



# INTERNAL REGULATIONS

IHL COMPETITION & ADVANCED SUMMER SCHOOL

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

30 July – 8 August 2021

Organizers

Contributing Partner





## Introduction – General Remarks

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### **Kırımlı Dr. Aziz Bey**

Kırımlı Aziz Bey is one of the founders of the "*Hilal-i Ahmer Cemiyeti*" (Red Crescent Society) of the Ottoman Empire, the first national red crescent society, who initiated the change of the red cross into the red crescent and drawing the first red crescent emblem. Aziz Bey participated in the activities of Hilal-i Ahmer Cemiyeti both as a president and as a delegate until his death in 1878, when he was 38. He is still remembered as one of the leading persons who initiated humanitarian principles and activities in Turkey.

### **Organization**

Kırımlı Dr. Aziz Bey International Humanitarian Law Competition (the Competition) & Advanced Summer School is organized by the Istanbul Center of International Law (ICIL) and Türk Kızılay (Turkish Red Crescent) with the support from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

### **Aims of the Program**

The Competition aims to promote international humanitarian law (IHL) among the law students and assist them in broadening their knowledge on IHL as well as improving their ability to apply the law in practice. The Advanced Summer School is a preparatory step for the Competition. It will consist of the main themes of the Competition.

### **Important Dates**

*Early Bird Deadline:* 30 April 2021

*Application Deadline:* 31 May 2021

*Announcement of the Participating Teams:* 4 June 2021

*Advanced Summer School:* 30 July – 3 August 2021

*Competition:* 4 – 8 August 2021



## **Section 1 - General Rules**

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### **Article 1: The Organizing Committee of the Kırımlı Dr. Aziz Bey IHL Competition & Advanced Summer School**

The organizing committee (the Committee) consists of persons appointed by the Istanbul Center of International Law (ICIL) and the Turkish Red Crescent (Türk Kızılay). The Committee has the exclusive right to change the internal regulation and provide further clarification to the existing rules. Any questions or inquiries to 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 the aforementioned events will also be conducted in English.

### **Article 3: 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. This implies the prohibition of taking pictures, filming, or recording live Competition tests or Advanced Summer School lectures. The Committee will make all necessary documentation and share it with the participants when it is deemed needed.
- c. The same attitude is expected from all participants, lecturers, and jury members.

### **Article 4: Protection Concept of the Competition & the Advanced Summer School**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, the ICIL and the Turkish Red Crescent will take all necessary safety and sanitation measures. The measures to be taken during the Competition and Advanced Summer School as follows:

- I. The facilities will be disinfected regularly throughout the Competition and Advanced Summer School.



- II.** All participants must wear masks in the common areas during the Competition and the Advanced Summer School.
- III.** All processes of the Competition and Advanced Summer School will be planned in accordance with the social distance principle.
- IV.** Both the Competition and the Advanced Summer School will be held in an isolated camping area provided by the Turkish Red Crescent.
- V.** The lectures and exercises will be held in tents. The tents will be semi-open during the lectures and exercises.
- VI.** The students will be grouped, and meals will be distributed to each group in allocated time slots. Each time slot will take half an hour, which means students will have thirty minutes to finish their meals. Seating arrangements will be made in accordance with the social distance.
- VII.** Participants are not allowed to leave Heybeliada Island during the Advanced Summer School and the Competition. The Committee may decide otherwise, in urgent and necessary circumstances.
- VIII.** The Committee may require a vaccine certification or negative PCR test results from the participants and other persons contributing to the Competition and Summer School if deemed necessary.
- IX.** In case of travel restriction or quarantine requirement imposed either by Turkey or home country of the participants/lecturers/jury members:
  - a. Participants are required to travel to Istanbul unless there is a complete total travel ban or complete suspension of flights between Istanbul and their home country. In case a negative PCR test is required for their way back to their home country, the Committee will guide participants about the necessary steps. Should Turkey impose a compulsory quarantine period, the Committee will make necessary arrangements. However, if the quarantine requirement is imposed by their home country, they should still participate in the Competition.
  - b. In case of a travel ban or compulsory quarantine period for jury members or lecturers, the Committee will ensure their online participation. In case of a requirement of a negative PCR test, the Committee will facilitate the process.



- X.** The Committee shall take any additional precautions/measures, if needed, and inform participants as soon as possible.

**Article 5: Entrance to the Venue**

- I.** The venue of the program is the Turkish Red Crescent Heybeliada International Youth Camp that located in Heybeliada/Istanbul/Turkey.<sup>1</sup>
- II.** Participants of the full program will enter the camping area on 29 July and leave after the closing ceremony on 8 or 9 August.

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<sup>1</sup> For the exact location please click [here](#).



## Section 2 – Selection of the Teams

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### Article 6: Application Criteria & Eligibility

- I. A team consists 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's or a master's degree student.<sup>2</sup>
  - c. Under the age of 30.<sup>3</sup>
- III. Derogation request for students over 30:
  - a. Students over 30 who request a derogation must include their CV and a letter supporting their request in their application to prove that their participation would not cause an imbalance for other participants.
  - b. The documents must be sent no later than the date of the application file is sent.

### Article 7: 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 as one PDF file to [azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr](mailto:azizbeyihl@icil.org.tr) before the deadline.<sup>4</sup>
- II. The applications must be submitted before 23.59, 31 May 2021 (Istanbul Time).
- III. Applications submitted before 23.59, 30 April 2021 (Istanbul Time) will be considered an early bird.

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<sup>2</sup> Ph.D. candidates are not allowed to participate.

<sup>3</sup> Students who will graduate in the Summer of 2021 are eligible for the Competition.

<sup>4</sup> Access the application form [here](#)



## **Article 8: Selection Process**

- I.** Application files will be evaluated on their academic quality. The Committee will also consider the diversity of countries and types of represented institutions to ensure the diversity of the participants.
- II.** Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:
  - a.** *Curriculum Vitae* as 40% of the overall assessment. (e.g., relevant IHL education and experience)
  - b.** Quality of the answers to the questions in the application form as 60% of the overall assessment.
- III.** Only one team per institution is allowed to participate. In case of multiple applications from the same institution, the participating team will be selected on the overall quality of the application.
- IV.** All teams that are not selected will be placed on a waiting list and shall be offered a place in the Competition in case of withdrawal of the selected teams.
- V.** Two national society quotas will be allocated to the national societies of the Red Crescent and the Red Cross. Applicants who cannot form a team within their universities might approach their national society to organize their participation. Alternatively, the national societies would take the initiative on their own and lead a team selection process. In case the incoming applications from national societies are of lower quality than regular applications, the Committee may revoke this quota and allocate the place(s) to other applicants.
- VI.** Selected teams will be informed of the result of the selection by 4 June 2021 via email.
- VII.** The selected teams will receive a consent form concerning the use of personal data to be returned with their signature.
- VIII.** The registration will become final after the consent form is signed by all team members and the registration fee is paid in full.
- IX.** Replacement of a team member after registration is not allowed unless compelling circumstances occur. Such a replacement request must be submitted in writing to the



Committee at the earliest possible date, along with reasons justifying the request. The Committee will then assess and decide according to the admissibility conditions. The new team member's qualifications should comply with application criteria.

### **Article 9: Registration Fee**

- I. The registration fee is €1200 for the entire team. The early bird fee is €900 for the entire team.
- II. The registration fee covers:
  - a. the **tuition** of the Advanced Summer School,
  - b. the **participation in the Competition**,
  - c. **full-board on-site accommodation** during the dates of the Summer School and Competition and social programs.
- III. In case of extreme hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee might transform the whole event to an online format. In this case, the registration fee will be reduced to €300, and the difference with the original fee will be reimbursed to the participants minus the banking charges if such amendment occurs after 20 June 2021.
- IV. The registration fee must only be paid if the application is accepted. The bank accounts and other related information will be shared with the selected teams in the acceptance email.
- V. The selected teams will be accorded 14 days from the receipt of the acceptance email to submit the proof of the payment of the registration fee. The applicants should bear the banking charges for both sides.
- VI. Reimbursement of the registration fee is not possible unless the Competition is canceled.
- VII. Participants are responsible for making all necessary arrangements to enter Turkey, e.g., getting a visa and complying with entry requirements (if any). The Committee can only issue an invitation letter for visa purposes after the full payment of the registration fee.
- VIII. In case of non-payment of the registration fee until the given deadline (14 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. The Committee strictly respects the deadlines.





- IX.** Merit-based financial assistance for registration fees can be made available to teams presenting extraordinary application documents. Teams that would like to apply for financial assistance should mention their request in their motivation question. The Committee might ask for additional documentation or clarification at a later stage. The Committee does not offer any other type of financial assistance.



## Section 3 – Advanced Summer School

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

- I. The Advanced Summer School will consist of 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 30, 31 July, and 1,2,3 August from 09:30 to 12:30 in the morning (Istanbul Time) and from 14:00 to 16:30 in the afternoon.
- IV. The reading materials will be distributed to the participants via email a month earlier from the Advanced Summer School by the 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 sources, and additional ones, can be found and downloaded [here](#).
- VI. The lectures will take place in the Turkish Red Crescent Heybeliada International Youth Camp. As regards to Covid-19 pandemic, the Advanced Summer School may be conducted online. The final confirmation on the format of the Advanced Summer School will be announced on 31 May.
- VII. The participants are expected to attend all lectures. They will be awarded a certificate of successful participation if they do so. The certificate will be distributed either as a hard copy or will be issued online depending on the final decision on whether the Competition will be held in a physical or online format. Certificates will include the details of the program (i.e., a list of the topics & lecturers).
- VIII. Punctuality will be closely monitored during the Advanced Summer School. Late entrances after 5 minutes will not be allowed. Repetitive lateness will be noted and might entail non-delivery of the certificate.
- IX. Requirements set by Article 11/IV-VII are binding upon all participants during the Advanced Summer School.



## Section 4 – Competition

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In this section, there are general remarks about the Competition. More detailed guidelines will be provided to the participants with the acceptance letter.

### Article 11: Venue

- I. The Competition will take place in the Turkish Red Crescent Heybeliada International Youth Camp between 4-8 August.
- II. As regards to Covid-19 pandemic, the Competition may be conducted online. All participants will be notified regarding the final decision on the format of the Competition by 31 May 2021.
- III. Only participating students will be admitted to the venue. The coaches or tutors from home universities will not be allowed as the Committee will assign tutors to each team.
- IV. It is the participants' duty to keep the venue clean and proper. Everyone is responsible for his/her individual area. In case of non-compliance with the rule, the Committee might ask participants to join in cleaning efforts. Any non-compliance might entail sanctions enshrined by Article 21/I of the present regulation.
- V. Between 22:00 and 07:00 is the quiet time. Participants should not disturb anyone by noticeable noises.
- VI. Participants should arrive at the venue on 29 July 2021. We strongly recommend participants reach the venue directly from the airport. Any sightseeing activities should be postponed after the Competition. The Committee will coordinate the arrival of each team, and the participants should inform the Committee regarding their itinerary towards the venue.
- VII. Participants will leave the venue either on 8 or on 9 August 2021. This process should be done no later than 11:00.

### Article 12: Modus of the Competition

- I. The Competition will be based on role-playing. The relevant information regarding the exercise will be shared beforehand. The evaluation of the participating teams will depend both on their knowledge of relevant legal issues and the ability to role-play. The Competition differs from



regular moot courts, as the exercises will not be limited to court settings but include all kinds of practical situations that require the application of IHL.

- II. Due to the role-playing-based nature of the Competition, the jury members acknowledge a preparation time to the participants for each exercise. *The expectations of the jury members will be leveled with the preparation time.* Participants should balance their attention to the application of IHL knowledge and role-playing based on the allocated preparation time.

### **Article 13: Case Study and Tasks**

- I. The Competition is built on a case study. The case study consists of an introductory part regarding a fictional scenario and will be delivered to participating teams beforehand (in July 2021).
- II. The participants will receive tasks consisting of further information regarding the case study and their respective roles for each round.

### **Article 14: Responsible Persons for the Exercises**

- I. Responsible persons for each session will be the controller and the tutor.
- II. The controller ensures the formal requirements of the Competition. The responsibilities of the controller are as follows:
  - a. Ascertaining all participants are present before the session,
  - b. Reading the session rules to participants,
  - c. Ascertaining all participants strictly follow the hygiene requirements,
  - d. Reminding participants of the excess of their allocated speaking time,
  - e. Collecting the points from the jury members.
- III. The Committee will assign the tutor. The responsibilities of the tutor are as follows:
  - a. Observing the general flow of the session without intervening,
  - b. Providing feedback to the participants after the session regarding their performance on role-playing, argument structuring, and/or other non-legal aspects. The tutor will not provide any feedback regarding the academic substance of the exercise.



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

- I. Responsible persons (controller and tutor) will be assigned by the Committee. The responsible persons will be ready to intervene in any problem before, during, or after the sessions.
- II. The session will be started on time. Lateness may result in penalty points.

### **Article 16: End of the Exercise**

- I. The controller will end the session after the announcement of the termination of the exercise by the jury members.
- II. The participants must leave when the exercise ends. The jury members will provide their feedback to the controller.
- III. The controller will report the collected points to the Committee after the session.

### **Article 17: Structure of the Competition**

- I. The Competition consists of four rounds, namely, Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Final.
  - a. *Preliminary Rounds*

Each team will compete in 4 exercises in preliminary rounds. Participants will compete in various types of exercises, e.g., field exercises, in these rounds.
  - b. *Quarter-Finals*

Eight best scoring teams of the Preliminary Rounds will compete in Quarter-Finals.
  - c. *Semi-Finals*

The four best scoring teams of the Quarter-Finals will compete in the Semi-Finals.
  - d. *Final*

The two best scoring teams of the Semi-Finals will compete in the Final.
- II. The presentations will be delivered orally.
- III. The jury may participate in the exercise actively, passively, or only as observers depending on the content of the exercise. *The active jury* may interfere, ask questions, and/or play a role. *The*



*passive jury* might ask questions only at the end of the plea. *The observer jury* will neither interfere nor play a role and will only observe the functioning of the teamwork.

- IV. No participant shall attend other teams' rounds as an audience. Only the team members who are not qualified for the next rounds may attend other teams' rounds as an audience.
- V. Details of the Competition will be shared with the participants subsequently.

#### **Article 18: Schedule of the Competition**

- I. The Preliminary Rounds will be conducted between 4 – 6 August. The Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and Final will take place on 7 and 8 August.
- II. A more detailed schedule per team will be distributed at the start of the Competition.

#### **Article 19: Evaluation of the Competing Teams**

- I. The Competition focuses on the practice of 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 (PIL) and other related sub-branches of PIL (20%)
  - c. Clear and structured presentation of the arguments (20%)
  - d. Respect for the work, cultures, and opinions of others (10%)
  - e. Teamwork (10%)
  - f. Compliance with the hygiene requirement (10%)

#### **Article 20: Evaluation of the Best Speaker**

- I. The jury will select the best speaker on the basis of the participants' performance during the *Preliminary Rounds*. The following criteria 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 21: 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.
  - e. Disregard the warnings from the Committee regarding hygiene measures. Repetitive disrespect concerning the hygiene regime would result in severe penalties, including immediate disqualification from the Competition and removal from the accommodation site.
  - f. Take pictures, film, or record live tests and lectures in any way.

### **Article 22: Certificates & Prizes**

- I. Students who participate in all the lectures of the Summer School and take part in the Competition will be awarded two separate certificates of attendance. The most progressed team, runner-up team, winning team, and the best speaker(s) will also be awarded additional certificates for their accomplishments.
- II. The most progressed team will be evaluated based on the performances during the *preliminary rounds*.



## Section 5 – Miscellaneous

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### Article 23: Claims

- I. Any claims related to the Competition and the Summer School should be submitted to the 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 Committee to reply to them appropriately. In particular, they should explain the grounds for the objection and annex all related evidence.
- III. The Committee is the only sovereign authority that can address claims.
- IV. The Committee's decision is final and cannot be appealed.

### Article 24: Objection to the Results

- I. 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 Committee on the same day as the contested exercise.

### Article 25: Right to Amend

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

### Article 26: Acceptance of the Regulations

Each team member hereby declares having read and accepts the internal regulations in their entirety. They commit to respect them fully, along with the Committee's sovereign decisions.

#### Signatures of the Team Members

Team Member 1  
Name & Surname:  
Signature:

Team Member 2  
Name & Surname:  
Signature:

Team Member 3  
Name & Surname:  
Signature: