

2015 UK JESSUP NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

This Rules Supplement only applies to the 2015 UK Jessup National Rounds and replaces the Official Rules where there is a conflict.

1. Supplement to Official Rule 1.4 Administrators

The 2014 UK Jessup National Round is administered by Edward Phillips, Law School, University of Greenwich, London (E.P.Phillips@gre.ac.uk)

2. Supplement to Official Rule 8.0 Qualifying Competition Procedures

2.1 All Teams are required to provide five (5) sets of team memorials (5 Applicant and 5 Respondent) to the National Administrator at the team registration scheduled for the 26th February 2015 at Gray's Inn, London.

2.2 The UK National Rounds will consist of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the National Championship.

2.2.1 *Preliminary Rounds*

Each Team shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four (4) Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. The pairings for these rounds will be determined by a random draw.

2.2.2 *Quarter-Final Rounds*

The eight (8) highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall participate in Quarter-Final Rounds. In the Quarter-Final Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows: The first-ranked Team versus the eighth-ranked Team ("Match One"); The second-ranked Team versus the seventh-ranked Team ("Match Two"); The third-ranked Team versus the sixth-ranked Team ("Match Three"); and The fourth-ranked Team versus the fifth-ranked Team ("Match Four").

2.2.3 *Semi-Final Rounds*

The winning Team in each of the four Quarter-Final Rounds shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds. In the Semi-Final Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows (by reference to the match numbers described in Supplement Rule 2.2.2: the winner of Match One versus the winner of Match Four; and the winner of Match Two versus the winner of Match Three.

2.2.4 *The UK National Championship Round*

The winning Team in each of the two Semi-Final Rounds shall advance to the UK National Championship Round.

2.3 Pleading Option

2.3.1 In the Quarter-Final and Semi-Final Rounds, the highest-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds will have the pleading option.

2.3.1 In the UK National Championship Round the pleading option shall be determined by tossing a coin, as described in Official Rule 8.6(c)(iii).

2.4 Participation in the International Rounds

2.4.1 The National Representatives shall be determined in accordance with this Rule.

2.4.2 If a Team participating in the National Rounds wishes to be a National Representative of the UK at the International Rounds it shall, prior to the commencement of the National Rounds, confirm in writing to the National Administrator the Team's availability and commitment to participate in the International Rounds should it qualify ("the Confirmation"). It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the Confirmation reaches the National Administrator before the deadline.

2.4.3 If the National Administrator does not receive the Confirmation before the National Rounds commence, or the Team informs the National Administrator that it is not available to participate in the International Rounds, then the Team remains eligible to participate in the National Rounds but it shall not become a National Representative, regardless of its ranking in the National Rounds.

2.4.4 For the purposes of this rule, the National Rounds commence at 6 pm on Thursday 26th February 2014.

2.4.5 The highest ranked Teams that have provided the Confirmation to the National Administrator prior to the commencement of the National Rounds shall become the National Representatives.

2.4.6 The ranking of the Teams in the National Rounds shall be determined as follows:

- (i) the winner of the National Championship Round;
- (ii) the runner-up in the National Championship Round;
- (iii) of the two Teams which did not advance to the National Championship Round from the Semi-Finals, the Team which was ranked highest in the Preliminary Rounds;
- (iv) of the two Teams which did not advance to the National Championship Round from the Semi-Finals, the Team which was ranked second highest in the Preliminary Rounds;

- (v) of the four teams which did not advance to the Semi-Finals from the Quarter-Finals, the order in which they were ranked in the Preliminary Rounds; and
- (vi) of the teams which did not advance to the Quarter-Finals, the order in which they were ranked in the Preliminary Rounds.

2.4.7 If after the National Rounds a National Representative becomes aware of any circumstances that may prevent it from participating in the International Rounds, it shall notify the National Administrator as soon as possible.

2.4.8 If a National Representative fails to participate in the International Rounds, the ILSA Executive Director in consultation with the National Administrator may impose penalties that he or she considers appropriate including the penalties affecting the relevant Team members and/or their university's eligibility to participate in the Competition in future. When determining the penalty (if any), the ILSA Executive Director and the National Administrator will take into account such factors as the National Representative's failure to comply with the Confirmation and/or absence of a valid reason for the failure to participate in the International Rounds.

3. Supplement to Official Rule 10.10(a) Method of Scoring – Qualifying Rounds

3.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the rankings in the Preliminary Rounds are determined in accordance with Official Rules 10.7, 10.8, and 10.9.

3.2 The Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Championship round will be determined by a majority vote of the judges in accordance with Official Rule 10.10(a)

UK National Administrator
ILSA Executive Director