



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Philadelphia

Mock International Court of Justice

Judges Instructions
(Attorneys should review this as well.)

Head Judge

1. Make introductory statement: introduce yourself, school and name of Head Judge; summarize case and what the Court is deciding (see Summary of AIP); and conduct an overview of key rules of procedures (example: all participants are to maintain appropriate behavior and decorum throughout the proceedings; attorneys will call witnesses, witnesses will deliver their remarks, attorneys will direct 1-3 questions, opposing counsel gets one cross exam question, judges get to ask questions.

Note: Brian, you will have full authority to control all aspects of the proceeding. You can interpret and/or cut off an attorney if in your judgment they are out of line in questioning and behavior.

Time range for Head Judge's remarks = 3-5 minutes.

2. Judges and Registrar introduction: Have each judge give their name, school and the name of the judge he/she is role-playing.

Note: Students are to rehearse the pronunciation of their judge's name (foreign language teacher may help).

3. Ask each legal team's leading attorney, individually, if they are ready to proceed. Ms. Jamie Berk is the lead attorney for Russia, and Mr. Carlton Wilks, Jr. is the lead attorney for the U.K.
4. Ask for a roll call of witnesses by the Registrar (Erika Goodin). She will call the roll and give a final attendance report to you.
5. Invite the U.K. team of attorneys to make their opening statement, followed by the attorneys for Russia.
6. Tell the U.K. team to call their first witness. Keep time (see below), make rulings on objections, and call upon attorneys and judges who wish to question the witness.
7. ICJ Registrar is the timekeeper. Both you and the Registrar will have a gavel. The Registrar lightly taps the gavel when 10 seconds remain in the allotted time for a speaker. Head Judge can choose to let the speaker continue (if they are just about finished or are giving significant testimony), or you can bang your gavel loudly to interrupt the speaker and move on with the proceedings.
8. Lunch time is an eating and working session for the judges; it is necessary to begin shaping and preparing the judgment. You will move to another room at the Union League (TBA) to eat lunch and conduct deliberations. There will be approximately a 40 minute deliberation session for the Court to finalize discussion and write a judgment. (Mrs. Edelman will do a debriefing with the witnesses and attorneys in the main court room while you are in deliberations.)

9. During judges' deliberations, the Head Judge must be at the center of the discussions. The goal of the Court is to develop a statement that indicates the parameters of the judgment with explanation. You must read and explain this to the audience when the Court returns to the main room.

Decisions are made by majority vote, but minority opinions are allowed. After you have finished reading the judges' decision, take questions from the audience (if there is time). These questions can be directed at the judges or the lawyers.

10. Be sure that everyone in the audience can hear the proceedings. People will get bored and restless if they can't hear what's going on. If you think a lawyer, witness or judge is speaking too softly for people to hear, don't hesitate to interrupt him or her. At times when it seems appropriate, ask people in the back of the room if they can hear the speaker. If they cannot, instruct the speaker to speak more loudly. Do this as often as necessary. The audience will be grateful.

Note: Judges', attorneys' and the witness' podium will have microphones.

11. After the program, write up the judges' decision in report form and e-mail it to Amy Schlosberg at aschlosberg@wacphila.org. The judgment will be posted on the Council website as a culminating event of the Mock ICJ.

Time guidelines allowed for Speakers:

- Opening Attorney Statements: 5 minutes
- Witness Statements: 2-3 minutes
- Questioning of witness by attorney : 2-3 minutes (1-2 questions on cross-exam determined by Head Judge)
- Questioning of witness by judges: 2 minutes
- Closing Statements: 5 minutes per attorney team

All Judges

- During witness statements and questioning, judges should take notes on points made by witnesses and attorneys.
- After direct and cross-examination, judges can ask questions of the witness. To do so, the judge raises his/her placard and waits for the President Judge to call upon him/her.
- Remember: Judges deliberate on the proceeding based on the AIP. The judgment render must be objective and fair. A minority opinion can be rendered on certain points of the judgment in which there is significant disagreement.