

JEAN-PICTET COMPETITION

2018 Regulations

General principles

Article 1 Competencies of the Committee for the Jean-Pictet Competition

The Jean-Pictet Competition (hereafter “Competition”) is organised annually by the Committee for the Jean-Pictet Competition (*Comité pour le Concours Jean-Pictet*, hereafter “CCJP”) with the support of other institutions, as appropriate.

The CCJP is the sole entity entitled to decide on questions related to the Competition. It can, at its discretion, delegate part of its powers.

The CCJP has the exclusive the power to amend the present Regulations.

Article 2 Principles and values

The CCJP organises the Competition based on the following principles and values:

- The fair and impartial character of the Competition;
- The respect for participants and their diversity, without any discrimination related to, *inter alia*, their sex, colour, language, political or other opinions, social origin, physical appearance, health status, disability, sexual orientation or identity, age, membership or non-membership, real or supposed, to a specific ethnic group, a nation, a race or a religion;
- The neutrality of the CCJP on controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature;
- The promotion of a learning environment in which all participants can learn and compete in a safe and respectful way.

Selection of the teams

Article 3

Conditions of application

A team consists of three students representing a university or a comparable institution (e.g. a military school). Conditions for application require the three participants, at the time the application is submitted, to:

- a. Be all registered in the represented institution;
- b. Be enrolled in, or have already completed, a Bachelor Degree or its equivalent;
- c. Be below 30 years of age;
- d. Have a good knowledge of public international law;
- e. Have never before participated in the Competition.

Article 4

Requests for derogation

All requests for derogation to Article 3.a, 3.b or 3.c above must be sent as soon as possible to the administration of the Competition (info@concourspictet.org) and at the latest when the application file is sent. The request for derogation must include the curriculum vitae of the person(s) concerned and a letter supporting the request. A late request, thus not allowing its examination by the CCJP before the closure of applications, can result in the impossibility to modify the composition of the team and, as a result, in the non-selection of the team.

Article 5

Application process

In order to apply, each applicant team must send the duly completed application file, available on the website of the Competition to christophe@concourspictet.org before 8 November 2017, 17:00 UTC.

The file includes a certificate signed by a representative of the institution (i.e. dean or program director) authorising the members of the team to participate in the Competition.

Each institution can submit only one application (in other words, only one team) to the 2018 Competition.

Each team can, however, submit its application for the English-speaking and French-speaking sessions, with the CCJP having the sole discretion to decide in which session the team will participate, should it be successfully pre-selected to both. In such a case, the team must provide a completed file in both French and English.

By sending the documents required in the context of the application and selection processes, applicants:

- Allow the CCJP to use the name and photo of the participants on their website and on documents related to the Competition such as the Competition report;
- Commit themselves to respect these Regulations and to take part in the Competition in compliance with its principles and values;
- Waive all claims, including judicial ones, against the CCJP and the Competition with regard to the application and selection processes, all aspects of the organization of the Competition, the proceedings during the Competition, and the interpretation and application of these Regulations.

Article 6

Selection process

The CCJP selects the application files on the basis of their quality and, with similar quality of the files, seeks to ensure and enhance diversity of countries and types of represented institutions. The CCJP also establishes, under the same criteria, a supplementary list, aimed at selecting teams, should one or more teams initially selected forfeit their participation.

Applicant teams are informed of the result of the selection no later than 30 November 2017.

The registration of selected teams will become final after:

- a. The payment of registration fees, at the latest on 31 December 2017; and
- b. Reception by the administration, at the latest on 31 December 2017, of:
 - i) a passport-sized photo of each participant (to be used for the photo directory and to be posted on the website of the Competition, in the list of alumni), in jpg, png or tiff format, with a light background, in a size not higher than 2 Mb;
 - ii) A copy of the first two (identity) pages of their passport(s), should one or more members of the team require a visa to travel to the country where the Competition is taking place; and
 - iii) A completed form regarding administrative information.

If this payment, and receipt of the documents referred to in b above, is not finalized before 31 December 2017, the CCJP may decide to refuse the registration of that team and call a team placed on the supplementary list.

Article 7

Modification of the composition of the teams

As of the closing date for applications, the three team members cannot be substituted except by express agreement of the CCJP. Substitutions are allowed in exceptional cases, mainly for health reasons justified by a medical certificate. All requests for replacement must be sent as soon as possible to the administration of the Competition (info@concourspictet.org) with the supporting material and, if applicable, the information required for a derogation to the criteria of Article 3.

Article 8

Payment of registration fees

The registration fees are 1040 € (euros) per team. The entire fee is due upon notification that the team has been selected, and should be received in euros by the CCJP no later than 31 December 2017.

- Account holder: Comité pour le Concours Jean-Pictet (CCJP)
- Name of the Bank: Crédit Coopératif
- Address: 33 Bd Berthelot, 63400 Chamalières, France
- IBAN: FR76 4255 9000 9521 0263 3350 883
- BIC: CCOPFRPPXXX

When processing the payment, it is imperative to:

- Mention the full name of the University – or similar institution – on behalf of which the payment is made (no other mention should be indicated); and
- Inform the bank that any transfer and exchange costs are to be paid by the sender.

Registration fees can also be paid through PayPal, using the Competition website. In such a case, the fees are 1080 € (euros) per team.

Registration fees are not refunded to teams that withdraw after payment, do not get a visa or, for any other reason external to the CCJP, do not attend the Competition.

SECTION 3

Universality Fund

Article 9

Objective of the Universality Fund

The Universality Fund aims at promoting the widest representation possible in the English and French-speaking sessions of the Competition, with regard to cultural background, geographic origin and legal systems, by providing financial support to teams from universities located in countries or regions with economic and social difficulties.

Teams from OECD member States (see the list on <http://www.oecd.org/about/membersandpartners/#d.en.194378>) cannot benefit from Universality Fund's support.

Article 10

Eligible expenses

Only the following expenses are eligible to the support from the Universality Fund:

- Expenses related to air and / or train tickets;
- Accommodation costs during the trip if, according to the CCJP, accommodation is necessary because of travel schedules;
- Visa fees;
- Payment of the registration fees.

Article 11

Decision process and criteria

Teams may apply for the financial support of the Universality Fund by making a request to that effect during the application process, and completing the section provided for this purpose in the application file.

The decision to grant a financial contribution under the Universality Fund is subject to available resources each year. This decision is at the discretion of the CCJP. The CCJP, according to the means available for the year, may decide on the amount of a maximum contribution to each team. This financial support will not cover the entirety of the travel expenses and registration fees of a team.

In order to consider the social and economic situation of countries concerned, the CCJP will take into account international indicators such as the Human Development Index issued by the United Nations Development Programme or any other appropriate indicator. The financial support awarded to a team also depends on other considerations such as the quality of the documents sent during the selection process, the evaluation of the needs of each team made by the CCJP based on available information or upon requests for further information, and on institutional support received by teams.

Holding of the Competition

Article 12**Assessment criteria of the teams**

The Competition focuses on the practice of international humanitarian law (IHL). Other factors are, however, also taken into consideration.

Teams are evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Primarily: their knowledge of IHL and capacity to use it (conceptualise and analyse information available to determine critical elements which directly relate to the implementation of IHL);
- b. Knowledge of public international law, and in particular all relevant branches of international law applicable during armed conflicts;
- c. Demonstrated understanding of the simulations, including the capacity to position oneself within the given scenarios and to grasp the 'big picture' and differentiate it from minor issues; the capacity to identify the strategic issues, opportunities and risks; the ability to understand the complexities of the events and the assigned roles during the various simulations; the demonstrated understanding of the political dynamics while maintaining the IHL focus; the use of the given information without inventing new facts;
- d. Demonstrated respect for the work, cultures and opinions of the other teams (evidence of a genuine interest in understanding the positions and arguments of the other teams; acceptance of the diversity of other participants' and organisers' profiles; respect for the humanitarian space and the neutrality in which the Competition is organised – see Art. 2 above);
- e. Team work (respect for co-team members, balanced participation, complementarity, cooperation, support and strengthening of each other's contributions);
- f. Commitment (towards the Competition, the simulation and, when appropriate in a simulation, vis-à-vis the spirit of IHL);

- g. Ability to argue (persuasiveness in presenting arguments, use of the law in creative and innovative ways, appropriate combination of rational analysis with emotion and passion);
- h. Ability to listen to others (within and outside of the team); and
- i. Oral communication skills (including *inter alia* the ability to be convincing, articulate, logical; the ability to convey feelings when appropriate in simulations; having the capacity to communicate across cultures; ability to translate complex issues and ideas into understandable concepts).

Article 13 **Schedule**

The tests take place according to schedules given to the participants during the Competition.

Article 14 **Languages**

The languages used are French in the French-speaking session, and English in the English-speaking sessions. During the final, teams interact with the jury in the language used in their session; if a team is required to interact with a team of the other language group, simultaneous interpretation will be made available.

Article 15 **Preparatory documents**

The general framework for the case study is made available on the website of the Jean-Pictet Competition (www.concourspictet.org) and/or sent by email to the participants. Additional factual and legal elements will be provided to the participants during the Competition.

During the weeks prior to the Competition, teams will receive training documents.

Article 16

Tutors

During the Competition, each team will benefit from a tutor appointed and briefed for this role by the CCJP. The objectives of the tutor are to:

- Support his or her assigned teams in their learning processes during the Competition; and
- Assist the participants improving role-play skills, organization and distribution of work within the team, and quality of argument and oral expression (Article 12, c) to i) criteria).

The tutor will not, however, assist the teams on the substantive issues relating to the case study or on issues pertaining to the law in general. Tutors will not participate in the selection of the best teams during the Competition; this task falls solely on the jury, and the tutors will not engage in any discussions with the members of the jury concerning this matter.

Tutors provide input on the performance of the teams they accompany in the report sent to participants after the Competition; however this input is not shared with the jury before they decide on the performance of each team.

Article 17

Jean-Pictet Award

The best teams from each session – English and French-speaking sessions – are selected to compete in a semi-final round for each session. The best teams from the semi-final round of each session are selected to appear in the Competition-wide final round. The jury awards the Jean-Pictet Award to the winner of the Competition-wide final round. The number of teams participating in the semi-final of each session and the Competition-wide final round is within the sole discretion of the CCJP.

Article 18

Gilbert-Apollis Award

The jury of each session – English and French-speaking sessions – awards the “Gilbert-Apollis Award” to the best speaker of that session. This assessment only covers tests taking place before the semi-finals.

Logistical aspects

Article 19 **Costs covered**

The payment of registration fees provides for:

- A training in international humanitarian law;
- The provision of a tutor at the Competition, as set out in Article 16 above;
- All materials and documents provided for the Competition;
- Full board accommodation from the evening of Saturday 24 March until the morning of Saturday 31 March 2018. The Competition will not cover transportation to and from the Competition or any personal expenses of the team members such as laundry, telephone calls, or extra beverages, etc.; and
- A report on the performance of the team, which is sent to the participants and the representative of their institution, in the weeks following the end of the Competition.

Article 20 **Insurance**

All participants must have adequate insurance (civil responsibility, health, accident, repatriation, etc.). Under no circumstances will the CCJP or the Competition be held responsible for the costs incurred due to the illness, accident or repatriation of a participant.

Article 21 **Official communications and social networks**

In addition to the various means of bilateral communication (emails, phone, etc.), the CCJP also uses:

- A website: www.concourspictet.org
- A Facebook page: [Concours Jean-Pictet Competition: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Concours-Jean-Pictet-Competition/671290049550396](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Concours-Jean-Pictet-Competition/671290049550396)

- A Twitter account: @ConcoursPictet

The content published by the CCJP on social networks (Facebook and Twitter) is provided solely as an indicative basis and a guide to the information available on the Competition website (www.concourspictet.org) or transmitted by other official means of communication, without completing substantially this information and without replacing it in any way. In the event that the information found on CCJP's social networks differ from the contents of its website or information transmitted by other official means, the content of the latter two prevails.

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