

The Steering Committee
Renmin University
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**Qualifying Tournament in China for
The 2012 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 Renmin University from February 22 to February 25, 2012.

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 2012 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Official Rules).

3 Anonymity of Participants

Participants must not reveal their school to judges through direct or indirect means at any time during the competition. The Administrator may disqualify or impose a Penalty against any Team that intentionally or inadvertently discloses its school to judge, whether or not such disclosure occurs during an Oral Round. The term "participants" includes Team Members, Team Advisors, and spectators affiliated with the Team.

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.

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, the pairing shall be settled in accordance with Official Rules 8.2.

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

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

4.4 Championship Round

In accordance with the Official Rules, four (4) Chinese teams will be selected to attend the International Round in Washington D.C.

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

4.5 Pleading Option

In the Quarterfinal Rounds 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”.

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

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 shall be ranked by the number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds. The team wins more shall have higher ranking
- (c) If the two (2) tied Teams have the same number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds, 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;
- (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 Competition Scoring

5.1 Preliminary Rounds

Scoring of the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of two parts: the scoring of the written Memorials, and the scoring of the Oral Rounds.

In each match, the Total Memorial Score for each team is the sum of three (3) Memorial judges' scores for the side the team argued in that Oral Round. A team's total competition Memorial Score is the sum of the twelve (12) score for its Applicant and Respondent Memorials. This score shall be used to determine **Best Memorial Awards**.

In each match, a team's total Oral Score is the sum of the scores of the three (3) judges for each of its two oralists. A team's total competition Oral Score is the sum of the twenty-four (24) score for per team, twice as applicant and twice as respondent.

In the Preliminary Rounds, a team's Total Competition Score is the sum of the team's total competition memorial score and the team's total competition oral score.

5.2 The Quarterfinal Rounds and Semifinal Rounds

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

5.3 Ranking of Oralists

Individual oralists shall be ranked from highest to lowest average oral score. An oralist's average oral score is the average of the scores awarded to the oralist by each judge during the Preliminary Rounds. If an oralist argued in only one (1) match, he or she is not eligible for ranking. The top fifteen (15) oralists are the **Best Oralists**.

6 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 2012 Chinese National Division Timetable, which will be announced in February, 2012, 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 Executive Office is 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 February 12, 2012. Teams may submit requests for clarifications by email. The address is: jessupchina@126.com.

All clarifications to legitimate requests will be summarized and posted on February 17, 2012.

7 Other Matters

Unless stipulated above, the Official Rules for the 2012 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.