

## Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada

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### Re: Registration – 2017 Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada

We are pleased to announce that registration for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada (HACC) is now open! Last year's event was another tremendous success and we are looking forward to following it up with an even more fulfilling experience in 2017.

This year's competition will consist of 32 teams and take place on November 12 and 13, 2017. A **registration fee of \$450.00** will be required per team. The competition will be scheduled as follows:

- **Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Round Robin at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, 78 Queens Park, Toronto, ON.
  - Lunch and refreshments are included.
- **Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Playoff Rounds at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel (1 Harbour Square, Toronto, ON) as part of the PrimeTime Sports and Management Conference and Trade Show.
  - Lunch and refreshments are included.

We are thrilled to be maintaining our association with PrimeTime Sports and Entertainment. Registration for this year's competition will include admission to Day 1 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PrimeTime Sports Management Conference and Trade Show, occurring on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Registration also includes an invitation to PrimeTime's Welcome reception, which is sponsored by the Business of Hockey Institute, on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel from 7-9pm. In addition, all registered competitors are offered an optional discounted Day 2 of the conference for \$225 (a saving of \$50 on top of student pricing).

*If you would like to register for Day 2 of the Conference, at the exclusive HACC discounted rate, please contact Patrice Whiffen at 519-868-2399 or [patricewhiffen@primetimesport.ca](mailto:patricewhiffen@primetimesport.ca).*

For more information about the PrimeTime Sports Management Conference and Trade Show, please visit <http://www.primetimesport.ca/>, or visit them on social media @PrimeTimeSE.

### HACC REGISTRATION

We kindly ask that you circulate this invitation and information amongst your appropriate student body. Each Canadian law school is guaranteed at least one (1) team subject to timely registration. We will require that each school submit their requested number of teams by email to [steering@thehacc.ca](mailto:steering@thehacc.ca) by **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. We will respond by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 with your school's allocated number of teams, whereby a **\$225 non-refundable deposit (per team)** will become due by **August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to guarantee that team's position in the competition. The remaining \$225 will be due **September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**. A receipt and accompanying certification of each team's

participation will be available upon request for those who apply for reimbursement from their respective schools.

*Please refer to Appendix A for more information.*

You can visit our website, <http://www.thehacc.ca/>, and please do not hesitate to reach us by email at [steering@thehacc.ca](mailto:steering@thehacc.ca) if you have any further questions or require any clarifications.

We look forward to welcoming you to Toronto and thank you in advance for helping make HACC Canada's preeminent sports moot competition.

Sincerely,

Carl Dahlen and Jeremy Ungerman-Sears  
Directors, 2017 Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada

## Appendix A

- The **2017 Official Rules** and other information will be released on our website as they become available.
- You can find information about the PrimeTime Sports Management Conference on their website, <http://www.primetimesport.ca/>.
- Any Canadian or American law school is permitted to compete in the competition. Only Canadian law schools are guaranteed a minimum of one (1) team if requested by the **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017** deadline.
- There will be a maximum of 32 teams; each team consisting of two law students.
- We ask that schools limit requests to a maximum of three (3) teams and if submitting a request with more than one team that they rank their teams. It is up to each school to decide how to rank their respective teams. This does not guarantee that all requested teams will obtain a position in the competition. Only one (1) team per Canadian school will be guaranteed a position. The remaining positions will be filled first by allocating positions to schools (U.S.) that have not already been guaranteed a position, followed by an allocation to any teams ranked second in their school's request. Any remaining positions will finally be filled by any third ranked teams. If there are more schools with second ranked teams than there are positions remaining, we will perform a lottery to fill the remaining positions with the second ranked teams. The same will occur for situations concerning third ranked teams. Any teams not allocated a position will be placed on the waitlist. The waitlist will also be established by lottery with second ranked teams being placed first, followed by third ranked teams.
- The competition is open to 2L, 3L and 4L's (i.e. JD/MBA students) only.
- The registration fee is **\$450.00 CAD** per team. This fee covers the cost of the venue, catering, entrance to Day 1 of the PrimeTime Sports Management Conference, printing, and all other operational costs.
- All accommodations and transportation are the responsibility of the competitors.
- The competition will consist of three NHL test cases. Each case represents an NHL player who is eligible for salary arbitration during the 2017 off-season. The test cases will be chosen with the assistance of counsel for the NHL and other industry professionals.
- Each team will be assigned to either the player's side or the club's side in advance. The player side's task is to argue that the player is worth at least one dollar above the midpoint figure. The club side's task is to argue that the player is worth at least one dollar below the midpoint figure. *See Article 15 of the 2017 Official Rules for a guide to NHL/HACC salary arbitration.*
- Each team is required to write a brief for each test case – no longer than eight (8) pages – and prepare an oral argument for their respective sides.
- The briefs are required to be submitted electronically for grading at a date **TBD** prior to the competition, while the oral arguments will be given live in front of a guest arbitrator.
- Guest arbitrators will range from professors and arbitration experts to lawyers with extensive experience in NHL salary arbitration.
- The procedure for the hearings will resemble an actual NHL salary arbitration and will be governed according to *Article 7 of the 2017 Official Rules*.