

The Steering Committee  
Renmin University  
January 8, 2011

**Qualifying Tournament in China for**  
**The 2011 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 Shandong University from February 21 to February 25, 2011.

**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.

**2 Judge Panels and Eligibility of Judges**

In the preliminary rounds of competition, the panels will be formed with two or three judges, but the three-judge to seven-judge panels shall be utilized in the Quarterfinal Rounds, Semifinal Rounds and the Championship Round depending upon the number of the judges available.

Judges will be selected according to the Official Rules of the 2011 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Official Rules).

**3 Memorials**

**3.1 Mailing of Memorials**

Memorials for the Chinese National Qualifying Tournament must be submitted by Priority Courier or other overnight couriers, postmarked no later than Friday, January 14, 2011. Each participating Team, including the host school, shall courier twelve (12) hard copies of the Applicant memorial and twelve (12) hard copies of the Respondent memorial, to the Chinese National Administrator (the Steering Committee).

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.

According to Official Rules 6.1, each participating Chinese Team shall also mail one (1) copy of the Applicant memorial and one (1) copy of the Respondent memorial in electronic form to the Executive Director, International Law Students Association, no later than January 11, 2011.

### **3.2 Format of Memorials**

Memorials must be typed and submitted on US letter size paper (8 1/2 by 11 inches). The font and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, including the footnotes, must be the same and must be in either Times New Roman 12-point. The text of all parts of each Memorial must be double-spaced, except that the text of footnotes and headings may be single-spaced, but there must be double-spacing between separate footnotes, and between each heading and the body-text of the Memorial. Quotations to sources outside of the Memorial of 50 words or more in any part of the Memorial may be block quoted (i.e. right and left indented) and may be single-spaced.

The Official Rules for the 2011 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition about description, length, limitations on the use of footnotes/endnotes, margins, covers of memorials shall apply.

### **3.3 Scoring of Memorials**

In the Preliminary Rounds, the calculation of the Total Memorial Raw Score for each Team shall be determined by adding together the scores of the three (3) Memorial judges' scores for its Applicant and Respondent Memorials.

There will be therefore a total of six (6) Memorial scores per Team in the Preliminary Rounds, three (3) for Memorials of Applicant when the team arguing as Applicant and the other three (3) for Memorials of Respondent when arguing as Respondent. The Total Competition Memorial Raw Score is determined by adding all six (6) scores for the Applicant and Respondent Memorials combined. This score shall be used to determine Best Memorial Awards.

## **4 The Oral Pleading Procedure**

### **4.1 Preliminary Rounds**

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 and both teams shall be granted a reasonable time for preparation. Memorials shall be exchanged immediately upon the notification.

In case that Team 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 three (3) judges for each team. Therefore, in the Preliminary Rounds there will be a total of twelve (12) scores per Team, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

The raw scores of a team (both 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.

In such Quarterfinal Rounds, the pairing shall be settled in accordance with Official Rules 8.2. And 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”.

#### **4.3 Semifinal Rounds**

The Semifinal Rounds shall be held among the four (4) winning Teams from the Quarterfinal Rounds in order to determine which Teams shall advance to the Championship Round.

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

In such Semifinal Rounds the pairing shall be settled according to Official Rules 8.3.

The side a team will argue for in the Semifinal Rounds shall be decided by “pleading option”.

#### **4.4 Championship Round**

In order to upgrade national competitive competence, there will be a Championship Round between the top two Teams from the Semifinal Rounds.

The Championship Round shall be conducted in accordance with Official Rule 8.4

The side a team would argue for in the Championship Round shall be decided by “Tossing a Coin” according to Official Rules 8.5.

The winners in the Quarterfinal Rounds, Semifinal Rounds and the Championship Round shall be determined by the scores of oral pleadings only.

#### **4.5 Selection of Chinese National Representatives to the 2011 Jessup International Rounds**

In accordance with the Official Rules, 5 Chinese teams will be selected to attend the International Round in Washington D.C. The Chinese National Representatives will be selected as follows:

The four (4) teams that compete in the Semifinal Rounds will attend the International Rounds. The identity of the 5<sup>th</sup> Chinese Representative to the International Rounds will be determined by a match held between the two eliminated Quarterfinal teams with the highest preliminary round rankings. This subsequent match will be held concurrently with the Semifinal Rounds. The winner of this subsequent match will not advance to the Championship Round.

#### **4.6 Tie-Breaking Procedure**

When two or more Teams are tied in the Preliminary Rounds and (a) 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 may 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 two rounds shall have priority over the team only winning one round;
- (c) If the two (2) tied Teams have both won two rounds or one round, the raw scores of the

- opponent teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be taken into account. The team, the opponent teams of which scored more in sum, shall have precedence; 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 Clarifications of the Competition Problem or Rules**

The Chinese National Rules Supplement has been promulgated by the Chinese Steering Committee with the approval of the Executive Director. This Rules Supplement is intended to facilitate the proceeding of the Chinese National Division Qualifying Tournament. The Rules Supplement completes, and wherever necessary, replaces the Official Rules.

The 2011 Chinese National Division Timetable, which will be announced in February, 2011, is deemed to be an integral part of the Rules Supplement. The dates appearing in the Chinese National Division Timetable replace the dates appearing in the Official Rules.

The Committee shall serve as the final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of the National Rules Supplement.

Teams may submit written requests for clarifications of the National Qualifying Tournament Problems or these Rules. Requests for such Clarifications must be received by the Committee before January 1, 2011. Teams may submit requests for clarifications by email. The address is: [jessupchina@126.com](mailto:jessupchina@126.com).

All clarifications to legitimate requests will be summarized and posted on January 15, 2011.

## **6 Other Matters**

Unless stipulated above, the Official Rules for the 2011 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition shall apply, and the Committee and the National Administrator will jointly take charge of National Tournament.

In case of unpredictable events that would happen during the course of Tournament, the Committee shall proceed at his discretion for the interests of all the Teams and the Tournament.