



Important Changes to The General Rules of 2025 CHINA ILOSMCC

There are several important changes contained in The General Rules of 2025 CHINA ILOSMCC, including the penalty for late submission and unauthorized re-submission, the format and length of Written Submissions, the time allocation during the Oral Pleading, and changes in Penalty System.

The Organizing Committee has prepared this file for teams and institutions interested in taking part in the competition. Please read it carefully and don't merely rely on last year's General Rules.

1. We have changed the penalty for late submission and unauthorized re-submission [Rule 5.1(d)]

Teams **shall be disqualified** in accordance with Annex C if **its Written Submissions** are submitted four days after the deadline or resubmitted after the deadline, unless otherwise agreed in advance and in writing by the Organizing Committee.

2. We have changed the format and length of Written Submissions [Rule 5.2(a) and 5.4(d)]

- Rule 5.2(a): All parts of each Written Submission must be contained in a single file. Written Submissions must be submitted as electronic copies only in “*.docx” format by Microsoft Office Word 2019. **The “protect document” function may be used, provided that no password is set, or any password used must be included in the same email submission.** Written submissions that do not conform to this rule, such as Written Submissions in PDF format or using a “.dat” file extension will not be accepted.
- Rule 5.4(d): Excessive length and **insufficient length** shall be subject to penalty in accordance with Annex C.



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3. We have clarified the time allocation during the Oral Pleading [Rule 6.1 and Rule 6.2]

- Rule 6.1: Each Team may have one or two Oralists(s) to present during the Moot. Each Team is granted a total of 40 minutes, including i) introducing the Team Members as well as the time allocation within five minutes; ii) presenting their pleadings; iii) responding to the Judges; and iv) conducting rebuttal/surrebuttal. **Teams may freely allocate oral argument time among their Oralists within the total time granted.**
- Rule 6.2: The President of the Tribunal may, at his/her discretion, extend total Team oral argument time beyond the 40-minute allocation, and Oralists asked by the President to expand upon arguments may, in this instance, exceed the allocated individual limit. **When a Judge asks questions during the Pleading stage, the time counting won't be suspended.**

4. We have adjusted the Penalty System [Annex C 1(d)]

Rule	Action	Penalty Points	
5.1	Resubmission	disqualification	
5.2	Failure to access documents	3 points per WS	
5.4	Excessive length/Insufficient Length: Pleadings	1- 100 words	2 points
		101-200 words	4 points
		201-300 words	6 points
		301-400 words	8 points
		401-3000 words	10 points
		3000+ words	disqualification