

**ITALIAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT**  
**FOR THE**  
**2024 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 has been adopted by the Jessup National Administrator for Italy (“National Administrator”) with the approval of the Executive Director (the “Executive Director”). The Supplement is intended to facilitate the conduct of the Italian National Rounds. It clarifies and, wherever necessary, replaces the Official Rules of the Competition.

This Supplement 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. 17 November 2023.

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 12 January 2024, 17:00 (5:00 p.m.) Central Standard Time (CST) (UTC/GST – 6), corresponding to **13 January 2024, 00:00 (00:00 a.m.) Central European Time (CET) (UTC/GST +1)** (“Official Memorial Submission Deadline”).

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

The grading and assessment of penalties for each Memorial will be organized by the National Administrator. 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 case of equal distance between the lowest and highest score, the lowest score will be discarded. The three (3) remaining scores shall be utilized throughout the Italian National Rounds for the purpose of determining Team match wins and Team memorial rankings.

In the alternative, if it will not be possible to organise the scoring of memorials at national level, the grading and assessment of penalties for each Memorial will be organized by the Executive Director in accordance with Official Rule 5.16. 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.

In accordance with Official Rule 11.1, Memorial Penalties will be imposed by the National Administrator. The Executive Director shall decide upon the validity of any appeal from the imposition of a Penalty. No further appeal is available for 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 6.0 – Italian National Rounds**

### **6.1 General Procedure**

The 2024 Italian National Rounds will be held in person and will take place according to the procedure set forth under Official Rule 6, i.e. in person.

Under extraordinary exceptional circumstances, the National Administrator may decide, with the agreement of ILSA, to hold the 2024 Italian National Rounds online, according to the procedure set forth under Official Rule 7, i.e. online. 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 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.

### **6.3 Preliminary Round Pairings**

For the purpose of pairings in the Preliminary Rounds, the National Administrator shall establish Teams' opponents according to a random drawing. 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.

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.

### **6.4 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.

### **6.5 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.

### **6.6 Championship Round**

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

### **6.7 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 person 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 person 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 10.16, 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;
- (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.