

3RD ANNUAL GUELPH HUMBER CUP



Saturday May 14th, 2022 - Sunday May 15th, 2022

Official Rules

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Qualification and Registration

1. In order to register for and compete in the GH Cup Moot, both participants of each team must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Both teammates are currently enrolled at the same post-secondary institution (universities and colleges included)
 - i. If both participants are college students, they must be enrolled in a paralegal studies program - either certificate, diploma or degree - accredited by the Law Society of Ontario
 - ii. If both participants are university students, they can be either undergraduate, masters or PhD students in any program, except for those enrolled in a Masters or PhD in Law.
 - b. Neither teammate has graduated before January 1, 2022;
 - c. Neither teammate has been or is a Licensed Paralegal before or by May 14th, 2022;
 - d. Neither teammate is or has been enrolled in a J.D. or L.L.B. program in Canada or an International equivalent
 - e. Complete the registration form and submit the registration fee to the GH Cup Moot via our website at <https://www.ghprelaw.com/services-6> by April 29th, 2022
 - f. Check-in on zoom no later than 8:30 AM EST on Saturday May 14th 2022

2. Team numbers are assigned randomly and teams are notified of their team numbers no less than 1 week prior to the competition

Competition Format

Oral Component

3. The preliminary rounds are held on the first day of competition. If more than one team does not qualify to compete during preliminary rounds, the mooting round schedule shall be modified accordingly.
 - a. Every effort will be made to ensure that teams from the same institution do not compete against each other. However, we are unable to guarantee this.

4. When there is an off number of teams, the team without an opponent shall proceed with their submissions and receive oral advocacy scores from the judges

5. Participants shall restrict their arguments to the information contained in the provided case, and related case law. Competitors are not permitted to include any other information not found in the case and its related case law.

6. Teams shall prepare submissions as counsel for both the Appellant and the Respondent. Each team should expect to argue for the Appellant twice and the Respondent twice during preliminary rounds. Please note that while we will do our best to ensure this, scheduling conflicts may prevent it.
7. Participants may not continue beyond their 8-minute allotment unless they request and receive permission from the judge(s). Individual time extensions may be granted to a maximum of one minute.
8. Judges shall be responsible for marking speaker scores and argument scores.

Final Mooting Rounds

9. If 20 or fewer teams register for the competition, the competition includes only semi-final and final rounds
10. If more than 20 teams register for the competition, the competition includes quarterfinal, semi-final and final rounds.
11. The teams proceeding to the quarterfinal rounds are determined based on highest team scores using the competition scoring criteria and are announced by end of day Saturday May 14th, 2022.
12. At the time of the finalist announcements, the teams proceeding to the quarterfinal rounds determine whether they are representing the Appellant or Respondent in the quarterfinal rounds (if applicable). The higher-ranking team has the first choice of Appellant or Respondent. If the higher ranking team fails to advise their preferred side, they have forfeited their election and by default, their opposing team chooses.
13. Following the quarterfinals (if applicable), teams are assigned to argue the opposite side of the case from their previous round's arguments. Where both teams would be assigned to the same side, the higher seeded team selects their position
14. Rounds on day 2 are win-loss. Teams which win their round, move directly on to the next round.
15. The winners of the final round are decided in chambers by the Honourable Justices of the Supreme Court of Guelph-Humber.
16. The 2022 GH Cup advocate awards are determined by calculating the top 5 individual advocacy scores as combined from the four preliminary rounds.

Judges

17. Judges are selected by the Committee and are all legal professionals within Canada.
18. Judges are not paid but in accordance with the Continuing Professional Development mandate as outlined by the Law Society of Ontario, judges can receive up to six (6) CPD hours.
19. During the preliminary rounds, judges score each individual speaker using the marking form provided by the committee based on: legal argument, professionalism, and advocacy.
20. The committee provides judges with general instructions and all required materials including score sheets before the competition. Judges are given a brief training session prior to the preliminary rounds commencing.

Questions?

If you have any general questions regarding the rules outlined, please contact us via email at ghpls@guelphhumber.ca.

If you have an equity concern please direct your email with attention to Omar Hassan.