

**The Russian National Supplement  
to the 2017 Official Rules of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition**

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The Russian National Supplement to the Official Rules (the "**Supplement**") of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2017 (the "**Competition**") has been promulgated by the Russian National Administrator with the approval of the Executive Director (the "**Executive Director**") of the International Law Students Association ("**ILSA**"). The Supplement is intended to facilitate the conduct of the Russian National Championship. It completes and, wherever necessary and expressly stated, replaces the Official Rules of the Competition.

**Supplements to OFFICIAL RULE 1.0 Organization of the Competition**

**1.1.1. Administration of the Russian National Championship**

The Russian National Championship is administered by White & Case LLC (4, Romanov Pereulok, 125009 Moscow, Russia, telephone: + 7 495 645 4969, fax: + 7 495 787 3001, e-mail: iyakusheva@whitecase.com) and the Jessup National Administrator for Russia (the "**National Administrator**") Ekaterina Efimova (Threefold Legal Advisors LLC, 4 Ilyinka St., 109012 Moscow, Russia, telephone +7 495 989-17-87, fax +7 495 989-17-88, e-mail: jessup2017@threefold.ru). The above-mentioned persons are jointly referred to as the "**Russian National Administration**".

**1.5.1 Interpretation of the Supplement**

Any questions as to the interpretation of the Supplement shall be addressed to the National Administrator. The Executive Director shall serve as final arbiter in implementation and interpretation of the Supplement. No other person has the authority to interpret the Supplement.

If any Team relies to its detriment on an interpretation by any person other than the National Administrator, such reliance will not prevent a penalty from being imposed later if the National Administrator's interpretation differs.

**Supplements to OFFICIAL RULE 2.0 Participation and Eligibility**

**This Supplement replaces Official Rules 2.3, 2.4 and 2.8:**

**2.3 Minimum Requirements for Team Member Eligibility**

A person may be a member of a Team if he or she:

- (a) is pursuing a law degree or an international law-related degree, or an international relations-related degree where the Executive Director has given permission in accordance with Official Rule 2.1(a); and
- (b) intends to compete on behalf of an eligible institution at which he or she is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student as of (i) the Team Member registration deadline, (ii) the institution's Qualifying Rounds, or (iii) the International Rounds; and
- (c) has not engaged in the practice of law in any jurisdiction after graduating from any type of law degree program (in particular, has not been admitted to the Russian bar ("**Advokatura**")); and
- (d) has never participate as judge, either of Memorials or in any Oral Round, at any level of the Jessup Competition.

**2.4 Executive Director's Written Permission Required in Certain Cases**

In addition to satisfying Rule 2.3, a person must request and obtain the written permission of the Executive Director to be a Team Member Team, if the person:

- (a) is enrolled as a visiting or exchange student rather than a degree candidate, or is otherwise enrolled at more than one institution; or
- (b) is serving as an extern or apprentice in lieu of attending class; or
- (c) has already received a graduate or post-graduate degree in a legal field in Russia or an equivalent degree in any other country; or
- (d) is enrolled in post-graduate studies at a Russian university ("**Aspirantura**") or another equivalent program of study leading to a post-graduate degree in a legal field in any other country.

Note that most LL.B. degrees are considered undergraduate degrees. Students who are currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in a legal field are not required to obtain special permission under Rule 2.4 (c). In addition, students who are currently pursuing, but have not yet completed, their first graduate degree in a legal field are not required to obtain special permission under Rule 2.4(c).

#### **2.4.1 National Administrator's Written Permission Required in Certain Cases**

In addition to satisfying Rule 2.3 and 2.4, a person must additionally obtain the written permission of the National Administrator if the person underwent a traineeship at White & Case LLC or in any other manner is associated with White & Case LLC.

#### **2.8 Outside Assistance to Teams**

Each Team must research, write, edit, and develop its own legal and factual arguments without the assistance of persons who are not Team Members. Any Team that receives outside assistance may be penalized and may be disqualified from the Competition.

##### **2.8.1 Absentee Coaches**

The Russian National Administrator may choose to provide Russian Teams with an Absentee Coach upon request from a team. An Absentee Coach is an experienced former competitor or a Jessup advisor, who offers his or her assistance to one Russian Team via internet. The scope of such assistance is limited by Official Rule 2.8.

Furthermore, the Russian Jessup Charter of Absentee Coaching establishes Codes of Conduct Standards for the Teams and Absentee Coaches and may be used as a guide to establishing a sound and fruitful coaching cooperation.

##### **2.8.2 A Team Advisor Who Is an Employee of White & Case LLC**

A person who is in any manner associated with White & Case LLC and who is willing to become a Team Advisor must notify the National Administrator of his or her intention. Each employee of White & Case LLC serving as a Team Advisor shall comply with the Internal Guidelines concerning participation of White & Case employees in the Competition and shall bear in mind that receiving outside assistance, making use of the Bench Memorandum or revealing the identity of a school can result in disqualification of a Team from the Competition according to Official Rules 2.8, 2.14 and 2.17.

##### **2.8.3 A Team Member or a Team Advisor Who Is an Employee of Threefold Legal Advisors LLC**

A person who is in any manner associated with Threefold Legal Advisors LLC and who is willing to become a Team Member or Team Advisor must give the Executive Director a written confirmation, in form and substance satisfactory to the Executive Director, that he or she has, and will have, no access to any confidential material in connection with the Competition held or developed by Threefold Legal Advisors LLC.

#### **Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 3.0 Team Registration**

##### **3.6.1 Notification of Russian National Administration**

Russian teams must also promptly notify the Russian National Administration of any changes approved by the Executive Director.

#### **Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 5.0 Judges and Eligibility to Judge**

**This Supplement replaces Official Rule 5.3:**

##### **5.3 Team Advisors**

Team Advisors, or other persons directly affiliated with a Team, except for Absentee Coaches of Russian Teams appointed in accordance with Rule 2.8.1 of this Supplement, may not act as judges in any Tournament until the Team they advise has been eliminated from the Competition. The Russian National

Administrator shall strive to avoid participation of Absentee Coaches of Russian Teams as judges of the Russian National Championship. Absentee Coaches who are permitted to act as judges pursuant to this Rule shall not, in any case, be provided with access to the Bench Memorandum and shall not, in any case, disclose anything to the Team they advise concerning the written or oral submissions of Team(s) they judge, in violation of Rule 7.13(a).

### **Supplements to OFFICIAL RULE 6.0 Memorials**

**This Supplement replaces Official Rules 6.1(b), 6.3, 6.18:**

**6.1(b)** Each Team must submit its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the ILSA Executive Office via its Team Homepage (available through [www.ilsa.org](http://www.ilsa.org)), **and** send its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the Russian National Administrator by e-mail at [jessup@threefold.ru](mailto:jessup@threefold.ru), no later than 23:59 Moscow time (GMT+3 or as officially approved by the Russian Government as at the memorials submission date) **on 10 January 2017**. Submission to the Russian National Administrator must occur in a single e-mail message, addressed to the Russian National Administrator, with both Memorials attached. If one of the Memorials will be submitted late, a Team may separately submit the timely memorial online through its Team Homepage **and** send the timely Memorial to the Russian National Administrator before the deadline without penalty. The official time of submission for the purpose of calculating late penalties at the International Rounds is the time each individual Memorial is uploaded to a Team's Homepage, and the official time of submission for the purpose of calculating late penalties at the Russian National Championship is the time each individual Memorial is sent to [jessup@threefold.ru](mailto:jessup@threefold.ru).

### **6.3 Language of the Memorials**

The official language of the Competition is English. Teams may not submit memorials in any language other than English.

### **6.18 Four-Judge Panels at the Russian National Rounds**

At the Russian National Rounds, the Russian National Administrator shall employ four (4) judges to grade each Memorial. The Russian National Administrator shall identify the score that is furthest from the mean of all four (4) scores and discard that score and the scoresheet on which it appears. The three (3) remaining scores shall be utilized throughout the Competition for the purpose of determining team match wins and team memorial rankings.

### **Supplements to OFFICIAL RULE 7.0 Oral Rounds Procedures**

#### **7.0.1 Attire**

Competing students shall wear business attire during their oral pleadings and judges may wear gowns. The wearing of gowns by the competing students during their oral pleadings is not permitted.

#### **7.9.1 Courtesy**

A judge shall address an oralist as "Agent" or "Counsel".

An oralist shall, when addressing the Court as a whole, use the expression "Your Excellencies". The President of the Court shall be addressed as "Madam President" or "Mister President". An individual judge of the Court shall be addressed as "Your Excellency".

**This Supplement replaces Official Rule 7.14:**

### **7.14 Language of the Oral Rounds**

The official language of the Competition is English. Teams may not present their oral pleadings in any language other than English.

### **Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 8.0 Qualifying Competition Procedures**

**This Supplement replaces Official Rule 8.0:**

## **8.0 The Russian National Championship Procedure**

### **8.1 Preliminary Rounds**

8.1 Each Team participating in the Russian National Championship shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four (4) Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

### **8.2 Pairings**

For the purpose of pairings in the Preliminary Rounds, Teams shall be placed into groups of five Teams ("Groups"). Each Team shall compete against each of the four Teams in its Group once, competing twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. The National Administrator shall assign Teams into Groups in accordance with the 'power seeding' principle, based upon the Teams' Memorials rankings, so as to evenly distribute the higher and lower seeded Teams among the Groups.

For the purpose of pairings only, penalties shall not be taken into consideration.

By way of illustration, if twenty teams participate in the Russian National Championship, they shall be divided into Groups as follows:

Group 1: Teams ranked 1, 5, 9, 13, 17

Group 2: Teams ranked 2, 6, 10, 14, 18

Group 3: Teams ranked 3, 7, 11, 15, 19

Group 4: Teams ranked 4, 8, 12, 16, 20

In the event that the number of Teams competing in the competition is not evenly divisibly by five, the National Administrator shall, in consultation with the ILSA Executive Director, assign the Teams to Groups so as to adhere to the principles and spirit of this Rule.

The Administrator may modify the pairings to account for absent Teams or other contingencies. If Teams must be newly paired, they must be provided with their new opponents' Memorials as soon as reasonably possible, but at the very least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the newly paired round.

### **8.3 Advanced Rounds**

The Advanced Rounds of the Russian National Championship consist of the Run-off Rounds (if applicable in accordance with Rule 8.4 below), the Octafinal Rounds (if applicable in accordance with Rule 8.5 below), the Quarterfinal Rounds, the Semifinal Rounds and the Final Round of the Russian National Championship.

The pairings in the Run-off (or, if applicable, Octafinal Rounds), Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds of the Russian National Championship 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, all rankings shall be determined by the final standings of the Preliminary Rounds.

Prior to each of the Advanced Rounds, Russian National Administrator shall toss a coin, and the higher-ranked Team in that pairing shall call the toss. The Team winning the toss shall select which side it will argue within ten (10) minutes. If that Team fails to make a selection, the other Team shall select which side it will argue within 5 (five) minutes. If that Team fails to make a selection, then the higher-ranked Team shall argue Applicant and the lower-ranked Team shall argue Respondent.

The Russian National Administrator will then notify each Team which side it will be arguing and will deliver to each Team one copy of its opponent's Memorial.

### **8.4 Run-off Rounds**

If forty (40) to fifty (50) teams participate in the Russian National Championship, the Run-off Rounds shall be held. The Run-off Rounds consist of four (4) pairings of the eight (8) Teams ranked fifth (5th) through twelfth (12th) from the Preliminary Rounds.

## **8.5 Octafinal Rounds**

If more than fifty (50) teams participate in the Russian National Championship, the Russian National Administrator, acting in the best interests of the Competition, may choose to replace Run-off Rounds with Octafinal Rounds. The Octafinal Rounds shall consist of eight (8) pairings of the sixteen (16) Teams ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) through sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) from the Preliminary Rounds.

## **8.6 Quarterfinal Rounds**

(a) If the Run-off Rounds are held, the Quarterfinal Rounds of the Russian National Championship shall consist of four (4) pairings of the four (4) Teams ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) through fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) from the Preliminary Rounds, and the 4 (four) Teams that win a match in the Run-off Rounds.

(b) If the Octafinal Rounds are held, the Quarterfinal Rounds of the Russian National Championship shall consist of four (4) pairings of the eight (8) Teams that win a match in the Octafinal Rounds.

(c) If neither the Run-off Rounds nor the Octafinal Rounds are held, the Quarterfinal Rounds of the Russian National Championship shall consist of four (4) pairings of the eight (8) teams ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) through eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) from the Preliminary Rounds.

## **8.7 Semifinal Rounds**

The Semifinal Rounds of the Russian National Championship consist of two (2) pairings of each of the four (4) Teams that win a match in the Quarterfinal Rounds.

## **8.8 Final Round of the Russian National Championship**

The two (2) winning Teams from the Semifinal Rounds shall advance to the Final Round of the Russian National Championship.

## **8.9 Ranking of Teams after the Advanced Rounds**

(a) Upon the completion of the Advanced Rounds and the Final Round the ranking of the Advanced Rounds Teams shall be as follows:

Russian National Champion Team  
Russian National Runner-Up Team  
Semifinalist Teams  
Quarterfinalist Teams  
Octafinalist or Run-off Teams

(b) Semifinalist, Quarterfinalist and Octafinalist or Run-off Teams shall be ranked 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup>) places according to their results from the Preliminary Rounds.

## **Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 12.0 Awards**

**This Supplement replaces Official Rule 12.0:**

### **12.1 Russian National Championship Awards**

The following awards shall be presented at the Russian National Championship:

#### Team Awards

- Russian National Champion Team (which shall proceed to the International Tournament);
- Russian National Runner-Up Team (second place, which may proceed to the International Tournament, if 20 or more Teams compete in the Russian National Championship);
- Third Place Team (which may proceed to the International Tournament, if 30 or more Teams

compete in the Russian National Championship);

- Fourth Place Team (which may proceed to the International Tournament, if 40 or more Teams compete in the Russian National Championship);
- Fifth Place Team, Sixth Place Team and, if applicable, other Teams if they proceed to the International Tournament pursuant to Official Rule 1.2(b).

#### Memorial Awards

- First Place Memorial, which shall advance to compete in the Hardy C. Dillard Competition;
- Second Place Memorial;
- Third Place Memorial;
- Fourth Place Memorial.

#### Oralist Awards

- First Place Oralist;
- Second Place Oralist;
- Third Place Oralist;
- Fourth Place Oralist;
- Fifth Place Oralist;
- Sixth Place Oralist;
- Seventh Place Oralist;
- Eighth Place Oralist;
- Ninth Place Oralist;
- Tenth Place Oralist.