

ITALIAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT
FOR THE
2020 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Italian National Rule 0.0 – Italian National Rules Supplement

The Italian National Rules Supplement (the "Supplement") for the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (the "Competition") has been adopted by the Jessup National Administrator for Italy ("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 Italian National Rounds. It clarifies and, wherever necessary, completes the Official Rules of the Competition.

These Rules shall remain in force from year to year and may be amended by the National Administrator, who will as far as possible consult with the Team Advisors of the Teams participating in the previous year's competition.

Italian National Rule 1.0 – Administration of the Italian National Rounds

The Italian National Rounds are administered by National Administrator, as approved by the ILSA:

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Italian National Rule 2.0 – 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.

Italian National Rule 3.0 - Team Member eligibility

In accordance with Official Rule 2.3(b)(i), a person may be a Team Member if he or she 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 the Team Member registration deadline, i.e. 22 November 2019.

In clarification of Official Rule 2.3(c), a person may not be a Team Member if he or she is undertaking the compulsory training necessary to be admitted to the Bar (the Italian '*pratica forense*').

In clarification of Official Rule 2.4, Executive Director's written permission is not required for students who received an undergraduate degree in a legal field (the Italian '*laurea triennale*') and are currently enrolled in a graduate / J.D. equivalent degree (the Italian '*laurea specialistica*').

Italian National Rule 4.0 – Memorial Submission

In accordance with Official Rule 6(1)(b), each Team must submit its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the ILSA via its Team Homepage (available through www.ilsa.org), no later than 13 January 2020, 17:00 (5:00 p.m.) Central Standard Time (CST) (UTC/GST – 6), corresponding to **14 January 2020, 00:00 (00:00 a.m.) Central European Time (CET) (UTC/GST +1)** (“Official Memorial Submission Deadline”).

In accordance with Official Rule 6(1)(b), each Team must submit its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the National Administrator, in a single email addressed to **jessup.italianrounds@gmail.com**, no later than the Official Memorial Submission Deadline.

Italian National Rule 5.0 – Memorial Scoring: Four-Judge Panel

In accordance with Official Rule 6.18, at the Italian National Rounds the National Administrator shall employ four (4) judges to grade each Memorial. The 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. In the unlikely event of impossibility to define the furthest from the mean of all four (4) scores due to equal distance, the lowest score will be discarded. The three (3) remaining scores shall be utilized throughout the Competition for the purpose of determining Team match wins and Team memorial rankings.

Italian National Rule 6.0 – Memorial Penalties

In addition to the penalties laid down in the Official Rules, the National Administrators may impose penalties for violations of the Italian National Rules Supplement. In particular, in accordance to Official Rule 6.1(b), up to five (5) points of penalty – depending on severity – may be imposed for:

- Failure in sending memorials via email to the National Administrator within the Official Memorial Submission Deadline;
- Failure in sending memorials via email to the National Administrator in a single email.

In accordance with Official Rule 11.1, the National Administrator will notify affected Teams of imposed Memorial Penalties via their Contact Person no later than 27 January 2020.

A Team may appeal any Penalty imposed against its Memorials within ten (10) working days (“Appeal Deadline”) by completing the appeals form located on the Team Homepage.

In case of appeal, the Team shall promptly inform the National Administrator.

Should the Appeal Deadline lapse without further action on the part of the Team, no belated appeal will be deemed admissible.

The Executive Director shall decide upon the validity of any appeal from the imposition of a Penalty by the National Administrator. No further appeal is available from this decision of the Executive Director

Teams will not receive information about other Teams’ penalties. At no time, appeals against the attribution or non-attribution of Penalties to other Teams’ Memorials will be deemed admissible.

Italian National Rule 7.0 – Italian National Rounds Procedure

7.1 Preliminary Rounds

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

7.2 Preliminary Round Pairings

For the purpose of pairings in the Preliminary Rounds, the National Administrator shall establish Teams' opponents with reference to the total Memorial raw scores. Teams will be ranked in one of four groups based on their total Memorial raw scores, and will face during Preliminary Round matches one Team from each of those four groups. The National Administrator, with the agreement of the Executive Director, may modify the pairings in the best interests of the competition, including for absent Teams or other unforeseeable contingencies.

For the purpose of these pairings only, penalties imposed on Memorials shall not be taken into consideration.

Pairings and Memorials of opposing Teams will be distributed to Teams in the evening prior to the first day of the Italian National Rounds. Teams will not receive information about Memorial scores or rankings.

7.3 Semifinal Rounds

If 8 or more Teams participate to the Italian National Rounds, Semifinal Rounds will be held. The Semifinal Rounds of the Italian National Rounds consist of two (2) pairings of the four (4) Teams ranked first (1st) through fourth (4th) from the Preliminary Rounds.

7.4 Semifinal Rounds Pairings

The pairings in the Semifinal Rounds of the Italian 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.

7.5 Championship Round

The Championship Round of the Italian National Rounds consists of one (1) pairing of the two winning Teams of the Semifinal Rounds.

7.6 Championship Round Pairing

The pairing in the Championship Round of the Italian National Rounds shall be determined by coin toss, in accordance with Official Rule 8.6(c)(i).

7.7 Advanced Round 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 National 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.

Italian National Rule 8.0 – Qualification to the International Rounds

8.1 National Representative(s)

The winning team of the Italian National Rounds will be invited to participate to the International Rounds as ‘Italian National Champion’.

If, upon invitation of the Executive Director, a second team will be allowed to participate as competing team, the Runner-up Team will be invited.

8.2 Exhibition Team

Upon invitation of the Executive Director, the National Administrator may designate one Team competing in the Italian National Rounds to participate as Exhibition Team in the International Rounds.

Participation as Exhibition Team is intended to be exclusively for educational purposes. The possibility to participate as Exhibition Team will be awarded to the most successful Team representing a University which has never participated in the International Rounds, either as a Competing Team or as an Exhibition Team. If all competing Universities already participated in the International Rounds, invitation will be extended to the most successful Team representing a University which has not participated in the International Rounds in the last 3 or more years.

The Executive Director will take a final decision and confirm the invitation directly to the designated Exhibition Team.

Italian National Rule 9.0 – Reporting of Results

In line with Official Rule 10.14, after the conclusion of the Italian Qualifying Rounds, each participating Team shall receive the following:

- (i) a copy of individual Memorial judge’s scoresheets;
- (ii) a copy of individual Oral Round judge’s scoresheets from Preliminary Rounds;
- (iii) a summary of the Team’s scores, including both Memorial and oral pleading raw scores and Round points for both the Team and the opposing Teams faced, for each Preliminary Round in which the Team competed;
- (iv) a copy of the Team Rankings of the Preliminary Rounds of the Italian Qualifying Rounds, with the Win/Loss records, Total Preliminary Round Raw Scores, and Total Preliminary Round Points;
- (v) a copy of the Oralist Rankings from the Preliminary Rounds of the Italian Qualifying Rounds, including all Average Individual Oral Scores; and

- (vi) a copy of the Memorial Rankings from the Italian Qualifying Rounds, including all Total Memorial Scores.

Teams will not receive summary of scores or individual scoresheets of other Teams.