



# ICJ Guidelines



**LAIMUN XXIX**

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The International Court of Justice, ICJ, being a specialized committee has its own unique way of formatting debate. The format for debate will go as follows:

- A. Role Call (Can only be Present and Voting since you are a judge)
- B. Opening Round Robin
- C. Presenting the Evidence (judges will see the evidence for the first time during committee session)
  - a. **NOTE:** This session of committee will be no tech
- D. Deliberation on Evidence\*
- E. Presentation of Witnesses
- F. Deliberation on all aforementioned proceedings\*
- G. Drafting Resolutions
- H. Presenting Resolutions
- I. Merge Resolutions
- J. Present Final Judgment

\*Deliberation includes both UNMODS & MODS



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## Rules of Procedure

Motion/Point to...	Vote	Description
Open Debate	Majority	Opens the Debate
Create Speaker's List	Majority	Creates a list of delegates that would speak in a specific order
Move into Round Robin	Majority	Moves into debate in which delegates will talk once at a time, going around the table for the order
Move into Unmod. Caucus	Majority	Moves into debate in which delegates will freely talk to other delegates and make caucus groups. Time should be used to make Judgements.
Move into Mod. Caucus	Majority	Moves into debate in which Dias will choose who speaks based on delegates raising their placards.
Motion for Straw Poll	Majority	Delegate proposed yes/no question; Justices vote yea or nay on the question. This is used to see the current opinion of the court.
Request Evidence	Majority	Requests any relevant evidence
Introduce the Witness	Majority	Introduces a witness relevant to the case
Introduce Evidence	Majority	Introduces evidence requested by delegates or Dias
Move into Voting Block	$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote	2 for; 2 against; Voting for Judgements
Suspend/End Debate	Majority	Suspends debate in between breaks, or ends debate on last day

## Position Paper Format

The position papers that you will write should be 3-5 pages, and should include:



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## I. Background

A. In this section you should write about the background of the case that you will debate; you should also include things like past tensions between the nations, and the history of the case, like the filing process (who initiated it? What treaties/ law did they use? etc.). You should also discuss different treaties between the nations that go along with the cases.

## II. Legal Precedent

A. In this section, you should discuss past cases, law, and UN resolutions that are relevant with the case. You should discuss how these precedents will be taken into consideration in the case.

## III. Policy

A. In this section, outline the beliefs of your country and discuss presumed views on the topic. This section is vital for gaining a perspective on the case, and view for going forward in the proceedings of committee.