

American Bar Association  
Law Student Division  
Arbitration Competition  
**Summary of Rule Changes**

**Rule 8.: Competition Procedures**

**Part B: Time**

The time for each team to present its case has been increased to 60 minutes. Rule 8.B. now reads as follows:

Each team will have 60 minutes to present its case during a hearing. The time limit will be strictly enforced, although not all the time has to be used.

**Appendix C: Instructions for Arbitration Judges**

**Part 6: Format of Round**

The Format of the Round has been revised to provide 60 minutes for each team to present its case. Appendix C, Part 6: Format of Round now reads as follows:

The round will last for 165 minutes:

- 130 minutes for the hearing (60 minutes for each side to present its case plus a 10-minute break before summation),
- 15 minutes for the judges to independently complete their Evaluation Forms and Comment Sheets with the teams, coaches, and observers out of the room, and
- 20 minutes of judges' feedback and critique with both teams in the room as the same time (with the Panel giving each team about 10 minutes of feedback).

Teams may use their 60 minutes in any way they wish and are responsible for keeping track of their own time; however, the Arbitration Chair should make sure that teams do not exceed their 60 minutes. One Panel Member should be appointed Timekeeper.

**Rule 9. Scoring**

Rule 9 on Scoring has been altered to add "Margin of victory" before "Random coin toss".

Rule 9 now reads as follows:

Teams are ranked as follows:

1. Win/loss record (this number will be 0, 1, or 2);
2. Number of judges' votes (this number will be between 0 and 6);
3. Overall team score/points;
4. Previous head-to-head competition (To easily record the head-to-head team comparison, the Competition Administrator should use the team pairing schedule and highlight the winning team from each room.);
5. Strength of schedule, based on number of ballots won by opponent;
6. Margin of victory
7. Random coin toss.