

ILSA has prepared the following summary of *some* of the changes to the 2024 Official Rules. However, Jessup Teams, including coaches and advisors, are advised to read the Official Rules of the 2024 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition completely and carefully. Please do not rely merely on knowledge of last year's Rules or this summary.

1. **Teams are forbidden to use any acronyms except those listed in the Annex to these Rules or used in the *Compromis* and the Corrections and Clarifications. [Rule 5.17]** For years, ILSA has received complaints from Memorials judges that Teams use so many acronyms (both common and contrived) that the Memorials are becoming unreadable. The Official Rules now set out an *exclusive* list of acronyms that Teams may use. A one-point Penalty will be assessed for each violation of this Rule, up to a maximum of five points. In addition, if the cumulative effect of correcting non-permitted acronyms and abbreviations would bring the Memorial over the word count limit for a given section, then a further penalty may be assessed under the appropriate word-count Rule.
2. An Administrator may act as a judge in their Qualifying or Friendly Round, provided that it is in the best interest of the Competition and the competing Teams consent. [Rule 1.6 (b)]
3. **Memorials must consist exclusively of text. [Rule 5.6 (c)]** Apart from the cover page (which may contain an ICJ logo), Teams may not include video, images, or diagrams in any part of their Memorials. Links may be included within citations to provide easy access to referenced sources. These links should be inserted appropriately within the citation, following an appropriate citation style. Administrators shall remove all not approved media from Memorials before submitting them to judges.
4. **During Elimination Rounds, the Administrator may impose Penalties equivalent in impact to that which would have been imposed during a Preliminary Round. [Rule 11.6 and 11.8(c)]** Such penalties may include deduction of points assigned under Rule 10.11 or 10.12, forfeiture of the Match, and disqualification from the Competition.
5. **Complaints about the conduct or result of a match [Rules 11.10 and 11.11]:** Teams can submit complaints within 48 hours after a match if they believe rule violations deprived them of a chance to advance. Only complaints impacting advancement will be considered. Complaints must contain specific information and witnesses' details. Teams cannot discuss complaints with judges until a decision is made. Complaints about judges reaching the wrong conclusion or giving an incorrect score cannot be the basis of a complaint.

6. **The Administrator shall aim to provide reasonable accommodations and support to participants with disabilities [Rule 13],** allowing them to fully engage in the Competition while upholding the fairness and integrity of the Competition.