

The Steering Committee
Renmin University
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**Qualifying Tournament in China for
The 2009 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court
Competition**

NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

This Qualifying Tournament is held in China among teams wishing to participate in the International Tournament in order to choose the top teams that shall be designated as the National Representatives.

This Qualifying Tournament shall be presided over by Renmin University, and the Steering Committee (the Committee) shall take charge of administration.

The oral pleadings shall be held in Xiamen from February 18 to February 20, 2009.

1 Team Composition

In the Qualifying Tournament, each Team shall be composed of two (2) to five (5) student members, who will obtain the certificates endowed by the Chinese Steering Committee. Team selection and eligibility of members shall be governed by the Official Rules of the 2009 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Official Rules).

2 Judge Panels and Eligibility of Judges

Two- or three-judge panels shall be utilized in the Preliminary Rounds, and three-judge panels shall be utilized in the Quarterfinal Rounds, Semifinal Rounds and Championship Round.

Judges will be selected according to the Official Rules.

3 Memorials

3.1 Mailing of Memorials

Hard copies of memorials for the Chinese National Qualifying Tournament must be submitted by Priority Courier or other overnight couriers, postmarked no later than 12 January 2009. Memorials must be typed and submitted on standard international A4 paper (21 x 29 3/4 centimeters), or US letter size paper (8 1/2 by 11 inches).

An electronic copy of the memorials must be emailed to the Chinese National Administrator and the ILSA Executive Office no later than 12 January 2009, 11:59, Beijing time. The hard copy and electronic copy sent to the Chinese National Administrator and ILSA must be exactly the same. The number of hard copies each team shall submit and the mailing address to send to will be specified in December and informed through the national official website (www.jessupchina.org) for the Competition.

Teams shall seal up the Memorials before mailing them to the Committee. To ensure fairness, the seal shall not be broken until the orientation meeting. Memorials shall also be submitted to the presiding panels, and each judge on the panel shall grade the memorials respectively.

3.2 Scoring of Memorials

In the Preliminary Rounds, the calculation of the Total Memorial Raw Score for each Team per Oral Round shall be determined by adding together the scores of the two (2) Memorial judges' scores for the side the Team argued in that respective Oral Round.

There will be therefore a total of four (4) Memorial scores per Team in the Preliminary Rounds, two for Memorials of Applicant when arguing as Applicant and the other two (2) for Memorials of Respondent when arguing as Respondent. The Total Competition Memorial Raw Score is determined by adding all four (4) scores for the Applicant and Respondent Memorials combined.

4 The Oral Pleading Procedure

4.1 Preliminary Rounds

The pairing and the side each team would argue shall be determined by drawing lots.

Each Team shall compete four times in the Preliminary Rounds of the Qualifying Tournament, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

The pairings for the Preliminary Rounds shall be done at an orientation meeting on the day before Qualifying Tournament. After drawing lots, Teams shall be notified immediately of the side it shall argue for. Memorials shall be exchanged immediately upon the notification.

In case those Teams do not appear at the start of the Tournament, the Committee shall have the power to revise the pairings or authorize *ex parte* proceedings.

In the Preliminary Rounds each judge on the panel shall grade the Applicant and Respondent respectively according to their performance, and the calculation of the Total Oral Raw Score for each Team per Round shall be determined by adding the scores of the two (2) oralists of each judge. Therefore, in the Preliminary Rounds there will be a total of four (4) scores per Team, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

The Total Combined Raw Score of a team (Memorial scores and Oral Raw scores) in the four (4) rounds shall be added together as the ranking score.

4.2 Quarterfinal Rounds

The Quarterfinal Rounds shall be held among the eight (8) highest-ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds in order to determine which Teams shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds.

In the Quarterfinal Rounds, each Team argues only once as Applicant or as Respondent to determine the winning Team.

The pairings in the Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds shall be determined by use of "power-seeding," i.e. the highest-ranked Team shall compete against the lowest-ranked Team; the second-highest-ranked Team shall compete against the second-lowest-ranked Team, etc. The higher-ranked Team in each pairing shall have the power to decide the side they would argue for.

4.3 Semifinal Rounds

The Semifinal Rounds consist of two (2) pairings of each of the four (4) Teams that win a match in the Quarterfinal Rounds.

In the Semifinal Rounds, each Team argues only once as Applicant or as Respondent to determine the winning Team.

4.4 Championship Round

The two (2) winning Teams from the Semifinal Rounds advance to the Championship Round.

The side a team would argue for in the Championship Round shall be decided by drawing lots.

The respective presiding panels shall determine the winning Teams of Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Championship Rounds by comparing the performance of the Oralists, as well as the scores of the Memorials of both Teams in each pairing.

4.5 Tie-Breaking Procedure

When two or more Teams are tied in the Preliminary Rounds and any tied Team's qualification for entry into the next rounds of the Tournament is thus affected, the following rules apply:

- (a) If the two (2) tied Teams have faced each other in the Preliminary Rounds, the winner (the team that got higher scores) of that Round shall be ranked higher for purposes of Rankings;
- (b) If the two (2) tied Teams have not faced each other in the Preliminary Rounds, the team winning more rounds shall have priority;
- (c) If the two (2) tied Teams have won the same number of rounds, the raw scores of the opponent teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be taken into account. The team whose opponents scored more in sum in the Preliminary Rounds shall have priority; and
- (d) If none of the methods described hereon settles the tie, the Committee shall exercise the authority to determine the proper method for establishing official rankings, taking into consideration the interests of the Teams and the Competition as a whole.

5 Other Matters

Unless stipulated above, the Official Rules for the 2009 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition shall apply, and the Committee and the National Administrator will jointly take charge of the National Tournament.