



**Official Rules for the Surana & Surana India National Rounds of  
The 2015 PHILIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The rules given below guide the Surana & Surana India National Rounds only and adopted from the official International rules for Jessup 2015 released by ILSA with slight modifications for administrative purposes. Details not specifically mentioned may be referred from the International rules.

For the World Finals at Washington the advancing teams from the India National Rounds are solely guided by the **INTERNATIONAL RULES ONLY** that may be downloaded from <http://ilsa.org/jessuphome/jessup-rules>

**1. The Competition:**

- i. The 2015 Jessup (India) will have a single India National Round.
- ii. The competition shall be held in English language.

**2. Venue & The Schedule**

**School of Law, Christ University**  
(SLCU), Bangalore  
Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560029  
Email: [moot@law.christuniversity.in](mailto:moot@law.christuniversity.in)

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The competition will be held from **30 January - 1 February 2015 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)**

(Day 1 – 30 Jan 2015) Inauguration, registration, orientation and draw of lots

(Day 2 – 31 Jan 2015) Preliminary rounds (total four rounds)

(Day 3 – 1 Feb 2015) Semi Finals (forenoon), Final (afternoon) followed by valediction & prize distribution

**3. Registration:**

- a. Teams desirous of participating in the India National Rounds are compulsorily required to register with **International Law Students Association (ILSA)** and obtain the registration number. Only those teams that have registered with ILSA are eligible to participate in India National Rounds. The deadline for registration with ILSA is 14 November 2014 with the names of the Team Members. The deadline to register individual team members is the same day as the deadline for team registration.
- b. Teams must also register with the Indian National Administration as detailed hereunder.

- c. Online registrations are open from 15 Nov 2014 at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in). The teams must register online latest by 15 December 2014.
- d. Participants will receive an automated system generated alert on the screen immediately on successful submission of registration.
- e. Participants will also receive an automated system generated acknowledgment of registration on their notification email ids.
- f. A scanned copy of the letter from the participating college/ institution / university duly signed by any one of the following :- Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor confirming the names of the participants , Year / semester in which studying, representing the college/ institution / university for the moot competition will have to be attached during the online registration process (The approval letter shall be formatted on the letterhead of the participating institution/college/university alternatively you may use the registration form itself as appended below (page 5) with the official seal)
- g. Registrations without the scanned copy of the duly attested registration form will not be valid
- h. The participants are required to send the hard and soft copy of the approval / registration letter to Administrator, of the respective host institutions so as to reach on or before 15 December 2014
- i. Registration with ILSA requires a registration fee of USD 450/-, which must be paid directly to ILSA. For details visit [www.ilsa.org](http://www.ilsa.org) However, there is no separate registration fee for India National Rounds.
- j. Those teams who wish to seek waiver of registration fee must complete the waiver request form located on their team homepage and submit it to the Jessup Competition Coordinator at [jessup@ilsa.org](mailto:jessup@ilsa.org).
- k. Every registered team will be provided with a team number (by ILSA) which they will quote for all communications with ILSA and the National Administrator for India National Rounds.

#### 4. Rounds

##### i. Prelims (4 rounds):

Every team will argue at least Twice for Applicant as well as Respondent in the preliminary rounds. Memorial marks will be added to oral marks only in the preliminary rounds (all four). The top four ranked teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Semi final rounds that will be decided on

- a. Win points
- b. Win points + Aggregate raw points
- c. Win points + aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

##### ii. Semi Finals:

The teams will be power matched. The highest-ranking team will argue against the lowest-ranking team. The qualifying highest ranked teams will pick lots for choosing the side of argument. The semi final rounds are knockout rounds.

##### iii. Finals:

The top 2 qualifying teams from Semi finals will pick lots to choose the side they argue for Finals

##### iv. Time

The time limit is 45 minutes per team for all the rounds. The time covers oral arguments and rebuttal.

5. **Judges:** There will be a minimum of two judges for the preliminary rounds. In the absence of the Third judge the average marks of the two judges would be the score of the third judge. There will be a minimum of 3 judges for the Semi Finals and Final.

#### 6. **Team composition & conduct**

- i. For each round, a team can have two speakers and one researcher only. Teams may have two to five members. All team members will be awarded participation certificates. However, accommodation will be provided only for 3 members and additional members will make their own arrangement.
- ii. The counsels / researcher may not pass on notes / communicate to the speaker making argument. However, unobtrusive written communication between researcher/members at the table is allowed.
- iii. In accordance with Official Rule 7.13, scouting in all forms is prohibited.
- iv. Teams are not allowed to use laptops / computers / cell phones in the court room during the oral rounds.

#### 7. **Memorials**

- i. Memorial scores will be added to the individual oral scores in the preliminary rounds (all 4 rounds) for declaring the winners. Memorial scores will not be added during the knockout stage. (Semi Final & Final).
  - ii. **The rules concerning the memorials** format and page / word limit are same as that of the International Rounds, which can be found in the International rules and regulations available in the website <http://ilsa.org/jessuphome/jessup-rules>
  - iii. For convenience of exchange of memorials we stick to the rule of color (India National rounds) **Applicant** – Blue cover (preferably light blue); **Respondent** – Red cover (preferably light red).
  - iv. Six hard copies of memorials each (6 Applicant and 6 Respondent) **MUST** be submitted during registration / orientation at the venue (Non submission will attract penalty).
  - v. Soft copies of both Applicant & Respondent memorials are to be sent by email in MS Word format to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) and submitted online to **ILSA** through each team's team homepage by 17:00 (5:00 p.m.) Central Standard Time (CST), which is UTC/GMT - 6 on **14 Jan 2015**. Each memorial should contain all the details (front page, statement of fact, argument etc.) in a single document i.e. there should be only two doc files one applicant and one respondent.
  - vi. One advance hard copy of each (Applicant & Respondent) memorial quoting **only the Team Number provided by ILSA** on the cover page of the memorial, has to reach the **School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore positively by 14 Jan 2015** for the purpose of evaluation for India National rounds. **Once hard copies have been printed and mailed to the Host institution, teams may not make any changes to the soft copies of their memorials or they will be penalized.**
  - vii. The teams should mark only their TEAM NUMBERS allotted by ILSA in the memorials. No indication about the identity of the institution they belong to may be found in the memorials. Such indications / markings may attract penalty and even disqualification.
8. For Best Student Advocate award the points scored (oral) from the preliminary rounds alone will be counted.
9. The Executive Director will determine the number of teams that will represent India in the World finals at Washington, and will make that determination no later than 15 January 2015. The number of teams participating in the international rounds at Washington depends on the number of participating teams and the approval of the ILSA Executive Office.

10. **Accommodation:** The organizers would provide accommodation for up to 3 participants per team during the competition. Accommodation & food for all the participants will be provided only for 3 days i.e. on 30, 31 January 2015 & 1 Feb 2015 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). Teams arriving early and leaving late shall make their own arrangements / bear costs if arranged by organizers.
11. In order to encourage law schools from remote parts of India, Surana & Surana Public Charitable Trust contemplates reimbursing sleeper class – Non A/c train fare (to & fro) to three members of teams participating from **remote areas** of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, , Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura & Uttaranchal. The head of the institutions must forward applications in advance to The Administration Officer, Surana & Surana Public Charitable Trust, 61-63, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004 for processing. The teams must first participate and then claim the reimbursement.
- 12. Administrators:**
- National Administrator: Dr. Vinod Surana, CEO & Partner, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai  
 Administrator in-charge: Fr. Benny Thomas, Director, School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore  
 Coordinator: Dr. S. Ravichandran, Advocate & Head, Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana Intl. Attorneys, Chennai  
 Email for communication: [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) & [moot@law.christuniversity.in](mailto:moot@law.christuniversity.in)
13. The Administrator’s decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition, unless an appeal is made to the ILSA Executive Office through National Administrator, pursuant to Official Rules 1.7.
14. The International rounds will be held at Washington, USA from **5 – 11 April 2015**

**Dr. Vinod Surana**  
 National Administrator

**Lesley Benn, Esq.**  
 Executive Director, ILSA

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Deadline for Registration & payment with ILSA, USA	14 November 2014
Start of Online Registration India Rounds	24 November 2014
Last date for Online Registration India Rounds	15 December 2014
Last date for receiving soft copies of Reg Form / Approval letter- India Rounds	15 December 2014
Last Date for Submission of Soft Copies of Memorials Applicant & Respondent (by email) - India Rounds	14 January 2015
Last Date for Submission of Memorials with ILSA, USA	14 January 2015
Last date for submission of Travel plans	14 January 2015
Last date for receiving hard copy of Reg Form / Approval letter Submission of Memorials Applicant & Respondent (1 Hard copy) - India Rounds	14 January 2015
Submission of Memorials(6 Hard Copies each) - During Orientation	30 January 2015
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**Surana & Surana India National Rounds**  
 30 Jan – 1 Feb 2015

**DATE:**

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
 (Please fill in capital letters)

**Undertaking**

We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.  
 (All details must be filled, scanned and to be uploaded on registration at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in))

**Name of the Institution:**

**ILSA (registration) Team No:**

**Address:**

**Tel:**

**Email:**

**Regd. Mobile #:**

**Fax:**

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year / Semester	Signature
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3.				
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Seal & signature of  
the Head of the  
Institution

Completed form should reach Administrator & Host Institution

**as soft copy by 15 Dec 2014 & as hard copy by 14 January 2015**

Email form (scanned filled up forms) to: [moot@law.christuniversity.in](mailto:moot@law.christuniversity.in)



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**TRAVEL PLAN**

TO BE EMAILED TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AT [moot@law.christuniversity.in](mailto:moot@law.christuniversity.in)

ON OR BEFORE 14 JANUARY 2015

1. Name of Institution -

2. Arrival Details -

a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus \_\_\_\_\_

b. Train No. / Bus No. / Flight No. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Estimated Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

3. Any other details:

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(Signature & seal of the Head of the Institution)

*For Travel related issues, please communicate to: [moot@law.christuniversity.in](mailto:moot@law.christuniversity.in)*