
BELARUSIAN NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

The 2018 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Belarusian National Supplement to the Official Rules of the 2018 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition has been prepared by the Belarusian National Administrator and approved by the Executive Director of the International Law Students Association (ILSA). The Belarusian National Rounds of Jessup Competition are administered by International Law & Arbitration Association (BILA).

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 1.4: ADMINISTRATORS

- (a) BILA is an official Administrator of the Belarusian National Rounds and is approved by the ILSA Executive Director.
- (b) Any Member of BILA Staff who wishes to serve as a Team Member, Team Advisor or a Judge, should inform the National Administrator as soon as possible.
- (c) The National Administrator may not serve as Team Advisor or in any other way assist a Team. Nevertheless, the Administrator may organise events and publish materials, which provide Teams with general information about ILSA and the Jessup Competition.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 2.9: ASSISTANCE FROM TEAM ADVISORS

The “general commentary on the quality of the Team’s legal and factual arguments” that Team Advisors may provide should not include the correction of errors, alteration and commentaries on specific factual or legal omissions. Such commentaries are considered as Outside Assistance to Teams under Official Rule 2.8.

The assistance of English teachers during the preparation of memorials is permitted and doesn't qualify as outside assistance.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 2.15: USE OF OPPOSING TEAM'S MEMORIALS AND ARGUMENTS

The Teams will receive the Memorials of their opponents at least one (1) day prior to the first day of the Belarusian National Rounds. The Memorials will be sent to the email indicated during the Team's registration at www.ilsa.org.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 6.2: DISQUALIFICATION DEADLINE

Disqualification Deadline Disqualification Deadline for submitting Memorials is Wednesday, 17 January 2018. A Team will be disqualified from the Competition if it does not submit both its Applicant and Respondent Memorials no later than 17:00 (5:00 p.m.) Eastern Standard Time (EST) (UTC/GST -5) on 17 January 2018.

The Disqualification Deadline specified in the Official Rules does not apply.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 6.18: THREE-JUDGE PANELS AT QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

The Administrator shall employ four (4) judges to grade each Memorial. The Administrator shall identify the score that is furthest from the mean of all four (4) scores, and that score and the scoresheet on which it appears shall be disregarded. The three (3) remaining scores shall be utilized for the purpose of determining Round outcomes and Team Memorial rankings.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 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 ten teams participate in the Belarusian National Rounds, they shall be divided into Groups as follows:

Group 1: Teams ranked 1, 4, 5, 7, 9

Group 2: Teams ranked 2, 3, 6, 8, 10

if fifteen teams participate in the Belarusian National Rounds, they shall be divided into Groups as follows:

Group 1: Teams ranked 1, 6, 7, 10, 13

Group 2: Teams ranked 2, 5, 8, 11, 14

Group 3: Teams ranked 3, 4, 9, 12, 15

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.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 8.4: SEMIFINAL ROUND

If eight (8) and more teams compete in the Preliminary Rounds of the Belarusian National Rounds, the Advanced Round are held. The Advanced Rounds of the Belarusian National Rounds consist of two (2) Semifinal Rounds and the Championship Round. The Semifinal Rounds of the Belarusian National Rounds consist of two (2) pairings of the four (4) Teams ranked first (1st) through fourth (4th) from the Preliminary Rounds.

The pairings in the Semifinal Rounds of the Belarusian National Rounds shall be determined by use of "power-seeding", i.e. the highest-ranked Team shall compete against the lowest-ranked Team and the second-highest-ranked Team shall compete against the second-lowest-ranked Team. For purposes of this Rule, all rankings shall be determined by the final standings of the Preliminary Rounds.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 8.5: CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

The Championship Round of the Belarusian National Rounds consists of one (1) pairing of the two winning Teams of the Semifinal Rounds. In order to ensure the highest degree of impartiality and objectivity of the Championship Round, the panel is composed of five (5) judges. The lowest and the highest overall score of two (2) of the five (5) judges will not be taken into account by the National Administrator.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 9.1: PLEADING OPTION

Prior to the commencement of the Advanced Rounds, each advancing Team will be given its completed master Team Scoresheet from the Preliminary Rounds, but not individual judges' Scoresheets or notes. In the Semifinal Rounds, the higher-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds shall have the right to choose which side it will argue. This right is called the "pleading option."

In accordance with Official Rule 8.6 (c), pleading option for the Championship Round will be determined by Coin Toss: a designated Team Member of the higher ranking Team from the

Preliminary Rounds will call the toss, and the Administrator will toss the coin. If the Team Member correctly calls the toss, then his or her Team will have the pleading option. If that Team Member does not correctly call the toss, then the opposing Team will have the pleading option.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 9.1: REPRESENTATION

If one (1) Belarusian Team is allowed to take part in the International Rounds, the National Champion shall represent Belarus in the International Rounds. If two (2) Teams are permitted to participate in International Rounds, the National Champion and the National Runner-Up shall represent Belarus.

SUPPLEMENT TO OFF. RULE 12.6: OTHER AWARDS

The Belarusian National Administrator at its own discretion may decide upon personal and team awards presented at Belarusian National Rounds.

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