# UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND & CLAYTON UTZ UNJUST ENRICHMENT MOOT

## 2026 COMPETITION RULES

### (1) Teams

*Composition*

1. Each team shall comprise no fewer than two (2), and up to three (3), students.
2. As at the date of the grand final of the Competition, team members must be currently enrolled as LLB or JD students at the university they represent.
3. Notwithstanding rule 2, a team member will remain eligible if they would have been enrolled as an LLB or JD student in accordance with rule 2 but for the fact that they have accepted a position in an international pathways program, or an arrangement that the Competition convenors consider to be similar.

*Coaching*

4. Teams may have up to two (2) coaches. Coaches should provide general advice and feedback. They should not conduct research or devise written or oral arguments. Research and argument should be the work of the team members.
5. No person other than a coach may provide assistance before the deadline for written submissions.
6. After the deadline for written submissions, teams may seek external assistance from a person other than their coach, but the limits in Rule 4 apply to such persons.

### (2) Written Submissions

7. Teams will prepare written submissions for both the Appellant and Respondent.
8. Memorials should be submitted in PDF format by email to uemoot@uqls.com.
9. Memorials must be submitted by **Sunday the 6th of September 2026 at 11.59pm AEST**.
10. Teams will receive the written submissions of the teams they are versing in the preliminary rounds. Teams should not otherwise share written submissions with another team.
11. Written submissions should be labelled with the team's number (as assigned by the Competition convenors) but must not contain the name of the university the team is representing or the names of team members.

12. Formatting requirements:

    a. Written submissions should be no longer than five (5) pages each;

    b. The submissions must be typed in a font no smaller than 11 pt Times New Roman;

    c. Line spacing of no less than 1.5 lines;

    d. Margins of no less than 2 cm on either side;

    e. Footnotes must be types in no less than 10 pt Times New Roman;

    f. Footnotes may be single spaced.

13. Teams may provide a cover page that does not count to the page limit in Rule 12 above, provided the cover page only serves to identify the submissions.

14. During oral submissions, teams may not deviate from their written submissions, unless invited to do so by the Judge.

*Clarifications*

15. Teams may submit requests for clarifications to the Competition convenors by **Tuesday the 11th of August 2026 at 4pm AEST**.

*Penalties*

16. Written submissions will incur a 5% penalty if they are up to six (6) hours late, a 10% penalty if they between six (6) and twenty-four (24) hours late, and 25% penalty if they are more than twenty-four (24) hours late.

17. Written submissions will receive a 5% penalty for each page that they exceed the five (5) page limit. Written submissions will incur at 5% penalty for each formatting requirement outlined in Rule 12 that is contravened.

18. Written submissions that contain a reference to the name of the university that the team is representing or the names of any competitors who form part of the team will incur a 5% penalty.

**(3) Oral Submissions**

19. There will be up to four preliminary rounds. To the extent possible, teams will moot on the appellant and respondent side an equal number of times. Also to the extent possible, teams will not moot against other teams from their university in the preliminary rounds.

20. Teams must ensure that they arrive at each oral round at least fifteen (15) minutes before it is to commence.

21. Teams must avoid revealing their university to judges during the rounds.

22. Two (2) counsel will appear for each team, with the third (3) team member (if there is one) acting as solicitor. Teams may rotate counsel between rounds.

23. To the extent possible, there will be three judges in all oral rounds.

24. The order of speaking will be as follows:

    a. Appearances by each senior counsel

    b. Senior counsel for the Appellant

    c. Junior counsel for the Appellant

    d. Senior counsel for the Respondent

    e. Junior counsel for the Respondent

    f. Rebuttal (delivered by either counsel for the Appellant)

    g. Sur-rebuttal (delivered by either counsel for the Respondent)

25. The appellant may decline to present a rebuttal, in which case there will also be no sur-rebuttal.

26. Teams will have a total of forty (40) minutes to present its oral submissions, including any rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Each speaker must speak for no less than fifteen (15) minutes and no more than twenty-five (25) minutes.

27. Judges may grant an extension of time at their discretion.

28. Counsel may use a mobile phone on silent and aeroplane mode to keep time. Otherwise, no electronic devices should be used during the moot.

29. Judges may provide feedback at the end of each moot.

**(4) Scoring**

30. Scoring shall be based primarily on round points, taking into account the scoring of written submissions and the scoring of oral submissions. In the event of a tie on the basis of round points, this tie will be broken by raw scores.

31. For each round, there will be 9 round points available: 3 for written submissions; 6 for oral submissions. They are determined as detailed below.

*Written submissions*

32. Three judges will give each written submission (i.e. Appellant and Respondent) a raw score out of 100. This will then provide a low, medium and high raw score for all written submissions.

33. In a given round, a team will receive one round point for each time their raw written submission score exceeds that of their opponent. For example, if team A has a low of 80, medium of 85 and high of 90, and team B has a low of 75, medium of 80, and

high of 95, team A will receive two round points and team B will receive one round point.

*Oral submissions*

34. All three judges of the oral submissions will provide raw scores for all speakers out of 50. For every judge that awards one team a higher overall oral score, the team will receive two points. If there are only two judges, their scores will be averaged and this will operate as the third score. In the unlikely event that there is only one judge, that judge's decision will be worth six points.

35. In the event of ties, round points will be shared evenly.

**(5) Finals**

36. After the preliminary rounds, the top four teams will progress to the semi-finals. The top four teams will be decided based on round points in the first instance. If two teams have the same number of round points, they will be separated based on their raw scores (ie, the sums of there scores out of 100 for both written and oral submissions).

37. Round allocations will be done based on the ranking from preliminary rounds (based on the procedure set out in Rule 36). The first placed team will compete against the fourth placed team, and the second placed team will compete against the third placed team.

38. The winning team in each semi-final will be decided based on round points. In the event that both teams receive the same number of round points, the team that was ranked highest at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds will prevail. In the unlikely event that both teams were tied at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds (taking into account both round points and raw scores), and the teams versed each other in the preliminary rounds, the team that prevailed in the preliminary rounds will prevail in the semi-final. If there is still no winner, the prevailing team will be decided by a coin toss.

39. In the finals (semi-finals and grand final), teams will be allocated sides (i.e. Appellant or Respondent) by random draw.

**(6) Awards**

40. In addition to awarding the winning team, there will be awards for best overall written submissions, best speaker in the preliminary rounds, and best speaker in the grand final.

**(7) Appeals**

41. Competitors may inform the Competition convenors of any perceived breaches of these rules. The Competition convenors may, after investigating the matter and allowing the team complained about to offer an explanation, apply a penalty in the form of a reduction in Raw Scores for a breach of these rules at their discretion.

42. At the discretion of the Competition convenors, a breach of these rules may be classified as de minimis and thus not attract a penalty.

43. Any dispute in relation to a breach or alleged breach of these rules will be finally and conclusively resolved by the Competition convenors, at their discretion, acting unanimously. All disputes should be described in detail and emailed to the Competition convenor at vpexternalcompetitions@uqls.com. Any disputes should be filed as soon as possible, and failure to do so may be grounds for rejecting an allegation of breach.

**(8) Rules may be amended**

44. The Competition convenors may amend these rules unilaterally at any point before the commencement of the Competition.