

The 2012 Official Rules of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition were approved by ILSA's Board of Directors on August 24, 2011. Since the Board approved several significant changes, teams are advised to read the 2012 Official Rules completely and carefully. Please do not rely merely on knowledge of last year's Rules or the Summary of Rule Changes below as this only highlights the major changes but does not include minor changes to Rule language.

1. **Rule 2.2.1 (b) – Student eligibility determined at time of registration or competition.** Student eligibility will be based on current enrollment at the time of registration, the Regional or National Rounds the student would participate in, or the international rounds.
2. **Rule 2.2.1 (d) – Prior judges are now ineligible to compete.** Any individual who has participated as a judge at any time, either of memorials or in any oral round, may not subsequently compete.
3. **Rule 2.3.1 (a) and (b) – Use of current year's *Compromis* in intramural competitions.** Generally, use of the current year's *compromis* is not allowed. Schools that wish to do so must (a) receive written permission from the Executive Director AND (b) keep all work product generated by such use confidential. Breaches of confidentiality will be punished under Rule 2.4.4, even if the breaching student is not selected for the team.
4. **Rule 5.1.1 – Students as Judges.** Students from an institution may act as judges if (a) they have a degree in law, and (b) are not directly affiliated with any team in the competition which they are judging.
5. **Rule 6.1(g) – Memorial Submissions.** All teams are required to submit their memorials as two separate files, labeled “###A” and “###R” where “###” is the Team's official Team Number. Failure to properly label memorial files will result in a two (2) point penalty for each offending memorial.
6. **Rule 6.4 – Word Counts.** Every single word contained in each respective section of the pleadings is counted in the total word count. This includes the section title, any section subtitle, section headings and subheadings, footnotes, signature blocks and any other words on the page. This is not a change but provides clarification to the rule.
7. **Rule 7.12 – Use of Digital Timekeepers or watches.** Teams may now use silent digital or analogue watches at counsel table and at the lectern. If such device is capable of also sending or receiving data or storing text data, the device is prohibited at counsel table and at the lectern even if that function is turned off.
8. **Rule 11.1.1 – Plagiarism.** The penalty for plagiarism has been increased from a possible 1-20 points to a possible 1-50 points.