



**UNITED STATES NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT  
TO THE  
OFFICIAL RULES  
OF THE  
2010 PHILIP C. JESSUP  
INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**



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## **1.0 ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION**

### **1.1 Obligation to Host**

Schools that regularly participate in the Jessup Competition may be asked to host a Regional Competition. Hosting entails the provision of facilities only and does not obligate the host to administer the Regional Competition.

Regional Host Schools shall not be required to host more than thirty Teams per Region. Regional Host Schools may also fulfill their hosting obligation by securing an off-campus venue.

If a school declines to host when asked by ILSA and the school has not hosted a Regional Competition in the last twelve years, such school's participation in future years may be refused and/or such school may be given last priority when assigning Teams to geographically-convenient Regional Competitions.

### **1.2 Host Application Procedure**

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

### **1.3 Host School Privileges**

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

## **2.0 PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

### **2.1 Registration of Teams**

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

### **2.2 Withdrawal of Teams from Competition**

#### **2.2.1 General**

Withdrawal from the Competition after December 15, 2009 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. Refunds will only be given upon request.

#### **2.2.2 Late Withdrawal**

If a Team fails to notify the ILSA Executive Director of its withdrawal before the deadline for

submission of Memorials, the ILSA 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**

The ILSA Chapter at each school has the first right to administer a Team or tryouts for a Team. An ILSA Chapter that wishes to take over responsibility for administering a Team or organizing the tryouts for a Team must notify the ILSA Executive Office of its intent to exercise such right by the last day of the month in which registration begins for the Jessup season.

### **2.3.2 Delegation of Administration by ILSA Chapter**

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 or to the school's Moot Court Board or equivalent body. 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 Official Rule 2.4.5 regarding assistance to teams in the administration of the class.

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

If there is no ILSA Chapter at a school or the ILSA Chapter at a school has not delegated responsibility for administering the Team or tryouts, the administration of the school may appoint a faculty member, Moot Court Board or other equivalent body to administer the Team or tryouts.

## **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 ILSA Executive Office, at [jessup@ilsa.org](mailto:jessup@ilsa.org), in a single email message, before 11:59 p.m., university's local time, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. If one of the Memorials will be submitted late, a Team may separately send the timely Memorial before the deadline without penalty. There is no requirement to email the Memorials to your Regional Administrator or to your opponents. There is also no requirement to submit paper copies of your memorials.

#### **6.2.1 Disqualification Deadline**

Unless otherwise agreed in advance and in writing by the ILSA Executive Office, a Team will be disqualified from the Competition if it does not submit both of its Applicant and Respondent Memorials by 11:59pm, university's local time, on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

## **8.0 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES**

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

There shall be no U.S. National Competition. In each region, the two Teams that win the semi-final rounds shall proceed to the International Tournament. 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 ILSA Executive Director.

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

The ILSA Executive Director will assign Teams to Regional Competitions as soon as practicable after the deadline for U.S. team registration. The ILSA Executive Director will devise the Preliminary Rounds pairings for each Regional Competition as soon as practicable after the deadline for submission of Memorials.

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

The ILSA Executive Director will notify Regional Administrators of the Teams in their Regional Competition and the Preliminary Rounds 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 Rounds; 2) Oral Round times; and 3) Oral Round locations. Regional Administrators shall use the email address of the Official Team Contact provided by the Team on its Registration Form. Each Team is responsible for notifying the Regional Administrator and the ILSA 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 from the Competition after the pairings have been set, the ILSA Executive Director will immediately revise the pairings so as to affect the least number of Teams. The ILSA 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.

#### **8.2.5 Pleading Option**

In the Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds, the higher-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds shall have the right to choose which side it will argue. This right is called the "pleading option." The

Team with the pleading option has ten (10) minutes to select which side it wishes to plead. If that Team fails to select, then the opposing Team has five (5) minutes to select a side. If the opposing Team then fails to exercise its pleading option within a five (5) minute period, it also shall forfeit its pleading option. Should both Teams fail to select, then the higher-ranked Team will argue Applicant and the lower-ranked Team will argue Respondent.

### **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.

## **12.0 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 Competition.

### **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 name 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 name of the award, the Regional Host, the Region represented, and the Competition itself shall appear on each award.

#### **12.4 Certificates of Participation**

The ILSA Executive Office or Regional Administrator shall give personalized Certificates of Participation to each member of each Team.