The 2019 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition German National Rules Supplement

This Rules Supplement applies only to the German National Rounds 2019. It is to be read in conjunction with the Official Rules and takes precedence in the event of a conflict.

The National Administrators would like to draw the Teams’ specific attention to the changed rule on the submission and distribution of Memorials. While the National Administrators recognize that not all Teams might be enthusiastic about this change, they assure all Teams that they have thought long and hard about this decision and have in the end decided to prioritize a modernized, environmentally friendly solution.

Supplement to Official Rule 1.0 – Organization of the Competition

1.1 Administration

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1.7 Interpretation of Rules

Any questions as to the interpretation of the Supplement shall be addressed to the National Administrators. The Executive Director shall serve as final arbiter in implementation and interpretation of the Supplement.

Supplement to Official Rule 2.0 – Participation and Eligibility

2.17 Anonymity of Teams

Teams may share pictures and updates of the Team or Team Members to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or other publicly available websites. By way of clarification, posting a picture on the Team’s official social media page or website, identifying individual Team Members by name, does not in
itself constitute a violation of Rule 2.17. However, Teams may not identify themselves by their Team Number.

**Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 5.0 – JUDGES AND ELIGIBILITY TO JUDGE**

5.6 Prior Viewing of Teams

For further clarification, the National Administrators advise Teams that while they will strive to avoid having judges view Teams they have already viewed in a previous Oral Round, situations might occur where such a result will be unavoidable. Taking into account the procedures laid out in Official Rule 5.5. (b), the Administrators will decide if the placement of the judge is nevertheless necessary and in the best interest of the Competition.

**Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 6.0 – MEMORIALS**

6.1 Submission of Memorials

(a) The Memorial Submission Deadline specified in Official Rule 6.1 and the Official Schedule applies. By way of clarification, the deadline expires at 24:00 Central European Time (CET) (UTC + 1) on 11 January 2019.

(b) In addition to all Memorial submission requirements stipulated by ILSA, each Team shall submit its Applicant and Respondent Memorial in a single e-mail to the National Administrators (via jessup2019.hamburg@law-school.de) no later than the Memorial Submission Deadline.

(c) For the purpose of clarification, Teams are advised that the National Administrators have not made use of Official Rule 6.1 c) (iii), the possibility to require paper copies. As a result, and contrary to previous Competition Years, Teams shall not mail paper copies of their Memorials to the Administrators.

6.2 Disqualification Deadline

The Disqualification Deadline specified in Official Rule 6.1 and the Official Schedule applies. By way of clarification, the deadline expires at 24:00 Central European Time (CET) (UTC + 1) on 25 January 2019.

6.4 Memorial Formatting

For the sake of clarification only, Teams are advised that a rule change occurred in Official Rule 6.4 d). As a result, failure to use the recommended font, font size and line spacing will no longer result in memorial penalties.

6.17/6.18 Four-Judge Panels at Qualifying Competitions

(a) Official Rule 6.17 applies mutatis mutandis to Memorial scoring at the German National Rounds.

(b) If two scores are equally far from the mean, the lower score and the scoresheet on which it appears shall be disregarded.
Supplement to Official Rule 8.0 – Qualifying Competition Procedures

(a) The German National Rounds will consist of Preliminary Rounds, Quarterfinal Rounds, Semifinal Rounds and a Championship Round.

(b) The final overall Team ranking of the German National Rounds will be determined by the Team ranking after the Preliminary Rounds, with the following exceptions:

1st place: Winner of the Championship Round (German National Champion)
2nd place: Runner-Up of the Championship Round (German National Runner-Up)
3rd place: Higher-ranking losing Semifinalist from the Preliminary Rounds
4th place: Lower-ranking losing Semifinalist from the Preliminary Rounds

8.2 Pairings

(a) In line with the Official Rules, the pairing of Teams for the Preliminary Rounds will be done by random draw.

(b) The National Administrators may modify the draw in the best interests of the competition and shall immediately inform Teams about any such modifications.

(c) Pairings and Memorials of opposing Teams will be distributed to Teams on the first day of the Competition.

(d) Teams are advised that they will only receive a digital copy of their opponent Teams’ Memorials in the Preliminary Rounds and Quarterfinals. For preparation of those rounds, no paper copies will be distributed. However, for the convenience of the Teams, one paper copy of the respective Memorial will be made available for them within the respective court room of their Oral Round. As these copies will be used continuously throughout the Competition, it is prohibited for Teams to mark them in any way or take them with them after the Oral Round is finished.

(e) Due to the reduced preparation time, Teams will receive a paper copy of their opponent Team’s Memorial for the Semifinal Rounds and the Championship Rounds.

8.6 Pleading Option

(a) In the Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds, the higher-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds shall have the pleading option.

(b) The pleading option in the Championship Round shall be determined by coin toss. A representative of the higher-ranking team from the Preliminary Rounds will call the toss. If the call was correct, his or her Team will have the pleading option. If the call was incorrect, the opposing Team will have the pleading option.

(c) The Team with the pleading option has ten minutes to decide which side it wishes to plead. If that Team fails to select, then the opposing Team has five minutes to do so. If the opposing Team also fails to select, it shall forfeit its pleading option as well. Should both Teams fail to select, then the National Administrators will decide randomly which Team will argue which side.

Supplement to Official Rule 9.0 – International Pairing Procedures

(a) The National Champion and the National Runner-Up shall be the National Representatives.
(b) Whether or not Germany can send more Teams to the International Rounds and whether such will be Competing Teams or Exhibition Teams, will be determined by the Executive Director after the National Administrators have submitted the final number of checked-in Teams to ILSA and thus, after commencement of the German Qualifying Rounds.

(c) In any event, the German Teams filling such a potential spot will be, in the following order: the Team ranking 3rd place (i.e. the higher-ranking losing Semifinalist from the Preliminary Rounds), the Team ranking 4th place (i.e. the lower-ranking losing Semifinalist from the Preliminary Rounds), the Team ranking 5th place and so on. The National Administrators will inform all Teams as soon as such information becomes available to them.

**Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 10.0 – COMPETITION SCORING**

10.14 Reporting of Results

In addition to all documents listed in Official Rule 10.14, after the conclusion of the German National Rounds, each participating Team shall receive its completed master Team scoresheet from the Preliminary Rounds.

**Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 11.0 – PENALTIES**

In addition to the penalties laid down in the Official Rules, the National Administrators may impose penalties for violations of the German National Rules Supplement as follows:

11.1 Memorial Penalties

- Tardiness in e-mailing the Memorials to the National Administrators: 1 point per hour during the first day up to a maximum of 5 points; 3 points per day thereafter

In accordance with Official Rule 11.1 d), the National Administrators will notify affected Teams of imposed Memorial Penalties via their Contact Person no later than 28 January 2019. A Team may appeal any Penalty imposed against its Memorials in writing to the National Administrators until 24:00 CET (UTC+1) on 4 February 2019, indicating reasons for reconsideration of the case. The Executive Director shall decide upon the validity of any appeal from the imposition of a Memorial Penalty by the National Administrator. Belated appeals will be deemed inadmissible.

11.3 Oral Round Penalties

- Marking the paper copies made available for the Teams in the respective court rooms: Up to 3 points (one-time penalty)
- Taking the paper copies made available for the Teams in the respective court rooms with them: 2 points (one-time penalty)

In accordance with Official Rule 11.7, the National Administrators will notify affected Teams of imposed Oral Round Penalties via their Contact Person as soon as practicable.

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