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OFFICIAL RULE 0.0 Definitions

As used in these rules, the following terms shall have the corresponding meanings.

“Administrator” shall mean, with respect to any Tournament, the National Administrator, Regional Administrator, or (in the case of the International Tournament), the Executive Director.

“Advanced Rounds” shall mean, with respect to any Tournament, all of the applicable Championship Rounds, Semifinal Rounds, Quarterfinal Rounds, Octafinal Rounds, Run-Off Rounds, and International Preliminary Rounds conducted at that Tournament.

“Applicant” and “Respondent” shall mean the Team (or the members of a Team) which argues on behalf the Applicant state and Respondent state, respectively, at any given point in the Competition.

“Bench Memorandum” shall mean the memorandum of and laws and authorities concerning the Competition Problem prepared by the executive office for the exclusive use of Competition judges, as described in Rule 6.8.

“Competition” shall mean the 2004 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

“Competition Problem” shall mean the official Compromis of the Competition, as published by the ILSA executive office and as supplemented or corrected by any Problem Clarifications or corrections, also as published by the ILSA executive office.

“Executive Director” shall mean the Executive Director of the International Law Students Association.

“International Tournament” shall mean the Shearman & Sterling International Rounds, the final stage of the Competition, held among the Representatives from each nation.

“National Administrator” shall mean the Administrator of a National Tournament, appointed pursuant to Rule 1.1.2.

“Memorial” shall mean the written pleadings of each Team, written and submitted pursuant to these Rules.

“National Rules Supplement” shall mean additional rules or clarifications applicable to the Teams from one nation, and must be approved by the Executive Director and made available to all Teams from that nation. (If a Team is unsure whether any National Rules Supplement is applicable to it, the Team should contact the Administrator or the Executive Director.) TEAMS IN THE FOLLOWING JURISDICTIONS ARE ADVISED THAT NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENTS EXIST FOR THEIR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: CANADA, INDIA, NETHERLANDS, UNITED STATES. All other Teams are advised to be aware that National Rules Supplements may exist for their Qualifying Tournament.

“National Tournament” shall mean the single Qualifying Tournament in a nation in which the Executive Director determines only one Qualifying Tournament shall occur, pursuant to Rule 1.1.1.

“Official Timetable” shall mean the official timetable of the Competition, published by the Executive Director and attached to these Rules.

“Oral Round” shall mean a single match of oral presentation between two Teams, one representing Applicant and one representing Respondent, as described in Rule 9.0.

“Penalties” shall mean Raw Points deducted for any Rule violation pursuant to Rule 13.

“Problem Clarifications” shall mean the official clarifications of the Competition Problem and of these Rules, as published by the ILSA executive office pursuant to Rule 7.0.

“Regional Administrator” shall mean the Administrator of a Regional Tournament, appointed pursuant to Rule 4.2.

“Regional Tournament” shall mean a one of several Qualifying Tournaments in a nation in which the Executive Director has designated that more than one Tournament shall occur, pursuant to Rule 4.2.

“Qualifying Tournament” shall mean any Tournament by which a nation determines which Teams shall advance to the International Tournament.

“Representative” shall mean the Team selected to represent each nation at the International Tournament, whether by National Tournament (a “National Representative”), Regional Tournament (a “Regional Representative”), or by other means.

“Rules” shall mean these Official Rules of the Competition and any applicable National Rules Supplements.

“Team” shall mean a team of eligible students recognized by the ILSA Executive Office which competes in the Competition, pursuant to Rule 2.0.

“Team Number” shall mean the unique numerical identifier of each Team in the Competition, as assigned pursuant to Rule 3.3.

“Tournament” shall mean a competitive level of the Competition.

OFFICIAL RULE 1.0 Organization of the Competition

1.1 Administration

The Competition is presented annually by the International Law Students Association (ILSA) and The American Society of International Law (ASIL). The Competition is administered by the Executive Director. The ILSA Executive Office is located at 25 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 518, Chicago, IL, 60604, U.S.A., tel: +1 (312) 362-5025, fax: +1 (312) 362-5073, email: ilsa@ilsa.org.

All materials developed by ILSA for the Competition, including, without limitation, the Official Rules, the Competition Problem, and the Problem Clarifications, are the sole property of ILSA, and may not be reproduced for any purpose other than participation in or administration of the Competition without the express and prior written consent of the ILSA Executive Director.

1.1.1 Competition Procedures

(a) The Competition consists of two levels of competitions: (1) Qualifying Tournaments, and (2) the International Tournament. Qualifying Tournaments are held in each nation where more than one team wishes to participate in the Competition. The International Tournament represents the final stage of the Competition and includes the International Preliminary Rounds, Advanced Rounds, and the World Championship Jessup Cup Round. Each Tournament shall consist of written pleadings and oral pleadings.

(b) The exact number of Teams participating in the International Tournament from each nation and manner in which they are chosen, whether through separate Regional Tournaments, through a single National Tournament, or otherwise, shall be determined by the Executive Director, provided that each participating nation is permitted to enter at least one (1) Team in the International Tournament of the Competition for every ten (10) Teams participating in that nation's Qualifying Tournament(s). In nations in which only one Team registers to compete, there shall be no requirement of a Qualifying Tournament, and the sole Team from that nation shall be designated the National Representative.

1.1.2 Conduct of Qualifying Tournaments

Each Qualifying Tournament shall be held at a location designated by the Administrator and shall be conducted in a manner consistent with these Rules and in consultation with the Executive Director. Each Team designated as a Regional or National Representative shall advance directly to the International Tournament as a representative of its respective nation or region, as applicable.

1.1.3 Implementation and Interpretation of Rules

The Executive Director shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of these Rules and of any National Rules Supplement.

1.2 Team Contact

As part of its registration for the Competition, each Team shall designate one person to act as Team contact (for example, this person may be the Team captain, coach, or faculty advisor). Notice to the Team contact shall constitute notice to all Team members. Each Team representative shall ensure that ILSA has the appropriate Team contact information for this year's competition, check the mail regularly and become thoroughly familiar with the Competition Problem, these Rules, any applicable National Rules Supplement, and the Problem Clarifications.

OFFICIAL RULE 2.0 Participation and Eligibility

2.1 Team Eligibility

(a) All law schools and international law-related advanced degree programs shall be eligible to participate in the Competition upon formal acceptance by the Executive Director. Each school may enter one Team. In extenuating circumstances, an Administrator may petition the Executive Director, in writing, to allow multiple Teams from a single school. Such representation may be allowed if it is established that: 1) a local competition would be otherwise difficult or impossible to hold due to school regulations, calendars or other circumstances beyond the control of the Administrator or Teams participating; or 2) the Teams represent different colleges or departments of the same school and will be participating independently of each other; and 3) each Team independently fulfills the participation and registration requirements of these Rules.

(b) Teams which have outstanding debts for fees or other Competition obligations (including, without reservation, the United States hosting obligation as described in Rule 1.1 to the United States National Supplement) shall not be eligible to compete in the following year's Competition until such fees have been paid or obligations have been met.

2.2 Team Member Eligibility

All students enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis in a program of study leading to the equivalent of a U.S. Juris Doctor or an international law-related advanced degree (i.e. Masters or Doctorate) are eligible to compete in the Competition. Only students who have not completed studies, exams or apprenticeships sufficient to enable them to practice law in any jurisdiction will be allowed to participate.

Team members must be enrolled as students at only one institution during the academic year of the Competition, subject to the following exceptions:

2.2.1 Required Externships and Apprenticeships

Students who complete their primary legal studies after the release of the Competition Problem in any year and are enrolled in externship or apprenticeship programs shall be allowed, with the written approval of the Executive Director, to participate in the Competition if: 1) the externship or apprenticeship is required as a part of their legal education; and 2) the externship or apprenticeship does not involve work of a nature which would provide the student a significant or unfair advantage over other students participating in the Competition. In exceptional circumstances the Executive Director may consider extended externships or apprenticeship programs beyond one year in length.

2.2.2 Participation by Joint Program Students

The Executive Director may, upon written request, allow the participation of Teams which have one or more visiting students studying in a joint program between schools or on a special one-semester program at a school other than the student's primary school of enrollment.

2.2.3 LL.M. Students

Students enrolled in a full-time program leading to a Master of Laws Degree (LL.M.) or its equivalent may, with the written approval of the Executive Director, participate in the Competition if: 1) they entered the LL.M. or equivalent program within eight (8) months after completing their primary legal education; 2) they did not, during the interim, engage in the practice of law or any work of a nature which would provide the student a significant or unfair advantage over other students participating in the Competition; and 3) they otherwise meet the requirements of these Rules.

2.2.4 Returning Students

Students who have enrolled full or part-time in a program of study leading to the equivalent of a U.S. Juris Doctor or an international law-related advanced degree more than one year after the completion of studies leading to the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree may, with the written approval of the Executive Director, participate in the Competition if: 1) they did not, during the period they were not enrolled full or part-time in classes, engage in the practice of law or any work of a nature which would provide the student a significant or unfair advantage over other students participating in the Competition; and 2) they otherwise meet the requirements of these Rules.

2.3 Team Composition and Selection

A Team shall be composed of two (2) to five (5) student members. Team members may be chosen by any method approved by the responsible authority within the school, subject to the following provisions:

2.3.1 Selection by Intramural Competitions

If more than five (5) students overall, or more than one (1) complete team of students, from a single school, whether in the same or different departments of the same school, desire to participate in the Competition, an intramural competition, administered by a responsible authority at the school, shall be held between the students or teams to determine which team will represent the school. Intramural competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of these Rules. If Jessup problems are used in the intramural competition, past problems shall be used in lieu of the Competition Problem, unless approved in writing by the Executive Director.

2.3.2 Nationality Requirements

Administrators may not, without the written approval of the Executive Director, set nationality requirements with regard to the composition of Teams representing their nation. Requests for such approval shall state clearly in writing, the reasons for such a requirement, and must be incorporated in approved National Rules Supplement, in accordance with these Rules. In the absence of such approval, all eligible students at a participating school shall be allowed to participate on a Team.

2.3.3 Prohibition of Academic Screening

All students at participating schools must be given an equal opportunity to try out for the Team, subject to approved National Rules Supplements. In no instance may a grade-point average, class rank, or other academic ranking factor disqualify a student from trying out for, or participating on, a Team from any school, unless a student has an academic probationary status at the participating school.

2.4 Outside Assistance to Teams

All research, writing and editing must be solely the product of Team members, except as provided in the subdivisions of this Rule 2.4.

2.4.1 Assistance from Faculty Members, Coaches and Advisors

Outside assistance rendered to a Team in the preparation of its case by faculty members, coaches, or Team advisors shall be limited to a general discussion of the issues, suggestions as to research sources, consultations regarding oral advocacy technique, and decision-making as to pleading option or similar strategy during Competition elimination rounds. Assistance shall be limited to general commentary on argument organization and structure, the flow of arguments, and format.

2.4.2 Assistance from Librarians and Other Research Professionals

Assistance from librarians, computer research advisors, and other legal resource specialists in preparing Competition materials shall be limited to answering specific questions regarding the location of legal sources or general legal research methods.

2.4.3 Basic Materials

The Executive Director may choose to distribute to all teams a set of basic research materials. These materials are intended to provide teams with an overview of public international law and with the subject material of the Competition Problem. These basic materials may include treaties, court decisions, scholarly articles, or other materials. Teams are permitted to use these materials in their research and to refer to them in their Memorials and oral pleadings, provided that, when used in Memorials, these materials must be cited to their original source consistent with Rule 8.5.

2.5 Confidentiality of the Judges' Bench Memorandum

The contents of the Bench Memorandum, as described in Official Rule 6.8, are strictly confidential. Any Team found making use of the Bench Memorandum shall be eliminated from the Competition. Teams discovering a copy of the Bench Memorandum should immediately return it, without examining the contents, to the Administrator.

2.6 Use of Opposing Team's Memorials

No Team shall be allowed to view or otherwise become privy to any Memorial other than the respective Applicant and Respondent memorials of scheduled opposing Teams in the course of any Tournament. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is permissible for a Team to incorporate arguments and other information from Memorials and oral arguments of other Teams which that Team has legally viewed in the course of a Tournament.

2.7 Ethical Violations

All incidents or allegations of ethical violations shall be referred to the Executive Director. Teams found to have received inappropriate outside assistance, e.g. use of non-Team members as student researchers, inappropriate professional assistance, or plagiarism, shall be eliminated from the Competition.

OFFICIAL RULE 3.0 Team Registration

3.1 Team Registration Form and Fee

Each Team shall remit the appropriate registration fee with the "ILSA/Jessup Registration Form" to the ILSA Executive Office by the date posted in the Official Timetable.

ILSA Member Schools in good standing are entitled to pay a discounted fee for participation in the Competition.

Teams unable to pay the registration fee may apply in writing to the Executive Director for a waiver. Such application should include the reason the Team is unable to pay the fee and a letter by the dean (or other appropriate administrator) of the school. The Executive Director shall grant waivers in exceptional circumstances only.

A Registration Form may be requested by contacting ILSA at: 25 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 518, Chicago, IL, 60604, USA; Tel: +1 (312) 362-5025; Fax: +1 (312) 362-5073; E-mail: ilsa@ilsa.org. Teams may also download a Registration Form from the ILSA web site, <http://www.ilsa.org>.

3.2 Registering Names of Team Members

Each Team shall submit all Team members' names to the ILSA Executive Office by December 31.

Team members' names shall be clearly printed or typed on the form, with attention given to the spelling of each Team member's name. Names shall appear in the manner that Team members wish them to appear on their Jessup participation certificates.

3.3 Team Number as Identification

Each Team shall be assigned a Team Number selected by the Executive Director. Team Numbers will be distributed to Teams by their Administrators. Teams from nations which do not have Qualifying Tournaments will be issued a Team Number directly by the ILSA Executive Office.

Teams shall use their Team Numbers for identification purposes.

3.3.1 Team Number as Identification on Memorials

(a) Each Memorial must carry the official Team Number in the upper right-hand corner of the outside front cover of the appropriate Memorial, followed by an "A" for the Applicant Memorial and an "R" for the Respondent Memorial (For example, for Team Number 000, the identification of "000 A" or "000 R" would appear at the upper right hand corner of the outside front cover of the Applicant or Respondent Memorials respectively.) Failure to follow this Rule shall be considered a violation of Rule 8.7.3.

(b) Names of participants, nations or schools may not appear on or within the Memorials. Signature pages are prohibited. Administrators shall strike all references to Team member or school names from Memorials prior to submitting them to judges.

OFFICIAL RULE 4.0 Qualifying Tournament Administration

4.1 National Representation

Any nation in the world may organize a National Tournament, the winner(s) of which shall advance to the International Tournament. In nations where only one Team registers, the sole Team shall be the National Representative, per Section 1.1.1.

4.1.1 Special Jurisdictions

At the discretion of the Executive Director, special jurisdictions may enter Teams in the Competition. For this purpose, special jurisdictions may include colonies, trust territories, and similar distinct geographic regions, with or without complete national sovereignty. For the purposes of these Rules, the term "nation" shall include such special jurisdictions. The term "National Administrator" shall include the administrators of Tournaments of such special jurisdictions.

4.2 Regional/National Administrators

For each Qualifying Tournament, the Executive Director, upon consultation with representatives from each region or nation, shall appoint a Regional or National Administrator, as applicable. An Administrator may not serve as coach or in any other way assist a Team registered in his or her Qualifying Tournament.

OFFICIAL RULE 5.0 World Regional Administration

5.1 World Regional Representation

Upon agreement with the Executive Director, nations within one geographic region of the world may join together for purposes of a World Regional Competition. Winning teams from each represented nation shall be recognized as National Champions. Top teams from the World Regional shall advance to the International Rounds and shall be recognized as a World Regional Representative in addition to their National Representation.

5.2 World Regional Administrator

World Regional Administrators shall be appointed by the Executive Director. A World Regional Administrator may not serve as coach, or in any other way assist a team registered in the World Regional Competition.

OFFICIAL RULE 6.0 Judges

6.1 Three Judge Panels and Eligibility of Judges Generally

Three (3) judge panels shall be utilized whenever possible. Students shall not serve as judges, except LL.M. and other post-graduate degree candidates not directly affiliated with any Team participating in the Tournament at which they are judging. The Administrator may employ more than three (3) judges in Advanced Rounds. In extenuating circumstances, the Administrator may authorize panels of two (2) judges, but this should be done only as a last resort. In no case should an Administrator authorize a panel of one (1) judge.

6.2 Anonymity of Teams

The identity of a Team shall be kept completely confidential at Qualifying Tournaments. Although judges for the International Tournament are allowed to know the identities of individual participants, the schools and nationalities of the participants shall remain anonymous. The Executive Director shall not expose the identity of Teams. However, in circumstances where the judge believes his or her evaluation of a particular Memorial would be affected by knowledge of whether or not the native language of the Team is English, the judge may request the Executive Director to reveal whether English is the native language of the Team.

6.3 Faculty Advisors and Coaches as Judges

No faculty advisors, Team coaches, or other persons directly affiliated with a Team may act as a judge in any level of the Competition. Exceptions may be made at the International Tournament when the person's own school is not participating or neither of the two (2) Teams in the Round is scheduled against the person's school later in the Tournament. Faculty advisors, coaches and other directly affiliated parties acting as judges shall not disclose the contents of the Bench Memorandum or other oralists' arguments to any Competition participant, and participants shall avoid any such influence.

6.4 Judges Affiliated With Schools in the Competition

No judge should sit on a panel of any round at any level of the Competition involving a Team from a school with which the judge has an affiliation, acquaintance or other role which would create an appearance of impropriety, except in situations disclosed to and approved by the Executive Director. Merely being an alumnus of a host school does not constitute a violation.

Judges should disqualify themselves from judging a Team if they have a personal or professional relationship with the school or someone affiliated with that Team, and if that relationship might jeopardize their impartiality or create an appearance of impropriety. However, judges should not disqualify themselves from judging a round merely because they have an acquaintance with a Team member or other affiliation or relationship with the school.

6.5 Disqualification of Regional/National Administrators from Judging

In no case shall an Administrator act as a judge in actual or exhibition Rounds of the Tournament for which the Administrator is responsible, or in any other way assist a registered Team in the Competition, unless approved by the Executive Director.

6.6 Prior Viewing of Teams

(a) Subject to Section 6.6(b), judges should not view a Team which they have viewed in a previous Round of the Competition. If a judge must view a Team twice, the Administrator shall strive to ensure that the judge views the Team's opposite side.

(b) In the Run-Off and Octafinal Rounds of the International Tournament, the Executive Director may permit judges to view one or more Teams which they have seen before, if such viewing serves the best interests of the Competition.

6.7 Notification to Administrator of Incompatible Judges or Teams

Teams should bring to the attention of the Administrator the names of judges or potential judges whose relationship to their school or to their Team is such that it might create an appearance of impropriety if that person judged their Team. In such cases, the Administrator should consult the judge(s) concerned. The final decision in such matters will rest with the Administrator.

It is the responsibility of the Team members aware of a conflict to bring the conflict to the attention of the bailiff and/or Administrator prior to the beginning of the round. Complaints regarding conflicts not raised before the beginning of a round are waived.

Mere recognition of a judge is insufficient grounds for elimination from the panel. The judge must be able to recognize a competitor and to connect that competitor with a particular school. (see Official Rule 6.4)

6.8 Bench Memorandum

The Bench Memorandum shall be distributed to the judges for purposes of briefing them on the legal issues addressed in the Competition Problem. The contents of the Bench Memorandum are strictly confidential to all but judges and Administrators.

6.9 Commentary by Judges

Judges in any Round of the Competition are encouraged to provide direct feedback to Teams regarding the Teams' performance at the completion of the Round. In providing such feedback, judges are admonished to give due regard to the time limitations and schedule of the Competition as a whole. With the exception of the Advanced Rounds of any Tournament, judges shall not reveal to any Team the results of their individual determinations or the Team's Raw Scores, nor shall they provide any substantive feedback that would reveal their individual determinations or contents of the Bench Memorandum.

OFFICIAL RULE 7.0 Clarifications of the Competition Problem or Rules

(a) Teams may submit written requests for clarifications of the Competition Problem or these Rules. Requests for such Problem Clarifications must be received by the ILSA Executive Office by the date as posted in the Official Timetable. Teams may submit requests for clarifications by mail, fax or email. Each Team is responsible for ensuring that its request is received by the ILSA Executive Office by the date posted in the Official Timetable. If such request is mailed, the ILSA Executive Office will acknowledge receipt only if a self-addressed stamped post card is included with the request.

(b) All clarifications to legitimate requests will be summarized and posted on the date as posted in the Official Timetable. It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that it receives and adequately notes such Problem Clarifications in preparation for the Competition.

OFFICIAL RULE 8.0 Memorials

8.1 Submission of Memorials

All Memorials must conform to the following general requirements. Teams will be penalized for failure to abide by these requirements, and judges may also take appearance of the Memorial into consideration when evaluating the written effort.

Each Team participating in the Competition shall prepare an Applicant and a Respondent Memorial, and shall timely mail one (1) copy of each Memorial in paper form and on a 3.5 inch computer diskette to the Administrator by the deadline in the Official Timetable, or by such other date as may be noted in a National Rules Supplement, where applicable. The document(s) on diskette must be in one of the following formats: WordPerfect (.wpd or .doc), Microsoft Word for Windows (.doc), Rich Text Format (.rtf) or Text (ASCII or Plain Text). No other data format will be accepted without the express prior consent of the Executive Director.

Teams shall mail Memorials in accordance with the provisions of the National Rules Supplement, where applicable. If mailing requirements are not stipulated in a National Rules Supplement, Teams shall mail Memorials by express, registered, or certified mail (if from the United States or Canada). Memorials shall be mailed or by express or air mail (if from outside the United States or Canada).

Teams shall also send via electronic mail one copy of each Memorial to the Executive Director (at ilsa@ilsa.org) on the same date as mailing is required for the Qualifying Tournaments. If a team is unable to send its Memorials by electronic mail, it shall notify the Executive Director as soon as possible (and before the deadline for mailing the Memorials), and the Executive Director shall make other arrangements for the delivery of that Team's Memorials. The Memorials and materials submitted via electronic mail or on diskette must be identical to those sent to the Tournament Administrator. Electronic copies of the Memorial must be identical to the hard copy of the Memorial. Teams that fail to send Memorials on time will be penalized. Equipment failure or problems, including computer disk failure, will not be considered an excuse for improper formatting or late mailing of Memorials.

Once submitted to the Executive Director, Memorials may not be altered. If pages are inadvertently left out in the collating process, the Executive Director may allow a Team to correct the deficiency, and may assess appropriate discretionary

Penalties. The act of word processing or producing a computer printout, and any attendant failure in computer systems, is not considered part of a collating process for the purposes of these Rules.

8.1.1 [Reserved]

8.1.2 [Reserved]

8.1.3 Memorials Submitted in Languages Other Than English

If permitted by applicable National Rules Supplements, Teams may submit Memorials for Qualifying Tournaments in languages other than English. Such Memorials shall be sent to the Executive Director in the original language via electronic mail by the general Memorial submission deadline indicated in the Official Timetable. Memorials of Teams advancing to the International Tournament must be translated to English, and must otherwise conform to the required format outlined in these Rules, prior to submission to the International Tournament. The Executive Director shall contact any such Team advancing to the International Tournament regarding the deadline for submission of the English translations of its Memorials.

The translation of Memorial shall be, to the greatest extent possible, verbatim translations of the Memorials submitted in connection with the Qualifying Tournament. The contents of Memorials may not be revised, updated or otherwise altered in the translation process. Any Team that alters the legal content of its Memorial(s) during translation shall be eliminated from the Competition.

8.2 Format of Memorials

Memorials must be typed and submitted on standard international A4 paper (21 x 29 3/4 centimeters), or 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 or Courier 10-point, or larger type. 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 shall be block quoted (i.e. right and left indented) and may be single-spaced.

8.3 Description of the Memorial

8.3.1 Parts of the Memorial

The Memorial shall consist of the following parts:

Table of Contents;
Index of Authorities, which shall include corresponding page numbers;
Statement of Jurisdiction;
Questions Presented;
Statement of Facts;
Summary of Pleadings; and
Pleadings, including the Conclusion and/or Prayer for Relief.

8.3.2 Legal Argument Limited to Pleadings Section

Substantive, affirmative legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Competition Problem may only be presented in the "Pleadings" section of the Memorial, including the Conclusion and/or Prayer for Relief (except insofar as such argument may be summarized in the "Summary of Pleadings" or anticipated in the "Questions Presented"). Teams

which include arguments or legal interpretation in any other part of the Memorial shall be penalized. Any footnote which contains "additional text" as described in Rule 8.5 shall be considered in violation of this Rule 8.3.2.

8.3.3 Index of Authorities

Each Memorial shall include an "Index of Authorities." The Index of Authorities shall contain a list of all legal authorities cited in any section of the Memorial. This list shall include a description of each authority adequate to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority in a publication of general circulation, and shall include the page number(s) on which each authority is cited.

8.3.4 Statement of the Facts

Each Memorial shall include a full "Statement of the Facts." A mere stipulation to the facts is prohibited. The Statement of the Facts shall be limited to the stipulated facts and necessary inferences from the Compromis and any clarifications to the Compromis. The Statement of the Facts must not include unsupported facts, distortions of stated facts, argumentative statements, or legal conclusions. The Statement of Facts shall not exceed five (5) pages. An excessive Statement of the Facts shall be a non-discretionary Memorial Penalty, while a Statement of Facts which is otherwise improper shall not be subject to a Memorial Penalty, but such violation may be taken into account by judges when evaluating the written submission.

The Compromis typically omits certain facts which might be relevant or dispositive to the outcome of the case. Participants will be judged on their ability to make the facts conform to their arguments without creating new facts or drawing unreasonable inferences from the Competition Problem.

8.3.5 Summary of the Pleadings

Each Memorial shall include a "Summary of the Pleadings." The Summary of the Pleadings shall consist of a substantive summary of the "Pleadings" section of the Memorial, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the Pleadings section. The Summary of the Pleadings shall be no more than two (2) pages in length. An excessive Summary of Pleadings shall be a non-discretionary Memorial Penalty, while a Summary of Pleadings which is otherwise improper shall not be subject to a Memorial Penalty, but such violation may be taken into account by judges when evaluating the written submission.

8.4 Length

8.4.1 Length of Entire Memorial (Word Count)

The entire Memorial, including all sections of the Memorial described in Rule 8.3 and any footnotes or endnotes, as well as any other text which might be included in the Memorial at the option of the Team, may be no longer than 12,000 words. Provided, however, that the "Index of Authorities," as described in Rule 8.3.3, shall not be counted in calculating the number of words in the entire Memorial.

The Tournament Administrator and the Executive Director will count words. (The Executive Director shall count words in the Memorial submitted on diskette, using the standard "Word Count" function included in Microsoft Word 2000.)

8.4.2 Length of "Pleadings" Section (Page Limit)

(a) The "Pleadings" section of the Memorial, including the Conclusion and/or Prayer for Relief and footnotes or endnotes which refer to the "Pleadings" section of the Memorial (including the Conclusion and/or Prayer for Relief), may be no longer than twenty-five (25) pages.

(b) Use of character spacing or text effects to circumvent the page limitation (including, without limitation, by reducing the line spacing, kerning, leading, position, or scale of fonts, or by creating a non-standard font) is prohibited. In the event that a Team violates this Rule 8.4.2(b), the electronic copy of the Memorials shall be manipulated according to the Administrator's discretion, to determine how many pages the Memorial would have been, had it been properly spaced and formatted, and to determine the appropriate Penalty under Rule 13.5.1.3. In addition, such violation shall be considered a "use of incorrect font or font-size," and shall also be penalized as a violation of Rule 8.2.

8.5 Limitations on the Use of Footnotes/Endnotes

Either footnotes or endnotes may be used. However, footnotes or endnotes are to be used only to identify the source of a statement made in the body of the Memorial and to provide the reader with a citation to a generally-available reference for that source. Neither footnotes nor endnotes may include substantive pleadings, examples, or any text other than the actual cite. Footnotes and endnotes are included in the word count rule and the page limit rule of Official Rule 8.4.

Inclusion of text other than the actual cite in a footnote is a non-discretionary penalty under Rule 8.3.2. Gross and repeated failure to include adequate information in footnotes is, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, a discretionary Penalty, subject to a Penalty of up to five (5) points.

Illustrative example of an acceptable footnote: Certain Norwegian Loans (Fr. v. Nor.), 1957 I.C.J. 9, 23-24 (July 6) [hereinafter Norwegian Loans].

Illustrative example of a footnote in violation of the Official Rules: Certain Norwegian Loans (Fr. v. Nor.), 1957 I.C.J. 9, 23-24 (July 6) [hereinafter Norwegian Loans] (holding that France's reservation in its declaration denying the Court jurisdiction over issues essentially within the national jurisdiction as understood by France could be utilized reciprocally by Norway).

8.6 Margins

Each page of the Memorials (regardless of content) shall have margins of at least one inch, or two point six (2.6) centimeters, on all sides, excluding page numbers. If, in the opinion of the Administrator, a small violation from this requirement in a paper copy of a Memorial is solely the result of imprecise photocopying (for example, where a page is slightly off-center), the Administrator may waive any Penalty for such violation.

8.7 Covers

8.7.1 [Reserved]

8.7.2 Information Contained on Cover of Memorial

Each Memorial should bear on its cover the following, and only the following: (a) the Team Number; (b) the name of the court (the International Court of Justice); (c) the year of the competition; (d) the name of the case; and (e) the title of the document (i.e., "Memorial for Respondent" or "Memorial for Applicant").

8.7.3 Team Number as Identification on Memorial Cover

The Team Number must be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the outside front cover of the each Memorial, followed by an "A" for the Applicant Memorial and an "R" for the Respondent Memorial (For example, for Team Number 000, the identification of 000 A or 000 R would appear at the upper right hand corner of the outside front cover of the Applicant or Respondent Memorials respectively.).

OFFICIAL RULE 9.0 Oral Pleading Procedures

9.1 General Procedures

Each Oral Round of each Tournament shall consist of ninety (90) minutes of oral pleadings. Applicant and Respondent shall each be allotted forty-five (45) minutes. Two (2) members, and no more than two (2) members, from each Team shall make oral presentations during the round. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team shall indicate to the bailiff how it wishes to allocate its 45 minutes among (a) its first oralist, (b) its second oralist, and (c) rebuttal (for Applicant) or surrebuttal (for Respondent). No single oralist shall plead more than twenty-five (25) minutes, including rebuttal or surrebuttal. Time allocated for but not used by one oralist may not be used by another oralist, or in the rebuttal or surrebuttal. Any Team member may act as an oralist during any round of the Competition. In extenuating circumstances, the Executive Director has discretion to permit a single oralist to argue beyond the twenty-five (25) minute limit. Teams using interpreters shall be allotted additional time pursuant to Rule 9.7.

9.1.1 Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion

Judges may, at their discretion, extend total Team oral argument time beyond the forty-five (45) minute allocation, up to an additional ten (10) minutes per Team. Oralists asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, appear for more than the twenty-five (25) minute individual limit. In the spirit of the Competition, and in the interest of allowing each Team an equal amount of time to present its argument, judges are strongly admonished to allow each Team a similar amount of time for oral argument, consistent with these Rules.

9.2 Pleadings

The order of the pleadings in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be:

Applicant 1 --> Applicant 2 --> Respondent 1 --> Respondent 2 --> Rebuttal (Applicant 1 or 2) --> Surrebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).

9.2.1 Rebuttal and Surrebuttal

Each Team may reserve up to ten (10) minutes for rebuttal or surrebuttal. As a courtesy to the judges, Teams should announce whether they intend to reserve time for rebuttal or surrebuttal at the beginning of their oral argument, and how much time they intend to reserve. Failure to announce will not waive the right to rebuttal or surrebuttal. Only one Team member may deliver the rebuttal or surrebuttal. Although the Team member delivering rebuttal or surrebuttal must be one of the two Team members who argued during the Team's main argument, the Team need not indicate prior to rebuttal or surrebuttal which of its two eligible Team members will deliver rebuttal or surrebuttal.

9.2.2 Scope of Pleadings

A Team's oral pleadings are not in any way limited to the scope of the Team's Memorial. The scope of the Applicant's rebuttal is limited to responding to the Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Respondent's surrebuttal is limited to responding to the Applicant's rebuttal. If the Applicant waives rebuttal, there shall be no surrebuttal. No legal issues which were not addressed in the primary pleadings may be raised in the rebuttal or surrebuttal. Although judges are admonished to enforce the limits on the scope of rebuttal and surrebuttal, and may take a violation of this Rule into account in evaluating an oralist's performance, there is no discretionary or non-discretionary Penalty for exceeding scope of rebuttal or surrebuttal.

9.3 Ex Parte Procedure

In extreme circumstances, such as when a Team fails to appear for a scheduled Oral Round, the Administrator, after waiting thirty (30) minutes, may allow the Oral Round to proceed ex parte. In an ex parte proceeding, the attending Team presents its oral pleading, which is scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent Team had been present and arguing. In such a case, the Team that fails to appear for the scheduled Round forfeits all six (6) of the Round's Oral Round Points.

The Administrator may schedule an additional ex parte proceeding for the absent Team later in the Tournament, if time and administrative concerns permit. The scores from the absent Team's ex parte proceeding will not affect the scoring of the original Oral Round and shall be used only for purposes of calculating individual oral pleading scores.

9.4 Of Counsel

During each Oral Round, one (1) additional Team member may sit at the counsel table with the two (2) oralists as counsel. The person acting as counsel shall be one of the Team members registered pursuant to Rule 3.2. The person acting as counsel need not be the same person in each Oral Round.

9.5 Competition Communications

Oral communications during the Oral Round shall be strictly limited to the following. Any Team which engages in communications not listed in this Rule 9.5 shall be penalized. In particular, no written or prepared communication, including any exhibits, may be made by any Team member to any judge. Any Team which wishes to call attention to a violation of this Rule should contact the bailiff in writing outside of the attention of the judges, within five (5) minutes of the conclusion of the Oral Round. The bailiff will bring the alleged violation to the attention of the Administrator, who shall have full discretion in determining whether to assess a Penalty.

9.5.1 Oral Courtroom Communication between Counsel and Judges

Each oralist designated to present oral pleadings may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that oralist, during the oralist's allotted time, and pursuant to Rule 9.1. In addition, in extraordinary circumstances, the judges may communicate directly with either Team's counsel table (for example, to clarify the spelling of an oralist's name or to request that a Team remain quiet during its opponent's oral presentation).

9.5.2 Oral Courtroom Communication and Activity at Counsel Table

Every courtesy shall be given to oralists during oral argument. Communication at the counsel table shall be in writing to prevent disruption, and Teams shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behavior which distracts from the argument in progress. Any Penalties imposed under this Rule shall be deducted from the Oral Raw Scores of both oralists of the offending Team.

9.5.3 Written Courtroom Communication

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to (a) written communication among a Team's members seated at the counsel table, and (b) a Team member at counsel table handing an unmarked document to an oralist when that oralist has been questioned about such document during the course of his or her argument. No other written communication may take place among the oralist, Team members seated at counsel table, spectators or Team members not present at the counsel table.

9.6 Spectators

All Preliminary Rounds should be open to the public. Teams may agree in advance, and upon consultation with the Administrator, to limit the number of spectators in a room during Preliminary Rounds. Non-affiliated persons, including friends and relatives of Team members, may attend any Oral Round. Presence of coaches, advisors, or other spectators affiliated with the Team are permitted in the courtroom during an Oral Round involving the Team, as long as it is in conformity with the provisions of these Rules.

9.6.1 Scouting

No Team member or person directly affiliated with any Team may attend any Preliminary Round other than those in which their Team is competing, except as waived by the Executive Director in the interests of the Competition. Violation of this Rule should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Administrator immediately, without disturbing the Oral Round in progress, or immediately after the Oral Round has finished.

There are two types of scouting, both of which are prohibited. "Direct Scouting" occurs when a Team attends a Preliminary Round involving one or more Teams against which it will compete in a future Preliminary Round. "Indirect Scouting" occurs when a Team attends a Preliminary Round involving two Teams against which it is not scheduled to compete in the Preliminary Rounds.

Any Team which commits Direct Scouting shall forfeit all six Oral Round Points in the Preliminary Round (or Rounds) in which it competes against the Team (or Teams) which it scouted.

Any Team which commits Indirect Scouting shall forfeit one Preliminary Round. For example, if the Team won four Preliminary Rounds, its total number of wins shall be reduced to three, without other adjustment to its Total Raw Points or Total Round Points. (If a Team which commits Indirect Scouting wins no Preliminary Rounds, there shall be no such adjustment.) This adjustment shall occur prior to the determination of final Preliminary Round rankings described in Rule 12.4.

9.7 Interpreters and the Use of Interpreters

9.7.1 Qualifying Tournaments

Each Administrator may allow Teams and/or judges to use languages other than English during Oral Rounds in a Qualifying Tournament, and/or may provide procedures whereby translators may be used, by including Rules to this effect in the National Rules Supplements

9.7.2 International Tournament

Teams wishing to present their oral pleadings in the International Tournament in a language other than English must arrange for interpreters to translate their oral pleadings during the International Tournament. Arrangements for and costs incurred in hiring interpreters and renting interpreter equipment are the responsibility of the Team utilizing the interpreter. A Team wishing to use interpreters shall inform the Executive Director no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the International Preliminary Rounds.

Such Teams may request permission from the Executive Director to extend total Team oral argument time beyond the forty-five (45) minutes allotted under Rule 9.1. The maximum extension of time will be twenty (20) minutes per Oral Round. The use of an interpreter in one Oral Round does not commit the Team to using an interpreter in every Oral Round.

Given that interpreters will be translating all arguments in a given Oral Round, any extension of time granted to one Team shall also be granted to its opponents. All judges and oralists in an Oral Round involving an interpreter should take the professional needs of the translator (for example, the need for clear enunciation of speech) into account in delivering their presentations.

9.7.3 Team Members as Interpreters

A member of a Team may serve as an interpreter for other members of the Team if: (a) he or she does not act as an oralist in the same Oral Round in which he or she is an interpreter; and (b) he or she does not sit at the counsel table during the Oral Round in which he or she is an interpreter; and (c) he or she does not communicate with his or her Team in any way during the Round, except to translate during the oral pleadings.

9.7.4 Non-Embellishment by Interpreters

When a Team employs an interpreter, the interpreter may only engage in a literal interpretation of the oralists' pleadings and the judges' responses. No embellishment on the part of the interpreter to enhance or clarify the oralists' arguments or the judges' responses is allowed. A Team which violates this Rule is subject to forfeit all six (6) of the Oral Round Points for that Oral Round.

9.8 Audio and Videotaping

No audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the advance permission of the entire panel of judges, the two (2) participating Teams and either: 1) the Administrator; or 2) the Executive Director. In no circumstances are participating Teams permitted to view or listen to any such audio tape until after the completion of the Tournament in which the taped Oral Round occurs. The International Law Students Association reserves all rights to the audio and videotaping, or any other form of aural or visual reproduction, of any Oral Round or part thereof. All Teams participating in the World Championship Jessup Cup Round will be deemed to have consented to taping and broadcasting of that Oral Round.

9.9 Anonymity of Teams in Courtrooms

Teams shall be identified by Team Number and side of the dispute they represent only. However, Team members may provide their individual names to judges for purposes of conducting courtroom discussions.

Participants shall not expose the identity of their Team through direct or indirect means, including statements to judges, name tags or other signifiers, the placement of folders, files, library books or other materials bearing the name or logo of the school on the counsel table, and the wearing of pins or clothing revealing the identity of their country or school.

OFFICIAL RULE 10.0 Qualifying Tournament Pairing Procedures

10.1 Preliminary Rounds

Each Team participating in a Qualifying Tournament shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four (4) Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent; however, if four (4) or fewer Teams are participating in such Qualifying Tournament, the Executive Director may permit fewer rounds.

Each Team shall, to the degree possible, face any opposing Team only once in the Preliminary Rounds of a Qualifying Tournament. In the event that Teams must face each other in two (2) Preliminary Rounds, each Team shall plead as Applicant in one Round and Respondent in the other Round.

10.1.1 [Reserved]

10.1.2 Pairings

The pairing of Teams for Preliminary Rounds shall be done, in the first instance, by a random draw. Official pairings of Teams once completed by the Regional/National Administrator shall be final, except as may be modified by the Regional/National Administrator to account for Teams which do not appear at the start of the Tournament. The Administrator shall have the power in such circumstances to revise the pairings. If Teams must be newly paired, they must be provided appropriate memorials as soon as reasonably possible, but in no event less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the newly paired round.

10.1.3 Sudden Death Rounds

If only two (2) Teams are competing in a Qualifying Tournament, both Teams may agree in advance to "Sudden Death Elimination Rounds." In such Rounds, each Team argues only once as Applicant and once as Respondent (for a total of two rounds), to determine the winning Team. In Sudden Death Rounds, the Competition scoring system shall be adapted accordingly by the Administrator, in consultation with the Executive Director.

10.2 Quarterfinal Rounds

If more than sixteen (16) Teams are participating in a Qualifying Tournament, the Administrator shall hold Quarterfinal Rounds consisting of four (4) matches among the eight (8) highest-ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds in order to determine which Teams shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds. In such Quarterfinal Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows: the eighth-ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team ("Match One"); the seventh-ranked Team versus the second-ranked Team ("Match Two"); the sixth-ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team ("Match Three"); and the fifth-ranked Team versus the fourth-ranked Team ("Match Four").

10.3 Semifinal Rounds

In Qualifying Tournaments of sixteen (16) or more Teams, the winning Team in each of the four Quarterfinal Rounds shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds, in order to determine which Teams shall advance to the Championship Round. In such Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows, with reference to the match numbers described in Rule 10.2: the winner of Match One versus the winner of Match Four; and the winner of Match Two versus the winner of Match Three.

In other Qualifying Tournaments of eight (8) or more Teams, the Administrator shall hold Semifinal Rounds among the four (4) highest-ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds in order to determine which Teams shall advance to the Championship Round. In such Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows: the fourth-ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team; and the second-ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team.

10.4 Championship Rounds

If Semifinal Rounds have been held, the winning Team in each of the two Semifinal Rounds shall advance to the Championship Round. If Semifinal Rounds have not been held, then the top two teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall compete against one another in a single Championship Round.

10.5 Pleading option

Unless otherwise provided in an approved National Rules Supplement, in the Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds the higher-ranking Team, based upon the rankings in the Preliminary Rounds, shall have the right to choose which side it will argue (this right is called the “pleading option”).

The pleading option for a Championship Round shall be determined by a coin toss, the highest ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds having the right to call the toss. The Administrator shall appoint the party to toss the coin.

Before the coin toss both Teams shall have the opportunity to review their completed master Team scoresheets from the Preliminary Rounds, but not individual judges' scoresheets or notes, prior to either the Quarterfinal or Semifinal Rounds only (whichever is first).

Once the pleading has been selected, the opposing Team shall be notified immediately of the side it shall argue in the next round and both Teams shall be granted a reasonable time to prepare for the next round.

10.5.1 Exercise of Pleading option

Each Team earning the right to a pleading option shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes after notification of its right to exercise the pleading option to determine which side it wishes to plead in the upcoming Oral Round. If a Team fails to declare its pleading option within a thirty (30) minute period, it shall forfeit the pleading option to the opposing Team. The opposing Team is then given ten (10) minutes to exercise its selection. If this opposing Team then fails to exercise its pleading option within a ten (10) minute period, it also shall forfeit its pleading option.

10.5.2 Automatic Pleading Designation

Should both Teams fail to exercise the pleading option, or a tie cannot be broken under the provisions of Official Rule 12.4.5, the Administrator shall determine the pleading option by a coin toss (the “Automatic Pleading Designation”). The Administrator shall call the toss.

10.5.3 Exchange of Memorials

Memorials shall be exchanged immediately upon the exercise of the pleading option or Automatic Pleading Designation.

OFFICIAL RULE 11.0 International Pairing Procedures

11.1 Representation

The International Tournament shall be comprised of all Teams that have won Qualifying Tournaments or have otherwise been approved to compete at the International Tournament by the Executive Director.

11.2 Preliminary Rounds

The International Tournament shall consist of four (4) Oral Rounds of preliminary oral pleadings. Each Team shall plead twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. The Preliminary Rounds shall be scheduled over a period of three (3) days. Every effort shall be made by the Executive Director in scheduling Teams to ensure that no Team is scheduled to argue in consecutive Oral Rounds. If it is necessary for a Team to argue in consecutive Oral Rounds, the Team shall argue on opposite sides of the dispute.

11.2.1 Pairings for the Preliminary Rounds

The pairing of Teams for the International Tournament shall be done, in the first instance, by a random draw by computer. To assure international balance, the initial draw shall be modified as follows to the extent possible: no Team except United States Representatives should argue against more than one Team from any other single nation, no Team should argue against more than two Teams from its immediate geographic region and no Team from a nation in which English is not the primary or native language shall compete more than two times against Teams from nations in which English is the primary or native language.

Pairings for the International Tournament and the Memorials of opposing Teams will be distributed to Teams at an orientation meeting on Sunday, prior to the beginning of the International Tournament.

Official pairings completed by the Executive Director shall be final, except as may be modified by the Executive Director to account for Teams that fail to appear for the International Tournament. The Executive Director shall have the power in such circumstances to adapt the pairings. If Teams must be newly paired, they shall be provided new Memorials as soon as reasonably possible, but in no event less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the beginning of the newly paired Oral Round.

11.2.2 Religious Scheduling Conflicts

The Executive Director shall make every effort to accommodate legitimate religious interests of Teams in scheduling oral rounds. Such Teams must notify the Executive Director in writing at least four (4) weeks prior to the Preliminary Rounds of the International Tournament. If rescheduling proves impossible to accommodate a Team's religious interest, the Team will be asked to argue at the scheduled times.

11.3 International Run-off, Octafinal and Quarterfinal Rounds

The Advanced Rounds of the International Tournament shall begin with the International Run-Off Rounds, and then proceed to the International Octafinal then the International Quarterfinal Rounds, then the International Semifinal Rounds, then the World Championship Jessup Cup Round.

11.3.1 International Run-Off Rounds

The twenty-four (24) highest-ranked Teams from the Preliminary Rounds, subject to the national representation limitation of Rule 11.3.4, shall advance to the Advanced Rounds. The Run-Off Rounds shall consist of eight (8) pairings of the sixteen (16) Teams ranked ninth (9th) through twenty-fourth (24th) from the Preliminary Rounds, subject to Rule 11.3.4.

11.3.2 International Octafinal Rounds

The International Octafinal Rounds shall consist of eight (8) pairings among (a) the eight (8) Teams ranked first (1st) through eighth (8th) from the Preliminary Rounds (subject to Rule 11.3.4), and (b) the eight (8) Teams which win a match in the International Run-Off Rounds.

11.3.3 International Quarterfinal Rounds

The International Quarterfinal Rounds shall consist of four (4) pairings of each of the eight (8) Teams which win a pairing in the International Octafinal Rounds. Each of the four (4) Teams which win a pairing in the International Quarterfinal Rounds shall advance to the International Semifinal Rounds.

11.3.4 National Representation Limitation

No more than six (6) Teams from one nation shall advance to the Advanced Rounds of the International Tournament. If more than six (6) Teams from one nation place among the twenty-four (24) highest-ranked Teams from the Preliminary Rounds, only the six highest-ranked Teams from such nation shall advance to the Advanced Rounds. If after the application of this rule, there are fewer than twenty-four (24) Teams eligible for the Advanced Rounds, the highest-ranked Team(s) which did not otherwise qualify for the Advanced Rounds shall be added until the number of Teams equals twenty-four. This subsequent addition shall also be subject to this Rule 11.3.1.

Illustrative example: If seven Teams from the nation of Erewhon qualify for the International Run-Off Rounds, the seventh-ranked Team from Erewhon shall not advance to the Advanced Rounds. The twenty-fifth (25th) ranked Team from the Preliminary Rounds shall be added to the Advanced Rounds, unless the 25th-ranked Team is also from Erewhon; in such a case, the next-highest-ranked Team that is not disqualified by this rule would advance.

11.3.5 Pairings for the International Run-Off, Octafinal and Quarterfinal Rounds

11.3.5.1 General Pairing Rule – Power-Seeding

Subject to the Previous Meeting Qualification and the National Pair-off Qualification contained in this Rule 11.3.5, the pairings in the International Run-Off, Octafinal and Quarterfinal Rounds shall be determined by use of "power-seeding," i.e. the highest-ranked Team shall compete against the lowest-ranked Team, the second-highest-ranked Team shall compete against the second-lowest-ranked Team, etc. For purposes of this Rule 11.3.2, all rankings shall be determined by the final standings of the Preliminary Rounds.

Illustrative example: Under this rule, and unless one of the qualifications in this Rule applies, the pairings in the International Run-Off Rounds would be as follows: 9 vs. 24, 10 vs. 23, 11 vs. 22, 12 vs. 21; 13 vs. 20; 14 vs. 19; 15 vs. 18; 16 vs. 17. Likewise, unless one of the qualifications in this Rule applies, the pairings in the International Quarterfinal Rounds shall be as follows: 1 vs. 8; 2 vs. 7; 3 vs. 6; and 4 vs. 5.

11.3.5.2 Previous Meeting Qualification

If application of the General Pairing Rule would result in one or more pairings in which a Team would face another Team that it faced in the International Preliminary Rounds, the Executive Director shall adjust the pairings in an equitable manner in order that such pairing is avoided. Such adjustment may include adjustment to pairings that do not involve such a previous meeting. If the Executive Director determines that, with respect to a given pairing, no adjustment is possible, the Executive Director may disregard this qualification with respect to such pairing.

Should this rule conflict with the National Pair-off Qualification Rule in the Run-off Rounds, Octafinal Rounds or Quarterfinal Rounds with respect to Teams from a particular country, the Executive Director shall reorganize the Teams from that country so that no Teams compete who have previously met. In other words, if four Teams advance from a given country and two Teams are paired who have seen each other previously, the two Teams who have met previously will be repaired against the remaining two Teams from the same country. Should such reordering be impossible, either because of multiple prior meetings or because only two Teams have advanced from that country, the Previous Meeting Qualification Rule shall be disregarded with respect to such affected pairings.

11.3.5.3 National Pair-off Qualification

(a) If two (2) Teams from a given nation advance to the Run-Off, Octafinal or Quarterfinal Rounds, those two Teams shall be paired against one another in such Round. All Teams not affected by this qualification shall then be paired according to the General Pairing Rule, discounting those two Teams.

(b) If three (3) Teams from a given nation advance to the Run-Off or Octafinal Rounds, the second-ranked Team from such nation shall be paired against the third-ranked Team from such nation. All Teams not affected by this qualification, including the first-ranked Team from such nation, shall then be paired according to the General Pairing Rule, discounting those two Teams.

(c) If four (4) Teams from a given nation advance to the Run-Off or Octafinal Rounds, the first-ranked Team from such nation shall be paired against the fourth-ranked Team from such nation, and the second-ranked Team from such nation shall be paired against the third-ranked Team from such nation. All Teams not affected by this qualification shall then be paired according to the General Pairing Rule.

(d) If five (5) Teams from a given nation qualify for the Advanced Rounds, and if more than three (3) Teams from that nation place in the top eight (8) Teams from the Preliminary Rounds, then the fourth- and fifth-ranked Teams from such nation shall be paired against one another in the Run-Off Rounds. The places in the Octafinal Rounds left vacant by the removal of the one or two Teams to the Run-Off Rounds shall be occupied by the highest-ranked Teams from other nations, who shall not be required to compete in a Run-Off Round.

(e) If six (6) Teams from a given nation qualify for the Advanced Rounds, and more than two (2) Teams from that nation place in the top eight (8) Teams from the Preliminary Rounds, then the third- and sixth-ranked Teams from such nation shall be paired against one another in the Run-Off Rounds, and the fourth- and fifth-ranked Teams from such nation shall be paired against one another in the Run-Off Rounds. The places in the Octafinal Rounds left vacant by the removal of between one and four Teams to the Run-Off Rounds shall be occupied by the highest-ranked Teams from other nations, who shall not be required to compete in a Run-Off Round.

Illustrative example: Assume the sixteen Teams in the International Run-Off Rounds are ranked in the following order (where Roman numerals denote multiple Teams from one nation): Erewhon I; Erewhon II; Utopia I; Xanadu; Erewhon III; Pangaea; Utopia II; Atlantis; Bretoria; Pagonia; Senhava; Kuraca; Laurentia; Caledon; Remorra; Arden. In such a case, Section (b) would require that Erewhon II be paired versus Erewhon III, and Section (a) would require that Utopia I be paired against Utopia II. The General Pairing Rule would then apply to the remaining Teams.

11.4 International Semifinal Rounds

The International Semifinal Rounds shall consist of the four (4) Teams which each win a match in the International Quarterfinal Rounds. The two (2) winning Teams from the International Semifinal Rounds shall advance to the World Championship Jessup Cup Round.

The pairings for the International Semifinals shall be determined by rank from the Preliminary Rounds, in accordance with the General Pairing Rule, irrespective of the Previous Meeting Qualifications but subject to the National Pair-Off Qualification.

11.5 Pleading Option in the International Tournament

Prior to each of the International Run-Off Rounds, the International Octafinal Rounds, the International Quarterfinal Rounds, the International Semifinal Rounds and the World Championship Jessup Cup Round, the Executive Director shall determine for each pairing in such Oral Round which Team shall argue Applicant and which Team shall argue Respondent by coin toss using the following procedure.

The Executive Director or his/her designee shall toss a coin, and the higher-ranked Team in that pairing shall call the toss. After the toss is called, each Team shall receive its own master scoresheet or other summary of its performance in the Preliminary Rounds.

The Team winning the coin toss shall have thirty (30) minutes to select whether it will argue Applicant or Respondent. If, after thirty (30) minutes, the Team required to select its side has not made a selection, the other Team shall then have ten (10) minutes to select whether it will argue Applicant or Respondent.

If after such additional ten (10) minute period, the other Team has not made a selection, the Executive Director shall again toss a coin. If the coin lands "heads," the higher-ranked Team shall argue Applicant; if the coin lands "tails," the lower-ranked Team shall argue Applicant.

The Executive Director shall then notify each Team which side it will be arguing and will deliver to each Team copies of the appropriate Memorials of the other Team. After the conclusion of this process, both Teams shall immediately return their master scoresheets to the Executive Director. Both Teams shall then be afforded a reasonable amount of time to prepare for the pairing.

Illustrative Example: Xanadu is paired against Erewhon in one pairing of the International Semifinal Rounds. Xanadu was higher-ranked in the Preliminary Rounds. The Executive Director tosses a coin, and Xanadu calls "heads." The coin lands "heads." The Executive Director then gives the Xanadu master scoresheet to the Xanadu Team and the Erewhon master scoresheet to the Erewhon Team. Twenty-nine minutes later, the Xanadu captain indicates to the Executive Director that Xanadu wishes to argue Applicant. The Executive Director notifies the Erewhon captain that Erewhon will argue Respondent. Each Team then returns its master scoresheet to the Executive Director. The Executive Director then delivers one copy of Xanadu's Applicant Memorial to the Erewhon captain and one copy of Erewhon's Respondent Memorial to the Xanadu captain.

OFFICIAL RULE 12.0 Competition Scoring

12.1 Preliminary Rounds

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

Each Team Memorial shall be submitted to three (3) Memorial judges. The Memorials shall be reviewed and scored by each judge on a scale of fifty (50) to one hundred (100) points.

Likewise, each Oral Round will be scored by a panel of three (3) judges. Each judge shall score each oralist on a scale of fifty (50) to one hundred (100) points.

Three (3) judge panels shall be used to score Memorials and oral arguments whenever possible, subject to the exceptions provided by these Rules. (see Rule 6.0)

12.2 Calculation of Scoring Points

Two (2) categories of points shall be awarded to Teams in each stage of the Competition: Raw Score and Round Points.

12.2.1 Raw Scores

The calculation of Raw Scores shall be subject to the deduction of Penalty Points under the provisions of Rule 13.0.

12.2.1.1 Memorial Raw Scores

The calculation of the Total Memorial Raw Score for each Team per Oral Round is determined by adding together the three (3) Memorial judges' scores for the side the Team argued in that respective Oral Round.

The Total Competition Memorial Raw Score is determined by adding all six (6) scores for the Applicant and Respondent Memorials combined. This total score shall be used for purposes of Best Memorial Awards.

12.2.1.2 Oral Raw Scores

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 oralist. There will be therefore a total of six scores per Team (2 oralists) per round.

12.2.1.3 Total Raw Scores

The Total Raw Score for each Round shall be the sum of the Team's Total Memorial Raw Scores for that round and the Team's Total Oral Raw Score for that round. The Total Competition Raw Score is determined by adding the Total Raw Scores from each of the four rounds.

12.2.2 Round Points

12.2.2.1 Memorial Round Points

A total of three (3) Round Points may be awarded to memorials in each Round. The individual Memorial judges' scores for each Team participating in a round are compared to those of the opposing Team. The highest score given by a memorial judge for each Team will be compared against the highest score given the opposing Team, then the next highest, and finally the lowest. For each comparison, the Team with the higher score will be awarded one (1) Round Point. If a judge rates the Teams equally, the point from that judge shall be split, each Team receiving one-half (.5) of a Judge's Point.

12.2.2.2 Oral Round Points

A total of six (6) Round Points may be awarded for oral argument scores in each Round. The score from each judge's evaluation of the two oralists combined shall be compared to that judge's score for the two oralists on the opposing Team. The higher scoring Team per judge per round shall be awarded two (2) Round Points. If a judge scores the Teams equally, the points from that judge are split, each Team receiving one (1) Round Point.

12.2.2.3 Total Round Points

The Total Round Points for each Round shall be the sum of a Team's Memorial Round Points and Oral Round Points.

12.3 Two (2) Judge Panels

In exceptional instances, a two (2) judge panel for the scoring of Memorials or oral arguments is permissible. A one (1) judge panel is never permissible. When a two (2) judge panel is used, the following adaptations shall be made to the scoring process:

12.3.1 Memorial Scoring for Two (2) Judge Panels

Memorials scored by two (2) judge panels shall have a third averaged score added to their total. This third score shall be determined by averaging the scores of the other two (2) Memorial judges. The averaged third score shall be recorded as the third judge's score, and will be figured as the middle score for purposes of calculating Memorial Round Points.

12.3.2 Oral Pleading Scoring for Two (2) Judge Panels

Oral pleadings scored by two (2) judge panels shall have a third averaged score added to their total. This third score shall be determined by averaging the scores of the other two (2) oral judges. The averaged third score shall be recorded as the third judge's score.

The third averaged score may not be used for purposes of determining Best Oralist. In such a case, only the two "real" scores may be averaged with those of the oralist's other round.

12.4 Determination of Winners and Rankings from Preliminary Rounds

12.4.1 Determination of Winner of an Individual Round

The winner of the round will be determined by Round Points. The Team receiving the greatest number of the nine (9) available Round Points wins the round. In the event that Teams have an equal number of Round Points, the Team with the highest Total Raw Score shall be declared the winner of the Round.

12.4.2 Win-loss Record

The overall win-loss record for the Preliminary Rounds shall govern Team rankings. A Team with a win-loss record of 4-0 (4 wins, 0 losses) will rank higher than a Team with a win-loss record of 3-1 (3 wins, 1 loss), which will rank higher than a Team with a win-loss record of 2-2, etc.

12.4.3 Total Competition Raw Scores

If two (2) Teams are tied after comparing win-loss records, the Total Competition Raw Score then controls and the Team having the highest Total Competition Raw Score from the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked higher. The Total Competition Raw Scores are calculated by adding the Raw Scores from the Team's four (4) Rounds. There are thirty-six hundred (3,600) possible raw score points.

After win-loss, the Total Competition Raw Score governs even when two (2) Teams that are tied with the same win-loss record faced each other during the Preliminary Rounds, or the Team with the higher Raw Score was not the winner of the Round where the two (2) Teams had faced each other.

12.4.4 Total Competition Round Points

If two (2) or more Teams remain tied after comparing win-loss records and Total Competition Raw Score, the Team with the highest Total Competition Round Points from the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked first.

The Total Competition Round Points are calculated by adding the Total Round Points from the Team's four (4) Rounds.

There are thirty-six (36) possible Round Points from the Preliminary Rounds : nine (9) points per Round (six (6) oral and three (3) Memorial) per the two (2) Applicant and two (2) Respondent Rounds.

12.4.5 Tie-Breaking Procedure

If two or more Teams are tied after application of Rule 12.4.4, and the outcome of the determination does not affect (a) any tied Team's qualification for entry into the Advanced Rounds of the Tournament, or (b) the pairing of the Teams in any of the Advanced Rounds of the Tournament, the Administrator should declare an official tie for purposes of the Final Rankings.

If, however, further determination is necessary (under either (a) or (b) above), the rankings shall be accomplished as follows:

(a) If only two (2) Teams are tied and if the two (2) tied Teams have faced each other in the Preliminary Rounds, the winner of that Round may be ranked higher for purposes of Final Rankings.

(b) If only two Teams are tied and the Teams have not faced each other in earlier Rounds, and time permits, a special Run-Off Round may be scheduled. The pleading option for such a Round should be determined by coin toss. The coin toss shall be called by the Administrator. The winner of such a Round shall be ranked higher for the purposes of Final Rankings.

If none of the methods described herein settles the tie, the Executive Director shall determine the proper method for establishing official rankings. If the Executive Director can not be contacted, the Administrator may proceed at their discretion, taking into consideration the interests of the Teams and the Competition as a whole.

12.5 Scoring Procedures for Advanced Rounds

Special scoring procedures and guidelines shall apply to the Advanced Rounds of all Tournaments, unless modified under approved National Rules Supplements.

12.5.1 Method of Scoring – Qualifying Tournaments

Judges of Advanced Rounds at each Qualifying Tournament shall make an independent review of the Team Memorials and oral arguments. Judges may employ a point scoring system of their individual choice to aid them in making their individual determinations, including the use of the scoring system from the Preliminary Rounds. A Preliminary Round Oral Scoresheet shall be provided to the judges to use at their discretion. The decision regarding the winner of the Round shall be by majority decision of the judges on the panel. No ties are allowed.

Judges shall not decide the case on the merits, but judge the Teams on their performance. Judges shall treat the Round as a courtroom encounter, giving no particular fixed weight to either Memorials or arguments, but judging on the overall performance of each Team, the Memorials and oral arguments each consisting as part of that performance.

12.5.2 Method of Scoring – International Run-Off, Octafinal, Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds

In the International Run-Off, Octafinal, Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds, scoring procedures for each pairing shall be conducted according to this Rule 12.5.2. The exact score of each pairing, and each judge's determination in the pairing, shall be kept secret from all Teams, and only the identity of the winning Team shall be revealed.

(a) In a given pairing, each pair of Memorials (Applicant's Memorial and Respondent's Memorial) shall each be read by three (3) judges. Each judge shall determine which Memorial of the two is superior, and award that Team one (1) point. If a judge determines that the two Memorials are of equal quality, that judge shall award each Memorial one-half (0.5) point. Thus, three (3) points are allocated between the two Teams by the Memorials judges.

(b) In a given pairing, the Oral Round shall be viewed by a three-judge panel. At the conclusion of the Oral Round, and after any private deliberations, each judge shall determine which of the two Teams' presentations was superior, and award that Team two (2) points. If a judge determines that the two oral presentations were of equal quality, that judge shall award each oral presentation one (1) point. Thus, six (6) points are allocated between the two Teams by the oral-round judges.

(c) Once the Oral Round judges have concluded their deliberations, the Executive Director or his designee shall add the total points for each Team in the pairing, and deliver this total to the President of the Oral Round bench. The Team with the greater of the nine (9) total points allocated by Memorials and Oral Round judges shall be declared the winner of the pairing.

12.5.3 Method of Scoring – International Championship Round

Judges of the International Championship Round shall follow the guidelines set out in Rule 12.5.1 for determining the winner of the International Championship Round.

12.5.4 Preliminary Round Scores

The judges in Advanced Rounds at each Tournament shall not be informed of the scores assigned to Team Memorials or oral pleadings in the Preliminary Rounds. Their review of the Teams shall be independent of the Preliminary Rounds.

Penalties from the Preliminary Rounds shall not apply in the Advanced Rounds.

12.5.5 Judges' Comments

Judges are encouraged to provide direct feedback to Teams regarding their performance at the completion of the Oral Round. They shall not engage in any commentary which may reveal the content of the Bench Memorandum or announce the winner of the round.

12.6 Ranking of Teams

The winner of the Championship Round shall be Champion and the opposing Team shall be recognized as the Runner-Up. All other Teams shall be ranked according to their place from the Preliminary Rounds.

12.7 Ranking of Oralists

Total Scores for each oralist in the Tournament shall be determined by adding the raw scores awarded to that oralist in each Preliminary Round in which the oralist argued (adjusted for any Penalties assessed against the oralist), and dividing this sum by the number of Preliminary Rounds in which the oralist argued.

Oralists shall be ranked from highest to lowest. Ties are permitted. If an oralist argued in only one (1) Preliminary Round, he or she is ineligible for ranking.

12.8 Ranking of Memorials

Total Memorial Scores for each Team shall be determined by adding the Total Raw Score of a Team's Applicant Memorial and the Total Raw Score of the Respondent Memorial, six (6) total judges' scores, for a possible total score of six hundred (600) points. Team Memorials shall be ranked from the highest Total Memorial Score to the lowest. Ties are permitted in the ranking of Memorials. Scores shall include Penalties per Rule 13.0.

12.9 Reporting of Results

After the conclusion of each Tournament, each Team participating in such Tournament shall receive the following:

- (a) a copy of individual Memorial judges' scoresheets and Penalties, if any, with attendant comments, if any;
- (b) a copy of individual oral judge's scoresheets and Penalties, if any, with attendant comments, if any, from Preliminary Rounds of the Tournament ;
- (c) a copy of the Overall Rankings of the Preliminary Rounds of the Tournament, with the Total accumulated Win-Loss records, Overall Raw Scores, and Overall Round Points;
- (d) a copy of the Oralist Rankings from the Preliminary Rounds of the Tournament, including all Total Individual Oral Scores;

- (e) a copy of the Memorial Rankings from the Preliminary Rounds of the Tournament, including all Total Memorial Scores; and
- (f) a summary of the Advanced Rounds of the Tournament.

OFFICIAL RULE 13.0 Penalties

13.1 General Procedure

The following is a list of Penalties which may be imposed upon Teams in each Tournament, subject to approved National Rules Supplements. Penalties in Qualifying Tournaments do not carry over to the International Tournament.

13.2 Types of Penalties

The power of the Administrator to assess Penalties is divided into two (2) categories: Non-discretionary (Official Rule 13.5), and Discretionary (Official Rule 13.6). Non-discretionary and Discretionary Penalties shall be applied against a Team either as a Generic or Specific Penalty.

Generic Penalties are a general violation and apply against a Team in all of its rounds, e.g. mailing a Memorial late to the Administrator.

A Specific Penalty is a specific violation, and shall apply against a Team only in a specific round, e.g. for mailing a Memorial late to one particular Team, or being penalized for disruptive behavior against one particular Team.

13.3 Application of Penalties

All Penalties apply against each judge's score, i.e. a Penalty of fifteen (15) points shall have a cumulative effect of forty-five (45) total points from the combined score of three (3) judges.

13.4 Minimum Scores

The minimum adjusted raw score that any Team may receive from any individual oral or Memorial judge is fifty (50) points. No further reduction may be made to scores after the minimum score is reached, regardless of unallocated Penalty points remaining.

13.5 Non-Discretionary Penalties

For the following violations, Penalties will be assessed as a matter of course, without discretion on the part of the Administrator.

13.5.1 Non-Discretionary Memorial Penalties

The following Penalties may be imposed only by the Administrator and shall be deducted from each of the individual judges' scores on a Team's Memorial. In the event that a Memorial is scored by only two (2) judges under Rule 12.3 et seq., the Penalties shall be deducted from each of the two (2) judge's scores prior to calculating the third score.

In instances where only one Memorial is in violation of the Rule, Memorial Penalties may be deducted from the scores of the offending Memorial only.

The Administrator shall notify all affected Teams of imposed Penalties prior to the first Preliminary Round.

13.5.1.1 Tardiness in Mailing Memorials

Memorials postmarked or sent via electronic mail after the deadline for a Tournament, or as noted on the Official Timetable shall be penalized fifteen (15) points.

13.5.1.2 Extreme Tardiness in Mailing Memorials

Memorials shall be penalized three (3) points per day, in addition to the initial fifteen (15) points described in Rule 13.5.1.2 for tardiness, up to an additional five (5) days. Memorials for either the Applicant or Respondent not postmarked within six (6) days of the deadline shall not be submitted for judging, and shall automatically receive a score of fifty (50) Raw Points per judge, the minimum score allowed under these Rules.

13.5.1.3 Other Non-Discretionary Memorial Penalties

Penalties shall be assessed for violations of other Rules concerning the Memorials by reference to the following table:

Rule Number	Summary	Penalty
3.3.1(b)	Indication of team identity in Memorial	10 points (one-time penalty)
8.2	(incorrect paper size, use of incorrect font or font-size, use of font of inconsistent size, improper line spacing, or improper format of block quotations)	3 points per violating page, up to a total of 15 points
8.3.1	Failure to include all parts of Memorial	5 points for each missing part
8.3.2	Substantive legal argument outside of approved sections of Memorial	5 points (one-time penalty)
8.3.3	Improperly formatted Index of Authorities	2 points (one-time penalty)
8.3.4	Excessive Statement of the Facts	2 points (one-time penalty)
8.3.5	Excessive Summary of Pleadings	2 points per page
8.4.1	Excessive length of Pleadings (word count)	15 points (one-time penalty)
8.4.2	Excessive length of Pleadings (page limit)	15 points per page over 25 pages,
to a maximum of 30 points		
8.6	Inadequate margins	2 points per page, to a maximum of
10 points		
8.7.2 or 8.7.3	Failure to include necessary information on Memorial cover	2 points (one-time penalty)

13.5.2 Non-discretionary Oral Pleading Penalties

13.5.2.1 Procedure

The Administrator is empowered to impose non-discretionary Oral Pleading Penalties based upon consultation with the judges only. If the Administrator confirms the occurrence of an event subject to imposition of non-discretionary Penalties, the Penalty shall be applied. In instances where the judges cannot confirm the occurrence, or the judges have provided only written commentary on the occurrence, the Administrator shall consult with the affected Teams and courtroom bailiff prior to imposing the Penalty.

If a Team believes that a violation of a nature which would incur an Oral Pleading Penalty has occurred, the Team may bring the alleged violation to the attention of the courtroom bailiff in writing within five (5) minutes of the completion of the Oral Round during which the alleged violation occurred. Written complaints shall clearly identify the violation and the parties

involved in the violation. The Teams shall in no case directly approach the judges regarding a potential Penalty or violation of these Rules. Complaints brought directly to judges shall be disregarded. If there is no bailiff, Teams shall approach the Administrator with complaints. Failure by any Team to follow the procedures described in this paragraph shall result in a waiver of the Team's complaint.

In addition, if one or more judges feel that a violation has occurred during an Oral Round, he or she shall bring the violation to the attention of the courtroom bailiff orally or in writing within five (5) minutes of the completion of the Oral Round. When possible, the matter should be brought to the bailiff outside of the attention of the other judges.

13.5.2.2 Consultation with Bailiffs

The Administrator shall consult with the bailiff and the judges, to verify or otherwise confirm a Penalty. Upon receiving notice of an alleged violation, the bailiff shall inform the Administrator. The Administrator shall consult with the judges in investigating the alleged violation. If the Administrator cannot be located, the bailiff shall assist the judges to summarize the complaint and their impressions briefly on paper for the benefit of the Administrator. Courtroom bailiffs may not confirm a ruling or interpret these Rules, but may only provide assistance in verifying circumstances or the occurrence of an event.

13.5.2.3 Deduction of Penalties by Judges Prohibited

In no instance shall judges themselves deduct from the scores of the oralists any Penalty points. Judges shall score the Oral Round as if no violation occurred and inform the Administrator after the Oral Round of any violations occurred during the Oral Round. Penalty points shall be deducted only by the Administrator.

13.5.3 Activity Subject to Non-Discretionary Penalties

Penalties shall be assessed for violations of other Rules concerning the Memorials by reference to the following table:

Rule	Summary	Penalty
9.5	Improper courtroom communications	10 points
9.6.1	Scouting	See Rule 9.6.1 for description of penalty.
9.9	Violation of anonymity in courtroom	15 points

13.6 Discretionary Penalties

13.6.1 General Violations

Subject to further limitations contained in these Rules, the Administrator may assess up to fifteen (15) point Penalties for violations of these Rules not specifically listed under Non-Discretionary Penalties including, but not limited to, violations as to revisions and form of Memorials and inappropriate behavior on the part of Team members or affiliated parties during the Competition. The size of the Penalty shall correspond to the degree of the violation in the judgment of the Administrator. Discretionary Penalties shall be imposed only by the Administrator. Teams shall bring potential violations to the attention of the Administrator in writing.

13.6.2 Special Consideration for Oral Rounds

Only judges or bailiffs shall be empowered to bring potential violations from the oral proceedings to the attention of the Administrator. Exceptions shall be made in circumstances involving violations that occur prior to or after the actual oral proceeding outside the courtroom where judges or bailiffs would not otherwise be privy to the circumstances, or in situations

where the courtroom judges clearly ignore their obligations. In such instances, Teams may submit timely written notification of potential violations to the Administrator.

13.6.3 Activity Subject to Discretionary Penalties

13.6.3.1 Unsportsmanlike Behavior by Team Members or Affiliated Persons

The Administrator may, after consultation with judges, impose up to a fifteen (15) point Penalty against a Team for behavior which substantially prejudices the conduct of the Tournament, including, but not limited to:

- engaging in poor sportsmanship;
- submitting multiple frivolous complaints against other Teams;
- engaging in inappropriate behavior at the counsel table during the Oral Rounds;
- engaging in inappropriate discussion with oral pleading judges before their submission of scores at the end of a Round; and
- exhibiting blatant disregard for the procedures or requirements outlined in the Rules.

Activity giving rise to a Penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct in the courtroom must be witnessed by at least the bailiff or one judge in the courtroom. In all cases, the Administrator shall hear from both Teams, i.e. the Team alleging a violation (or allegedly harmed by a violation) and the Team alleged to have committed the violation, and consult with the bailiff, and judges before making a final determination.

Penalties for unsportsmanlike behavior may be imposed in addition to any other Penalties which may have been imposed under the provisions of these Rules.

13.6.3.2 Activity of Affiliated Persons

In exceptional circumstances, the Administrator has the discretion to impose from three (3) to fifteen (15) point Penalties when a coach, advisor or other person affiliated with the Team has disclosed his or her Team's identity to one or more judges before whom their Team shall compete.

For coaches or advisors who are concerned that they may be recognized by judges, concerns may be alleviated by avoiding talking to, sitting near or directly behind either Team and not communicating with either Team in the presence of the judges.

13.7 Notice to Teams

The Administrator shall notify Teams of the imposition of such Penalties prior to the beginning of the Preliminary Rounds, if possible, or as soon as practicable if incurred after the beginning of the Preliminary Rounds.

13.8 Appeals

Any penalized Team shall be granted an opportunity to reply to complaints by opposing Teams or Penalties assessed by the Administrator prior to a final ruling. The Administrator may protect the anonymity of a complaining Team. Appeals of a Penalty assessment or Rules interpretation of the Administrator shall be provided to the Administrator in writing within one (1) hour of notice of the Penalty. The Administrator shall consult with the Executive Director in resolving the appeal. The Executive Director's decision, if any, on all appeals is final.

OFFICIAL RULE 14.0 Interpretation of Rules

14.1 General

Questions concerning the interpretation of these Rules or National Rules Supplements during the Qualifying Tournaments must be submitted to the Administrator. Questions that arise during the International Tournament concerning the interpretation of these Rules must be submitted to the Executive Director.

Bailiffs, administrative assistants and judges are not authorized to interpret these Rules.

14.2 De Minimis Rule

When the impact of an alleged violation of these Rules is so insignificant as to be determined by the Administrator to be de minimis, he or she may reduce or waive the Penalty. Any de minimis exception shall be applied evenly to all Teams.

14.3 Power to Promulgate Additional Measures

The Executive Director may promulgate such other measures as may be deemed advisable for the orderly conduct of the Competition or to correct deficiencies in the Competition. Administrators may, in consultation with and upon approval of the Executive Director, promulgate such other measures as may be deemed advisable for the orderly conduct of the Qualifying Tournament. Modifications shall not violate the spirit of these Rules or the best interests of the Competition.

OFFICIAL RULE 15.0 Awards

15.1 Memorial Awards

All Memorials become the sole property of the International Law Students Association, and shall not be republished without its express consent.

15.1.1 Qualifying Tournaments

The winner of the Best Memorial Award in Qualifying Tournaments shall be the Team with the highest Total Memorial Raw Score. The highest possible score is six hundred (600) points. The winning memorial shall advance to compete in the Hardy C. Dillard Competition.

15.1.1.1 The Hardy C. Dillard Award

Teams receiving a Best Memorial Award in Qualifying Tournaments, and any other Teams designated by the Executive Director, shall be entered, without further action by the Teams, in the Hardy C. Dillard Award Competition.

Entries in the Dillard Competition shall be scored by a new panel of three (3) judges. The five (5) best overall raw Memorial scores shall be declared winners of the award.

Penalties applied to Memorials in the Preliminary Rounds of any Tournament shall not apply to the Dillard Award Competition.

15.1.2 International Tournament

15.1.2.1 The Alona E. Evans Award

The Alona E. Evans Award is presented to the five (5) Best Team Memorials from the Preliminary Rounds of the International Tournament.

15.1.2.3 The Richard Baxter Award

The Memorials from the five (5) best Teams in the Alona E. Evans Competition, and the Hardy C. Dillard Competition shall be entered into the Richard Baxter Award Competition.

There shall be two (2) Baxter Awards: one (1) for the Best Overall Applicant Memorial and one (1) for the Best Overall Respondent Memorial. The Best Applicant and Best Respondent Memorials shall be declared winners of the award. Baxter Award-winning Memorials shall be published in the corresponding year's issue of the ILSA Journal of International & Comparative Law.

15.2 Best Oralist Awards

The winner of the Best Oralist Award in each Tournament shall be the oralist with the highest averaged score from the Preliminary Rounds.

The determination of the Best Oralist in the Championship Round of each Tournament shall be made by majority vote of the judges. The judges' decision shall be announced at the end of the Championship Round.

15.3 Team Awards

15.3.1 Regional/National Tournaments

The champion of Qualifying Tournaments shall be the winning Team from the Championship Round of the Qualifying Tournament. The champion shall automatically proceed to the International Tournament as the National or Regional Representative.

Runners-up in Qualifying Tournaments shall be considered the second place Team in the Qualifying Tournament. If the champion is unable to attend the International Tournament, the Executive Director may recognize the second-place Team as the National or Regional Representative..

Other awards may be awarded by the Administrator in accordance with these Rules and approved National Rules Supplements.

15.3.2 International Tournament

15.3.2.1 Quarterfinal Rounds - Top Eight Teams

Teams qualifying for the International Quarterfinal Rounds following the International Run-Off Rounds shall receive an award in recognition of being an International Quarterfinalist.

15.3.2.2 Semifinal Rounds - Top Four Teams

Teams qualifying for the International Semifinal Rounds shall receive an award in recognition of being an International Semifinalist.

15.3.2.3 World Championship Jessup Cup Round

The winner of the World Championship Jessup Cup Round will be declared the Jessup Cup World Champion. The second place Team in the Championship Round shall be the Jessup Cup World Championship Runner-up.

The Jessup Cup World Champion will receive two (2) awards: a trophy to keep, and the Jessup Cup to hold in trust for one year at their school. The Jessup World Cup Champion shall take full responsibility for the safety of the Jessup Cup while it is in their custody and is responsible for returning the Jessup Cup in polished condition to the Executive Director prior to the next year's International Tournament.

15.3.2.4 Spirit of the Jessup Award

The Spirit of the Jessup Award was created in 1996 to recognize the Team that best exemplifies the Jessup spirit of camaraderie, academic excellence, competitiveness, and appreciation of fellow competitors. The award is voted upon by the participants at the International Tournament or chosen by the Executive Director after consultation with Teams. The award is intended to establish the standard to which all participants should strive to govern their performance and professional demeanor.