



The SAM Award Competition

RULES 2024 EDITION



Participation

Participation in the SAM Award Competition (the “**Competition**”) is open to any of the Teams participating in the 3rd edition of the Sports Arbitration Moot (“**SAM**”).

Each school institution may participate with only one representative Team.

Each Team can elect to pre-register to the SAM Award Competition upon enrolling on the SAM.

The participating Team’s members can only include members of the same Team that competed in the 3rd edition of the SAM (“**The Moot**”/”**The Moot Competition**”). In other words, students who have not participated with said Team in the 3rd edition of the SAM shall not be admitted.

The participating Team does not need to include all members of the respective Team that competed in the 3rd edition of the SAM. It shall be possible for the participating Teams to comprise only one or several students participating in the 3rd edition of the SAM.

Questions may be submitted to info@sportsarbitration.com.

The Competition shall only be confirmed and formally launched if at least eight Teams register to participate.

Timeline

Teams must pre-register to participate in the Competition by 10 November 2023, 23:59 CET.

Teams must confirm their registration to participate in the Competition by 14 June 2024, 23:59 CEST.

The organizers shall confirm whether the Competition shall take place and, if so, shall formally launch the Competition and send the Positions of the Parties to the registered Teams by no later than 1 July 2024.

Teams must submit their Awards by 2 September 2024, 23:59 CEST.

The results shall be announced on the occasion of the Closing Ceremony of the 4th edition of the SAM, in 2025.

The Award

The Award shall be written in English.

The Award shall contain, in the following order:

- a) A cover page;
- b) A table of contents;
- c) A summary of the undisputed facts;
- d) A summary of the Positions of the Parties;
- e) A section setting out the tribunal's detailed reasoning; and
- f) A 1-page dispositive section, which shall set out the tribunal's final decision on each of the Appellant's and Respondent's respective requests for relief as presented in the SAM Moot Case.

The Award shall be no longer than 7,000 words (seven thousand). This page limit is absolute and inclusive of all of the above-described sections (cover page, table of contents etc.).

The Award shall be written in A4 Microsoft Word format. The font shall be Times New Roman, size 12, and the line spacing shall be 1.5.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements set out in these Rules shall disqualify an Award from the Competition.

By registering for the Competition, participants undertake to comply with these Rules and to draft their Awards without any third-party assistance, other than customary secretarial assistance. Participants should act as diligent arbitrators in a true arbitration.

Each Award shall be submitted in PDF format along with a Microsoft Word version which shall only serve verification purposes. The Award shall be anonymous, i.e. it shall not contain the name or logo of the university, the name of any of the Team members or any

feature that could easily allow the jury to identify the identity of the Team.

The Awards shall be submitted to the organizers by email to: info@sportsarbitrationmoot.com

The organizers shall ensure that Awards comply with all requirements set out in these Rules and have been timely submitted. The organizers shall then transmit to the jury the anonymous PDF copies of all Awards that comply with the requirements set out in these Rules.

Evaluation criteria

The Awards shall be evaluated on a scale of 1-100, based on the following criteria:

- a) Clarity of structure and drafting (30 points);
- b) Quality of legal reasoning (30 points);
- c) Quality of factual reasoning (20 points); and
- d) Adherence to the scope of the dispute and requests made by the Appellant and Respondent (20 points). The scope of the dispute is determined by (i) the Moot Case of the 3rd edition of the SAM; (ii) the Clarifications and Answers to Questions of the 3rd edition of the SAM; (iii) any follow-up emails sent by the organizers during the 3rd edition of the SAM; and (iv) the Positions of the Parties.

For the avoidance of doubt, Teams are not confined to:

- a) The legal sources indicated in the Positions of the Parties; in application of the principle of *jura novit curia*, Teams may develop their reasoning based on additional legal sources not submitted by the hypothetical parties; and
- b) The legal sources submitted by them prior to the oral rounds of the SAM.

In case of a tie, the Team achieving the highest mark in terms of clarity of structure and drafting shall prevail. In case of a tie in terms of clarity of structure and drafting, the relevant Teams shall share their position in the overall rankings (and the Prize described in section E, if they share the first place in the overall rankings) *ex aequo*.

Prize

The Award achieving the highest mark pursuant to the evaluation process described in Section D shall be awarded the sum of EUR 1,000.

The three best-scored Awards shall be published on the SAM official website.