

OFFICIAL RULES



**FACULTY OF LAW
AIRLANGGA UNIVERSITY**



CHAPTER I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. PURPOSE

ALSA Courtlike Debate Championship (ACDC) is a High School debate competition, which uses a combination of general Asian Parliamentary Debate System and Moot Court Competition style. ACDC aims to introduce the skills of making structured argumentation relying on legal basis and facts upon various legal issues, as well as presenting in front of a court with an appropriate and lawyer-like manner.

2. SCOPE

ACDC invites all high school students nationally to participate in this year's Competition.

3. DEFINITION

The following terms have the corresponding meanings:

- a. **“Advanced Round”** means all of the applicable Championship Rounds (Semifinal Rounds, Quarterfinal Rounds) conducted at the competition, except for the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. **“Competition”** means the ALSA Courtlike Debate Championship 2019 (hereinafter, “ACDC 2019”).
- c. **“Committee”** means the administering committee of ACDC 2019.
- d. **“Council”** means the Team Member addressed when presenting in the oral round.
- e. **“Government”** means the side of the team that provides arguments supporting the Government's pleading as stated in the submission.
- f. **“Memorial”** means the written pleadings of each team, which are written and submitted pursuant to ACDC 2019 rules.
- g. **“Motions”** means the official problems given by the committee.
- h. **“Official Schedule”** means the official timetable of the competition.
- i. **“Oral Round”** means a single match of oral presentation between the Government and Opposition Teams, as described in the official rule.



- j. **“Opposition”** is the side of the team that provides arguments opposing the Government’s pleading as stated in the submission.
- k. **“Participants”** means all registered high school students participating in the Competition.
- l. **“Penalty”** means the consequences of a rule violation.
- m. **“Preliminary Round”** means the rounds to determine the teams advancing to the Advanced round.
- n. **“Rules”** means the ACDC 2019 Official Rules.
- o. **“Team”** means a team of eligible high school students recognized by the Committee to compete in ACDC 2019.
- p. **“Team Number”** means the official 3-digit number assigned by the Committee to each fully registered Team.
- q. **“Team Member”** means any eligible high school student who should be registered as a competitor of a Team.



CHAPTER II – ADMINISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

4.1. Administration

The Competition is presented annually by the Asian Law Students' Association Local Chapter Universitas Airlangga (ALSA LC Unair).

4.2. Official Website

All information concerning the Competition is available on our official website at: www.acdc-unair.com.

Should there be any inquiries, Participants may contact the Committee via email at acdcunair@gmail.com or the Contact Person: Patricya Wedha Hutapea 08113391998 / Rizky Fernanda 08175796039

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

5.1. Eligibility

- a. All high school students in Indonesia are eligible to participate in this Competition
- b. Students eligible to partake in this competition **must** fulfill the following criterias:
 - i. An active student of a particular registering high school, proven by a copy of their Student Identity Card.
 - ii. Has a comprehensive understanding in both written and spoken English.

5.2. Team Composition

- a. Each school may enter no more than 2 (two) teams to represent their school in the Competition.
- b. Every team consists of 2 (two) Team Members from the same High School.
- c. No substitution of team members after registration may be made, except in exigent circumstances, (ex: medical illness, incidental exigencies) subject to approval of the Committee.



- d. Substitution of team member(s) may only be made prior to the day of the Opening Ceremony by informing the Contact Person designated for the Competition.
- e. All substitution must be supported with documents (ex: letter from school, doctor, hospital etc.) Failure to provide the Committee with the supporting documents to substitute team member(s) will result in penalties, including automatic disqualification and fee forfeiture.
- f. Participants are required to communicate in **English** during pleading and rebuttle

5.3. Anonymity of Teams

Teams must not reveal their school at any time during the Competition. The Committee may disqualify or impose a penalty against any Team that intentionally or inadvertently discloses its school to a judge, or other Participants, whether or not such disclosure occurs during an Oral Round. All instances of disclosure shall be reported to the Committee.



CHAPTER III – REGISTRATION

5. PROCEDURE

- a. Registration Form is available in our website. Participants must fill the online registration form from ACDC fsemifina2019 official website.
- b. Registering team must complete the registration form // as well as providing/ attaching the following documents:
 - i. A 3 x 4 cm passport photo with solid background
 - ii. Copy of Student Identity Card
 - iii. Copy of ACDC 2019 Fee-Payment Receipt.
- c. Payment of the Registration Fee shall be made by transferring to:
Bank BNI 0486178036 a.n. Dinda Bhawika W. P.
- d. Participants must bring the aforementioned documents to be shown to the Committee on the day of the Opening Ceremony.

6. DEADLINE

- a. Registration opens at:
 - i. Batch I - Early Bird: 1 November 2018 - 31 December 2018
Registration Fee: IDR. 350.000,- / per team
 - ii. Batch II - Regular: 1 January 2019 – 15 January 2019
Registration Fee: IDR. 400.000,- / per team
- b. Registration shall be accounted as valid after the completion of Registration Fee payment. The Committee will then send an email to the team confirming the validity of their Registration within 3 (three) working days.

7. TEAM NUMBER AS IDENTIFICATION

Together with the email, the Committee will assign the team an official team number used as identification throughout the whole Competition.

8. TEAM WITHDRAWAL

In the event, where a team decides to withdraw from the Competition, the team must inform the Committee prior to the Opening Ceremony, wherein no payback will be given for the withdrawing team.



CHAPTER IV – THE COMPETITION

9. MEMORIAL

10.1. Submission of Memorial

- a. Each team participating in the Competition must prepare 1 (one) Government and 1 (one) Opposition memorial of each Motion provided.
- b. Each team must submit its soft-copy memorials by upload it on the website no later than January 20th, 2019 at 23:59.
- c. Memorials submitted after the mentioned deadline will be subject to penalty.

10.2. Content

The Memorial must contain the following parts in the following order:

a. Header

Header must contain the Team Number, the Case title and the Submission

b. Statement of Fact

Statement of Facts should consist of the facts considered as useful to support the pleadings, or the team's stance. Teams are urged to conduct a thorough research, and utilize only the most important facts to be presented in this portion of the memorial. Do note that facts are to be taken from a reliable source, and shall be cited properly in the bibliography.

c. Pleading

Summary of the Pleadings should consist of substantive and elaborative pleadings according to the given 2 (two) submissions. In other words, the pleadings would be what the Team would like to submit to the Court.

d. Bibliography

A bibliography consists of sources cited in text, sources consulted in preparing a paper, as well as other sources thought to be of use or interest to the reader. The official ACDC Rules require teams to identify their sources in their Memorials.



We recommend teams to use the following bibliography System:

- i. Harvard System Bibliography
- ii. Oxford System Bibliography (OSCOLA)

The guide to complete the Bibliography is available to be downloaded in our website.

10.3. Formatting

- a. Memorial must follow these standard formatting:
 - i. Microsoft Word (doc/docx file)
 - ii. Letter-paper size (21.6 cm x 27.9 cm)
 - iii. Equal margin of 3 cm for all sides
 - iv. Line spacing of 1.5
 - v. Times New Roman, Font 12.
- b. Any mistake on memorial formatting will be subject to penalty.

10.4. Length Limitation

- a. The memorial shall have a minimum length of 400 words and a maximum of 1000 words.
- b. Bibliography is included in the memorial's length imitation.

10.5. Anonymity in Memorials

- a. Names of Participants, and their school name, **must not** appear on or within the Memorials.
- b. Failure to fulfill this rule of anonymity will be subject to penalty.

10.6. Necessity

- a. Teams are obliged to submit their hard-copy memorials in the day of the Opening Ceremony.
- b. Each team needs to submit 5 (five) copies of their memorials, 5 (five) each for the Government's side and Opposition's side.
- c. Teams, which do not submit the hard copies of their memorials, are unable to complete their registration; thus, will not be able to compete in the Competition until these necessities are met.
- d. Copies of these memorials will be given to the Judges to be scored, and 1 (one) copy of the memorial will be given to the



opposing team once both teams enter the Case Building session of the Competition.

10. ORAL ROUND

11.1. General Procedure

Each Oral Round of each match consists of 54 (fifty-four) minutes of Oral Pleadings. Government and Opposition are each allotted 27 (twenty-seven) minutes to plead.

11.2. Time Allocation

- The First Counsel : 11 minutes
- The Second Counsel : 11 minutes
- Rebuttal : 5 minutes
- Surrebuttal : 5 minutes

11.3. Order

The order of the pleading shall be as follow:

Government 1st Counsel ⑦ Government 2nd Counsel ⑦ Opposition 1st Counsel > Opposition 2nd Counsel ⑦ Rebuttal (Government 1st or 2nd) ⑦ Surrebuttal (Opposition 1st or 2nd)

11.4. Extension of Time

Judges may, at their discretion, extend the oral argument time beyond the allotted time at the request of the Participant for a maximum of 2 minutes.

11.5. Duties of the Counsel

a. The First Counsel

The duty of the First Counsel is to open case. The First Counsel must explain the Case background, urgencies and the team's position. The Counsel must also inform the distribution of submission or subject matters between the members of their team. It is most likely that the first counsel shall be in charge to plead on the first submission, and relaying the second submission to their co-counsel.



b. The Second Counsel

The Second Counsel shall deliver their arguments; most likely on the second submission; and, in the end of his/her speech, shall emphasize the team's stance and conclude their pleadings.

c. Rebuttal

Rebuttal is the phase when each team negates its opposing team's arguments. Team must be able to prove that its opposing team has failed to provide the Court with comprehensive and convincing evidence for their pleadings to be granted by the judges. Team can also bring data and statistics to strengthen their negation on opposing team's arguments. The Counsel delivering Rebuttal shall reaffirm his/her team's pleading. Rebuttal arguments shall only be delivered during the Rebuttal and Surrebuttal sessions, and not during the counsel's pleading session.

11.6. Communication during Matches

Communication during the match between Team Members may only be in writing to prevent disruption. Any other form of communication is strictly prohibited.

11.7. Special Terms Used before the Court

The special terms used before the Court are:

- a. "Your Honor/Your Excellency" is used to address a judge.
- b. "Counsel (continued by the name)" is used to address the speaker(s).

Other term suggestions will be given during the Workshop.

11.8. Spectators

All preliminary, quarter and semi final rounds should be closed-sessions; thus, spectators are barred from entering the Match-Chamber during an Oral Round is in session. Only the Grand Final Round will be open to public. The presence of Team Advisors or other spectators affiliated with the Team is permitted in the



courtroom during the Final Round. Teams are responsible for ensuring that their spectators do not engage in any disruptive behavior.

11.9. Audio and Video Taping

No audio taping or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the advance permission of the Committee. The Committee reserves the right to video documentation.

11.10. Use of Gadgets

During an Oral Round, Counsel and Participants may not operate, for any purpose, mobile phones, laptop computers, tablets, or any other computing or electronic devices, particularly those which are internet enabled, data capable, or have instant messaging capabilities. All such devices, including mobile phones, must be turned off as soon as the bailiff first enters the courtroom, and must thereafter remain off and out of sight until the conclusion of the Oral Round. A Team that violates this rule will be subject to penalty.

11. QUALIFYING COMPETITION PROCEDURE

12.1. Preliminary Round

Each Team participating in the Competition shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of three (3) Oral Rounds. Each Team shall only face any opposing Team once in the Preliminary Rounds. Preliminary round will be the chance for teams to gain as many scores as they can in order to proceed to the next round.

12.2. Quarterfinal Round

The Quarterfinal Round will consist of 8 (eight) teams with the highest score in the previous round. The 4 (four) winning teams of this round will then advance to the next round.



12.3. Semifinal Round

Semifinal round consists of the 4 (four) winning-teams of Quarterfinal round. Based on the same system, the two winning-teams will then proceed as finalists of the Grand Final Round.

12.4. Grand Final Round

The Grand Final round consists of the 2 (two) best teams advancing from the Semi Final. The finalists will then be given an impromptu motion, and a total time of 120 (one-hundred and twenty) minutes for case building. During the case building session, finalists are to conduct a comprehensive research on the Internet to structure a memorial. The finalists shall be given a private room to conduct their case building on their own; hence, any kind of help or assistance is strictly prohibited.

12.5. Pairings

The pairing of Teams for the first preliminary round shall be done, in the first instance, by a random draw, conducted on the Opening Ceremony. After the first preliminary, the competitors' pairings will be based on the scoring that are arranged as follows:

a. **Victory Points (VP)**

The Point given to the team declared as the winner of the round.

b. **Team Total Score (TTS)**

The accumulative of team's total score from all the judges.

c. **Speaker's Average Score (SAS)**

The speaker's average score from the three preliminary rounds.

Pairings for the Quarter and Semi Final Rounds shall be determined by use of "**power-seeding**", i.e., the highest-ranked remaining Team shall compete against the lowest-ranked Team. The pertinent rankings that will be used will be the final rankings from the previous rounds.



12. TRIAL MOTION

The Committee will provide one trial motion for the Participants to work out a trial memorial. Participants may submit them to the Committee by upload it on the website to be assessed and reviewed. The Committee will then send back the memorials within 5 working days after the submission alongside feedbacks and their results.

Note that the submission of the trial memorials is **optional** and will **not** have any effects on the scoring.

13. WORKSHOP

- a. A workshop will be held to discuss all the technical matters of the Competition, including the official rules, team pairings, scoring system, simulation of the oral pleading session, etc.
- b. The attendance of all Participant is **compulsory**.

14. OUTFIT

Formal outfit is obligatory and will further be informed during Technical Meeting.

Female Dark-colored shirt, blazer, skirt/pants, and heels or formal flat shoes.

Male Dark-colored shirt, suit, pants, and formal shoes.

Do note that t-shirts and jeans shall not be used at any time during the Competition.



CHAPTER V – THE JUDGES AND SCORING

15. JUDGES

16.1. Member of Judges

The Committee will determine the eligibility of persons to serve as judges, subject to the following provisions:

a. Lecturers

Lecturers who are allowed to act as judges includes: Law professors, those who holds Doctoral Degree in Law (Ph.D), have completed their master of law degree abroad (LL.M); and, is competent in practicing legal written and spoken English. The Committee will hold a session of ACDC Judge Course for lecturers to ensure their competency and to explain the mechanism of the competition in accordance to this Official Rules.

b. Jurists

Jurists are those holding a minimum of bachelor of law degree, and have been practicing law in any related field (i.e. lawyers, advocates, judges, etc).

c. Law Student

In the event, where a reserved judge is unable to fulfill its duty due to certain exigencies, the Committee has reserved some competent law students to act as a substitute judge. Students who are allowed to practice as judges are those who fulfill these requirements:

- i. Holding any award or title from any International Moot Court Competition
- ii. Has participated at least once in any International Moot Court Competition
- iii. Has a comprehensive understanding of both spoken and written English
- iv. Have joined the ACDC Judge Courses



16.2. Judges Affiliated with a Team

In the case where a judge is known to have any kinds of affiliation with one or more member(s) of the teams whose match is to be adjudicated (e.g.: coming from the same family or is the alumnus of the same high school as the participant); the particular judge will be exchanged with another judge unaffiliated. The other team may send their complains about the affiliation towards the Committee.

16.3. Question by Judges

Judges are allowed to question at any period/phase of the Counsel's speech, and the Counsel shall try his/her best to respond to such question.

16.4. Commentary

Judges are to give a brief commentary after a match. The commentary may be as regards to the Teams' performance as well as to their memorials, and shall relay substantive feedbacks for the Participants to note. In the commentary session, Judges shall not reveal the winner of the match. Team Members are permitted to consult then.

16. SCORING

Team Members will be adjudicated based on:

a. Matter

Memorial functions as the framework of arguments of each team. Thus, consistency and coherence of a team's oral arguments and its memorials will also be scored.

The adjudication upon this matter shall be divided into:

- o The 'Introduction' refers to the way a team leads the case toward their favor and is able to convince the judge through arguments of Case background and urgencies.
- o The 'Missiles' refers to team's strong point(s) of arguments; a substantive research skills, logical and comprehensive understanding in law adjudged though their responding the judge's



questions; had performed confidently; and had convinced the judge to be in their favor.

- o The 'Shield' refers to the team's rebuttal. It is the way each team attacks the weak-points of its opposing-team. A counsel who delivers Rebuttal shall also remember to restate the team's stance. Only then, the judges will be able to see which team has provided the most consistent and convincing arguments during the match.

The maximum score for matter is 40 out of 100.

b. Method

Method will be based on the comprehension of Team Member in understanding the basic rules of ACDC. This will be determined from both the memorial and the oral pleadings.

The maximum score for method is 30 out of 100.

c. Manner

Manner is the way Team Member performs in the competition. What contributes the most for manner scoring is public speaking skill. The judge shall adjudicate participant based on his/her performances in the usage of proper words and legal terms, intonation, necessary gestures, and eye contact to the judges.

The maximum score for method is 30 out of 100.

17. PENALTIES

- a. When a team fails to show up within twenty minutes at the latest after a match is scheduled to have started, the particular team will be disqualified.
- b. When Team Member send the memorial more than the due date.
- c. When any of the finalists is found cheating during case-building in the Final-Round (as ruled in 11.3.4) "a maximum of 10 points reduction may be given for each of such penalty".



CHAPTER VI – WINNERS AND AWARDS

18. WINNERS AND AWARDS

- a. Champion
IDR 5.000.000,00 + Trophy from the Ministry of Law and Human Rights + Medals + Certificate
- b. First Runner-up
IDR 2.500.000,00 + Trophy + Medals + Certificate
- c. Second Runner-up
IDR 1.500.000,00 + Trophy + Medals + Certificate
- d. Best Memorial
IDR 250.000,00 + Medals + Certificate
- e. Best Speaker
IDR 250.000,00 + Medals + Certificate
- f. ACDC Race
IDR 1.000.000,00 + Medals

CHAPTER VII - MISCELLANEOUS

19. MISCELLANEOUS

We provide 'ACDC Development Box' as a place to give suggestions and comments about ALSA Court Like Debate Championship. In any case, the decisions of judges are final and the committee will take any further actions.

20. SAVING PROVISION

All other matters not governed by the foregoing shall be decided upon by the Committee with consideration to justice, fairness, and ideals of ALSA.