Organiser may decide to require each team to compete in two (2) or three (3) moot rounds during the preliminary phase, in which case the Organiser shall indicate the same by way of a notification, no less than two (2) weeks before the date of commencement of the Funding Round.
2. For every Preliminary Round, each member of the Bench shall provide a score for each oralist ranging between zero (0) and fifty (50) points, zero (0) being the lowest and fifty (50) being the highest possible score. In this respect, the members of the Bench will keep to the following general indication:  
10 or less is poor; 11-20 is average; 21-30 is good; 31-40 is very good; and 41-50 is excellent.
3. Each team must return their opponent's memorial to the timekeeper at the conclusion of each preliminary round moot. Failure to do so shall result in the imposition of 1 penalty point from the result.
4. Except for the Final, team members or persons directly or indirectly associated with any team may only attend Preliminary Rounds and Final Rounds in which their team is participating.
5. Similarly, team members or persons directly or indirectly associated with any team must not participate or observe under any circumstances, where two or more teams practice, moot or assist each other in any manner whatsoever before or during the funding rounds.

#### **ARTICLE VI: DETERMINATION OF FINALISTS**

1. At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, the Funding Round Organiser shall tabulate the scores for each team (50 points per three orals judges and 50 points for memorial) and,

announce the four (4) teams with the highest point totals as teams proceeding to the Semi-Finals, or eight (8) teams with the highest point totals as teams proceeding to the Quarter-Finals, as the case may be.

2. In case of two or more teams having equal points, the tie shall be broken based on the following order:
  - a. The team(s) accruing the greater number of victories in the Preliminary Rounds.
  - b. The team(s) with the lesser number of penalty points.
  - c. The Funding Round Organizer has the discretion to decide with appropriate reasons.

#### **ARTICLE VII: FINALS**

1. The draw for Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals shall be determined by following a system wherein the top ranking team shall compete against the lowest ranking team.
2. If the teams have competed against each other previously, then the teams will argue on behalf of side that they did not represent on the previous occasion. Otherwise the side each team will argue for in each round after the preliminary rounds shall be determined by a coin toss, and the team with the higher rank shall call the toss. The coin toss shall take place during the time following the announcement of the advancing teams.
3. Each member of the Bench shall provide a score for each oralist ranging between zero (0) and fifty (50) points, zero (0) being the lowest and fifty (50) being the highest possible score. In this respect, the members of the Bench will keep to the following general indication: 10 or less is poor; 11-20 is adequate; 21-30 is good; 31-40 is very good; and 41-50 is excellent.
4. The judges will announce the winner at the conclusion of each moot round.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: AWARDS**

1. The winner of the Funding Rounds will receive a Trophy for the Funding Rounds Championship and shall secure the right to advance to the Regional Rounds of the Competition as organised by the IISL each year.
2. The winner of the Funding Rounds will be funded for all expenses incurred in the course of participation in the Funding Rounds and the Asia-Pacific Regional Rounds.
3. The team with the best aggregate score for the memorials will receive an Award for the Best Memorial(s) of the Funding Round. In the case of a tie, the Funding Rounds Organiser shall

determine the winner with reference to raw scores awarded by the judges of the memorials.

4. There shall be awards given to the runners-up, the best oralist of the preliminary rounds and the best oralist of the final rounds. In the case of a tie, the Regional Organiser shall determine the winner.

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