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This National Rules Supplement only applies to the Mexican Qualifying Rounds. It is to be read in conjunction with the Official Rules, and takes precedence if there is a conflict.

NATIONAL RULE 1. NATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

The 2015 Mexican Qualifying Rounds is administered by, and all communications directed to the National Administrator shall be directed to:

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NATIONAL RULE 2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Minimum Requirements for Team Member Eligibility

2.1.1 Definition of “law degree”

For purposes of Official Rule 2.3(a), “law degree” shall mean a “*licenciado en derecho*”, “*licenciatura en derecho*”, “*abogado*”, or any other *licenciatura*-level or first degree which, upon satisfactory completion, entitles the student to practise as an attorney in Mexico, as interpreted by the National Administrator or as registered before the *Secretaría de Educación Pública* (Ministry of Public Education).

2.1.2 Definition of “part-time student”

For purposes of Official Rule 2.3(b), “part-time student” shall include students registered in a “*sistema abierto*” or similar programs.

2.1.3 *Pasantes* and engagement in the practice of law

For purposes of Official Rule 2.3(c), employment of a person as a “*pasante*” at a law firm, or otherwise, shall not be considered as having “engaged in the practice of law” until such person has obtained his or her professional degree, or has, in the opinion of the National Administrator, acquired substantial experience as a result of said employment or his or her practice area.

2.2 ILSA Executive Office's written permission required in certain cases

For purposes of Official Rule 2.4(c), “graduate degree or post-graduate degree in a legal field” shall include “law degrees”, as defined in National Rule 2.1.1.

2.3 Training Seminars

Attendance to or participation in any training session or seminar organized or sponsored by the National Administration shall not constitute a “Jessup Course” within the meaning of Official Rule 2.11, and shall not require prior approval from the Executive Director.

NATIONAL RULE 3. JUDGES

3.1 Eligibility to Judge

To serve as a judge in the National Rounds, a person shall have: (a) a law degree or a graduate degree in a field substantially related to the Competition Problem; and (b) at the discretion of the National Administrator, (i) relevant professional experience in a field substantially related to the Competition Problem or (ii) be sufficiently familiar with the Competition.

3.2 Identity of the Judges

The identity of the judges shall not be disclosed to Teams in advance, and Teams may only learn the identity of the judges of their own oral rounds at such oral rounds or through their scoresheets; in the understanding, however, that except for the announcement by the bailiff at the beginning of the oral round, there is no requirement to identify the judges to the teams during oral rounds.

NATIONAL RULE 4. MEMORIALS

4.1 Submission of Paper Copies of Memorials

Teams are required to provide 8 (eight) paper copies of their memorials to the National Administration, copies which shall be mailed to the National Administration within 7 (seven) days after submission of memorials pursuant to Official Rule 6.1(c). Teams are also required to e-mail copies of their memorials to the National Administrator the e-mail address listed in National Rule 1.

4.2 Format of Paper Copies

4.2.1 Paper Size and Colour

Pursuant to Official Rule 6.4(c), paper copies mailed to the National Administration shall be printed double-sided on white letter-size paper. All text should be printed in black.

4.2.2 Cover Pages

Pursuant to Official Rule 6.1(d), paper copies mailed to the National Administration shall be identical to the electronic copy submitted to the ILSA Executive Office and should not include any additional cover pages. The cover page shall also be printed on the same type of white letter-size paper as the rest of the memorial (*i.e.*, using coloured paper or thicker paper is prohibited).

4.2.3 Stapling

Paper copies mailed to the National Administration shall be stapled on the left side of the document. Teams may use any number of staples (one, two or three), but shall not use any type of binding (plastic spiral, metal spiral, or otherwise).

4.3 Four-Judge Panels at the National Rounds

As permitted by Official Rule 6.18, memorials shall be graded by four judges and memorial scores shall be determined as per the method outlined in Official Rule 6.17.

4.4 Memorial Penalties and Appeals

The National Administration shall notify teams of their memorial penalties at least two (2) weeks prior to the first national round of their memorial penalties and teams shall have one (1) week from the date of such notice to file any appeal pursuant to Official Rule 11.1(d).

NATIONAL RULE 5. ORAL ROUNDS

5.1 National Rounds Open to the Public

Subject to space limitations and scouting prohibitions (Official Rule 7.13), all National Rounds are open to the public.

5.2 Registration and Timeliness

The National Rounds may be held in controlled-access facilities which are open to the public. Participants and spectators may be required to surrender an identification issued by Federal authorities (voting card, passport, consular ID card, etc.) and register prior to entering any oral round, and should arrive with ample time to allow for such process.

5.3 Spectators

Spectators are required to observe all applicable provisions of the Official Rules and this Supplement. Teams are required to inform any spectator connected to such Team of the foregoing. Teams shall be liable for any breach of the Official Rules or this Supplement by its spectators connected to a Team and penalties may be assessed against such Team by the National Administrator. Spectators shall not be allowed into an Oral Round which has begun.

5.4 Audio and Videotaping

5.4.1 By Teams or spectators

No audio taping or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted by Teams or any spectator without the advance permission of the entire panel of judges, the 2 (two) participating Teams and the National Administrator. If permission is granted and the oral round, or part thereof, is recorded, the recording media and any other copy of the recording shall be surrendered to the National Administrator immediately upon completion of the round, who shall return such media and copies to the recording Team upon (i) such Team's disqualification, or (ii) the culmination of the National Rounds.

5.4.2 By the National Administration

The National Administration may record oral rounds, or request or authorize a third-party to record such rounds.

5.4.3 Intellectual Property Rights

ILSA reserves all rights to the audio taping and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any oral round or part thereof. By participating in the Mexican Qualifying Rounds, participants consent to the taping, reproduction, and broadcasting of the Mexican Qualifying Rounds by ILSA or third-parties authorized by ILSA.

NATIONAL RULE 6. NATIONAL ROUND PROCEDURES

6.1 Preliminary Rounds

6.1.1 Number of Preliminary Rounds

Each Team participating in the National Rounds shall participate in preliminary rounds consisting of 4 (four) oral rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. If 4 (four) or fewer Teams are participating in the National Rounds, the Administrator shall work with the Executive Director to decide an appropriate match schedule, pairing procedure, and scoring system, but in any case, a National Championship Round shall be held.

6.1.2 Pairings

Each Team shall, to the degree possible, face any opposing Team only once in the preliminary rounds of the National Rounds. In the event that Teams must face each other in 2 (two) preliminary rounds, each Team shall plead as Applicant in 1 (one) Round and Respondent in the other Round.

6.2 Semifinal Rounds

If more than 8 (eight) Teams participate in the National Rounds, semifinal rounds will be held among the 4 (four) highest ranking teams from the preliminary rounds. 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. Semifinal rounds shall be scored pursuant to the scoring method for advanced rounds (Official Rule 10.5.1).

6.3 National Championship Round

6.3.1 Advancing to the National Championship Round

If semifinal rounds have been held, the winning Team in each of the 2 (two) semifinal rounds shall advance to the National Championship Round. If semifinal rounds have not been held, then the top 2 (two) Teams from the preliminary rounds shall compete against one another in a single National Championship Round. In either case, the winner of the National Championship Round is the National Champion. The National Championship Round shall be scored pursuant to the scoring method for the World Championship Jessup Cup Round (Official Rule 10.11).

6.3.2 Pleading Option

The method to be used for determining which Team has the pleading option will be the coin toss method as per Official Rule 8.6(c)(iii).

6.4 Advancement to International Rounds

The number of teams advancing into the International Rounds shall be determined pursuant to Official Rule 1.2(b).

NATIONAL RULE 7. AWARDS

7.1 National Champion

The National Champion shall receive 2 (two) awards: a trophy to keep, and the Víctor Carlos García Moreno Cup to hold in trust for the year at its school. The National Champion shall take full responsibility for the safety and condition of the Víctor Carlos García Moreno Cup while it is in the National Champion's custody and is responsible for returning the Víctor Carlos García Moreno Cup in good condition to the National Administrator prior to the next year's National Rounds. The National Champion may not engrave, or otherwise mark or alter, the Víctor Carlos García Moreno Cup.

7.2 Best Memorial

Teams that receive the top memorial raw scores, calculated after memorial penalties have been applied, shall receive an award for "Best Memorial: Applicant" and "Best Memorial: Respondent".

7.3 Best Oralist

The award for “Best Oralist” shall be awarded to the oralist with the highest average raw point score, measured by combining all the raw scores received by the oralist and dividing the total by the number of rounds argued. In order to be considered for the “Best Oralist” award, an oralist is required to argue in least 2 (two) oral rounds. The runner-up and the third place shall also receive an award.

7.4 Best Oralist: National Championship Round

National Championship Round judges shall select the oralist heard during the National Championship Round who, in their opinion and irrespective of the written pleadings and the ultimate outcome, best embodied the qualities required of an international advocate. Such oralist shall receive an award for “Best Oralist: National Championship Round”.

7.5 The Spirit of the Jessup Award

A Spirit of the Jessup Award may be awarded to the Team or Teams that best exemplify, during the National Rounds, the Jessup spirit of camaraderie, academic excellence, competitiveness, and appreciation of fellow competitors. The winner shall be selected by the National Administrator.

7.6 Hardy C. Dillard Award

Memorials shall enter into competition and be considered for the Hardy C. Dillard Award pursuant to Official Rule 12.2.

7.7 Richard Baxter Award

Memorials shall enter into competition and be considered for the Richard Baxter Award pursuant to Official Rule 12.4.