



EXTERNAL MOOTING COMPETITIONS TEAM SELECTION POLICY

1. General

- (1) The Mooting Coordinator will select students to compete in external mooting competitions in accordance with this policy.
- (2) To be eligible for selection for a competition, students must:
 - (a) at the time of registration and throughout the competition, be eligible to compete in the competition, according to its rules; and
 - (b) be willing and able to attend all rounds of the competition; and
 - (c) be willing and able to devote sufficient time to preparing for the competition.

2. Particular competitions

- (1) This section is subject to section 1(2).
- (2) To compete in the ESU-Essex Court Chambers National Mooting Competition, the Mooting Coordinator will select, in order of preference:
 - (a) the students comprising the undergraduate team that placed highest in the previous year's Shearman & Sterling University of Oxford Moot Competition; or
 - (b) a team of two undergraduate students in accordance with section 3.
- (3) To compete in the OUP and BPP National Mooting Competition, the Mooting Coordinator will select, in order of preference:
 - (a) the students comprising the undergraduate team that placed highest in the previous year's Undergraduate Inter-collegiate (Cuppers) Mooting Competition; or
 - (b) a team of two undergraduate students in accordance with section 3.
- (4) To compete in the Weekly Law Reports Annual Mooting Competition, the Mooting Coordinator will select a team of two undergraduate students in accordance with section 3.
- (5) To compete in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the International Roman Law Moot Court Competition and the Oxford v Cambridge Roman Law Moot Court Competition, the Mooting Coordinator will select teams comprising the required number of students in accordance with section 3.



3. Selection on the basis of application and interview

- (1) This section is subject to section 1(2).
- (2) This section applies:
 - (a) by operation of sections 2(2)(b), 2(3)(b), 2(4) and 2(5); and
 - (b) in relation to any competition not otherwise dealt with in this Policy to which the Mooting Coordinator determines that it should apply.
- (3) The Mooting Coordinator will:
 - (a) invite students to apply for selection to compete in the competition; and
 - (b) direct the manner in which, and date by which, applications must be submitted.
- (4) Applications must include:
 - (a) details of the applicant's academic record; and
 - (b) details of the applicant's previous participation and success in mooting, debating or public speaking competitions; and
 - (c) the applicant's curriculum vitae; and
 - (d) a covering letter indicating whether the applicant applies individually or in conjunction with another applicant or applicants (or both).
- (5) The Mooting Coordinator may, if the Mooting Coordinator determines that it is necessary or convenient, interview some or all of the applicants before making a selection.
- (6) The Mooting Coordinator will select students to compete in the competition, having regard to their:
 - (a) mooting, debating and public speaking experience; and
 - (b) overall academic performance; and
 - (c) ability to work effectively in a team.
- (7) Where no student fulfils the criteria set out in this Policy, or it is otherwise not possible to select a student in accordance with this Policy, the Mooting Coordinator may select such other student as the Mooting Coordinator considers appropriate or desirable.

4. Competition expenses

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), where incurred by a student selected to compete in a competition, the Mooting Coordinator will arrange for the Faculty to reimburse:
 - (a) any entry or registration fee for the competition;
 - (b) the reasonable cost of the student's travel to compete in any round of the competition not taking place in Oxford; and



- (c) where a round of the competition does not take place in Oxford and distance and travel arrangements require it, the reasonable cost of the student's accommodation; and
 - (d) within the limits determined by the Mooting Coordinator, the reasonable cost of refreshments provided for judges, competitors and spectators at any round of a competition taking place in Oxford.
- (2) Students must provide receipts in relation to the expenses referred to in subsection (1) and complete any paperwork required by the Faculty in relation to reimbursement.
 - (3) Students are responsible for meeting all expenses involved in competing in a competition other than those referred to in subsection (1).

5. Interpretation

- (1) All questions concerning the interpretation, and all complaints or disputes concerning the application, of this Policy must be submitted to the Faculty Mooting Officer for determination.
- (2) The Mooting Coordinator may at any time determine such amendments or additions to this Policy or other measures as may be necessary or convenient for the efficient organisation, administration or conduct of a competition.
- (3) All determinations or purported determinations made by the Faculty Mooting Officer or the Mooting Coordinator in accordance with this Policy are final and conclusive and binding on all students.
- (4) In this Policy, unless the contrary intention appears:

Faculty Mooting Officer means the member of the Faculty of Law of the University of Oxford with overall responsibility for mooting;

Mooting Coordinator means the Mooting Coordinator appointed by the Faculty of Law of the University of Oxford with responsibility for administering the relevant competition;

student means a matriculated student of the University of Oxford reading jurisprudence or law.

Mooting Coordinators
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