

Affinity Group Team Selection Process

Qualification for team participation in a certain external competition requires an individual's membership in the NUSL recognized Affinity group and good standing as determined by the group and OSD. Teams must first indicate their desire to compete when the call for teams is put forth by the Affinity group. The potential teams will then be communicated to OSD for further oversight and approval of the Affinity group's team selection processes.

It is the responsibility of the Affinity group to draft a team selection process to be employed in the event of multiple teams wishing to be put forth. This selection process must then be legitimized by OSD. **Below is an example of an existing Affinity group's team selection procedure.**

- 1) Each prospective team will review the competition's legal issue and prepare the argument section only of a written brief. Legal issues and details of the brief requirement will be sent via e-mail to all prospective teams that have indicated interest responsive to the Affinity Group call for teams. Each student on the prospective team will be required to write a portion of the brief.
- 2) Each prospective team must file their written brief by e-mail within four (4) days. Briefs should also be hand-delivered to the Affinity group competition coach, and each individual prospective team member must sign an affidavit indicating that he or she did not consult any prohibited sources, a list of which will be included with the e-mailed instructions.
- 3) Each prospective team must sign up for an oral argument time; all oral arguments will be heard the week after the brief is submitted. Oral argument sign-up should be made available by the Affinity group or its competition coach. Sign up should be completed the same week that written briefs are submitted.
- 4) Each prospective team is to prepare a 10-minute oral argument inclusive of the competition issues and questions. Teams will not be arguing against one another, but should be prepared to respond to questions posed by the competition coach and to argue for both sides of the case.
- 5) Prospective teams must appear promptly at the time they have selected for oral argument. Tardiness or failure to appear will result in disqualification.
- 6) Written briefs will be evaluated by the competition coach. Oral arguments will be evaluated by the coach and members of the previous team sent by the Affinity group to the particular competition.
- 7) Notification of the final decision regarding team selection will be sent via e-mail during the week following oral arguments.

This process is intended to serve as an example and guide to Affinity groups in the process of drafting Team Selection criteria. It is each Affinity group's responsibility to create a legitimate Team Selection process that reflects the Affinity group and its mission as well as the nature of the particular competition for approval by OSD.