

H A R V A R D L A W R E V I E W

FAQs REGARDING WRITING COMPETITION POLICY ON AI USE

Policy Requirements and Prohibitions:

- **Q:** Do I need to remain connected to the internet for the entire length of the Competition?
 - **A:** No. You must be connected to the internet to open the provided sources, type up your Case Comment, and add comments proposing edits to the Subcite document. But you will not be penalized for disconnecting from the internet. Because these tasks constitute the core activities of the Competition, however, this means Competitors will require internet access for most of the week.
- **Q:** Is there anything I can work on if I am offline?
 - **A:** While offline, you will be able to review any documents you have already opened in your browser, brainstorm ideas, and take hand-written notes—which are in no way prohibited—to inform your work when you reconnect to the internet. For example, you could open the Subcite document, review it while offline, write down errors you spot, and then later add comments suggesting corrections to those errors when you are able to reconnect to the internet.
- **Q:** If I am traveling and need to connect to a paid wireless hotspot, will *HLR* provide any reimbursement for this expense?
 - **A:** Yes. You will have the opportunity to request reimbursement for up to \$50 of expenses for accessing wireless hotspots following the conclusion of the Competition. At that time, an email will be sent to all Competitors with instructions for submitting proof of purchase (e.g., receipt, screenshot of transaction confirmation, etc.).
- **Q:** Am I allowed to draft my Case Comment and Subcite materials offline?
 - **A:** Yes, to a certain extent. Competitors may use local Word Documents, Notes Apps, or hard copy paper to brainstorm and begin writing out their materials. However, only the Case Comment and Subcite document shared with you at the start of the Competition will be reviewed as part of the Competition grading process. Additionally, keep in mind that copying and pasting into the Case Comment and Subcite documents is strictly prohibited. Should you begin typing material up locally on your computer, you must transcribe it by hand back into the Case Comment and Subcite documents or else risk disqualification. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification.
- **Q:** Am I allowed to copy and paste within the Case Comment and Subcite materials themselves?
 - **A:** Yes, this is not prohibited. As students edit their materials, they may wish to move sentences and paragraphs around within their Case Comment. This is an acceptable use of copying and pasting. Similarly, if a Competitor notices several of the same error type in the Subcite and wishes to re-use an error description they had already typed up, this too would also be an acceptable use of copying and pasting. Competitors are permitted to open the same document up in two different windows so they can review two different sections of the Case Comment

or Subcite side-by-side. The prohibition on copying and pasting is focused on pasting in materials from outside the Case Comment and Subcite documents.

Accommodations:

- **Q:** How does the policy impact me if I have a disability that requires an accommodation that would otherwise be prohibited by the terms of the Competition Policy on AI Use?
 - **A:** The Competition Policy on AI Use will be enforced to the fullest extent feasible in every situation. However, where a student has an approved disability accommodations request that requires access to, for example, an offline or printed copy of the Competition materials, that approved accommodation will supersede the relevant portion of the Competition Policy on AI Use. To be clear, however, the use of generative AI tools will remain prohibited for all Competitors—including those with a disability accommodation. More information about *HLR*'s accommodations policies and procedures is available [here](#) on the Writing Competition website. If a student believes they qualify for an accommodation, they may use the following forms to submit their request. To receive a decision before the beginning of the Competition, please submit your request by Friday, April 24:
 - [Disability Accommodations Form](#)
 - [General Religious Accommodations Form](#)
 - [Shabbat Accommodations Form](#)
 - [Shabbat & Shavuot Accommodations Form](#)
- **Q:** Given the timing of when the Competition Policy on AI Use was announced, I do not expect to have time to see a medical provider before the Friday, April 24 deadline for submitting an accommodations request. What are my options?
 - **A:** Students are encouraged to submit accommodations requests as soon as they have all of their documentation ready, even if that means submitting after the Friday, April 24 deadline. To the best of its ability, *HLR* will continue to review accommodations requests submitted after Friday, April 24. Accommodations requests submitted after Friday, April 24 may not result in a decision until after the Competition starts. If that occurs, the accommodation will be provided, but the time elapsed prior to that will remain elapsed.
- **Q:** If my disability accommodation requires that I have access to a printed copy of the Competition materials, how will that work?
 - **A:** Once you are notified of your approved disability accommodation request, the *HLR* team will coordinate with you to deliver a paper copy of the Competition materials to you ahead of the Competition. To ensure Competition fairness, however, safeguards will be utilized to ensure that you are not able to begin reviewing these printed Competition materials until the Competition begins.
- **Q:** If I am traveling and expect I will not have internet access, will *HLR* provide any accommodation for this?
 - **A:** Unfortunately not. Accommodations are only available for those students with an approved disability or religious accommodations request.