



## **Paula Sparks World Moot on International Law and Animal Rights 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Handbook**

### Organiser

World Moot on International Law and Animal Rights, Inc. (WMILAR)

### Subject & Resources

#### **Training Courses on Negotiating, Mooting, Coaching Negotiations, and Moots (“Courses”)**

##### Negotiators and Mooters

1. Focus: The focus will be on how to prepare for Policy Negotiation and Moot Court Competitions on any topic in general, and policies concerning animal rights and Animal Rights Law in particular.
2. Theme: The theme is Negotiating and Mooting as a skill.
3. Resources: Participants may be provided with handouts for some or all sessions, and sessions may be delivered using presentations.

##### Negotiation and Mooting Coaches



4. Focus: The focus will be on how to conduct Policy Negotiation and Moot Court coaching on any topic in general, and policies concerning animal rights and Animal Rights Law in particular.
5. Theme: The theme is Policy Negotiation and Moot Court coaching as an educational tool.
6. Resources: Participants might be provided with handouts for some or all sessions, and sessions might be delivered with the help of presentations.

### **Policy Negotiation Competition (“Negotiation”)**

7. Focus: The Negotiation will be based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on policies concerning animal rights and their interplay with other areas of global concern, including, among others, human rights and environmental protection. As such, each policy of the negotiation problem will focus on the interaction of animals with humans, the environment, etc.
8. Theme: The theme is sustainability.
9. Context: The Negotiation problem will be based on a fictitious version of our world, in which one or more policies concerning animals are proposed.
10. Resources: Participants will be expected to engage with multinational instruments, academic research, and writings—actual and fictitious.

### **Moot Court Competition (“Moot Court”)**

11. Focus: The Moot Court will be based on Public International Law, with a focus on animal rights and their interplay with other areas of global concern, including, among others, the protection of human rights and the environment. As such, each issue of the *compromis* will focus on the interactions of Animal Rights Law with International Human Rights Law, International Environmental Law, etc.
12. Theme: The theme is international law and animal rights.
13. Context: The *compromis* will be based on a fictitious version of our world in which one or more International Animal Rights Law instruments exist, in addition to the laws that already exist in our real world on International Human Rights Law, International Environmental Law, etc.



14. Resources: Participants will be expected to engage with multinational instruments, customary international law, general principles of law, domestic and multinational jurisprudence, and writings of jurists, legal philosophers, and legal theorists—actual and fictitious.

## Structure and Format

15. The WMILAR operates throughout the world, conducting operations out of regional bases that hold World Rounds each year.
16. The Competitions include a Policy Negotiation and Moot Court, comprising written and oral submissions. Universities may choose to register teams for one or both competitions; registration for both is not mandatory.
17. Two editions of the Competitions are held in each annual cycle in different parts of the world. Universities may choose to register teams for one or both editions of the Competitions; registration for both editions is not mandatory.

## Training Courses on Negotiating, Mooting, Coaching Negotiations, and Coaching Moots (“Courses”)

18. The Courses will take place at regular intervals during the preparation phase in order to be of maximum utility to the participants.
19. The Courses are planned to be offered in a hybrid format, with all but the last session taking place online. The final session will be offered both in-person and online, and participants may participate in-person or remotely.
20. Prospective registrants will be given the option to indicate their preferred format (in-person or online) for the final session at the time of making their registration application. **Please note that there are a limited number of in-person and online spots available. Spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.** After all in-person spots have been allocated, prospective registrants will, subject to availability, be allocated to the online format, regardless of their indicated preference. After all online spots have been allocated, any remaining registration applications will be rejected.



21. **In case of insufficient registration of in-person participants, shortage of in-person trainers, or any other compelling reason that hinders the WMILAR's ability to deliver the Course(s) in-person, the Course(s) will take place in an exclusively online format.**
22. The Course agenda, containing relevant information such as dates, times, locations, and deadlines, will be released as soon as practicable before the relevant Course takes place.

### **Moot Court Competition and Policy Negotiation Competition (“Competitions”)**

23. The Competitions will take place over the course of 3 days (in parallel sessions, if necessary). The results will be announced at the close of the relevant Competition round.
24. The Competitions are planned to take place in-person as well as online. We strongly encourage in-person participation where possible, but want to enable online participation due to the international relevance and high interest in the event, which sometimes cannot be accommodated due to limited resources of prospective registrants.
25. Prospective registrants will be given the option to indicate their preferred format (in-person or online) at the time of making their registration application. **Please note that there are a limited number of in-person and online spots available. Spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.** After all in-person spots have been allocated, prospective registrants will, subject to availability, be allocated to the online format, regardless of their indicated preference. After all online spots have been allocated, any remaining registration applications will be rejected.
26. **In case of insufficient registration of in-person participants, shortage of in-person judges, or any other compelling reason that hinders the WMILAR's ability to conduct the Competitions in-person, the Competitions will take place in an exclusively online format.**
27. The WMILAR plans to offer viewing options for in-person and remote audiences. Rounds are planned to be broadcast live and/or recorded.



28. The Competitions agenda, containing relevant information such as dates, times, locations, and deadlines, will be released as soon as practicable before the relevant Competition round takes place.
29. During competition rounds, all documents must be submitted to the judges as soft copies; no hard copies are required or expected.

## Eligibility, Registration, Participation, & Progression

### **Training Courses on Negotiating, Mooting, Coaching Negotiations, and Moots (“Courses”)**

30. The Course on Negotiating and Mooting is open to university students pursuing a bachelor’s, master’s, or comparable degree. It is not open to PhD, SJD, MPhil, DPhil students, and those pursuing comparable degrees. Eligibility will be determined by the participant’s enrolment status at the time of registration.
31. The Course on Coaching Negotiations and Moots is open to university teachers, including but not limited to those holding the academic rank of coach, lecturer, or higher.
32. Each participating university may send up to one group of up to 4 participants for both types of Courses offered.
33. Participants who successfully complete the Course will receive a certificate of completion issued by the WMILAR.

### **Policy Negotiation Competition (“Negotiation”)**

34. Universities may apply to register for the Negotiation. All such applications must be made by filling out the registration application form available on the website (<https://wmilar.com/contact>).
35. If the registration application is approved, an invoice will be sent out with payment instructions for the registration fees. Only upon receipt of the registration fees by the relevant deadline will registration be confirmed. Otherwise, the registration application will be rejected.
36. Registration fees must be paid in the currency specified in the invoice. Prospective registrants are responsible for ensuring that the full amount of the registration fee is



credited to the payee, i.e., conversion, transaction, and other fees are to be borne by the payer.

37. The Negotiation is open to university students pursuing a bachelor's, master's, or comparable degree. It is not open to PhD, SJD, MPhil, DPhil students, and those pursuing comparable degrees. Eligibility will be determined by the participant's enrolment status at the time of registration.
38. Each participating university may send up to one team of 2 participants for the Negotiation. A "team" consists of 2 students from the same university. Students participating in the Negotiation need not be the same students participating in the Moot Court Competition, but can be.
39. The Negotiation will be organised in 2 phases: written and oral. The written phase will culminate in the submission of a written policy paper, which will be assessed by evaluators. The oral phase will culminate in the oral presentation of arguments before a panel of Negotiation judges, who will assess the presentation.
40. A seeding system will be employed to allocate opponent teams based on their scores in the written rounds.
41. The overall score to win the Negotiation will be aggregated from the written (25%) and oral rounds (75%) of each team's Negotiation. The Z scoring system will be used to standardise scores where appropriate.

### **Moot Court Competition ("Moot Court")**

42. Universities may apply to register for the Moot Court. All such applications must be made by filling out the registration application form available on the website (<https://wmilar.com/contact>).
43. If the registration application is approved, an invoice will be sent out with payment instructions for the registration fees. Only upon receipt of the registration fees by the relevant deadline will registration be confirmed. Otherwise, the registration application will be rejected.



44. Registration fees must be paid in the currency specified in the invoice. Prospective registrants are responsible for ensuring that the full amount of the registration fee is credited to the payee, i.e., conversion, transaction, and other fees are to be borne by the payer.
45. The Moot Court is open to law students, including LLB, GDL, LLM, JD, BPTC, and LPC students, and those pursuing comparable degrees. It is not open to PhD, SJD, MPhil, DPhil students, and those pursuing comparable degrees. Eligibility will be determined by the participant's enrolment status at the time of registration.
46. Each participating university may send up to one team of 2–4 participants for the Moot Court. A “team” consists of 2–4 students from the same university. Students participating in the Moot Court need not be the same students participating in the Policy Negotiation Competition.
47. The Moot Court will be organised in 2 phases: written and oral. The written phase will culminate in the submission of a written memorial of arguments, which will be assessed by evaluators. The oral phase will culminate in the oral presentation of arguments before a panel of Moot Court judges, who will assess the presentation.
48. 2 participants will serve as oralists, with any remaining participants acting as researchers. The oralists bear the responsibility for presenting the oral arguments and will be the only team members who appear before the Court to make submissions during the oral rounds. The researchers bear the primary responsibility for preparing the written submissions.
49. During the preliminary oral rounds, the top 4 teams will progress to the semi-finals, and the top 2 teams from the semi-finals will progress to the finals.
50. For the preliminary rounds, a seeding system will be employed to allocate opponent teams based on their scores in the written rounds.
51. Progression to the semi-finals will be decided based on the overall score aggregated from the written (25%) and both preliminary oral rounds (75%) of each team's submissions. The Z scoring system will be used to standardise scores where appropriate.
52. Progression to and winning the finals will be on a knock-out basis.



## Rules

53. The language of the WMILAR is English.
54. Failure to provide complete and correct information at any stage, or to make complete payment of any registration fees by the relevant deadline, might result in rejection or annulment of registration, or disqualification from the Competitions and/or training Courses.
55. Participants are strictly prohibited from disclosing any WMILAR material released to them confidentially to any external parties.
56. Participants are strictly prohibited from photographing, recording, streaming, or publishing any part of oral rounds or training Courses.
57. Participants are strictly prohibited from using artificial intelligence (AI) tools, including but not limited to AI writing assistants, AI legal research tools, and any form of AI that can generate or assist in creating written submissions, oral argument preparations, coursework, or any other WMILAR-related materials. This prohibition extends to all stages of the Policy Negotiation and Moot Court Competitions and training Courses, from initial research to the final presentation of work. The integrity of the WMILAR relies on the individual and collective intellectual effort, critical thinking, and legal reasoning of the participants. The decision of the AI detection software used by the WMILAR will be final. **Violations of this rule will result in immediate disqualification and may result in a ban on future participation.**

### **Training Courses on Negotiating, Mooting, Coaching Negotiations, and Moots (“Courses”)**

58. The relevant syllabus may be released on the WMILAR website in advance of the Courses. Any updated versions may be uploaded to the website, and older versions will be taken down. Participants might additionally be notified of this update by email.
59. The syllabus might be modified at the discretion of the organisers or trainers.



## Policy Negotiation Competition (“Negotiation”)

60. The Negotiation fact pattern will be released on the website on the date specified in the timeline.
61. For the Negotiation, all written submissions and oral arguments must be made in English. Competitors must ensure clear and coherent communication in English to effectively present their policies.
62. Each participating team will be assigned a unique team number to ensure anonymity. This number will be the primary means of identification for the team throughout the Competitions. Once team numbers have been allocated, teams must use their assigned team number in all communications, written submissions, and during oral arguments. It is imperative that teams do not disclose the name of their university in communications, written submissions, or oral arguments, thereby maintaining anonymity in all stages of the Competitions.
63. Written submissions must be the original work of the team members. **Any violation of academic integrity, including but not limited to intellectual property violations, will result in immediate disqualification and may result in a ban on future participation.**
64. Each submission must have annexed to it an academic integrity declaration, including but not limited to certification that no intellectual property rights have been violated, and a word count declaration, including a certification of compliance with the word count. **Failure to do so may result in disqualification.**
65. Written submissions must comply with the following formatting, layout, and style requirements:
  - a. Page size: A4;
  - b. Font style: Times New Roman (TNR);
  - c. Font size for body: 12;
  - d. Font size for footnotes: 10;
  - e. Line spacing for body: 1.5;
  - f. Line spacing for footnotes: 1;



- g. Paragraph spacing for body: 6 pt before and 6 pt after;
  - h. Paragraph spacing for footnotes: 0 pt before and 0 pt after;
  - i. Text style: Justified;
  - j. Margins: 1-inch on all sides;
  - k. Page numbering: on the bottom right;
  - l. Citation style: Bluebook citation style.
66. Written submissions must contain the following elements:
- a. Cover Page;
  - b. Table of Contents;
  - c. Index of Abbreviations;
  - d. Executive Summary;
  - e. Policy Proposal 1;
  - f. Policy Proposal 2;
  - g. Appendices;
  - h. Bibliography.
67. Written submissions and oral arguments must address the following substantive matters:
- a. Background;
  - b. Methodology (in one line);
  - c. Policy Options/Context;
  - d. Analysis of Findings;
  - e. Recommendations and Implementation.
68. The cover page should include the name of the policy (including the parties' roles), panel name, document nature (e.g., 'policy paper'), the party on whose behalf it is being submitted, and team number.



69. In addition to the sources listed in the Negotiation fact pattern (both fictitious and real-world, included under “Key and Recommended Sources”), each team may refer to no more than 5 extra authorities in the written submissions and oral arguments, per side. The use of extra authorities is unrestricted for interventions.
70. The main content of the written submissions, i.e., (e) Policy Proposal 1 and (f) Policy Proposal 2, must not exceed 1,500 words, excluding footnotes. Violations may, depending on the seriousness, result in the deduction of points from the score for written submissions. Additionally, material, written or oral, over the word/authority limit, will be ignored for scoring purposes and may not be relied upon during main oral submissions.
71. Written submissions must be made by 11:59 pm Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) on the date and the means specified in the Negotiation problem. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
72. During the oral rounds, each team will negotiate twice, once per side.
73. During the oral rounds, each team has 10 minutes to present their submissions, including their introduction (names of negotiators, roles, and time allocations), body (on Policy Proposal 1 and Policy Proposal 2), and conclusions. Interventions will not result in time extension and must therefore be dealt with within the allocated 10 minutes. Minor extensions may be granted at the judges’ discretion.
74. The order of submissions in the oral rounds will be as follows:
- a. Introduction (Party 1);
  - b. Body (Party 1);
  - c. Conclusions (Party 1);
  - d. Introduction (Party 2);
  - e. Body (Party 2);
  - f. Conclusions (Party 2).
75. Time and issue allocation are at the team’s discretion, with 1 restriction: No oralist may address the panel for more than 2/3 of the allocated time in total.



76. Oral submissions are confined to the scope of their written submissions. However, this limitation does not apply to responses to interventions.
77. Participants must wear formal attire during the oral rounds, adhering to the professional standards expected in a Negotiation setting. These professional standards of Negotiation settings may reflect those of any cultural background.
78. Smart devices, if they are connected to the internet, are prohibited during in-person oral rounds. During online oral rounds, internet connection on smart devices may only be used to participate in the rounds via the designated video calling platform, and participants must share screens at all times when their team is making oral submissions, unless specifically instructed otherwise.
79. During the oral rounds, team members participating in the oral Negotiation may not communicate, orally or in writing, with anyone else, except in writing with their team member.

#### **Moot Court Competition (“Moot Court”)**

80. The *compromis* will be released on the website on the date specified in the timeline.
81. For the Moot Court, all written submissions and oral arguments must be made in English. Competitors must ensure clear and coherent communication in English to effectively present their case.
82. Each participating team will be assigned a unique team number to ensure anonymity. This number will be the primary means of identification for the team throughout the Competitions. Once team numbers have been allocated, teams must use their assigned team number in all communications, written submissions, and during oral arguments. It is imperative that teams do not disclose the name of their university in communications, written submissions, or oral arguments, thereby maintaining anonymity in all stages of the Competitions.
83. Written submissions must be the original work of the team members. **Any violation of academic integrity, including but not limited to intellectual property violations, will result in immediate disqualification and may result in a ban on future participation.**



84. Each submission must have annexed to it an academic integrity declaration, including but not limited to certification that no intellectual property rights have been violated, and a word count declaration, including a certification of compliance with the word count.

**Failure to do so may result in disqualification.**

85. Written submissions must comply with the following formatting, layout, and style requirements:

- a. Page size: A4;
- b. Font style: Times New Roman (TNR);
- c. Font size for body: 12;
- d. Font size for footnotes: 10;
- e. Line spacing for body: 1.5;
- f. Line spacing for footnotes: 1;
- g. Paragraph spacing for body: 6 pt before and 6 pt after;
- h. Paragraph spacing for footnotes: 0 pt before and 0 pt after;
- i. Text style: Justified;
- j. Margins: 1-inch on all sides;
- k. Page numbering: on the bottom right;
- l. Citation style: OSCOLA.

86. Written submissions must contain the following elements:

- a. Cover Page;
- b. Table of Contents;
- c. Index of Abbreviations;
- d. Index of Authorities;
- e. Summary of Facts;



- f. Summary of Arguments;
  - g. Preliminary Issues;
  - h. Arguments on Merits;
  - i. Prayers;
  - j. Remedies.
87. Written submissions and oral arguments must address the following substantive matters:
- a. Jurisdiction;
  - b. Admissibility;
  - c. Standing;
  - d. Alleged violations;
  - e. Attribution;
  - f. Possible defences;
  - g. Prayers;
  - h. Remedies.
88. The cover page should include the case name (including the parties' roles), court name, document nature (e.g., 'memorial'), the party on whose behalf it is being submitted (i.e., 'Applicant' or 'Respondent'), and team number.
89. In addition to the sources listed in the *compromis* (both fictitious and real-world, included under "Key and Recommended Sources"), each team may refer to no more than 5 extra sources in the written submissions and oral arguments, per side. The use of extra sources is unrestricted for (sur-)rebuttals and judicial intervention.
90. The main content of the written submissions, i.e., (g) Preliminary Issues and (h) Arguments on Merits, must not exceed 3,000 words, excluding footnotes. Violations may, depending on the seriousness, result in the deduction of points from the score for written submissions. Additionally, material, written or oral, over the word/authority limit, will be ignored for scoring purposes and may not be relied upon during main oral submissions.



91. Written submissions must be made by 11:59 pm Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) on the date and by the means specified in the *compromis*. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
92. During the preliminary oral rounds, each team will first moot twice, once as Applicant and once as Respondent. Then, the semi-finals and finals will be held.
93. During the preliminary oral rounds, each team has 20 minutes to present their oral arguments, including their introduction (names of counsel, roles, and time allocations), opening statements, main arguments (on preliminary issues, main issues, and prayer), and closing statements, and the (sur-)rebuttal. Judicial interventions will not result in time extension and must therefore be dealt with within the allocated 20 minutes. Minor extensions may be granted at the judges' discretion.
94. During the semi-final rounds, each team has 30 minutes to present their oral arguments, including their introduction (names of counsel, roles, and time allocations), opening statements, main arguments (on preliminary issues, main issues, and prayer), closing statements, and the (sur-)rebuttal. Judicial interventions will not result in time extension and must therefore be dealt with within the allocated 30 minutes. Minor extensions may be granted at the judges' discretion.
95. During the final round, each team has 45 minutes to present their oral arguments, including their introduction (names of counsel, roles, and time allocations), opening statements, main arguments (on preliminary issues, main issues, and prayer), and closing statements, and the (sur-)rebuttal. Judicial interventions will not result in time extension, and must therefore be dealt with within the allocated 45 minutes. Minor extensions may be granted at the judges' discretion.
96. The order of submissions in the oral rounds will be as follows:
  - a. Introduction and Opening Statement (Applicant);
  - b. Main Arguments (Applicant);
  - c. Closing Statement (Applicant);
  - d. Introduction and Opening Statement (Respondent);



- e. Main Arguments (Respondent):
  - f. Closing Statement (Respondent);
  - g. Rebuttal (Applicant);
  - h. Sur-rebuttal (Respondent).
97. Time and issue allocation are at the team's discretion, with 2 restrictions:
- a. No oralist may address the court for more than 2/3 of the allocated time in total; and
  - b. Each oralist must cover 1 preliminary issue and 1 main issue.
98. Oral arguments are confined to the scope of their written submissions. However, this limitation does not apply to (sur-)rebuttals or responses to judicial intervention. The scope of the Applicant's rebuttal is limited to responding to the Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Respondent's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Applicant's rebuttal. Neither party has the right to waive their (sur-)rebuttal.
99. Participants must wear formal attire during the oral rounds, adhering to the professional standards expected in a courtroom setting. These professional standards of courtroom settings may reflect those of any jurisdiction.
100. Smart devices, if they are connected to the internet, are prohibited during in-person oral rounds. During online oral rounds, internet connection on smart devices may only be used to participate in the rounds via the designated video calling platform, and participants must share screens at all times when their team is making oral submissions, unless specifically instructed otherwise.
101. Communication between team members at the counsel table may only be in writing. Team members at the counsel table may not communicate, orally or in writing, with anyone else during the oral rounds.



## Penalties and Disqualifications

102. In the event of a breach of WMILAR rules, the organisers, trainers, evaluators, and judges possess the authority to impose, at their discretion, sanctions based on the severity of the breach.
- a. Minor infractions of the rules will result in points being deducted from the individual's or team's overall score. Such deductions will be proportionate to the nature and impact of the breach.
  - b. Severe breaches might result in an award of 0 points for the part of the Competitions/Courses affected by the breach, the disqualification of the offending team from the Competitions/Courses, and/or a ban on the offending team from participating in future Competitions/Courses.
103. The decision of the organisers, trainers, evaluators, and judges in these matters is final and is made with the intention of preserving the educational and competitive integrity of the Competitions.
104. If a registration is annulled or a participant is disqualified from participation, the registration fee might not be refunded, depending on the circumstances and at the sole discretion of the organisers.
105. All participants, including negotiators, mooters, coaches, trainers, and judges, are required to disclose any conflicts of interest as soon as they become aware of such conflicts. A conflict of interest is defined as any relationship, association, or circumstance that could reasonably be expected to affect impartiality or could give the appearance of affecting impartiality. This includes, but is not limited to, familial relationships, institutional affiliations, or personal friendships. The disclosure should be made in writing to the Competitions organisers, who will take appropriate measures to ensure fair and unbiased Competitions. Failure to disclose known conflicts of interest may lead to sanctions, including the disqualification of the involved team from the Competitions.



## Marking Criteria

### **Policy Negotiation Competition (“Negotiation”)**

106. The progression marking criteria are as follows:

Written submissions (25 points)

- a. Structure (5 points);
- b. Content (15 points);
- c. Presentation (5 points).

Oral submissions (75 points)

- a. Structure (10 points);
- b. Content (20 points);
- c. Presentation (25 points);
- d. Response to intervention (20 points).

107. Scores will be published on the website and may be communicated to teams via other means, such as email.

### **Moot Court Competition (“Moot Court”)**

108. The progression marking criteria are as follows:

Written submissions (25 points)

- a. Structure (5 points);
- b. Content (15 points);
- c. Presentation (5 points).

Oral submissions (75 points)

- d. Structure (10 points);
- e. Content (20 points);
- f. Presentation (20 points);
- g. Responses to judicial intervention (15 points);



- h. (Sur-)rebuttal (10 points).
- 109. Scores will be published on the website and may be communicated to teams via other means, such as email.

## Clarifications

- 110. Requests for clarification regarding the WMILAR Handbook or any other document available on the WMILAR website can be made at any time by sending a clear and concise email request to [enquiries@wmilar.com](mailto:enquiries@wmilar.com). Requests that do not comply with the specified requirements might not be answered.
- 111. Requests for clarification regarding the Negotiation fact pattern/*compromis* can only be made within 21 days of the relevant start date for the release of the Negotiation fact pattern/*compromis* (with the date of the release counting as Day 1), by sending a clear and concise email to [registrations@wmilar.com](mailto:registrations@wmilar.com). The team number must be included in the email. Requests that do not comply with the specified requirements might not be answered.

## Appeals

- 112. The decisions of the organisers concerning all the aspects related to the WMILAR will be taken at the sole discretion of the WMILAR.
- 113. These decisions will be final and will not be subject to appeal.

## **Training Courses on Negotiating, Mooting, Coaching Negotiations, and Moots (“Courses”)**

- 114. The decisions of trainers and organisers concerning the Courses, including but not limited to participation and certification, will be taken at their sole discretion, accounting for the factors stipulated in the Handbook and the relevant Course syllabus.
- 115. These decisions will be final and will not be subject to appeal.



### **Moot Court Competition and Policy Negotiation Competition (“Competitions”)**

116. The decisions of the organisers, evaluators, and judges concerning the Competitions, including but not limited to scoring and progression, will be taken at their sole discretion, accounting for the factors stipulated in the Handbook.
117. These decisions will be final and will not be subject to appeal.

### **Miscellaneous**

118. **It is the participants’ responsibility to read this Handbook carefully and email any queries related to its content to the organisers.**
119. **Any updated versions of this Handbook will be published on the WMILAR website, and older versions will be taken down. Participants may additionally be notified of this upload by email.**
120. **It is the participants’ responsibility to read the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy carefully before applying to register, as they contain, among other things, further details on their rights and obligations.**

