

LEGAL EDUCATION HACKATHON RULES

1. COMPETITION

This competition is the Bond University Law Students' Association Legal Education Hackathon.

2. DEFINITIONS

Committee Member	The Members of the LSA Committee as per the constitution. For clarity, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Academic Affairs Director, Corporate Relations Director, Social Director, Postgraduate Director, Equity Director, Publications Director, Competitions Director, Marketing Director and Communications Director.
Competitions Director	Competitions Director of the Bond University Law Students' Association at the time of the competition as per the Bond University Law Students' Association Constitution. If there is no Competitions Director, the President or any other Executive Member of the LSA may undertake any actions of the Competitions Director. At the discretion of the President, actions may also be undertaken by any other Committee Member of the LSA.
Executive Member of the LSA	An executive member of the Bond University Law Students' Association as per the Constitution, which includes the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
LSA	Bond University Law Students' Association and its Committee Members.
President	President of the Bond University Law Students' Association at the time of the competition as per the Bond University Law Students' Association Constitution

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entrants must be enrolled in a degree at Bond University.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Teams must consist of four (4) Entrants, individually referred to as Team Members.
- 4.2 Teams must email president@bondlsa.com with the following information
- 4.2.1 The names of Team Members;
 - 4.2.2 Relevant degree/s for each Team Member;
 - 4.2.3 Contact details for each Team Member; and,
 - 4.2.4 The team must appoint one individual (the **Team Representative**) to send and receive all communication to and from the LSA.
- 4.3 If another entry method is provided at the discretion of the President of the LSA, the above -mentioned information is to be provided through those means.
- 4.4 Teams are deemed to be registered when the Team Representative receives a response or confirmation from an Executive Member of the LSA.
- 4.5 In the event that a team member is unable to compete, the Team Representative may notify the LSA President with a replacement team member.
- 4.4.1 This request must be made before the Launch Night. The addition of the replacement team member is subject to the discretion of the President.

- 4.4.2 In the event that a Team Member withdraws after Launch Night a team may continue as a team of three (3) at the approval of the President.
- 4.6 Entrants may sign up as individuals, pairs or as a team of three. They will be combined to form a full team of four (4) at the discretion of the LSA.
- 4.7 At the discretion of the President, Teams may consist of less than four (4) Entrants.
- 4.8 At the discretion of the President, the Competitions Director may receive communications or authorise any actions to be completed by an Executive Member of the LSA or the President under this section 4.

5. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 5.1 Teams must choose an issue in legal education to solve. At the absolute discretion of the LSA President or Competitions Director, teams may solve an issue outside of legal education. There are limited circumstances in which they will do so.
- 5.2 Teams will be required to attend the Launch Night
 - 5.1.1 The Launch Night will be held at least 7 days before the Grand Final
 - 5.1.2 The Launch Night will commence with a keynote speech
 - 5.1.3 Following the keynote speech, teams will disperse to begin identifying problems in legal education and ideating solutions
 - 5.1.4 At the LSA's absolute discretion, teams will be assigned sponsor corporations who will provide mentors to aid in ideating and pitching. If appointed, teams will be able to work with the mentors on the Launch Night and contact their mentor via email.
- 5.3 Teams will be required to pitch in a preliminary round if there are more than two (2) teams competing
 - 5.2.1 Teams will be required to prepare their pitch and present it to at least two (2) Judges.
- 5.4 At the LSA's discretion, teams will be required to compete in an additional finals round before the Grand Final
 - 5.3.1 Teams may be required to participate in a Semi Final round, consisting of 4 teams. The semi finals will be conducted in the manner described in section 6.
- 5.5 The two (2) highest scoring teams from the previous round will compete in the Grand Final Rounds

6. CONDUCT OF ROUNDS

- 6.1 Teams will be given fifteen (15) minutes to present their pitch.
- 6.2 The pitch will be an oral presentation with visual aids outlining the issue and solution. The specific criteria are outlined in the scoring sheet at Annex 1.
- 6.3 Teams may use appropriate visual aids. Teams may only use props at the approval of the President. If in doubt, teams should contact the President.
- 6.4 No spectators are permitted in any rounds until the Grand Final. If teams wish to have spectators, it is at the absolute discretion of the Judge(s) to allow them to attend.
- 6.5 At the discretion of the President, the Competitions Director may receive communications or authorise any actions to be completed by the President under this section 6.

7. JUDGING AND SCORING

- 7.1 Judges will be appropriately experienced in judging legal competitions.
- 7.2 Grand Final judges will be appropriately qualified academics, legal professionals and/or have experience in legal or other technology.
- 7.3 Teams will be scored based on the criteria in Annex 1.
- 7.4 Teams will have one point deducted for every 30 seconds they exceed the 15 minute time limit

8. RESEARCH AND PREPARATION

- 8.1 Teams must not gain outside assistance further than that provided by their assigned mentors (if applicable).
- 8.2 Gaining any assistance from people other than Team Members (or mentors) will constitute cheating and the Team may be disqualified.
- 8.3 For clarity, teams may seek opinions on their pitch, however, they may not rely upon ideas provided to them by people other than Team Members.
- 8.4 Teams may seek permission to gain outside assistance which may be granted by the President, having regard to the fairness of the competition.
- 8.5 Teams may not plagiarise ideas, particularly those presented in other similar competitions. Teams found to have substantially duplicated an idea will be disqualified.
- 8.6 At the discretion of the President, the Competitions Director may receive communications or authorise any actions to be completed by an Executive Member of the LSA or the President under this section 8.

9. SCORESHEETS AND AWARDS

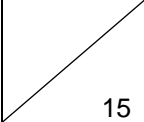
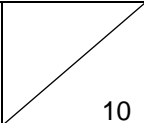
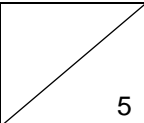
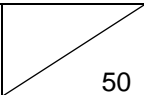
- 9.1 Teams may not access their scoresheets. They may receive feedback from Judges orally.
- 9.2 The team with the highest score in the Grand Final will be the Winning Team
- 9.3 The other team will be the Runner-Up Team.
- 9.4 At the discretion of the Judges, an individual Team Member from the Grand Final may be awarded Best Oralist for excellence in their pitching.

10. APPEALS

- 10.1 Teams may not appeal their elimination except for in extenuating circumstances. The nature of the competition means that Judges may be subjective in judging the quality of an issue or idea.
- 10.2 Teams cannot appeal on the basis that the Judge preferred one idea over another. They may only appeal on the basis of scoring, after clarification has been sought.
- 10.3 Teams may appeal their disqualification from the competition. This must be made in writing to the President, detailing the reasons why they should not have been disqualified and the remedy sought.
- 10.4 Appeals will be handled by at least four (4) Committee Members of the LSA (the **Subcommittee**), who will vote based upon a simple majority. It is at the absolute discretion of the LSA whether to provide written reasons.
- 10.5 It is within the power of the Subcommittee to adjust the scores as appropriate, require the team to present their pitch again or take any measures appropriate to remedy the situation.
- 10.6 At the discretion of the President, the Competitions Director may receive communications or authorise any actions to be completed by an Executive Member of the LSA or the President under this section 10.

ANNEX 1

HACKATHON JUDGING CRITERIA	
Team Name:	
Members:	
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2.	4.
Round:	Preliminary/Semi/Grand Final (Please circle)
Date:	
Judges:	
CRITERIA	SCORE
Legal Education Issue <i>(Relevance and significance of the issue; demonstration of careful thought and knowledge)</i>	5
COMMENTS:	
Creativity/Innovation <i>(Uniqueness of idea;</i>	10
COMMENTS:	
Practicability <i>(Whether the idea can be brought to life; whether currently technologies are capable of supporting the solution)</i>	5
COMMENTS:	

Pitching Skills <i>(Clear communication; aesthetic presentation; efficacy in reflecting the innovative ideas)</i>	 15
COMMENTS:	
Suitability <i>(Does the solution solve the problem? Is there a better way to solve it?)</i>	 10
COMMENTS:	
Questions from the Judges <i>(Does the team handle the questioning well? Are they able to assist the judges in understanding?)</i>	 5
COMMENTS:	
TOTAL	 50
GENERAL NOTES:	