



# THE 2009 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

## SUMMARY OF JESSUP RULE CHANGES

### Preamble

- The Rules begin with a preamble identifying the goals of the Competition and calling for mutual respect of all those engaged with the competition. *See Preamble to the Official Rules.*

### New Definitions

- The terms “Coach” and “Faculty Advisor” have been consolidated into the single term “Team Advisor”. *See Official Rule 0.0.*
- “Exhibition Team” is a new defined term. *See Official Rule 0.0.*

### National Rules Supplement

- The Rules state that a National Rules Supplement must be adopted if (1) an Administrator intends to introduce additional rules or otherwise modify the Official Rules; (2) the qualifying tournament will have 15 or more teams; or (3) the ILSA Executive Office requests a Supplement. *See Official Rule 1.5.*
- The Rules reaffirm that National Rules Supplements must be submitted to the ILSA Executive Office for approval. *See Official Rule 1.5.*
- The Rules require Administrators to inform teams when an applicable National Rules Supplement has been adopted. The Rules also require the ILSA Executive Office to publish all approved National Rules Supplements. *See Official Rule 1.5.*
- The Rules also establish a procedure for the adoption of additional measures after the adoption of the National Rules Supplement. *See Official Rule 11.4.*

### Jessup Courses

- The Rules clarify that Team Members who are enrolled in a Jessup course may not receive assistance from any other student enrolled in the course who has not been selected for the team. *See Official Rule 2.4.5.*

### Practice Rounds

- The Rules clarify that registered Team Advisors may serve as practice round judges at any time provided they abide by Rule 2.4.3 with respect to the advice that may be given to the Team. *See Official Rule 2.4.6(b).*
- The Rules clarify that individuals who are not registered Team Members or Team Advisors may serve as practice round judges only under the specific circumstances and conditions provided in Rule 2.4.6. *See Official Rule 2.4.6(c).*

### Registration

- The Rules require every individual who contributes to the work product of the Team to register as a Team Member. *See Official Rule 3.3.*
- The Rules require every Team Advisor to be registered. *See Official Rule 3.4.*

### Language of Team

- The Rules allow judges to inquire about the primary language of instruction of the Team. *See Official Rule 5.2.*

### Memorial Penalties

- The Rules impose a five-point penalty for resubmission of a Memorial. *See Official Rules 6.1(e) and 11.1.*
- The Rules impose a five-point penalty on any Memorial including tracked changes or comments. *See Official Rule 6.2.6 and 11.1.*
- The Rules establish a progressive penalty for violating the word count, imposing 3 points per 100 points over, up to a maximum of 15 points. *See Official Rule 11.1.*
- The Rules list the eight different types of Memorial Formatting penalties. A one-time one-point penalty is imposed for each type of violation up to a maximum of 6 points. *See Official Rule 11.1.*

### Team-affiliated Spectators

- The Rules call for Teams and Team-affiliated spectators to avoid disruptive behavior in the court room. *See Official Rule 7.6.2.*
- The Rules make Teams responsible for ensuring that Team-affiliated spectators do not engage in disruptive behavior in the court room. *See Official Rule 7.7.*

### Memorials in Other Language

- Memorials written in a language other than English must be submitted to the ILSA Executive Office in the original language before the Official Deadline for memorial submission. *See Official Rule 6.1.1.*
- Such memorials of advancing teams must be translated and submitted to the ILSA Executive Office along with a translator's certificate three weeks prior to the commencement of the International Preliminary Rounds. *See Official Rule 6.1.1.*

### Electronic Devices and Watches

- The Rules clarify that electronic devices, including computers, mobile phones, and digital watches, may not be used and must be turned off during oral rounds. *See Official Rule 7.11.*
- The Rules clarify that analog wristwatches and stopwatches may be used. The Rules also clarify that the Bailiff's time is the only official time of the match and that no one but the Bailiff may indicate how much time is left. *See Official Rule 7.12.*

### Pleading Option Selection Method

- The Rules provide the following three selection methods for determining pleading method for the Championship Match of Qualifying Tournaments and the Advanced Rounds at the International Tournament: coin toss, die roll, and container draw. *See Official Rules 8.5 and 9.4.*

### Tie Breaking Procedure

- The Rules provide for a new tie-breaking method in the event that teams are tied at the end of preliminary rounds and the tie must be broken to determine whether a team advances. *See Official Rule 10.4.3.*