

**ITALIAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT**  
**FOR THE**  
**2023 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 the 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. 21 November 2022.

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 5(1)(b), each Team must submit its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the ILSA via its Team Homepage (available through [www.ilsa.org](http://www.ilsa.org)), no later than 17 January 2023, 17:00 (5:00 p.m.) Central Standard Time (CST) (UTC/GST – 6), corresponding to **18 January 2023, 00:00 (00:00 a.m.) Central European Time (CET) (UTC/GST +1)** (“Official Memorial Submission Deadline”).

In accordance with Official Rule 5(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](mailto:jessup.italianrounds@gmail.com)**, no later than the Official Memorial Submission Deadline.

## **Italian National Rule 5.0 – Memorial Scoring**

In accordance with Official Rule 5.16, the grading and assessment of penalties for each Memorial will be organized by the Executive Director. Prior to the commencement of the Italian National Rounds, the Executive Director will endeavour to ensure that each Memorial has been graded at least three times and will communicate the scores and any penalties to the National Administrator.

## **Italian National Rule 6.0 – Italian National Rounds**

### **6.1 General Procedure**

The 2023 Italian National Rounds will be held in person and will take place according to the procedure set forth under Official Rule 6.

If later developments of the Covid-19 pandemic will not allow the organisation of in person rounds, the 2023 Italian National Rounds will be held online and will take place according to the procedure set forth under Official Rule 7. The National Administrator shall inform all participating Teams promptly.

Under no circumstances will the Italian National Rounds be held in a hybrid format with some Teams in person and others online.

### **6.2 Covid-19 Procedures**

The 2023 Italian National Rounds will be held in compliance with local public health laws, regulations and guidance.

All participants (including Team Members, Team Advisors, accompanying persons, judges, admin team) shall comply with Covid-19 regulations as applicable at the time in which the competition will take place.

The National Administrator may limit the number of Team Advisors or other accompanying persons whose presence will be allowed on site, to ensure the respect of public health laws. Limits may be set in consideration of the overall number of participating Teams and maximum occupancy of the rooms available for the competition. Limits will apply to all Teams, including the Team representing the host university. Teams will be informed ahead of time if such limits will be imposed.

If, in the days preceding the opening of the 2023 Italian National Rounds, Team Members of a competing Team will be prevented from attending due to sickness or mandatory quarantine, Team Advisors shall immediately inform the National Administrator.

### **6.3 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.

### **6.4 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.

If the final official scores will not be available to the National Administrator one week before the opening of the Italian National Rounds, the National Administrator shall establish Teams' opponents in the Preliminary Rounds by random drawing. Team Advisors of participating Teams may request the National Administrator to assist to the drawing via online meeting.

Pairings and Memorials of opposing Teams will be distributed to Teams during the Welcome Meeting which will take place in the afternoon the day before the start of the competition.

### **6.5 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.

### **6.6 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.

### **6.7 Championship Round**

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

### **6.8 Advanced Rounds 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.”

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.

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 fails to exercise its Pleading Option within a five-minute period, the higher-ranked Team will argue Applicant and the lower-ranked Team will argue Respondent.

### **Italian National Rule 7.0 – Qualification to the International Rounds**

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

If, in accordance with Official Rule 1.2(b), two Italian teams will be invited to represent Italy, the Runner-up team will also be invited.

If, in accordance with Official Rule 1.2(b), three Italian teams will be invited to represent Italy, a match for the third place will be organised between the two semi-finalist teams which did not advance to the Championship Round. The winning team will be invited to participate to the International Rounds.

### **Italian National Rule 8.0 – 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 10.19, after the conclusion of the Italian National 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.

The opportunity to distribute Team Rankings of the Preliminary Rounds and/or Oralist Ranking will be agreed upon between the National Administrator and the Team Advisors of participating Teams after Teams' registration deadline.

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