



JEAN-PICTET COMPETITION

2027 Regulations (51st, 52nd and 53rd editions)

General principles

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 certain of its powers.

The CCJP has the exclusive power to amend the present Regulations, which apply to the 51st edition of the Competition (Anglophone, Batam, Indonesia, Saturday 20 March 2027 to Saturday 27 March 2027), the 52nd edition (Francophone, Lukenya, Kenya, Saturday 3 April 2027 to Saturday 10 April 2027) and the 53rd edition (Anglophone, Lukenya, Kenya, Saturday 3 April 2027 to Saturday 10 April 2027).

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 of participants and their diversity, without any discrimination based on, *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-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.

Selection of the teams

Article 3

Conditions of application

A team consists of three students representing a university or a comparable institution (e.g. a military school)¹. 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) 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 30.

¹ In order to maintain equality between teams, under no circumstances a team can be accompanied by a coach during the Competition. The presence of a team coach not authorized by the CCJP on the Competition premises may result in the team being disqualified.

Article 5

Application process

In order to apply, each applicant team must use the system available on <https://www.concourspictet.org>

Applications will be opened in two phases from 15 September 2026 to 8 November 2026, 17:00 CUT time. A team may apply by sending its application before 15 October 2026, 17:00 CUT time (first phase of selection) or between that time and 8 November 2026, 17:00 CUT time (second phase of selection).

The first phase of selection will allow selecting not more than 50% of the available seats for each edition, and with a maximum of three teams per country and per edition. The teams who applied in the first phase will be informed of the results of the selection process at the latest on 10 November 2026. Should there be more than three teams per country for a given edition applying in the first phase, the quality of the file will be the criterion for determining which ones are selected. The other teams from that country, as well as any other team not selected in the first phase, will still be considered for the selection in the second phase. No quota per country will be applicable in the second phase, notwithstanding the consideration of geographical diversity as a subsidiary criterion.

Each institution can submit a maximum of one application in French from a team and one application in English from another team for the 2027 editions of the Jean-Pictet Competition.

A given team can however submit its application to both the Francophone edition and the Anglophone edition(s), with the CCJP having the sole discretion to decide in which edition the team will participate, should it be successfully pre-selected to both editions. In such a case, the team must provide a completed file both in French and in English.

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.

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

- 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 30 September 2026 of their intent to constitute a team;
- g. for the 52nd and 53rd editions, the fact that a competing team – with the same team composition – has won a national international humanitarian law competition organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in an African country within the twelve months preceding its application to the Jean-Pictet Competition

Teams concerned are invited to mention the above when completing the application electronic form.

The CCJP may conduct online interviews with the members of certain teams, if it deems it necessary to proceed with the 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 edition, Francophone or Anglophone, for which the team wishes to apply.

Candidate teams are informed of the result of the selection no later than 10 November 2026 for the first phase and 30 November 2026 for the second phase.

The registration of the selected teams will become final after:

- a. payment of participation fees, at the latest before 1 December 2026, for teams selected in the first phase, and 23 December 2026, for teams selected in the second phase);
- b. reception by the administration, within one week from the date at which the team is informed of its selection, of the required administrative information; and
- 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 such proof is requested by the administration of the Competition.

If the payment or participation fees, and receipt of the information 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) with the supporting material and, if applicable, the information required for a derogation to the criteria of Article 3.

All three members of a selected team undertake to be present at the date and location of the competition, for its whole duration.

In case one or more members of the team cannot or ceases to attend the Competition, the team will automatically forfeit its right to participation. However,

the CCJP may decide, taking into account the circumstances leading to the absence of said team member(s), to:

- authorise the team to participate; or
- authorise the team to participate, but without being entitled to be considered for an individual Prize or for the selection to the semi-final or the final of the Competition; or
- complete the team with an additional member selected by the CCJP.

Article 8

Payment of participation fees

The participation fees are 1500 € (euros) per team, unless a reduction is provided to the team as support from the Universality Fund. The entire fee is due upon notification that the team has been selected and should be received in euros by the CCJP at the above-mentioned date (Article 6). The account to be used is the following:

- Account holder: Comité Concours J Pictet
- Name of the Bank: Groupe Crédit Coopératif
- Address of the Bank: 30 rue Blatin, 63000 Clermont-Ferrand, 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.

Participation fees are not refunded to teams that withdraw after payment, do not get a visa, are no longer complete, or, for any other reason external to the CCJP, do not attend the Competition.

Universality Fund

Article 9

Objective of the Universality Fund

The Universality Fund aims at promoting the widest representation possible in the Francophone and Anglophone editions 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.

As a rule, a maximum of two teams per country may benefit from the support of the Universality Fund for the 2027 Jean-Pictet Competition.

Article 10

Eligible expenses

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

- Payment of the participation fees, with a reduced rate. Under no circumstances the fees will be fully borne by the Competition;
- 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.

Article 11

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/or the full participation 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.

SECTION 4 **Holding of the Competition**

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 and holding of the tests

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

During tests, including the preparation period as defined by the daily timetable distributed to teams, the assistance of any person who is not part of the team is strictly prohibited.

During the test itself, the use of any electronic device such as computer, tablet or telephone may be prohibited if the timetable distributed for the test so specifies.

Article 14

Languages

The languages used are French in the Francophone edition, and English in the Anglophone editions.

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), its "Pictet Time" application, 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 one given edition will be deemed to be relevant for a later edition, unless instructed otherwise.

During the months prior to the Competition, teams will receive training documents and have access to online training upon payment of participation fees. In addition, teams from universities that have never participated in the Competition (or have not participated in the last five years) can benefit from remote guidance on general aspects of the Competition from people designated by the Competition.

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).

Tutors must not assist teams on substantive issues related to the case study or general legal matters. 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 are selected to compete in a semi-final round. The best teams from the semi-final round are selected to appear in the final round. The jury awards the Jean-Pictet Award to the winner of the 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

For each edition, the jury awards the “Gilbert-Apollis Award(s)” to the best speaker(s). This assessment only covers tests taking place before the semi-finals.

Article 19

Michel-Deyra Award

During each edition, one team is awarded the Michel-Deyra Award. This award recognizes the team that best embodies, in its preparation for the Competition and during the edition itself, the spirit of the Competition and its values. The winning team is decided by the volunteers and the teams according to the terms and conditions communicated during the edition concerned.

SECTION 5

Logistical aspects

Article 20

Costs covered

The payment of participation 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 20 March 2027 in the evening to 27 March 2027 in the morning for the 51st edition, or from 3 April 2027 in the evening to 10 April 2027 in the morning for the 52nd and 53rd editions. Once the participation fees are paid, remain to be borne by teams transportation to and from the Competition and 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 21

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 22

Travel documents and visa

Participants are responsible for verifying which travel documents (including visas) are required for their stay, including transit. While the CCJP will support visa applications as much as possible, the responsibility for the process remains with the team and its home institution.

Article 23

Official communications and social networks

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

- A website: <https://www.concourspictet.org>
- A Facebook page: Concours Jean-Pictet Competition: <https://www.facebook.com/ConcoursPictet>
- An account on Instagram: @concourspictet.org
- An account on TikTok; @concourspictet
- An account on YouTube: @concoursjean-pictet6089
- An account on LinkedIn: @concours-jean-pictet-competition

The content published by the CCJP on social networks is provided solely as an indicative guide to the information available on the Competition website (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.

Communication between the teams and the organization takes place primarily via an online application named “Pictet Time”, to which the selected teams will have access. The terms of this access are detailed within the application, in compliance with the regulations governing the handling of personal data.

SECTION 6 **Volunteers**

Article 24 **Role of volunteers**

The Competition calls for volunteers to assess teams, act as tutors, handle other tasks related to the Competition or be involved in other aspects. The volunteers are selected by the CCJP who seeks a diversity of profiles.

Article 25 **Commitment of volunteers**

The volunteers:

- commit to inform the CCJP before the Competition of any real or perceived conflict of interest to which the exercise of their functions may lead;
- undertake to respect the principles and values mentioned in Article 2 above, to behave in a professional manner, in particular in their interactions with the teams and the other volunteers, and to do their best so that the learning environment is, and is perceived as, safe and neutral for all teams.

Adopted by the Steering Committee, on 26 August 2026