

# JEAN-PICTET COMPETITION

2021 Regulations (35th and 36th editions)

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# General principles

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## Article 1

### Competencies of the Committee for the Jean-Pictet Competition

The Jean-Pictet Competition (hereafter “Competition”) is organised by the Committee for the Jean-Pictet Competition (*Comité pour le Concours Jean-Pictet*, hereafter “CCJP”) with the support of other institutions, as appropriate.

The CCJP is the sole entity entitled to decide on questions related to the Competition. It can, at its discretion, delegate part of its powers.

The CCJP has the exclusive power to amend the present Regulations, which apply to the 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the Competition (Francophone and Anglophone, Durrës, Albania, 3 to 10 April 2021) and the 36<sup>th</sup> edition (Francophone and Anglophone, Denpasar, Indonesia, September-October 2021<sup>1</sup>). Depending on the evolution of the global health situation, additional provisions may be adopted by the CCJP, in particular for the 36<sup>th</sup> edition.

## Article 2

### Principles and values

The CCJP organises the Competition based on the following principles and values:

- The fair and impartial character of the Competition;
- The respect for participants and their diversity, without any discrimination related to, *inter alia*, their sex, gender, sexual orientation or identity, colour, language, political or other opinions, social origin, physical appearance, health status, disability, age, membership or non-

<sup>1</sup> Dates to be decided in the course of 2021.

membership, real or supposed, to a specific ethnic group, a nation, a race or a religion or any other criteria of discrimination;

- The neutrality of the CCJP on controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature;
- The promotion of a learning environment in which all participants can learn and compete in a safe and respectful way, and under the best possible health conditions.

## SECTION 2

# Selection of the teams

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### Article 3

## Conditions of application

A team consists of three students representing a university or a comparable institution (e.g. a military school). Conditions for application require the three participants, at the time the application is submitted, to:

- a. Be all registered as students in the represented institution;
- b. Be enrolled in, or have already completed, a Bachelor Degree or its equivalent;
- c. Be below 30 years of age;
- d. Have a good knowledge of public international law;
- e. Have never before participated in the Competition.

### Article 4

## Requests for derogation

All requests for derogation to Article 3.a, 3.b or 3.c above must be sent as soon as possible to the administration of the Competition ([christophe@concourspictet.org](mailto:christophe@concourspictet.org)) and at the latest when the application file is sent. The request for derogation must include the curriculum vitae of the person(s) concerned and a letter supporting the request. A late request, thus not allowing its examination by the CCJP before the closure of applications, can result in the impossibility to modify the composition of the team and, as a result, in the non-selection of the team.

Requests for derogation concerning Article 3.c above will be accepted if the examination of the curriculum vitae of the person concerned shows that he/she does not have disproportionate experience in the fields relevant to the Competition, compared to that commonly acquired by participants under the age of thirty.

## Article 5

### Application process

In order to apply, each applicant team must use the electronic form available on <http://concourspictet.org/candien/candien.php>

Applications will be opened in two phases:

- Firstly, applications submitted before 8 October 2020, 17:00 CUT ("first phase");
- Secondly, applications submitted before 8 November 2020, 17:00 CUT ("second phase"),

The file includes a certificate signed by a representative of the institution (i.e. dean or program director) authorising the members of the team to participate in the Competition, and a certificate signed by each member of the team.

Each institution can submit only one application (in other words, only one team) to the 2021 Jean-Pictet Competition.

Each team can, however, submit its application for the English-speaking and French-speaking sessions, with the CCJP having the sole discretion to decide in which session the team will participate, should it be successfully pre-selected to both. In such a case, the team must provide a completed file in both French and English.

By sending the documents required in the context of the application and selection processes, applicants:

- Allow the CCJP to use the name and photo of the participants on their website and on documents related to the Competition such as the Competition report;
- Commit themselves to respect these Regulations and to take part in the Competition in compliance with its principles and values and to comply

with the health requirements that may arise from the legislation of the host country of the Competition and / or be reasonably requested by the CCJP; and

- Waive all claims, including judicial ones, against the CCJP and the Competition with regard to the application and selection processes, all aspects of the organization of the Competition, the proceedings during the Competition, and the interpretation and application of these Regulations.

## Article 6

### Selection process

The CCJP selects the application files mainly on the basis of their quality and also seeks to ensure and enhance diversity of countries and types of represented institutions.

In addition, during the selection process, particular attention is paid to applications from institutions that meet one or more of the following conditions:

- a. from the host country of the Competition;
- b. participating in the Competition for the first time;
- c. from countries that have never sent teams to the Competition;
- d. where international humanitarian law is taught;
- e. giving credit to teams for participating in the Competition;
- f. who informed the CCJP before 20 September 2020 of their intent to constitute a team.

Teams concerned are invited to mention the above when completing the electronic form (step 4, third question).

During the second phase of selection, the CCJP also establishes, under the same criteria, a supplementary list, aimed at selecting teams, should one or more teams initially selected forfeit their participation.

A team having applied as per Article 5 of these Regulations may be automatically qualified if it meets the following three conditions:

- a. Be composed of three persons who, in the twelve months preceding the application to the Jean-Pictet Competition, have won either a regional

competition on international humanitarian law organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) or a national competition treated as a regional competition on the basis of an agreement between the ICRC and the CCJP;

- b. Be composed of three members meeting the conditions laid down in Article 3 of these Regulations, or having obtained a derogation according to Article 4 of these Regulations;
- c. Having sufficient command of the language of the session, Francophone or Anglophone, for which the team wishes to apply.

During the first selection phase, the number of teams that can be selected will be at most two-thirds of the seats available for each edition, with a limit of four teams per country for each edition.

During the second selection phase, no quota per country will be applied, notwithstanding the consideration of geographical diversity as a subsidiary criterion.

Teams that applied in the first phase and were not selected in this phase can keep their application file unchanged or improve certain parts, at their convenience, by reapplying within the time limit.

Candidate teams are informed of the result of the selection no later than 31 October 2020 for the first phase and 30 November 2020 for the second phase.

The registration of the selected teams will become final after:

- a. payment of registration fees, at the latest before the following date:

	Team that applied before 8 October 2020	Team that applied between 8 October and 8 November 2020
Team selected for the 35 <sup>th</sup> edition (Albania)	30 November 2020	31 December 2020
Team selected for the 36 <sup>th</sup> edition (Indonesia)	15 May 2021	15 May 2021

- b. reception by the administration, at the latest before the date mentioned in the table above, of:

- i) A passport-sized photo of each participant (to be used for the photo directory), in jpg, png or tiff format, with a light background, in a size not larger than 2 Mb;
  - ii) A completed form regarding administrative information.
- c. reception by the administration, at the latest 15 days before the start of the Competition, of proof of subscription to health, accident and repatriation insurance for the duration of the stay at the site of the Competition.

If the payment or registration fees, and receipt of the documents referred to in b and c above, are not finalized before the set dates, the CCJP may decide to refuse the registration of that team and call a team placed on the supplementary list.

## Article 7

### Modification of the composition of the teams

As of the closing date for applications, the three team members cannot be substituted except by express agreement of the CCJP. Substitutions are allowed in exceptional cases, mainly for health reasons justified by a medical certificate. All requests for replacement must be sent as soon as possible to the administration of the Competition ([christophe@concourspictet.org](mailto:christophe@concourspictet.org)) with the supporting material and, if applicable, the information required for a derogation to the criteria of Article 3.

## Article 8

### Payment of registration fees

The registration fees are 1250 € (euros) per team. The entire fee is due upon notification that the team has been selected, and should be received in euros by the CCJP in the above mentioned table.

- Account holder: Comité pour le Concours Jean-Pictet (CCJP)
- Name of the Bank: Groupe Crédit Coopératif
- Address of the Bank: 33 Bd Berthelot, 63400 Chamalières, France
- IBAN: FR76 4255 9100 0008 0034 2301 575
- BIC: CCOPFRPPXXX



When processing the payment, it is imperative to:

- Mention the full name of the University – or similar institution – on behalf of which the payment is made (no other mention should be indicated); and
- Inform the bank that any transfer and exchange costs are to be paid by the sender.

Registration fees can also be paid through PayPal, using the Competition website. In that case, the amount to be paid will be 1300 €.

Registration fees are not refunded to teams that withdraw after payment, do not get a visa or, for any other reason external to the CCJP, do not attend the Competition.

# Universality Fund

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## Article 9

### Objective of the Universality Fund

The Universality Fund aims at promoting the widest representation possible in the English and French-speaking sessions of the Competition, with regard to cultural background, geographic origin and legal systems, by providing financial support to teams from universities located in countries or regions with economic and social difficulties.

As a rule, teams from OECD member States (see the list on <http://www.oecd.org/about/membersandpartners/#d.en.194378>) cannot benefit from Universality Fund's support.

## Article 10

### Eligible expenses

Only the following expenses are eligible to the support from the Universality Fund:

- Expenses related to air and / or train tickets;
- Accommodation costs during the trip if, according to the CCJP, accommodation is necessary because of travel schedules;
- Visa fees;
- Payment of the registration fees.

## Decision process and criteria

Teams may apply for the financial support of the Universality Fund by making a request to that effect during the application process, and completing the section provided for this purpose in the application file.

The decision to grant a financial contribution under the Universality Fund is subject to available resources each year. This decision is at the discretion of the CCJP. The CCJP, according to the means available for the year, may decide on the amount of a maximum contribution to each team. This financial support will not cover the entirety of the travel expenses and registration fees of a team.

In order to consider the social and economic situation of countries concerned, the CCJP will take into account international indicators such as the Human Development Index issued by the United Nations Development Programme or any other appropriate indicator. The financial support awarded to a team also depends on other considerations such as the quality of the documents sent during the selection process, the evaluation of the needs of each team made by the CCJP based on available information or upon requests for further information, and on institutional support received by teams.

# Holding of the Competition

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## Article 12

## Assessment criteria of the teams

The Competition focuses on the practice of international humanitarian law (IHL). Other factors are, however, also taken into consideration.

Teams are evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Primarily: their knowledge of IHL and capacity to use it (conceptualise and analyse information available to determine critical elements which directly relate to the implementation of IHL);
- b. Knowledge of public international law, and in particular all relevant branches of international law applicable during armed conflicts;
- c. Demonstrated understanding of the simulations, including the capacity to position oneself within the given scenarios and to grasp the 'big picture' and differentiate it from minor issues; the capacity to identify the strategic issues, opportunities and risks; the ability to understand the complexities of the events and the assigned roles during the various simulations; the demonstrated understanding of the political dynamics while maintaining the IHL focus; the use of the given information without inventing new facts;
- d. Demonstrated respect for the work, cultures and opinions of the other teams (evidence of a genuine interest in understanding the positions and arguments of the other teams; acceptance of the diversity of other participants' and organisers' profiles; respect for the humanitarian space and the neutrality in which the Competition is organised – see Art. 2 above);
- e. Team work (respect for co-team members, balanced participation, complementarity, cooperation, support and strengthening of each other's contributions);

- f. Commitment (towards the Competition, the simulation and, when appropriate in a simulation, vis-à-vis the spirit of IHL);
- g. Ability to argue (persuasiveness in presenting arguments, use of the law in creative and innovative ways, appropriate combination of rational analysis with emotion and passion);
- h. Ability to listen to others (within and outside of the team); and
- i. Oral communication skills (including *inter alia* the ability to be convincing, articulate, logical; the ability to convey feelings when appropriate in simulations; having the capacity to communicate across cultures; ability to translate complex issues and ideas into understandable concepts).

#### Article 13

### Schedule

The tests take place according to schedules given to the participants during the Competition.

#### Article 14

### Languages

The languages used are French in the French-speaking session, and English in the English-speaking sessions. During the final, teams interact with the jury in the language used in their session; if a team is required to interact with a team of the other language group, simultaneous interpretation will be made available.

#### Article 15

### Preparatory documents

The general framework for the case study is made available on the website of the Jean-Pictet Competition ([www.concourspictet.org](http://www.concourspictet.org)) and/or sent by email to the participants. Additional factual and legal elements will be provided to the participants during the Competition. No factual element used at the 35<sup>th</sup> session will be deemed to be relevant for the 36<sup>th</sup> session, unless instructed otherwise.

During the months prior to the Competition, teams will receive training documents.

## Article 16

### Tutors

During the Competition, each team will benefit from a tutor appointed and briefed for this role by the CCJP. The tasks of the tutor are to:

- Support his or her assigned teams in their learning processes during the Competition; and
- Assist the participants improving role-play skills, organization and distribution of work within the team, and quality of argument and oral expression (Article 12, c) to i) criteria).

The tutor will not, however, assist the teams on the substantive issues relating to the case study or on issues pertaining to the law in general. Tutors will not participate in the selection of the best teams during the Competition; this task falls solely on the jury, and the tutors will not engage in any discussions with the members of the jury concerning this matter.

Tutors provide input on the performance of the teams they accompany in the report sent to participants after the Competition; however this input is not shared with the jury before they decide on the performance of each team.

## Article 17

### Jean-Pictet Award

For each edition, the best teams from each group – English and French-speaking groups, or English-speaking groups – are selected to compete in a semi-final round for each group. The best teams from the semi-final round of each session are selected to appear in the Competition-wide final round. The jury awards the Jean-Pictet Award to the winner of the Competition-wide final round. The number of teams participating in the semi-final of each group and the Competition-wide final round is within the sole discretion of the CCJP.

## Article 18

### Gilbert-Apollis Award

The jury of each group – English and French-speaking groups – awards the “Gilbert-Apollis Award” to the best speaker of that group. This assessment only covers tests taking place before the semi-finals.

## SECTION 5

# Logistical aspects

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## Article 19

### Costs covered

The payment of registration fees provides for:

- A training in international humanitarian law;
- The provision of a tutor at the Competition, as set out in Article 16 above;
- All materials and documents provided for the Competition;
- Full board accommodation from Saturday 3 April in the evening to Saturday 10 April 2021 in the morning, for the 35<sup>th</sup> edition, or for the same duration, on dates to be decided, for the 36<sup>th</sup> edition. The Competition will not cover transportation to and from the Competition or any personal expenses of the team members such as laundry, telephone calls, or extra beverages, etc.; and
- A report on the performance of the team, which is sent to the participants and the representative of their institution, in the weeks following the end of the Competition.

## Article 20

### Insurance

All participants must have adequate insurance (civil responsibility, health, accident, repatriation, etc.). Under no circumstances will the CCJP or the

Competition be held responsible for the costs incurred due to the illness, accident or repatriation of a participant.

## Article 21

### Official communications and social networks

In addition to the various means of bilateral communication (emails, phone, etc.), the CCJP also uses:

- A website: [www.concourspictet.org](http://www.concourspictet.org)
- A Facebook page: Concours Jean-Pictet Competition: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Concours-Jean-Pictet-Competition/671290049550396>
- A Twitter account: @ConcoursPictet
- A blog on <http://concourspictet.blog>

The content published by the CCJP on social networks (Facebook and Twitter) is provided solely as an indicative basis and a guide to the information available on the Competition website ([www.concourspictet.org](http://www.concourspictet.org)) or transmitted by other official means of communication, without completing substantially this information and without replacing it in any way. In the event that the information found on CCJP's social networks differ from the contents of its website or information transmitted by other official means, the content of the latter two prevails.

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