

THE 2010 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

SUMMARY OF JESSUP RULE CHANGES

The 2010 Official Rules of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition were approved by ILSA's Board of Directors on August 27, 2009. Since the Board approved several changes, teams are advised to read the 2010 Official Rules completely and carefully. Please do not rely merely on knowledge of last year's Rules or the Summary of Rule Changes below.

Written Permission Requirement

Students in any of the following categories must obtain written permission from the ILSA Executive Office to participate in the Jessup Competition:

- visiting or exchange students
- externs or apprentices (students who are working instead of attending classes)
- individuals who have a graduate degree or post-graduate degree in a legal field
- individuals pursuing a post-graduate degree in a legal field

This Rule no longer requires every student pursuing an LL.M. to obtain permission. Rather, it requires permission only of students who have already received a graduate degree in law (e.g., LL.M., J.D., Canadian LL.B.) or who have already received or are pursuing a post-graduate degree in law (e.g., M.Phil (International Law), Juris Master, Ph.D.)

See Official Rule 2.2.2

Assistance with Memorials

Teams are prohibited from distributing their memorials to anyone who is not a registered Team Advisor before submitting them to the ILSA Executive Office and/or Administrator.

See Official Rule 2.4.6

Judge Feedback

Judges may not reveal the contents of the Bench Memorandum or the scores given to individual oralists in the feedback session after rounds. Judges may also not reveal the outcome of a preliminary round (i.e., who won), but they may reveal the outcome of an advanced round.

See Official Rule 5.6

Memorial Submission Guidelines

In exceptional circumstances and upon approval of the ILSA Executive Director, National Administrators may modify memorial submission guidelines in the following ways:

- establishing a deadline which is earlier, but not later
- requiring teams to submit Memorials to opponent teams
- requiring the submission of paper copies

See Official Rule 6.1(c)

Disqualification Deadline

A Team will be disqualified from the Competition if it does not submit both of its Memorials by the Disqualification Deadline. The Disqualification Deadline for the 2010 Jessup Season is January 26, which is two weeks after the Memorial Submission Deadline. Teams are still subject to late penalties for submitting memorials after the Memorial Submission Deadline.

See Official Rule 6.1.1

Penalty for Failure to Submit Translated Memorials

If a Team submits their Memorials in a language other than English and they advance to the International Rounds, the Team must submit an English translation of its Memorials at least three weeks before the commencement of the International Rounds. If a Team fails to comply with this requirement, it will be disqualified from the Competition.

See Official Rule 6.1.2

Memorial File Format

The ILSA Executive Office will not accept a Memorial that is not in a single file or that is not in Microsoft Word 2003 or Microsoft Word 2007 format. In such cases, teams will be allowed to submit a conforming Memorial, but will be subject to a resubmission penalty.

See Official Rule 6.2.1

Single Font and Font Size

The font and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page but including the footnotes, must be in Times New Roman 12-point.

See Official Rule 6.2.4

Line-Spacing Rules

The text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding certain parts, must be *at least* double-spaced. Teams will not be penalized for breaks between headings and sections that are more than double-spaced.

See Official Rule 6.2.5

Number and Side of Oralists

Oralists may argue different sides (Applicant or Respondent) in different rounds. Exactly two oralists must argue for each team in an Oral Round. If only one oralist appears, the team forfeits the round. The match may proceed with the one oralist and his or her points will count only for the purpose of oralist awards.

See Official Rules 7.1 and 7.4

Electronic Devices in the Courtroom

All electronic devices, including computers and mobile phones, must be turned off and removed from sight as soon as the bailiff first enters the courtroom and must remain off until the end of the round.

See Official Rule 7.11

Rankings and Tie Breaking

A draw (tied match) will be treated as lower than a win but higher than a loss for purposes of team rankings. The Rules provide for new methods of how ties will be broken if two teams have an equal number of wins, draws, raw points, and round points.

See Official Rules 10.4.2 and 10.4.3

Memorial Formatting Violations

The following types of memorial formatting violations are identified in the Rules:

- incorrect font
- incorrect font-size
- improper line spacing
- improper block quote
- endnotes instead of footnotes

Teams will be penalized one point per type of violation up to a maximum of five points.

See Official Rule 11.1(e)

Plagiarism

The Rules have a new section addressing plagiarism, which does all of the following:

- defines plagiarism
- prohibits plagiarism
- requires Administrators to impose a penalty in a verified case of plagiarism
- requires Administrators to refer all allegations of plagiarism to the Executive Director
- authorizes the Executive Director to disqualify the team and notify the team's Dean

See Official Rule 11.1.1