1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The National IHL Role Play Competition
The Singaporean Red Cross (SRC) organises the National IHL Role Play Competition with support of the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) and other institutions, where appropriate.

Principles and Values
The SRC organises the Competition based on the following principles and values:

• The fair and impartial character of the Competition;
• The respect for participants and their diversity, without any discrimination related to, inter alia, their sex, colour, language, political or other opinions, social origin, physical appearance, health status, disability, sexual orientation or identity, age, membership or non-membership, real or supposed, to a specific ethnic group, a nation, a race or a religion;
• The neutrality of the SRC on controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature;
• The promotion of a learning environment in which all participants can learn and compete in a safe and respectful way.

Conditions of application
A team consists of three students representing a university or a comparable educational institution (e.g. college, other educational institutions). Conditions for application require the three participants, at the time the application is submitted, to:

a. Be all registered in the represented institution;
b. Be enrolled in, or have already completed, a school leaving certificate or its equivalent;
c. Be below 25 years of age.
2. SELECTION OF THE TEAMS

Application Process
In order to apply, each applicant team must send the duly completed application file, available on the website of the Competition to srca.ihl@redcross.sg before 5pm on the 24th August 2018.

The file includes a certificate signed by a representative of the institution (e.g. dean or program director) authorising the members of the team to participate in the Competition. Each institution can submit only one application (in other words, only one team) to the 2018 Competition.

By sending the application form and documentation required in the context of the application and selection processes, applicants:
• Allow the SRC to use the name and photo of the participants on their website and on documents related to the Competition;
• Commit themselves to respect these Regulations and to take part in the Competition in compliance with its principles and values;
• Waive all claims, including judicial ones, against the SRC and the Competition with regard to the application and selection processes, all aspects of the organization of the Competition, the proceedings during the Competition, and the interpretation and application of these Regulations.

Selection process
The SRC selects the application files on the basis of their quality and, with similar quality of the files, seeks to ensure and enhance diversity of candidates and types of represented institutions.

Modification of the composition of the teams
As of the closing date for applications, the three team members cannot be substituted except by express agreement of the SRC. Substitutions are allowed in exceptional cases, mainly for health reasons justified by a medical certificate. All requests for replacement must be sent as soon as possible to the administration of the Competition (scra.ihl@redcross.sg) with the supporting material.

3. HOLDING OF THE COMPETITION

Assessment criteria of the teams
The Competition focuses on the practice of international humanitarian law (IHL). Other factors are, however, also taken into consideration. Teams are evaluated on the following criteria:
a. Primarily: their knowledge of IHL and capacity to use it (conceptualise and analyse information available to determine critical elements which directly relate to the implementation of IHL);
b. Knowledge of public international law, and in particular all relevant branches of international law applicable during armed conflicts;
c. Demonstrated understanding of the simulations, including the capacity to position oneself within the given scenarios and to grasp the ‘big picture’ and differentiate it from minor issues; the capacity to identify the strategic issues, opportunities and risks; the ability to understand the complexities of the events and the assigned roles during the various simulations; the demonstrated understanding of the political dynamics while maintaining the IHL focus; the use of the given information without inventing new facts;

d. Demonstrated respect for the work, cultures and opinions of the other teams (evidence of a genuine interest in understanding the positions and arguments of the other teams; acceptance of the diversity of other participants’ and organisers’ profiles; respect for the humanitarian space and the neutrality in which the Competition is organised);

e. Team work (respect for co-team members, balanced participation, complementarity, cooperation, support and strengthening of each other’s contributions);

f. Commitment (towards the Competition, the simulation and, when appropriate in a simulation, vis-à-vis the spirit of IHL);

g. Ability to argue (persuasiveness in presenting arguments, use of the law in creative and innovative ways, appropriate combination of rational analysis with emotion and passion);

h. Ability to listen to others (within and outside of the team); and

i. Oral communication skills (including the ability to be convincing, articulate, logical; the ability to convey feelings when appropriate in simulations; having the capacity to communicate across cultures; ability to translate complex issues and ideas into understandable concepts).

Schedule
The rounds take place according to schedules given to the participants during the Competition.

Preparatory Documents
The general framework for the case study is sent by email to the participants. Additional factual and legal elements will be provided to the participants during the Competition. During the weeks prior to the Competition, teams will receive training documents.

Singapore Red Cross Award
The best teams from each round are selected to compete in a semi-final round. The best teams from the semi-final round are selected to appear in the Competition-wide final round. The jury awards the Singapore Red Cross Award to the winner of the Competition-wide final round. The number of teams participating in the semi-final of and the Competition-wide final round is within the sole discretion of the SRC. The overall winner of the Competition-wide final will then be put forward to participate in the Regional IHL Role Play Competition in Kuala Lumpur.