



# **Kırımlı Dr. Aziz Bey Competition Moot Court Competition & Advanced Summer School**

**1<sup>st</sup> Edition – Online**

## **INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

### **Introduction**

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The Kırımlı Dr. Aziz Bey International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Moot Court Competition (hereafter “the Competition”) & Advanced Summer School is organized by Istanbul Center of International Law (ICIL) and Turkish Red Crescent (Türk Kızılay) with the support from the ICRC.

The Competition is aimed to promote international humanitarian law and assist students to improve their ability to apply the law in practice.

An advanced IHL summer school consisting of eight online lectures (two lectures per week) will be conducted as a preparatory step for the competition in August 2020.

The competition and the summer school will take place on the Microsoft Teams online platform. Participants can join the sessions on their computer with the link provided by the committee.<sup>1</sup> Participants need to ensure a good internet connection. The organization committee will organize a training session on the use of the Microsoft Teams for the participating teams before the advanced summer school.

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<sup>1</sup> Further information on how to join a session on the Microsoft Teams with a link can be found [here](#).



## **Section 1 – General Rules**

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### **Article 1: The Organization Committee of the Kırımlı Dr. Aziz Bey Moot Court Competition & Advanced Summer School**

The organization committee (hereafter “the committee”) consists of 6 persons appointed by the Istanbul Center of International Law and the Turkish Red Crescent on an equal basis. The committee has the solemn discretion to alter this regulation and provide any clarification for the existing rules. Any questions or inquiries for the committee should be directed to [azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr](mailto:azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr).

### **Article 2: Language**

The Competition and the Advanced Summer School will be conducted in English. All the correspondence regarding these aforementioned events will also be in English.

### **Article 3: Modus of the Competition & the Advanced Summer School**

Due to the ongoing situation regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, both the Competition and the Advanced Summer School of the 2020 edition will be conducted fully online.

### **Article 4: Principles & Values**

Based on the fair and impartial nature of the competition;

- a. We respect every participant without any discrimination based on race, color, nationality, language, sex, political or philosophical view, social background, and religion.
- b. We promote a safe and respectful learning environment for all participants.
- c. The same attitude is expected from all participants, lecturers, and jury members.



## Section 2 – Selection of the Teams

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### Article 5: Application Criteria & Eligibility

- I. A team consists of a minimum of two and a maximum of three students representing a university or any educational institution that teaches international humanitarian law.
- II. At the time of the application, applicants must be;
  - a. Registered as students in the represented institutions.
  - b. A bachelor or a master's degree student. Ph.D. candidates are not allowed to participate. Students who will graduate in the Summer of 2020 are eligible for the competition.
  - c. Under the age of 30.<sup>2</sup>
- III. Derogation request for students over 30;
  - a. Students over 30 who request derogation must include their CV and a letter supporting their request in their application.
  - b. The documents must be sent no later than the date of the application file is sent.

### Article 6: Application Process


- I. Applicants should submit their CVs (in English and with a professional photograph), an official document proving they are currently enrolled as students and the application form<sup>3</sup> as one PDF file to [azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr](mailto:azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr) before the deadline.
- II. The applications must be submitted between 30 May - 17 July 2020 23:59 (CET).
- III. Applications submitted before 1 July will be considered as an early bird and will benefit a 20% discount to the registration fee.

### Article 7: Selection Process

- I. Application files are selected based on their academic quality. The organization committee will also consider the diversity of countries and types of represented institutions to ensure as diverse as possible participation.

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<sup>2</sup> Applicants over the age of 30 may apply on an exceptional basis since there would be an imbalance in IHL knowledge and experience.

<sup>3</sup> Access the application form [here](#) .



- II. Applications are assessed as follows:
  - a. *Curriculum Vitae* as 40% of the overall assessment. (e.g. relevant IHL education and experience)
  - b. Quality of the answers of questions in the application form as 60% of the overall assessment.
- III. Only one team per institution will be selected, based on the overall quality of the application.
- IV. Teams that were not selected will be placed on a waiting list and shall be offered a place in the competition in case of any withdrawal of the selected teams.
- V. Selected teams are informed of the result of the selection by 21 July 2020 via email.
- VI. The selected teams receive a consent form concerning the use of personal data.
- VII. The registration will become final after the consent form is signed by all team members and the registration fee is paid.
- VIII. Replacement of a team member after registration is not allowed unless compelling circumstances occur. Such a replacement must be submitted in writing to the organizing committee at the earliest possible convenience, along with reasons justifying this change. The organizing committee will then assess and decide according to the admissibility conditions. The new team member's qualifications should comply with application criteria.

#### **Article 8: Registration Fee**

- I. The registration fee is €125 for the entire team. Applications submitted before 1 July 2020 23:59 (CET) will be considered as an early bird. The early bird fee is €100 for the entire team.
- II. The registration fee must be paid only if the application is accepted. The bank accounts and other related information will be shared with the selected teams after the acceptance mail.
- III. The selected teams will be accorded 4 working days from the receipt of the acceptance mail to submit the proof of the payment of the registration fee. The applicants should bear the banking charges from both sides.
- IV. Reimbursement of the registration fee is not possible unless the competition is cancelled.



- V. In case of non-payment of the registration fee until the given deadline (4 working days from the receipt of the acceptance email), the application of that team will be deemed invalid and a wait-listed team will be the replacement.
- VI. Limited financial assistance for registration fees can be made available to teams facing financial hardship. Teams that would like to apply for financial assistance should submit a separate letter, along with their application, explaining their financial situation and including supporting documents to [azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr](mailto:azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr). The organization committee might ask additional documentation or clarification at a later stage.



## Section 3 – Advanced Summer School

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### Article 9: Participation in the Advanced Summer School

- I. The Advanced Summer School is exclusively open to the participants of the competition and will be designed as a part of the preparation for the competition.
- II. Participants need to ensure they have a good internet connection for joining the Advanced Summer School.
- III. The organizers cannot be held responsible for any technical issue linked to participants' internet connection.

### Article 10: General Rules of the Advanced Summer School

- I. The Advanced Summer School will consist of 8 advanced IHL lectures.
- II. The topics and the lecturers will be announced before the application deadline.
- III. The lectures will in principle take place on 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, and 29 August from 3 pm to 5 pm CET. In case of severe time zone differences among participants, the committee might make amendments to the time of the lectures.
- IV. The reading materials will be distributed to the participants the week before each series of lectures by the organization committee.
- V. The participants are responsible for the reinforcement of their IHL knowledge. In that regard, they are encouraged to undertake the ICRC's IHL e-learning course and read the ICRC's handbook "International Humanitarian Law: A Comprehensive Introduction". Both tools, and additional ones, can be found on and downloaded [here](#).
- VI. The lectures will take place via the Microsoft Teams platform. A coordinator will provide the entrance link exclusively to the participants. The entrance links will be shared with the participants at least three days in advance.
- VII. Participants are expected to attend all lectures. They will be awarded a certificate of successful participation if they do so. The certificate will be issued online and will include the details of the program (e.g. list of the topics & lecturers).



## Section 4 – Competition

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In this section, there are general remarks on the technical flow of the competition. More detailed guidelines will be provided to the participants with the acceptance letter.

### Article 11: Platform

- I. The Competition will take place on the Microsoft Teams platform.
- II. A coordinator will provide the entrance link exclusively to the participants. During the competition, the teams will receive the entrance link at least thirty minutes before the actual starting time of the exercise.

### Article 12: Responsible Persons for the Exercises

- I. Responsible persons for each session will be *the controller, the administrator, and the observer*.
- II. *A controller* is an external person to the exercise. The responsibilities of *the controller* are as follows:
  - a. Conducting the test connection before the session,
  - b. Reading the session rules to participants,
  - c. Confirming that participants have no problem with their camera, microphone, or internet connection and have no platform-related issues,
  - d. In the case of the interruption of the internet connection experienced either by a participant or a jury member, the controller provides swift assistance to ensure the reconnection.
- III. *An administrator* is an internal person to the exercise. The responsibilities of the *administrator* are as follows:
  - a. Starting and terminating the session,
  - b. Arranging the participants' microphone usage according to their manner during the session,
  - c. Dealing with general technical problems regarding the flow of the exercise,



- d. Following up on the participants who asked for the floor and reminding it to the lecturer/jury in case of going unnoticed,
- e. Reminding participants of the excess of their allocated speaking time.

**IV.** *An observer* is an internal person to the exercise. The responsibilities of the *observer* are as follows:

- a. Following the general flow of the session with an academic perspective,
- b. Collecting the points from the jury members,
- c. Providing feedback to the participants after the session. (This feedback will be about the argumentation and the role-playing skills of the participants. The observer will not provide any feedback regarding the academic substance of the exercise.)

### **Article 13: Occurrence of the Technical Problems**

#### **a. For Participants**

- I.** The participants are responsible for having a viable internet connection. We recommend the participants to have a cellular internet connection as a back-up plan to reconnect.
- II.** Team members are responsible for replacing any team member who is/are experiencing a technical problem. While the member(s) who has the problem is in contact with the controller, the other member(s) should replace their team member(s) and continue the exercise. Unless all members experience a technical problem, the remaining member(s) should continue to exercise. If all members have technical problems, the controller will decide the appropriate steps on a case by case basis.
- III.** The team member experiencing a technical problem has two minutes to establish contact with the controller. After the establishment of the connection between the participant and the controller, the controller has the responsibility to reconnect that participant to the session.
- IV.** The participants will have the contact information of the controller. Either the controller or the participant will contact each other as soon as possible. If the controller cannot solve the problem, an IT specialist from the Turkish Red Crescent will be ready to intervene.





## **b. For Jury Members**

- I.** The controller will conduct a test connection with the lecturer/jury members before the session and confirm that the lecturer/jury has no problem with their camera, microphone, internet connection, and has no platform-related issues.
- II.** The controller will try to reach the lecturer/jury member(s) immediately in case of a loss of connection.
- III.** If the jury member(s)'s connection cannot be restored, the jury member(s) will receive the session's recordings and provide their evaluation on the same day to the observer.
- IV.** In case of loss of connection occurs for jury member(s), the remaining member(s) continue the session as usual.
- V.** In case of a severe technical problem, the administrator will declare a brief pause. Meanwhile, the administrator and the controller will discuss the current situation with the jury members and announce whether the session should be postponed.

## **Article 14: Participants' Obligations**

- I.** A responsible person will be assigned for each team by the Committee, and contact information of the responsible person will be shared with the team. The responsible person will be ready to respond immediately to any kind of technical problem before or during the sessions.
- II.** The test connection will be conducted before 15 minutes of the session to make sure that every participant has a viable internet connection and access to the platform.
- III.** The rules of the Competition will be read to the participants, and their questions about the session will be answered. The controller will confirm that no participants have internet connection problems or platform-related issues. There will also be a camera and a microphone test.
- IV.** The session will be started after making sure that everyone has a viable internet connection. It is the participants' duty to have a viable internet connection during the exercise.
- V.** The participants will be asked to keep the camera and microphone on during the session. The participants must have a calm environment during the session without noises and failure of connection to the internet.



- VI. The administrator can turn off the microphones if deemed necessary to ensure that the participant who takes the floor will not be sabotaged.
- VII. The controller will immediately respond in case of any disconnection of the participants.
- VIII. The team members of the disconnected participant can replace him/her within the time given.
- IX. The session will not be terminated without the announcement of the end of the session by the administrator or the lecturer/jury of that session.
- X. The administrator will terminate the session; hence the participants cannot leave the session on their initiative before the administrator's termination.

#### **Article 15: End of the Exercise**

- I. The participants must leave the meeting when the exercise ends. The administrator can remove participants to prevent any possible delays. The jury members will provide their feedback to the observer.
- II. The administrator will end the session after the announcement of the termination of the lecture/competition by the lecturer/jury.
- III. The observer will report the collected points to the organization committee after the session.

#### **Article 16: Schedule of the Competition**

- I. The applicants must ensure their online availability on 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 September from 13h to 17h CET.
- II. The preliminary rounds will be organized on 7, 8, 9, 10 September. The final will take place on 11 September. At the final session, the best performing 2 teams throughout the preliminary rounds will compete.
- III. A more detailed schedule per team will be communicated at the start of the competition.

#### **Article 17: Evaluation of the Competing Teams**

The Competition focuses on the practice of international humanitarian law (IHL). However, the following criteria are also considered concerning the evaluation of the teams:

- a. Knowledge of IHL and capacity to use it (30%)
- b. Knowledge of public international law (15%)



- c. Evincing comprehension of the moot problem (10%)
- d. Respect for the work, cultures, and opinions of other teams (15%)
- e. Ensuring balanced task distribution in the team (10%)
- f. Adherence to the team and the competition (10%)
- g. Ability to argue and listen (10%)

### **Article 18: Evaluation of the Best Speaker**

The jury will select the best speaker on the basis of the participants' performance during the preliminary rounds. The following elements will be taken into account in the assessment:

- a. The capacity to combine knowledge of the law with the facts;
- b. The relevance of the legal arguments used;
- c. The originality of the legal arguments;
- d. The capacity to respond to questions of the jury;
- e. A clear oral expression;
- f. The capacity to communicate legal arguments with emotions.
- g. Respect towards other teams and jury members

### **Article 19: Sanctions**

- I.** Any non-compliance with the present regulation might result in a penalty with the range from a decrease in the total score of the team to the disqualification of the team in question from the competition depending on the sovereign assessment of the committee.
- II.** In particular, participants should not *inter alia*:
  - a. Attempt to seek external assistance during the exercise.
  - b. Attempt to resort to any fraudulent behavior.
  - c. Disrespect other teams, the committee, and the jury members.
  - d. Disregard the guidance and the warnings of the committee during the competition.



## **Article 20: Certificates & Prizes**

- I.** Students who participate in all the lectures of the summer school and take part in the moot court competition will be awarded two separate certificates of attendance. The winning team members and the best speaker will also be awarded another certificate for their accomplishments.
  
- II.** There will be vouchers from a leading international publisher and 50% discount to ICIL's Winter and Summer Academies of International Law for the following academic year;
  - a. Members of the winning team (€300 voucher in total)
  - b. Members of the most progressed team in the preliminary rounds (€150 voucher in total)
  - c. Best speaker in the preliminary rounds (€100 voucher in total)



## Section 5 – Miscellaneous

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### Article 21: Claims

- I. Any claims related to the competition and the summer school should be submitted to the organizing committee by email to [azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr](mailto:azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr) on the same day the reason for the claim appeared.
- II. Claims should be detailed enough for the organizing committee to reply to them appropriately. In particular, they should explain the grounds for the objection and annex all related evidence.
- III. The organizing committee is the only sovereign authority which can address claims.
- IV. The organizing committee's decision is final and cannot be appealed.

### Article 22: Objection to the Results

If any team has an objection to the decisions of the jury, the team in question should form a claim email explaining the grounds for the objection and annex all the relevant evidence to the claim. The claim should be submitted to the organizing committee on the same day as the contested exercise.

### Article 23: Right to Amend

Istanbul Center of International Law and Turkish Red Crescent both have the right to amend this regulation anytime with the condition of the prior approval of the other main organizer. Such an amendment should be announced as soon as possible.

### Article 24: Acceptance of the Regulations

Each team member hereby declares having read and accepted those regulations in their entirety. They commit to respect them fully, along with the organizing committee's sovereign decisions.

### Signatures of the Team Members

Team Member 1 – Name & Surname:

Team Member 2 – Name & Surname:

Team Member 3 – Name & Surname: