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**U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 1.0 ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION**

**1.1 Obligation to Host; Conditional Status Preferences and Penalties**

Each school is obligated to host a Regional Competition at least once every twelve years it participates in the Competition. This obligation entails the provision of facilities only and does not obligate the host to administer or cater the Regional Competition.

**1.2 Conditional Status**

Regional Host Schools shall not be required to take more than thirty Teams per Region. Regional Host Schools may also fulfill their hosting obligation by securing an off-campus venue. If the number of registered Teams exceeds the number of participation slots available, the Executive Director may disqualify one or more schools that are overdue in their hosting obligation with a refund of participation fees.

The Executive Director may also give lower priority to schools that are overdue in their hosting obligation when assigning Teams to geographically-convenient Regional Competitions.

**1.3 Host Application Procedure**

Applications to Host future Regional Competitions may be submitted, in writing, to the Executive Director at any time.

**1.4 Host School Privileges**

ILSA will waive the participation fee for Teams from schools that host a Regional Competition.

**U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 2.0 PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

**2.1 Registration of Teams**

All participating schools shall register for the Competition by the date indicated for U.S. Teams in the Official Schedule.

**2.2 Withdrawal of Teams from Competition**

**2.2.1 General**

Withdrawal from the Competition after the deadline for submission of Team Rosters indicated in the Official Schedule will result in a 20% forfeiture of the registration fee. Withdrawal from the

Competition after December 31, but before the deadline for submission of Memorials, will result in a 50% forfeiture of the registration fee. Withdrawal from the Competition after the deadline for submission of Memorials will result in forfeiture of the entire registration fee.

### **2.2.2 Late Withdrawal**

If a Team fails to notify the Executive Director of its withdrawal before the deadline for submission of Memorials, the Executive Director may disqualify that Team's school from participating in the following year's Competition.

## **2.3 Selection of Teams**

### **2.3.1 Administration by ILSA Chapter - Right of First Refusal**

Subject to Supplemental Rule 2.3.4, the ILSA Chapter at each school has the first right to administer a Team or tryouts for a Team.

### **2.3.2 Administration by Faculty Advisor**

If the ILSA Chapter does not administer the Team or tryouts, the Chapter may delegate the administration of the Team or tryouts to a faculty member who will be the Jessup Team's Faculty Advisor. In instances where a special Jessup class is established, the Faculty Advisor, or other individual(s) teaching the class, shall not violate the provisions of the Official Rules regarding assistance to teams in the administration of the class.

### **2.3.3 Administration by Moot Court Boards**

The ILSA Chapter may also delegate administration of the Team or tryouts to the school's Moot Court Board or equivalent body.

### **2.3.4 Administration in Absence of ILSA Chapter**

If there is no ILSA Chapter at a school, the administration of the school may appoint a faculty member, Moot Court Board or other equivalent body to administer the Team or tryouts.

### **2.3.5 Open Try-Outs**

All students in good standing must be given an equal opportunity to try out for the Team.

Participation shall not be conditioned upon participation in any other moot court program or competition. Participants may not be selected in any manner that would violate the Official Rules.

## **U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 6.0 MEMORIALS**

### **6.1 Paper Size**

Memorials must be formatted to print on standard letter size paper (8 1/2" x 11").

### **6.2 Submission of Memorials for U.S. Regional Competitions**

Each Team shall email one copy of the Applicant Memorial and one copy of the Respondent Memorial to the Regional Administrator and the ILSA Executive Office before 11:59 p.m. local time, on Monday, January 14, 2008. The Regional Administrator's email address will be indicated on the ILSA website and the email to the ILSA Executive Office should be sent to [jessup@ilsa.org](mailto:jessup@ilsa.org).

## **U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 8.0 REGIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **8.1 Date and Place of Regional Competitions**

There shall be no U.S. National Competition. Teams shall proceed to the International Competition by virtue of advancing to the Championship Round of a Regional Competition. There shall be a number of Regional Competitions determined by the ILSA Executive Director, based upon the number of Teams registered for the Competition. All Regional Competitions shall be held in February, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Director.

### **8.2 Regional Assignments and Pairings**

The Executive Director will assign Teams to Regional Competitions immediately following the deadline for submission of team rosters. The Executive Director will devise the Preliminary Round pairings for each Regional Competition in December.

#### **8.2.1 Notification to Regional Administrators**

The Executive Director will notify Regional Administrators of the Teams in their Regional Competition and the Preliminary Round pairings as soon as practicable.

#### **8.2.2 Notification to Participating Teams**

Regional Administrators shall promptly notify Teams via electronic mail of the following: 1) official pairings for the Preliminary Round; 2) Oral Round times; and 3) Oral Round locations. Regional Administrators shall use the email address listed by the Team on its Registration Form. Each Team is responsible for notifying the Regional Administrator and the Executive Director of any change in their contact information.

### **8.2.3 Distribution of Memorials**

Regional Administrators shall send each team the memorials of their scheduled opponents for the Preliminary Rounds at least two weeks prior to the Regional Competition.

### **8.2.4 Re-Pairing upon Team Withdrawal**

If a Team withdraws after the pairings have been set, the Executive Director will immediately revise the pairings so as to affect the least number of Teams. The Executive Director shall promptly notify the Regional Administrator and all affected Teams, and shall send the Memorials of their new opponents via email to affected Teams.

## **8.3 Representation in International Rounds**

The winner and runner-up of the Regional Competition will each be designated as a United States' National Representative in the International Tournament.

## **U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 11.0 U.S. REGIONAL COMPETITION AWARDS**

### **12.1 U.S. Regional Competition Awards**

The Regional Administrator shall present twelve primary Awards and eleven Honorable Mention Awards based upon individual and Team performance at the Regional Competitions.

### **12.2 Primary Awards**

The primary Awards to be presented are as follows:

- a) Regional Champion;
- b) Regional Runner-Up;
- c) First Place – Oralist;
- d) Second Place – Oralist;
- e) Third Place – Oralist;

- f) Fourth Place – Oralist;
- g) Fifth Place – Oralist;
- h) First Place – Memorial;
- i) Second Place – Memorial;
- j) Third Place – Memorial;
- k) Fourth Place – Memorial;
- l) Fifth Place – Memorial.

Participants winning one of the above awards shall be presented plaques or trophies. The names of the award, the Regional Host, the Region represented, and the Competition itself will appear on each plaque.

### **12.3 Honorable Mention Awards**

Honorable Mention Awards shall be presented as follows:

- a) Sixth Place – Oralist;
- b) Seventh Place – Oralist;
- c) Eighth Place – Oralist;
- d) Ninth Place – Oralist;
- e) Tenth Place – Oralist;
- f) All Teams other than the Champion and Runner-up that compete in the Quarterfinals.

Participants winning an honorable mention award shall be presented plaques or certificates, or some other form of recognition for the above honors. The names of the award, the Regional Host, the Region represented, and the Competition itself shall appear on each award.

### **12.4 Certificates of Participation**

The Regional Administrator shall give personalized Certificates of Participation for each member of each Team.