

FRITS KALSHOVEN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION



Regulations

The Frits Kalshoven Competition aims to provide students with an opportunity to practically engage with international humanitarian law (IHL) through role plays and a moot court.

Objectives of the Competition

- Ensure a profound understanding of IHL among participants;
- Develop skills required to apply the law in a practical and relevant manner to real-life situations;
- Prepare the participants for a career in or related to IHL;
- Support the IHL education given at Dutch and Belgian universities and military institutions.

The competition is composed of different elements, including: speeddates, lectures, roleplays and a moot court.

Team Composition

Teams consisting of three students from the same Dutch or Belgian university or military academy can apply. Participants are required to be enrolled in a master degree at a Dutch or Belgian university or military academy. Participants are ought to have good knowledge of public international law, a keen interest in IHL and a good command of the English language.

Application/ Registration

Send the registration form to ihlcompetition@redcross.nl. The deadline for registration is November 4, 2017.

Team Selection

Teams will be selected based on the submission of their completed application forms. Institutions may preselect the representing team.

Registration Fee

The registration fee for the Frits Kalshoven Competition 2018 is €100,- per person. The fee covers a variety of materials you will receive, accommodation, most meals and transportation costs during the Competition. Transportation to the start of the competition (Mechelen), and back home (departure from The Hague) is not included.

Language

The Competition is in English.

Coaches

To ensure coordinated and instructed preparation, a selected team is supported by a coach assigned by the respective institute. In case of unavailability, please contact the organizers.

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During the competition, coaches of the teams are not allowed to be present - with exception of the moot court. During the moot court, coaches are allowed to attend the performance sessions of their

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teams, but are prohibited to discuss the legal content and cannot advice on legal arguments. A breach of this rule excludes the team from the competition.

Assistance to Teams

Throughout the competition week it is not allowed for participants to consult external actors, including their coaches.

Preparation

Teams will be provided with a preparation document before the competition. They will furthermore be provided with instructions for their different assignments throughout the week of the Competition. The time given to prepare for the different assignments is restricted and needs to be respected by all teams. Showing up late at the sessions will influence your result.

Performance

As the Competition focuses on IHL, it is critical that teams built their arguments on this particular field of international law. If a particular exercise requires further attention to any other branch of international law, additional instructions will be included. Keep in mind that a question may not necessarily always have a 'right' or 'wrong' answer: it is the legal reasoning and the way in which a team handles a difficult situation that matters.

Mandatory presence

During the competition the presence and active participation of all team members is mandatory. This applies to all elements of the competition, including the moot court finals.

Evaluation

Both the roleplays and moot court will be evaluated on the following points, listed in order of priority:

1. Knowledge of the law, in particular international humanitarian law;
2. Application of the law to the facts;
3. Ability to argue and to answer questions;
4. Teamwork;
5. Role play;
6. Time management.

Awards

On the final day of the Frits Kalshoven Competition, three distinguished prizes will be awarded:

- Best Oralist (individual)
- Best Roleplay (team)
- Winning team of the Moot Court