

Jessup Teams, including coaches and advisors, are advised to read the 2019 Official Rules of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition completely and carefully. Please do not rely merely on knowledge of last year's Rules or the Summary of Rule Changes below.

- 1. Students who have already graduated from a law degree program may not compete in the Jessup if they have either engaged in the practice of law or in any paid or unpaid activity (outside of degree studies) that would give them undue advantage over students who have not yet completed their first law degree (Rules 2.3(c) Team Member Eligibility).** The language of 2.3(c) has been modified to help clarify the meaning of the term “practice of law” as it is used in the context of Jessup eligibility. Students competing in the Jessup must meet all of the qualifications set forth in Rule 2.3. Any questions regarding eligibility should be addressed to jessup@ILSA.org. The Executive Director’s decision regarding eligibility will be final.
- 2. Students must research, write, edit, and develop their own legal and factual arguments and may not receive outside assistance (Rule 2.8 Outside Assistance).** Team Members (i.e., students) should not solicit advice or assistance from subject-matter experts, professors, students not registered as Team Members, and Team Advisors except as allowed under Rule 2.9. For example, Teams may not ask a professor to suggest potential legal arguments, write or re-write sections of their memorials, or accept research assistance from students or others not registered as Team Members. Team Advisors are reminded to review Rule 2.9, which lists the sort of advice they are allowed to provide to Team Members. Teams that violate this Rule may be penalized or disqualified.
- 3. The Executive Director may authorize the holding of Friendly Competitions among Teams from multiple nations and/or geographic regions (Rule 2.18 “Friendly Competitions”).** Friendly Competitions are intended to allow Teams without Qualifying Rounds (i.e., single Team countries) to gain experience before the International Rounds, and permission to take part is at the discretion of the Executive Director. Friendly Competitions do not, unless otherwise specified in an approved Rules Supplement, determine the Team(s) that will advance to the International Rounds.
- 4. Substitution of a Team Member after he/she is registered will be allowed only in exceptional circumstances. It is unlikely to be granted where the Team Member being replaced has generated or created work product or after the submission of Memorials (Rule 3.6 Changes to Registration).** The language of this Rule has been modified to clarify when Team Member substitutions will be allowed. Requests for substitutions must be submitted to jessup@ilsa.org with an explanation of the exceptional circumstance on the basis of which a substitution is requested.
- 5. Formatting recommendations including font, font size, and line spacing are provided for Teams (Rule 6.4(d) Memorial Formatting).** The modification of Rule 6.4(d) makes certain elements of memorial formatting *recommended* rather than required. Please note, the line spacing recommendation is now 1.5 lines (instead of double spacing/2 lines). Memorial judges may consider formatting and presentation when they evaluate memorials, but Teams will no longer be assessed penalties by the Administrator for failing to adhere to the memorial formatting recommendations in Rule 6.4(d).

6. **Administrators shall assess a penalty of up to five (5) points for manipulation of the word count in Memorials (6.12(d) Length).** Manipulation of the word count is prohibited. Teams that manipulate the word count of memorials through the removal of spaces where they would ordinarily occur (in citations or otherwise) or through other measures intended to reduce the number of words counted by the standard “Word Count” feature in Microsoft Word will be subject to a discretionary penalty in addition to any applicable penalties for excessive word count.
7. **The Executive Director shall establish the pairings for the Preliminary Rounds of the International Rounds, in the first instance, by a random draw (Rule 9.3(a) Pairings for Preliminary Rounds).** The Executive Director may modify the draw to ensure geographical and competitive diversity and balance (including with reference to the total International Rounds Memorial scores of the competing Teams), or otherwise in the best interests of the Competition. This process replaces the previous pairing system based solely on unadjusted memorial score rankings.
8. **If two or more Oralists are tied for purposes of Awards at the International Rounds, the Executive Director shall break the tie by comparing average oral scores without excluding the single lowest score awarded to each Oralist (Rule 10.12 Ranking of Oralists).** If the tie is not broken by the described procedure, the tie will stand.
9. **Memorial penalty appeals will be submitted through the Team Homepage on the ILSA Website (Rule 11.1(d) Penalties).** After the Memorial submission deadline, a form will be made available to Teams through the Team Homepage. All memorial penalty appeals must be submitted through this form. The Executive Director will decide upon the validity of all appeals.
10. **A reminder that Teams shall not commit plagiarism, which means in the context of the Jessup Competition (1) the act of appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages or another’s writings, or the ideas or language of another, and (2) passing them off as the product of one’s own mind (Rule 11.2 Plagiarism).** In addition to any review by the Administrator for plagiarism, Memorial Judges will be instructed to report any instances of plagiarism they may discover to the Administrator and/or the Executive Director.
11. **A number of other editorial and language revisions have been made throughout the Official Rules, and Teams are reminded to review all of the Rules in detail.**