

2017 UK JESSUP NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

This Rules Supplement applies only to the 2017 UK Jessup National Rounds and replaces the Official Rules where there is a conflict.

1. Supplement to Official Rule 1.4 Administrators

The 2017 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 24 February 2017 at Gray's Inn, London.

2.2 The UK National Rounds normally consist of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the National Championship. The UK National Administrator may, however, exercise a discretion to eliminate the Quarter-Final Rounds in circumstances where the number of teams participating makes this undesirable.

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*

Where Quarter-Final Rounds are scheduled to take place, 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 following on from Quarter-Final Rounds*

Where Quarter-Final Rounds have taken place, 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 *Semi-Final Rounds in the absence of Quarter-Final Rounds*

If Quarter-Final Rounds are not held, the four (4) highest ranking teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds. The pairings shall be as follows:

The first-ranked team versus the fourth-ranked team (Match One)

The second-ranked team versus the third-ranked team (Match Two)

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 Rounds (if these are held) 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 8.5(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, at the team registration, confirm in writing to the National Administrator the Team's availability and commitment to participate in the International Rounds should it qualify ("the Confirmation").

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 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.

2.4.5 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 (where these have been held), the order in which they were ranked in the Preliminary Rounds; and
- (vi) of the teams which did not advance to the Quarter-Finals (where these have been held), 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 0 Competition Scoring

3.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the rankings in the Preliminary Rounds are determined in accordance with Official Rule 10.7

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