

PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024
EIGHTH BANGLADESH QUALIFYING ROUND
RULES SUPPLEMENT

Rule 01: Application

The Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds Rules Supplement 2024 has been formulated pursuant to Rule 1.7 (a) of The Official Rules of the 2024 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION (referred as “Official Rules 2024”) and has been approved by the Executive Director under 1.7 (b) of the Official Rules 2024.

The Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds Rules Supplement 2024 shall be applicable only to the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds 2024 of Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and shall prevail in conflict with the Official Rules 2024.

Rule 02: Definitions

“Ambassadors” are the people who participated in the preceding years Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds and who are not currently associated with any participating teams. The total number of Ambassadors for Jessup Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds 2024 is seven.

“Competition” shall refer to the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds 2024 of Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

“Facilitators” are individuals with technical expertise crucial for the smooth organization of the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds.

“Observer Team” shall refer to the non-competing teams of the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds and their participation shall be approved by the Administrator(s) with a view to disseminating the Jessup Competition in Bangladesh and “Observer” shall refer to the “Spectator” during the Competition and can be used interchangeably.

“Shadow Team” refers to team(s) whose performance will not be considered in the overall ranking of the Competition rather they may partake in the Competition for educational purpose. The identity of the shadow will not be disclosed before the end of the Preliminary Rounds, and they will not proceed to the advanced rounds.

“Team” shall refer to a participating/ competing team of the Competition unless otherwise referred to.

“Team Coach” shall refer to the “Team Advisor” and can be used interchangeably during the Competition.

Rule 03: Team Composition

A Team in the Competition shall be composed of three (3) Members and one Advisor/ Coach, and all the three team members must be registered for the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition International Rounds (“International Rounds”). The team advancing to the International Rounds cannot substitute a member of the participating team of the Competition. The Team competing in the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds shall complete registration for Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds following the instructions of the national administrators.

Rule 04: Total Number of the Rounds

The Competition will be divided into Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.

4.1. Preliminary Rounds

Each Team participating in the Competition shall participate in the Preliminary Rounds consisting of four Oral Rounds - twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

4.2. Advanced Rounds

The Quarterfinal Rounds, Semifinal Rounds, Third Place Playoff and Final/ Championship Round will be known as advanced/ elimination rounds. The winner of each Advanced Round will move to the next Advanced Round.

(a) Quarterfinal Rounds

The top eight teams of the Preliminary Rounds will compete in the Quarterfinal Rounds.

(b) Semifinal Rounds

The winning teams of the Quarterfinal Rounds will compete in the Semifinal Rounds.

(c) Third Place Playoff

The two losing teams of the Semi Final Rounds will compete in the Third Place Playoff for the third place.

(d) Final/ Championship Round

Winners of the Semifinal Rounds will compete in the Final for the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds Championship.

Rule 05: Pairings

5.1. Preliminary Rounds

The national administrator(s) of the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds shall form groups and/or sub-groups for the preliminary round matches by an automated seeding procedure.

For seeding, first the Teams will be ordered according to their average memorial scores from highest to lowest. For instance, Team with highest average memorial marks will be marked as T1, whereas Team with second highest memorial marks will be marked as T2 and likewise. After that, all the participating Teams shall be divided into two groups: Group A and Group B. Group A will be comprised of odd numbered teams from the Memorial ranking, for instance T1, T3, T5 and Group B will be comprised of even numbered teams from the Memorial ranking for example T2, T4, T6. For the purpose of the competition the shadow team(s) will be considered as the lowest ranked team(s).

Each group will be divided into four subgroups according to the seeding in the following manner.

Group A:

Subgroup 1: T1, T3, T5, T7

Subgroup 2: T9, T11, T13, T15

Subgroup 3: T17, T19, T21, T23

Subgroup 4: T25, T27, T29, T31

Group B:

Subgroup 5: T2, T4, T6, T8

Subgroup 6: T10, T12, T14, T16

Subgroup 7: T18, T20, T22, T24

Subgroup 8: T26, T28, T30, T32

Then the teams of Group A will be competing against one team of each subgroup of Group B and vice versa. For example: Team T1 will be placed in Group A under subgroup 1 and it will be competing against one team from every subgroup of B. These will be decided by an automated drawing.

Sample draw:

T1 (A) vs T2 (R)

T1 (A) vs T10 (R)

T1 (R) vs T18 (A)

T1 (R) vs T26 (A)

On the completion of the Preliminary rounds, the top eight (8) ranked teams will proceed to the Quarterfinal rounds. These top eight teams will be decided according to Rule 10.9: Preliminary Round Rankings of the Official Rules 2024. Individual positions of the teams advanced to Quarterfinal Rounds will be declared and published at the closing ceremony.

5.2. Advanced Rounds

(a) Quarterfinal Rounds

In the Quarterfinal Rounds, the pairings shall be determined by “power-seeding” as follows: The Eighth-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds versus the First-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds, the Seventh-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds versus the Second-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds, the Sixth-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds versus the Third-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds, and the Fifth-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds versus the Fourth-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds.

(b) Semifinal Rounds

The Winning Team in each of the four Quarterfinal Rounds shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds. In Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall again be determined by use of “power-seeding,” i.e., the highest-ranked remaining Team of the Preliminary Rounds shall compete against the lowest-ranked remaining Team of the Preliminary Rounds.

(c) Third Place Playoff

A playoff round will take place to decide the third position. Both the losing teams of the Semi-final Rounds will face one another in this playoff round for the third position. Like preliminary rounds the argument side of the third-place playoff will also be decided by a random draw.

(d) Final/ Championship Round

The Winning Team in each of the two (2) Semifinal Rounds shall advance to the Championship Round. Like the preliminary rounds the argument side of the finalist/ championship round will also be decided by a random draw.

The national administrators may bring amendment anytime to the fixturing methods or to the rules governing rounds for the best interest of the competition.

Rule 06: Time Allocation for the Oral Submissions

Each Oral Session of the Preliminary Rounds of the Bangladesh Qualifying Round shall consist of 80 minutes including the question – answer part as well as rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The Applicant and the Respondent are each allocated 40 minutes and a team cannot allocate an individual mooter/ oralist more than 20 minutes for submission. The time allocated for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal shall not exceed five (5) minutes for preliminary rounds. The honorable adjudicators of the competition may not allow any mooter more than two (2) minutes over his/her allocated time.

All the Advanced Rounds, i.e., Quarter Final, Semi Final, Third Place Playoff and Final Round will be conducted according to Rule 7.1 of the Official Rules 2024.

Rule 07: Time Keeping

A Bench officer shall assist the Bailiff in conducting a round and s/he will be responsible for anything and everything but keeping time and showing timecards.

Rule 08: Submission of Hard Copies of Memorials and Exchanging Memorials

8.1. Submission of Hard Copies of Memorials to the National Administrators

Each team must provide the National Administrator with six (6) copies of their applicant and six (6) copies of respondent memorial in hard copy by or on the commencement date of the national round. The hard copies must be printed double-sided on white paper. *The paper copies shall not differ from the submitted electronic copies. Any deviation of this rule shall be subject to penalty under Rule 11.8 of the Official Rules 2019.* It is encouraged to have the cover page of Applicant’s memorial printed in green and the Respondent’s memorial in blue.

8.2. Copies of Memorials from Opposing Teams

Teams will be supplied with one hard copy of their opponent team’s memorial for each of the preliminary rounds, the quarterfinals, semifinals, the third-place play-off, and the Final. Apart from this, no team may obtain access to another team’s memorials, whether before or during the competition, until the conclusion of the International Competition. This rule is not intended to alter Official Rule 2.15. Where the National Administrators become aware that any copies of memorials have been circulated between the Bangladesh Qualifying Round and the International Rounds to any team progressing to the International Round, they will notify ILSA directly.



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