

REGULATION
on the Procedure for Organising and Conducting
the “International Digital Law Moot” International Competition
at Tashkent State University of Law

English translation of the Regulation adopted in Uzbek. In case of any discrepancy, the Uzbek text prevails.

Chapter I. General Provisions

1. This Regulation has been developed in accordance with Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-232 of 26 November 2025 “On Measures to Further Reform Legal Education and Science in the Republic of Uzbekistan” and Order of the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 458-um of 3 December 2025 “On Ensuring the Implementation of Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-232 of 26 November 2025”. It sets out the procedure for supporting the participation of students of Tashkent State University of Law in international law competitions, organising the “International Digital Law Moot” international competition at the University (the “Competition”), taking part in it, conducting its stages, evaluating participants, determining results, awarding winners and considering disputes that arise in the course of the Competition.

The Competition takes the form of a simulated court hearing on current legal issues in digital law, information security, artificial intelligence, personal data protection, internet relations, digital markets, the activities of platforms, crypto-assets, blockchain, intellectual property and electronic commerce. The UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law (DAPL Principles) apply as an interpretative source or a supplementary legal instrument.

The main organiser of the Competition is Tashkent State University of Law (the “University”). The Competition may be organised in cooperation with public authorities, international organisations, foreign higher education institutions, law firms, IT companies and other interested partners.

This Regulation sets out the general legal framework for organising and conducting the Competition. The specific dates of the Competition, technical requirements, registration procedure, length of memorials, schedule of rounds, rules on the use of artificial intelligence tools and other organisational and practical matters are determined by the calendar, the Competition Rules and the Evaluation Criteria approved by the Organising Committee.

2. The following main terms are used in this Regulation:

Competition — an international moot court competition organised by the University that evaluates the written and oral submissions of teams on simulated legal disputes in the field of digital law.

Moot Problem (case) — a description of a simulated legal dispute prepared by the Competition's Expert Group and analysed by the teams.

Claimant (Applicant) — the party that brings the claim or application in the Moot Problem; teams defend its legal position in the written and oral stages.

Respondent — the party that advances a legal position in response to the claim or application in the Moot Problem.

Team — a group of participants consisting of students registered for the Competition in the established manner.

Coach — a person who gives methodological, academic or organisational advice to a team during its preparation.

Memorial — a written legal document prepared on behalf of the Claimant and of the Respondent on the legal issues set out in the Moot Problem.

Oral round — a stage of the Competition in which teams defend their legal position orally before a panel of judges.

Official information page — the University's official website, an electronic platform or another official electronic resource designated by the Organising Committee on which announcements, documents and news about the Competition are published.

Calendar — a document setting out the sequence of the stages, deadlines and events of a Competition season.

Competition Rules — a document approved on the basis of this Regulation that sets out the detailed procedural, organisational and technical rules for conducting the Competition.

Evaluation Criteria — a document setting out the criteria for evaluating the written and oral stages, the scoring scale, the weight of each indicator, the procedure for breaking ties and the method for calculating final results.

Clarifications — official explanations given by the Expert Group or the Organising Committee in response to teams' questions on the Moot Problem, which have the same legal effect for all teams.

Organising Committee — the body authorised to organise and conduct the Competition, coordinate all its stages, register participants and ensure that the Competition proceeds in accordance with the established rules.

Team Code — an identification code assigned to each team that conceals the identity of the participants so that memorials can be evaluated anonymously.

Chapter II. Aims and Objectives of the Competition

3. The Competition is organised on the following principles:

- legality, academic integrity and compliance with the rules of legal ethics;
- equal opportunities for participants and non-discrimination;
- impartiality and transparency in evaluation and the prevention of conflicts of interest;
- anonymous evaluation of written work and publication of reasoned evaluation results;

- development of practical skills in digital law, exchange of international experience and encouragement of innovative approaches;
- protection of Competition materials, judges' scores and participants' personal data in the established manner.

4. The main aim of the Competition is to train highly capable young lawyers in digital law and to develop their skills in legal analysis that meets international standards, legal writing, advocacy, teamwork and professional ethics.

The Competition serves to strengthen the University's academic and practical capacity and international standing in digital law, to expand academic cooperation between domestic and foreign higher education institutions, and to develop advanced approaches to the legal regulation of the digital environment.

5. The Competition pursues the following objectives:

- to develop students' skills in the in-depth analysis of legal issues in digital law, the legal regulation of artificial intelligence, personal data protection, cybersecurity, the platform economy, crypto-assets and electronic commerce;
- to foster a culture of developing the legal positions of both parties to a simulated dispute, organising evidence and building well-reasoned legal arguments;
- to introduce students to the standards of international moot court competitions through written memorials and oral pleadings;
- to create a forum for professional dialogue and exchange of experience with judges, experts, practising lawyers and representatives of public authorities and international organisations;
- to build, on the basis of the Competition's results, a body of academic and practical recommendations, cases and teaching materials in digital law;
- to strengthen the University's international cooperation and prepare students to work in an international professional environment.

Chapter III. Organisation and Management of the Competition

6. As a rule, the Competition is held once a year. Where necessary, the season, format or stages of the Competition may be changed by decision of the Organising Committee.

7. An Organising Committee is established to provide overall management of the Competition and to ensure that it is organised and conducted to a high standard, impartially and transparently.

The Organising Committee may consist of representatives of the University's management, responsible units, teaching staff, subject-matter experts and partner organisations.

The composition, chair and secretary of the Organising Committee are approved by order of the Rector of the University for a term of one year.

An Expert Group may be established under the Organising Committee to develop the academic content of the Competition, ensure the quality of the Moot Problem and prepare

official clarifications and evaluation standards. The composition of the Expert Group, including the procedure for involving foreign specialists, and the organisation of its work are determined by the Organising Committee.

Working with judges, keeping score sheets, checking round results and preparing technical records fall within the responsibility of the Organising Committee.

8. The Organising Committee exercises the following powers:

- approves the calendar, the Competition Rules, the Evaluation Criteria and other internal documents of the Competition;
- forms the Expert Group for developing the Moot Problem and coordinates its work;
- determines the registration procedure, the number of participants, the limit on the number of teams, the selection criteria and the format of the stages of the Competition;
- approves the panel of judges and, where necessary, the composition of a technical team;
- designates the Competition's official information page, electronic platforms, communication channels and media partners;
- arranges the material, technical, information and protocol support of the Competition;
- announces the results of the Competition, awards the winners and prepares a report on the Competition;
- resolves organisational matters not provided for in this Regulation in a manner consistent with the principles of the Competition.

9. A meeting of the Organising Committee is quorate if more than half of its members take part.

Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the members present at the meeting. In the event of a tie, the chair has the casting vote.

Decisions of the Organising Committee are recorded in minutes. Where necessary, decisions may also be taken by electronic vote.

Members of the Organising Committee must ensure the confidentiality of Competition materials, evaluation results, team codes and information relating to conflicts of interest.

Members of the Organising Committee prepare an annual report on the results of the Competition, stating the number of participants and the overall evaluation results.

Chapter IV. Participants and Registration

10. Current bachelor's or master's students of domestic and foreign higher education institutions in the field of law may take part in the Competition as members of a team.

Each team consists of 2 (two) to 4 (four) students. The Organising Committee may set additional restrictions on, or exceptions to, team composition for particular seasons.

A student may be a member of only one team in a season. This rule also applies where the composition of a team changes before the memorials are submitted.

Each team may have 1 (one) coach. The coach gives the team academic and methodological support but does not speak on the team's behalf in the oral rounds and does not engage in substantive communication with the judges.

As a rule, a coach leads only one team. Where necessary, the Organising Committee may decide otherwise, provided that no conflict of interest arises.

Foreign teams submit documents confirming student status together with a translation into English, Uzbek or Russian.

11. Teams register through the Competition's official information page or an electronic form designated by the Organising Committee.

The following information and documents are submitted for registration:

- the team name, the name of the higher education institution and contact details;
- the surname, first name, level of study and year of study of each team member and information confirming current student status; for foreign teams, these documents are submitted together with a translation into English, Uzbek or Russian;
- where there is a coach, the coach's surname, first name, position and contact details.

The registration period, the list of required documents, the limit on the number of teams and the selection conditions are announced in advance in the calendar.

A team that provides incorrect or false information is not registered, or is excluded from the Competition, by decision of the Organising Committee.

After registration, the composition of a team may be changed only for a valid reason and with the written permission of the Organising Committee. As a rule, such a change is permitted until the deadline for submitting written work. Where a change is made, the student status of the new member is confirmed again.

12. As a rule, participation in the Competition is free of charge. For particular seasons, the Organising Committee may set a participation fee to cover organisational costs.

Where a participation fee is set, its amount, the payment procedure, any concessions and the refund conditions are announced in advance on the official information page.

Travel, accommodation, visa, insurance, meals and other personal expenses are borne by the participants themselves, unless a cooperation agreement or a decision of the Organising Committee provides otherwise.

Chapter V. Stages and Format of the Competition

13. The Competition consists of the following main stages:

- registration and confirmation of teams;
- release of the Moot Problem and the clarification stage;
- preparation and submission of written memorials;
- anonymous evaluation of written memorials;
- oral preliminary rounds;

- quarter-final, semi-final and final rounds;
- announcement of results, consideration of protests and award of the winners.

The Competition may be held in the form of national qualifying rounds followed by an international final, in a fully international format, or in another format determined by the Organising Committee.

Oral rounds may be held in person on the University's premises, remotely (online) using information and communication technologies, or in a hybrid format.

14. The calendar is approved and published on the official information page at least 90 days before the start of each season.

The calendar states at least the following dates: the start and end of registration, the release of the Moot Problem, the deadline for sending questions for clarification, the release of clarifications, the deadline for submitting memorials, the dates of the oral rounds, and the results and the deadline for protests.

Where necessary, the Organising Committee may amend the calendar. Such amendments are announced to all teams at the same time on the official information page.

Chapter VI. Moot Problem and Clarifications

15. The Moot Problem is developed as a simulated legal dispute in one or more current areas of digital law that reflects current legal trends but does not tie participants to specific real cases. The Moot Problem models a dispute to be resolved by international commercial arbitration. It provides for the existence of an arbitration agreement, the substantive law applicable to the dispute, the jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal and the legal and practical issues to be decided by the arbitral tribunal. In resolving the case, participants apply the rules of substantive law specified in the Moot Problem. The UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law (DAPL Principles) may apply as an interpretative source, a supplementary legal instrument or applicable principles.

The Moot Problem sets out clearly and plainly the facts, the legal issues that may arise, the legal positions of the parties, the subject matter of the claim, matters concerning the jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal and the questions that the teams must answer.

The authors of the Moot Problem and the Expert Group must keep the Moot Problem materials confidential until the Competition begins. If it is established that the Moot Problem materials were disclosed in advance, the Organising Committee decides whether to replace the Moot Problem or to take other necessary measures.

For each season of the Competition, the Organising Committee determines the topic of the Moot Problem, the working language or languages and the technical requirements for length and formatting.

It is recommended that at least one foreign expert, or a University specialist with experience of international moot court competitions, be involved in developing the Moot Problem. The accommodation and travel costs of foreign experts may be covered.

16. Teams may send questions on the Moot Problem within the deadline set in the calendar and in the manner determined by the Organising Committee.

Questions must seek only to clarify the facts of the Moot Problem or its ambiguities. Questions that seek legal advice or aim at shaping a team's legal strategy are not considered.

Clarifications are published to all teams at the same time on the official information page and form an integral part of the Moot Problem.

On matters not covered by the clarifications, teams carry out their own legal analysis. The judges do not require a single legal solution from the teams, but the legal positions advanced must be logical, consistent and legally well-founded.

Once all clarifications have been published, the final version of the Moot Problem is posted on the official information page. That version is the only official source used during the Competition.

Chapter VII. Written Memorials

17. Unless the Competition Rules provide otherwise, each team prepares separate memorials on behalf of the Claimant and on behalf of the Respondent.

A memorial must be the result of the team's own intellectual work, and the legal arguments in it must be supported by references to legislation, judicial and arbitral practice, academic sources, rules of international law and other relevant sources.

A memorial must not state the name of the team, the name of its higher education institution or any information that would make it possible to identify the participants or the coach. The Team Code assigned to the team is used for the anonymous evaluation of memorials.

The recommended structure of a memorial is as follows:

- list of abbreviations and symbols;
- issues of competence and jurisdiction;
- brief statement of the facts;
- list of the issues to be considered;
- legal arguments and their grounds;
- conclusion and the relief sought.

18. The length of memorials, formatting requirements, font type and size, line spacing, page margins, citation style, submission format and file-naming requirements are set out in the Competition Rules.

The Organising Committee may set the following minimum requirements for memorials: A4 format, Times New Roman 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing, 2.5 cm margins, submission in PDF and in an editable format, and use of an internationally recognised citation style.

Departures from the prescribed length and formal requirements result in a deduction of points in the manner provided for in the Evaluation Criteria.

Memorials are submitted only through the official electronic platform, by email or by another electronic means of communication designated by the Organising Committee.

Memorials sent through personal messengers or unofficial channels are not considered officially submitted, unless the Organising Committee decides otherwise.

19. The following point deductions may be applied to a team that submits its memorials after the deadline:

- (a) up to 1 hour late — 1 point deducted for each hour;
- (b) from 1 to 24 hours late — 2 points deducted for each hour;
- (c) more than 24 hours late — the team is excluded from the written stage.

Teams must submit their documents before the deadline and keep proof that the file opens, was uploaded in full and was sent.

If a general technical failure of the official platform is confirmed by the Organising Committee, the submission deadline may be extended equally for all teams.

Chapter VIII. Oral Rounds

20. In the oral rounds, teams defend orally the position of the Claimant or of the Respondent before a panel of judges.

In the preliminary rounds, teams argue, as far as possible, on behalf of both parties. In the play-off rounds, the sides are determined by drawing lots or by another mechanism set by the Organising Committee.

At least one team member must speak in each round. The pleading may be divided between two members of the team. Three or more members may speak only where the Competition Rules allow it.

The judges may ask questions during the pleadings. Time spent answering questions counts towards the speaking time, unless the panel of judges decides otherwise.

21. Time limits

The main time limits for the oral rounds are set in the Competition Rules.

The following may be applied as a model time schedule:

Party	Main pleading	Rebuttal	Sur-rebuttal	Total
Claimant	15 minutes	3 minutes	—	18 minutes
Respondent	15 minutes	—	3 minutes	18 minutes

Before beginning its pleading, a team informs the panel of judges of how it will allocate its time. The time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal is reserved as part of the main speaking time.

A team that fails to appear for a round at the scheduled time without a valid reason is deemed to have lost that round. Where there is a valid reason or a confirmed technical failure, the Organising Committee may reschedule the round.

22. Participants may use their personal notes, legislative texts, tables and brief notes.

Electronic devices may be used only to view materials prepared in advance, to keep time or to connect to a remote round. Legal research on the internet, communication with outside

persons and receiving assistance in real time are prohibited.

Until the end of a round, coaches, observers and other persons are prohibited from giving the team substantive instructions, signals or written assistance.

Chapter IX. Panel of Judges and Evaluation

23. Academics, practising lawyers and representatives of public authorities, international organisations and law firms with experience in digital law, IT law, international law, civil law, intellectual property, data protection, cybersecurity and litigation may be invited to serve on the panel of judges on a voluntary basis.

Persons wishing to serve as judges register within the period set by the Organising Committee, as follows:

- they submit an application through an electronic form designated by the Organising Committee, the official email address or another official information system;
- the application states their area of specialisation and professional experience and is accompanied by relevant documents;
- the Organising Committee reviews the application and determines in which rounds the judge will sit and what workload the judge will take on;
- approved judges are familiarised with the instructions and the Evaluation Criteria before the Competition begins.

Membership of the panel of judges is approved by the Organising Committee.

As a rule, each oral round is evaluated by an odd number of judges. The Final may be evaluated by an enlarged panel of judges.

A judge who has a connection with a team, one of its members or its coach that could give rise to a conflict of interest informs the Organising Committee in advance and does not take part in the relevant evaluation. If it is established that a judge concealed a conflict of interest, all of that judge's scores are reviewed.

Before the Competition begins, judges may receive a short briefing on the evaluation method, time control, the conduct of questioning and conflicts of interest.

24. Criteria for evaluating written work and oral pleadings

Memorials are evaluated by the judges anonymously (without the name of the team or of its members being shown) on a set scale of points according to the following criteria:

- soundness of the legal analysis and arguments — 10 points;
- correct and consistent application of the facts — 5 points;
- use of sources and case law (citations, notes) — 3 points;
- structure, logical coherence and writing style — 5 points;
- compliance with formatting requirements (length, font, citation rules) — 7 points.

Oral rounds are evaluated by the panel of judges according to the following main criteria:

- depth of legal knowledge and argument — 15 points;
- ability to answer the judges' questions clearly and with reasons — 15 points;
- advocacy, persuasiveness and effective use of time — 15 points;
- skill in responding to the arguments of the opposing party (rebuttal) — 15 points;
- observance of court etiquette — 15 points.

25. Determination of final results

In the preliminary stage, the final ranking is, as a rule, determined by combining the results of the written and oral stages. Their ratio is set in the Evaluation Criteria.

The recommended ratio is: written memorials — 30 per cent; average score of the oral rounds — 70 per cent. The Organising Committee may set a different ratio depending on the format of the Competition.

The order for determining the winner in the event of equal scores is set in the evaluation methodology. As a rule, the results of the oral rounds, the quality of the memorials, the number of wins, a priority decision of the judges or the criteria of an additional round are taken into account.

The judges' score sheets and individual comments are kept by the Organising Committee. Participants may be given summarised feedback, but the judges' internal deliberations are not disclosed.

Chapter X. Academic Integrity, Artificial Intelligence and Rules of Conduct

26. Teams must prepare their memorials and oral pleadings independently. Submitting in a team's own name a text prepared by another team, a coach, a judge or an outside person is prohibited.

Plagiarism, copying without acknowledging the source, false citation, fabrication of sources, and taking or disseminating another team's material without permission are serious breaches of the rules of academic integrity.

Memorials may be checked for similarity using special software or other tools. A similarity percentage is not automatically treated as plagiarism; sources, common terms, legislative texts and standard phrases are analysed on their substance.

Where a breach of academic integrity is established, one of the following measures is applied to the team: a warning, a deduction of points, non-evaluation of the work, annulment of the result of a round or exclusion from the Competition.

27. The use of artificial intelligence tools is permitted within the limits set in the Competition Rules.

Artificial intelligence tools may be used to check spelling and style, draw up a general outline, prepare a draft translation or organise open sources. However, the final legal position, arguments and conclusions must be based on the team's own analysis.

A team that has used artificial intelligence tools submits a statement indicating the tools used and the purpose and extent of their use. The statement may be attached to the memorial or

submitted separately in electronic form.

28. Concealing the use of artificial intelligence, using it to create false sources or non-existent case law, or concealing the fact that a team did not work independently gives rise to disciplinary measures.

29. Participants, coaches, judges, observers and organisers must observe mutual respect, impartiality and the requirements of legal ethics.

Personal insults, threats, pressure, discrimination, inappropriate conduct of a sexual or ethnic nature, and actions on social media that damage the reputation of the Competition or the honour and dignity of participants are prohibited.

Substantive communication with judges outside a round, attempting to influence them, asking for an informal evaluation or putting unjustified pressure on another team is prohibited.

Participants must wear formal attire in the oral rounds and comply with the time limits and the instructions of the judges.

Chapter XI. Consideration of Protests and Penalty Points

30. The Organising Committee is competent to consider protests alleging a breach of the requirements of this Regulation or of other official documents of the Competition.

Where necessary, the Organising Committee may involve experts or responsible persons in considering a protest.

The scores given by judges for teams' pleadings, memorials or other Competition work, and their conclusions on legal positions, are not reviewed and may not be protested.

31. A team that considers that another team or participant has breached this Regulation or the rules of the Competition may submit a written protest to the Organising Committee.

The protest must state the Team Code, a description of the breach, the evidence relating to it and the measure sought.

A protest is submitted within the period set in the Competition Rules, counted from the moment the breach is discovered.

The Organising Committee considers the protest and decides to uphold or reject it.

32. Where the Organising Committee establishes a breach, the following measures may be applied to a team:

- a warning;
- deduction of a certain number of points from the overall result (penalty points);
- annulment of the result of a round;
- exclusion from the Competition.

The number of penalty points is determined according to the nature and seriousness of the breach and its effect on the results of the Competition.

In particular, unauthorised communication with judges, using or copying another team's memorial, breaching the requirements of anonymity, dishonest academic conduct and other

actions contrary to the rules of the Competition may be grounds for penalty points.

A decision taken by the Organising Committee under this item is final.

Chapter XII. Awards and Recognition

33. The winners of the Competition are determined on the basis of the results of the Final and in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria.

The following main awards may be established within the Competition:

- Champion of the Competition;
- Best Memorial;
- Best Oralist.

The Organising Committee may introduce additional awards for each season of the Competition.

The list of awards, the types of prizes and the criteria for determining the winners are approved by the Organising Committee.

Students of the University may, for high results in the Competition, receive an award from the fund's resources, in accordance with the legislation in force, of up to ten times the base scholarship. The amount, criteria and procedure for such awards are set by the Organising Committee in the official announcement of the Competition.

34. Winners may be awarded diplomas, certificates, medals, cups, internship programmes and other forms of support for their education, and special gifts.

Following the Competition, the Organising Committee may present certificates or letters of appreciation to participants, coaches, judges, experts and other persons involved in organising the Competition.

Chapter XIII. Information Policy, Personal Data and Media

35. All important announcements about the Competition are made through the official information page. Information published on the official page is binding on the teams.

Teams must ensure that their contact details are correct and regularly follow the messages of the Organising Committee.

To ensure the openness of the Competition, the Organising Committee may publish press releases, photographs and video materials, interviews, broadcasts and final reports.

36. Participants' personal data are processed for the purposes of organising the Competition, registration, accreditation, certification, recording the results and ensuring security.

The Organising Committee discloses personal data to third parties only where there is a legal basis, where the participant has consented or where this is necessary to conduct the Competition.

Draft Moot Problems, judges' score sheets, team codes, internal correspondence and appeal materials are confidential, unless the Organising Committee decides otherwise.

Photographs and video may be taken at the Competition venue. By taking part in the Competition, participants acknowledge that their image may be used to cover, report on and promote the Competition.

Chapter XIV. Funding and Partnership

37. The Competition may be funded from the University's extra-budgetary funds, the Endowment Fund, grants, sponsorship, the support of partner organisations, participation fees and other sources not contrary to the legislation in force.

Sponsors and partners have no right to influence the academic independence of the Competition, the impartiality of the judges or the evaluation process.

Where necessary, the Organising Committee formalises the budget of the Competition, the areas of expenditure and the terms of cooperation in accordance with the University's internal procedures.

38. Working with partners

Partners may support the Competition organisationally, academically, technically, financially or with information.

A memorandum or agreement of cooperation sets out the tasks of the parties, the logos to be used, the information policy, financial obligations, and conditions relating to confidentiality and intellectual property.

The procedure for using the Moot Problem, the evaluation methodology, teaching materials, photo and video products and other intellectual results developed within the Competition is determined by the Organising Committee or the University.

Chapter XV. Final Provisions

39. Amendments and additions to this Regulation are made by order of the Rector of the University.

The Competition Rules, the calendar and the Evaluation Criteria may not contradict this Regulation. In the event of a conflict, the provisions of this Regulation prevail.

Matters not governed by this Regulation are resolved by decision of the Organising Committee and in accordance with the University's internal documents and the legislation in force.

40. This Regulation enters into force on the date of its approval in the established manner.

Documents approved on the basis of this Regulation for each season are kept in the archive of the Organising Committee after the Competition ends.