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Preamble

The Hague Inter-University Law Debate Tournament, in certain instances referred to as The Hague Law Debate Tournament (hereinafter the “**Tournament**”) is a competition organized by the Corax Foundation for teams of students from various participating institutions. The Tournament has been organized since 2015 in The Hague, Netherlands by the Corax Law Debate student association, student organizers and now by the Corax Foundation. The format of the English-speaking tournament was created by Anna Maria Urbanova, Maria Clara Ayres Hernandez and Aurelien Lorange in 2015.

The main objective of the Tournament is to stimulate the interest of students and develop their knowledge in the fields of law, while highlighting their skills in argumentation, and thus facilitate their visibility and networking with other students from around the world, employers, and other academic institutions. During the Tournament, students demonstrate and improve their oral communication skills, as well as their sense of competition. The aim of the Tournament is to show the politico-legal-economic-environmental-societal knowledge connected with legal knowledge acquired during their studies to all the people attending the matches broadcasted online: employers and potential academic partners (as well as professors, friends, and family).

The long-term ambition of the Tournament is to become and remain a world-wide International Law themed English-speaking competition of very high quality, open to all higher education institutions in the world, with a phase for the world group of 32 institutions and regional qualifying rounds or by geographic area to provide access to additional institutions that would like to participate each year. This Tournament would also like to provide a platform via which it can help promote discussions for new partnerships between institutions for research, exchanges, events and any element of internationalization and cooperation between the participating institutions and other partner organizations or institutions.

1. Organization of the Tournament

These Rules & Regulations are applicable for the 6th edition of The Hague Inter-University Law Debate Tournament. The rules and regulations are reviewed annually and may be subject to change in the future editions.

1.1 Materials

All materials developed by the founders of the Tournament and then by Corax Foundation for the Tournament, including, without limitation, the official Rules & Regulations (current or past editions) are the sole property of Corax Foundation. These materials may not be reproduced for any purpose other than to participate or to administrate the Tournament without the express and prior written consent of the Directors. In addition, all recordings and potential written submissions become the sole property of the Corax Foundation and may not be republished without its express consent.

1.2 Organization of the Tournament

The Tournament is an annual competition that begins in March and ends in June of each year. Each edition is preceded by competitions or myriad of internal selections specific to each institution registered to participate. Institutions are free to choose the method of selecting the team of students representing their institution. may choose to apply for an internal tournament license.

In 2022 the competition can be:

- internal (licensed) tournaments for the purposes of selection of representing team
- Tournament, representing the final stage of the competition (including Group-phase Rounds and Elimination Rounds).

All duly registered teams will be eligible to compete in the Tournament ed. 2022, subject to the 32 available participation spots.

1.3 Organizers

The coordination and organization of the Tournament is the responsibility of the Corax Foundation. The Corax Foundation has delegated the conduct of the Tournament to appointed Directors and the Organizing Team of which the Directors are part of. The Organizing Team comprises volunteers (both professionals and students) and has the mandate for the management and promotion of the Tournament at inter-university level, with the help of partners of the Foundation.

The appointed Directors of the Tournament are:

- Aurelien Lorange
- Anna Maria Urbanova

1.4 Student Organizers

Student organizers have a volunteer or intern status, depending on the onboarding. They are recruited through a call for applications from the Corax Foundation on the Foundation's website or LinkedIn.

If they are students in the participating institutions, after having participated in 2 editions of the Tournament, the student organizer may apply to become a member of the Supervisory Committee replacing another member.

1.5 Supporters and Sponsors

The Tournament is organized with the support of professionals, scholars as well as that of student organizers.

The current list of Tournament's sponsors is available on the official website of the Corax Foundation.

1.6 Venue

In the ed. 2020 the Tournament transitioned into a virtual environment, with ed. 2021 being the 1st fully virtual edition.

For the purposes of the Tournament, platforms such as Cisco Webex or Zoom are used throughout the rounds.

1.7 Language and Form

The official language of the competition is English. All documents, communications and all communication elements must be produced and presented in English.

The Tournament consists solely of oral debate rounds.

1.8 Privacy and Data Protection

The Tournament is an educational four-months-long event, encompassing multiple time zones, that takes place in a fully virtual environment. As such, a certain level of personal data collection is necessary.

Current Privacy Policy is available on the official website of the Corax Foundation.

In the event of concerns or questions about the way the data collection or use please contact the Organizing Team via the form available on the official website of the Corax Foundation.

1.9 Supervisory Committee

The Supervisory Committee shall oversee the continued integrity of organization of the Tournament, the quality of the selected themes, disputes relating to a potential injustice from the side of the jury and shall provide advice in relation to the growth of the Tournament. Decisions of the Supervisory Committee are nonbinding with the exception of one situation explained further in this document.

Every year, the Organizing Team invites the participating institutions after their first participation in the Tournament to propose the name of a person who becomes a member of the committee. The members of the Supervisory Committee may also invite those who have already organized two editions of the Tournament, if the number of members so permits, to become a member of the committee.

The Supervisory Committee of The Hague Inter-University Law Debate Tournament is thus made up of (i) representatives of the institutions which have already participated in the competition once and of (ii) past student organizers or individuals that have already participated at least twice in the organization of the competition.

Current students of the eligible institutions cannot be nominated to the Supervisory Committee.

There shall be no less than 3, and no more than 12 members in 2023, including the Chairperson. As sustainable growth of the competition and uniformity between each edition of the Tournament is in the interest of the Corax Foundation and the Tournament's founders, the Chairperson must be nominated by the Corax Foundation.

Two seats shall be reserved for the representatives of (i) The Hague University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands) and (ii) Dom Helder Law School (Brazil) as those were the first official participants in The Hague Inter-University Law Debate Tournament. Should these universities not nominate their representative for two consecutive years, their seat shall be considered as forfeited.

Each committee member may hold their position for a maximum of one year. Eligible institutions may renominate their representative and the Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee may reelect the individual. This, however, is not guaranteed. Should a member leave their seat, they will not be replaced until the next annual selection round.

Members of the Supervisory Committee for the ed. 2023 shall be chosen after completion of the ed. 2022 from the nominated individuals by the Chairperson.

Committee members shall discuss the agenda and format of the Tournament should the allowed number of participating institutions exceed 32. The Tournament is predicted to gradually transform into a format incorporating regional qualifying rounds.

Each resolution passed by the Supervisory Committee requires a minimum of 60% of the votes of all committee members present to vote. The Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee has the power of decision-making veto.

1.10 Amendments to the Rules & Regulations

The Organizing Team reserves the right to amend the Rules & Regulation should the situation so require. Any amendments may be subject to the review of the Supervisory Committee.

2. Registration, Participation and Eligibility

2.1 Team Eligibility

For a team to be eligible to participate in the Tournament, each participating institution must:

- submit Registration Form no. 1 – formally registering the institution as participant in the Tournament ed. 2022 and thus reserving a spot for the team
- submit Registration Form no. 2 – formally nominating students (min. 2, max. 3) to represent the institution in the Tournament

Such registration must be completed no later than by 15 February 2022. However, as in the ed. 2022 the Tournament allows only a limited number of participating institutions, the Registration Form no. 1 may be closed due to full capacity. Should a spot become available prior to the start of the competition, the Organizing Team will publish an update on social media with further information.

Every institution or law school may nominate one team only, regardless of the number of faculties or departments within. The number of participating teams is equivalent to the number of participating institutions. Exemption may apply in the event of a written confirmation by the Directors of the Tournament.

Should it not be possible to ensure that a team, due to serious external or internal reasons related to the participants, will be given a fair and equal chance in participating in the competition, the organisation may consider temporary suspension for the duration of one edition.

The available spots will be given to the institutions that have filled both forms prior to the registration deadline or prior to the exhaustion of the available spots, whichever comes first.

All registration steps must be completed, otherwise the team might be unable to participate in the Tournament. After the completion of the registration process, Organizing Team will publish, before the start of the Tournament, the complete list of participating institutions on social networks and on the official website of the Corax Foundation.

An invitation to participate in the Tournament, extended by the Organizing Team, does not guarantee a spot in the Tournament.

2.2 Team Members

All students, who meet the following criteria, are eligible to participate and be nominated by the participating university or law school before the deadline announced by the Organizing Team:

- Student must be enrolled in the institution represented throughout their participation in the Tournament.
- Student must be registered in a law program or in a program that includes law as part of its primary curriculum.
- Student must not have participated in the prior editions of the Tournament.
- Student may not be part of the Organizing Team as a student organizer.

Teams may not include former students or former participants other than in the capacity of a coach or in the capacity of a second coach.

2.3 Team Selection and Number of Participating Teams

Each participating institute is free to choose their own method of internal selection, so long as it results in a team of 2 to 3 students eligible to participate in the Tournament.

Teams must be made up of a minimum of two and a maximum of three students. Delegation of roles within the team is left to the discretion of the teams. Speaking positions cannot be shared and all team members should participate in the debate.

Regarding the internal selection of each participating institution, and because each institution may have a different selection system, each institution can decide the number of students participating in the internal phase per team. At the end of the internal process, the institution will nominate two or three students for the Inter-University Tournament.

To have the widest possible choice, it is encouraged to ask all students enrolled in a higher education program to apply before selection takes place.

3. Format of the Tournament

3.1 General

The Tournament comprises several debate rounds structured in 2 stages:

- group phase, and
- elimination phase.

Based on the epidemiological situation, majority if not all matches take place online via video conference. All official matches are livestreamed and then published. Participants have been informed well in advance about this aspect.

Each match day is held at least 14 days after the previous one. The reason is to give sufficient time available for the announcement of the results of the previous match day and to inform the teams of the subject of the next match. The subjects (debate statements) are announced minimum 10 calendar days before each match. An updated scoreboard will be published for all participants and the public after each complete round with all results (which can be shared on social media, sites, and intranet).

3.2 Group Phase & Elimination Phase

During the group phase, each match won is rewarded with 3 points. Each match with a tie score is awarded 1 point for each team. Each lost match is rewarded with 0 points. Only the top two teams can advance to the next round after the group stage. Teams with an equal total score, to determine which team advances to the next round, here are the elements to be considered successively:

- the greatest number of points;
- if there is a tie, the highest total score of each team for all matches played in the group, accumulation of all the scores given by each judge for each match;
- if there is still a tie, the winner of each direct match that has taken place between the teams which have a tie during the group stage, meaning only the matches between the teams concerned by the tie;
- if there is still a tie, the organizers to draw lots between the two teams are in perfect tie.

After 3-4 rounds of matches (depending on the size of the group) the eligible teams proceed into elimination phase. In this stage, the team with higher score proceeds into the next round, starting with 1/8 finals.

3.3 Post-Elimination Standing Matches

Post-elimination standings matches may be proposed and organized by the Organizing Team in addition to the Final and the Match for the 3rd place.

3.4 Non-Participation Rule

In the event of notification of non-participation (no less than 7 calendar days before the match):

If a team decides to no longer participate in the Tournament and informs the organizers at least one week before the match in the eliminatory phase, it will be possible for the organizers to propose to the team

that has been defeated in the following round for the qualification, by the withdrawing team, to participate in the remainder of the Tournament, in place of this same team.

Should a team withdraw from the Tournament, the other team shall:

- be awarded the average score of their prior matches should a reshuffle of the matches be impossible (in the group phase), or
- directly proceed to the next stage should a replacement team be unavailable (in the elimination phase).

Should a team withdraw from the match, it shall receive 0 in terms of available points and the other team shall:

- be awarded the average score of their other matches that took place (in the group phase), or
- directly proceed to the next stage should a replacement team be unavailable (in the elimination phase).

3.5 Teams Representing Past Winners

The team representing the winning institution of the previous edition is Seeded Number 1 in the following edition of the Tournament. The edition representing the finalist institution of the previous edition of the Tournament is Seeded Number 2 of the following edition of the Tournament.

The Seeded Number 1 and the Seeded Number 2 cannot be in the same part of the draw during the group phase to avoid that the two teams meet before the 1/4 Finals and to have balanced qualifying chances for the other teams in the same part of the table at least until the 1/4 Finals.

Thus, the Seeded Number 1 can be placed in one of the following groups: 1, 2, 3 or 4 and the Seeded Number 2 can be placed in one of the following groups: 5, 6, 7 or 8.

3.6 Match & Debate Statements' Allocation

During the Tournament, following the format of matches mentioned in this document and depending on the number of participating institutions, the allocation of participating teams in groups for the group phase takes place by drawing lots and is generated by an application, generation of results at random or by a person not working or not affiliated with any of the participating institutions. Should a team withdraw, be suspended from participation, or fail to nominate its members, the Organizing Team may reshuffle the already generated groups to accommodate the tournament format and ensure that every group has at least 3 teams.

The assignment of topics is also done by drawing lots. The order of matches is based on the allocation of groups. The table of the matches of the Tournament, the general themes of the Tournament and the dates of the matches are communicated mid-February (the dates and times of the matches are discussed with each team before becoming final).

3.7 Use of Materials

Each team has complete freedom to use the materials of their choice during the preparation of the competition matches.

During matches, only non-electronic media are permitted for use by members of the participating team. Reading on the screen of the computer or tablet is not forbidden, but the judges may decide to penalize overt reading with a penalty of -5 points each (i.e. a maximum of -15 points).

3.8 Format of the Match

Each team has a total of 10 minutes of speaking time, with a specific time window for each of the 4 speaking positions. Teams are free to decide the order of speakers.

In the beginning of the match, each team can use a maximum of 4 minutes for their opening statement. Following the two opening statements (order being: (i) team in favor, (ii) team against), the (adversarial) debate of the match may begin with 6 additional minutes allocated to each team during the debate.

- The first intervention of each team lasts 2 minutes for the first rebuttal.
- The second intervention of each team lasts 2 minutes for the second rebuttal.
- The third intervention of each team lasts 2 minutes to summarize and conclude the team's argument. It is not allowed to introduce new questions or arguments during this third intervention.

	Opening Statements	Rebuttals		Conclusion
Team A	The team will have 4 minutes to conduct the “pro” opening statements.	1st speaker has 2 minutes to present arguments and start rebuttal.	2 nd speaker has 2 minutes for rebuttal and to introduce new points.	3rd speaker has 2 minutes for rebuttal and summarize the arguments.
Team B	The team will have 4 minutes to conduct the “con” opening statements.	1st speaker has 2 minutes to present arguments and start rebuttal.	2 nd speaker has 2 minutes for rebuttal and to introduce new points.	3rd speaker has 2 minutes for rebuttal and to summarize the arguments.

3.9 The Final Match

Should the Organizing Team and the Supervisory Committee not reach a decision where a Final (and Semi-Finals) should be held in person, this part of the Tournament will take place online as well. If the conditions for the organization of the match with the presence of the finalist teams in person are satisfactory, the final match can take place in The Hague, Netherlands or in the building of one of the other participating institutions which has a representative on the competition Supervision Committee. Participating teams will be notified of this change no later than on April 2022.

If the Final Match takes place online, it will be symbolically and virtually held at the location of the institution of the team which won the previous edition of the Tournament. The other institutions are competing online to enter virtually the final and virtually win the trophy. The winning team wins the possibility of being a virtual host (on top of physical event in the Hague should the situation allow its organization) of the next final of the following edition, both symbolically and virtually.

3.10 Themes and Debate Statements

During the opening ceremony the Organizing Team shall announce general themes of the Tournament. These themes shall be the themes of the match rounds, in the order of their announcement. Each match will be assigned a unique debate statement that falls under the announced theme of the round.

The debate statements shall be announced no less than 10 calendar days prior to the date of the match.

4. Evaluation & Scoring

4.1 Criteria of Evaluation

Several elements will be considered for the appreciation of the performance of each match, among them: eloquence, accuracy of knowledge (facts, dates, data and theories), persuasion, answers to questions, presentation, presence and demeanor.

Matches are organized to assess each team's oral argument but also their creativity and anticipation of the opposing team's arguments.

Participants should remember that the Tournament is a debate competition. For this reason, a perfect argument does not mean a good performance if it is not well presented. Likewise, eloquence based on weak arguments cannot be a good performance.

Reading while speaking is not forbidden, however, points penalty in the judges' scoring sheet may occur. The deduction for reading is decided at the discretion of the judges.

4.2 Scoring Sheet

To compare results between matches and throughout the competition, a rating and scoring system is established to evaluate teams during each match. This system is based on a scoring sheet.

The maximum total score for each team is 300 points, maximum 100 points by each of the three judges. The scores determine the winning team of each match to follow up on the addition of the scores given by each judge of a match. The scores awarded by the judges may be used to determine the best teams at the end of the group stage in the situation of a tie between two teams with the same number of points in the standings.

During the Final and the Match for the 3rd Place, the number of judges may increase to an uneven number of judges (for example, 7, 9 or 11). Therefore, for these two matches, the maximum score of each team depends on the number of judges.

4.3 Jury

The jury for each match shall be made up of professionals from a participating institution (professors, lecturers), PhD students and external professionals in the faculty network of the participating institutions or qualified alumni. For a match, the judges cannot be alumni or lecturers in the same institution as either of the participating teams, nor shall they have a same country affiliation as either of the two institutions.

The judges cannot judge a match if they have the nationality of the country where either of the institutions of the teams in a match are located.

The jury for a match shall have no more and no less than 3 members, except for the Ranking Matches, Semifinals and Final Match where more judges can be called on to evaluate the teams (so long as the amount of judges is uneven). Members of the jury can be selected and contacted by the Organizing Team, proposed by the participating institutions, the Supervisory Committee, or volunteer their time themselves.

The criteria for evaluating the performance of the teams during the match by the members of the jury are those listed in the scoring sheet.

4.4 Evaluation Time

As the jury members and participating teams are likely to be in a different time zone, judges have between 1 to 2 business days, depending on the day the match was scheduled, to submit the relevant scoring sheets. The Organizing Team will provide further details to all participants.

4.5 Sanctions

Teams whose members break these Rules & Regulations, or that conduct themselves during the Tournament with an inappropriate behavior (in communication with organizers, during accompanying events or during the match(es)) may be disqualified. Such teams will be given written notice to correct their actions prior to disqualification being enforced.

Participating teams whose members, in the opinion of the Supervisory Committee or the Organizing Team, act in a way that would cause them or the Tournament to lose its good reputation, may be disqualified. Such teams will be given written notice to correct their actions prior to disqualification being enforced.

4.6 Throwing the Match

Failure to be present during the match or to arrive on time (maximum 15 minutes after the host has called the match) may result in the match being thrown. Team that threw the match may apply for an exemption and request that the match be rescheduled. Should the reason be deemed as a valid one by the Organizing Team, the match may be rescheduled at a later time. The Organizing Team may refer to the Supervisory Committee for advice. Should the match be rescheduled, the team that threw the match may have to bear the burden of accommodating (date & time) the team that was present to ensure that the match takes place.

At least two members of each team must be present for a match to take place, to not declare the defeat for the team without two or more members present and victory for the team with at least two members.

If there is a reasonable justification that is well presented to the Organizing Team, the team in question may be excused from being absent from the match without costing it the team's spot for the rest of the Tournament. This justification must be presented at least 4 working days prior to the match.

Any team that wins a match without having played the match in the group phase gets the score out of 300 for that match that is equal to the average score obtained in all matches played by the team in the group phase.

The team that loses a game without having played it receives zero points. Any team that refuses to have a match with another team for extra sporting reasons is disqualified from the entire competition.

The contest is a competition where everyone agrees to meet and talk with everyone. It is also a competition that promotes friendship between students from different parts of the world and between knowledge institutes that are universities and law schools. It also offers other accompanying networking events, therefore the teams should always strive to ensure that the dialogue should always remain open.

4.7 Disputes and Complaints

Judges have full authority, independence, and sovereignty in their decisions of point allocation during each match. Any complaint against this authority during the contest must be written with objective, clear and detailed arguments to the organizers and submitted via email (coraxfoundation@gmail.com).

The reason for this procedure is to inform the organizers of possible difficulties during the Tournament. The organizers shall then notify the Supervisory Committee. The decision taken by the Supervisory Committee on the match in question may change solely because of obvious and exceptionally significant injustice. There is no exception to the previous sentence. Such a decision is final.

The Supervisory Committee may decide, after deliberation with the judges of the match, to authorize the return of a disqualified or eliminated team, if the number of participating teams for the following round of the competition is not sufficient.

4.8 Rules of Courtesy

The Tournament is an event where fair play is the general spirit. Collaboration, discussion, mutual aid in a team must be paramount for the participants and in the communications between the teams, the organizers, the supervisory committee and with the judges.

4.9 Acknowledgement of the Rules

Participating in the Tournament includes fully accepting the present rules, the framework, and the development of the organization of the Tournament.

By entering the Tournament, all participants consent to the rules contained in this document and to the authority of the Organizing Team and that of the Supervisory Committee to change the rules where necessary to maintain the spirit and continuity of the Tournament.

Participants have been informed in advance that visual recordings will be taking place throughout the competition as an integral part of the Tournament and by participating they reaffirm their understanding that photos, videos, information, and recordings of matches will be taken during the Tournament and that such images and information may be used by the organizers, participating institutes, and partners of the organization of the competition for marketing, public information and invitation needs. The participating students may request that their names be removed from such recordings.

The organizers have the right to mention the names of the Tournament participants and the materials created during, and/or in relation to the Tournament (be it debate matches or articles) without giving the right to remuneration or other benefit for the students or their institutions.

By participating in the Tournament, the participating students understand and agree that their work may be reused in part or in whole, solely for the promotion of the Tournament. Their names and date of the match as well as institution affiliation may be mentioned with the text in all use. The participants may request that their name and study year be removed from such materials.

5. Online Rounds

5.1 Platform(s)

Online platforms for active team participation are WebEx, Zoom, and Skype. Other platforms like Teams, Google Meets or similar can be considered. The criterion of choice for one platform rather than another is the quality of the image and the sound during the use of the platform, the access with an invitation by email or by a link with a password, the stability technique for broadcasting, recording and the possibility of broadcasting the content on YouTube (and when applicable, on Facebook Live or Twitch).

The Organizing Team shall inform the Supervisory Committee and all participating institutions of the platform or the platforms of the edition of each year. This notification shall be made before March 1.

The primary online streaming and recording platform is YouTube Live, with the Organizing Team having the option to consider similar platforms such as Facebook Live or Twitch.

5.2 Publicity of Matches

All official matches are broadcasted and recorded on YouTube and then published via social media. The matches are public and can be shared with participating institutions, students, and partner organizations. They can be used for the advertising purposes of the participating institutions.

The Organizing Team may decide that a match should not be broadcasted publicly, with adequate justification submitted to the Supervisory Board. This could be due to technical issues (such as internet connection issues) or due to other concerns. The decision will be communicated to the affected teams.

Announcements by the Organizing Team may be made to invite students, judges, faculty members, partner organizations, guests, and the public, to view the matches. The announcements can be relayed by the faculties of the participating institutions on their own intranet, their social media accounts, websites, and similar marketing and/or communication instruments.

The public watching the match does not have the opportunity to express their opinion directly to the students during the match and in any way to influence the outcome of the match.

5.3 Technical Difficulties and Connection Issues

After the start of the Tournament, and then once again prior to the start of the match, the participating teams will be informed in a timely manner the process of the online match, technical requirements and recommended best practices. Whilst the duration of the match is 30 minutes, it is recommended that all participants reserve 60 minutes to accommodate technical check-in and potential connectivity issues.

Where a team or a team member is experiencing technical problems prior to the start of the match, they must immediately inform the Organizing Team of the problem and the expected time it may take to resolve the issue. Where a technical problem occurs during a match, the Organizing Team shall exercise their discretion as to how to proceed. This may result in the postponement of the match.

Teams are responsible to ensure they have access to software and hardware, including a stable Internet connection, that allows them to participate in the Tournament.

6. Awards

6.1 Awards

All students participating in the Tournament, shall receive a certificate of participation in this year's edition, signed by the Directors and the Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee of the Tournament and emailed to participating institutions and available for download from the official website until the end of July 2022.

- The Finalist Team of the Tournament receives the Finalists' Trophy.
- The Winner of the Inter-University Tournament received the Winner's Trophy of the Tournament.
- The Best Oralist of the Final receives the Best Oralist of the Final's Trophy.

Additional rewards may be announced after the start of the Tournament, should the Tournament sponsors and partners wish to offer specific rewards for the participating students.

6.2 The Best Oralist's Trophy

During the Final Match, the judges shall choose by vote the Best Oralist of the Final, from the speakers of the match. The student that receives the majority of the votes shall be declared the Best Oralist of the Final.

6.3 Academic Credits

It is not the role of the Supervisory Committee or the Organizing Team to decide whether academic credits should be awarded to students participating in the Tournament or in the internal selection. This decision rests solely with the participating institutions.

6.4 Miscellaneous

The winning teams are required to provide a postal address to which any awards can be sent no later than one business day prior to the Final Match.

7. Assistance

7.1 Communication

All correspondence is made by email. Video calls with participating institutions may be held should the teams request it or Supervisory Committee recommend it. The public is informed through announcements on social networks, official website, and individual intranet platforms before and after matches.

7.2 Mentors

The teams participating in the Tournament are free to receive assistance from their faculty in the preparation of each match. Workshops and training related to the framework and rules of the Tournament can be organized and made available to participating institutions for students during the internal selection and before the Inter-University Tournament. During the Inter-University Tournament and for the preparation of matches, teams are encouraged to seek advice from their professors, lecturers, or expertise external to the faculty.

It is recommended that each participating institution assigns a coach (mentor) for the representative team.

During the official match of the Tournament (and during the friendly matches should they take place), the teams cannot communicate with the coach or any other person that is not a registered member of the team.

7.3 Mentor Network

The Organizing Team may, upon timely request by the registered institution, propose a potential coach for the registered team from its network. After the introduction facilitated by the Organizing Team, the teams and the connected mentor are then responsible for further coordination and communication.

7.4 Internal License

Should the participating institution request it, the Organizing Team shall approve the license for an officially recognized internal selection that formally confirms that the internal selection chosen by the institution to select their representative team is recognized by Corax Foundation and that the internal organizers follow the official format of the Tournament.

As the license is the only paid aspect of the support provided by the Organizing Team, the Organizing team shall also provide organizational support by providing themes for the internal selection that correspond to curriculum requirements for each institution, coordinate schedules of the matches to fit with the relevant academic agenda and provision of materials such as assessment forms, feedback rounds, or relevant manuals.

7.5 Debate Workshops

All participating institutions will be given the invitation to participate in debate workshops prior to the start of the Tournament. Such workshops are scheduled to take place no later than 1 month prior to the official start of the group phase. All participants will be given timely notification of the relevant schedule.

7.6 Friendly Matches

All participating institutions will be given the option to participate in a friendly match prior to the start of the Tournament. Such matches are scheduled to take place no later than 1 month prior to the official start of the group phase. All participants that chose to participate in the practice matches will be given timely notification by the Organizing Team with the list of potential dates for the debate matches.

The friendly matches are dependent on the availability of at least 2 teams that opted to participate in them. Should specific participation rules apply, the teams that opted to participate in such matches will be given the information in a timely manner.

7.7 Possibility to be published

All participating teams will be given the option to submit for publication a written article pertaining to the debate statement of the match that they participated in after the match results have been announced. Any such submission shall have no effect on the result of the match and is entirely voluntary. Should specific publication requirements apply, all teams will be given the information in a timely manner.

8. Contact Details

All communications in regard to the Tournament should be sent by email to the Organizing Team via competitions@coraxfoundation.com.