

CARIBBEAN FRIENDLY RULES SUPPLEMENT 2024

This Rules Supplement has been promulgated by the Friendly Administrator with the approval of the Executive Director of the International Law Students Association. Except as modified by this supplement, the Official Rules of the 2024 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition shall apply.

This Supplement shall not preclude the Friendly Administrator from adopting any additional measure before, during and after the 2024 Jamaica National Rounds and Friendly Rounds.

1. Administration

The Administrator for the Jamaica National Rounds and Caribbean Friendly 2024, is Marc Ramsay (marcramsay@gmail.com). In this document, the Administrator is referred to as the Friendly Administrator for ease of reference.

2. Interpretation of Rules

Should any question arise as to the interpretation of this Rules Supplement, such questions shall be addressed to the Friendly Administrator. Pursuant to Official Rule 1.9, the Executive Director shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of this Rules Supplement.

3. Location and Dates

The Jamaica National Rounds and the Caribbean Friendly 2023 will run concurrently in one event and held in Kingston, Jamaica, 15-17 February 2024.

Teams that are not able to travel to Kingston, Jamaica may participate online pursuant to Official Rule 7.

4. Eligibility

All Jamaican teams are automatically entered in the Jamaica National Rounds and Caribbean Friendly. The Jamaica National Rounds will be held during the Friendly.

Other than the teams from Jamaica, a team is eligible to participate in the Friendly if it is not participating in any other Jessup friendly. A team participating in a national round in their Jurisdiction can participate in the Caribbean Friendly.

Participation in the Friendly shall not disqualify any such team from participating in the International Rounds.

5. Registration and number of participants

The Friendly Administrator reserves the right to limit participation in the Friendly to 5 teams. The Friendly Administrator further reserves the right to limit the number of coaches/advisors in each preliminary match to two per team, depending on the capacity of the host.

Teams participating in the Friendly must register with the Friendly Administrator and promptly provide the information requested. The registration URL is: <https://forms.gle/EQpK74n9UWKbpgvXA>.

Once capacity of the Friendly has been reached, the Friendly Administrator will notify any additional teams that wish to participate and place them on a waiting list.

6. Memorials

Each team shall send an electronic copy of both Applicant and Respondent memorials to the Friendly Administrator at jessupcaribbeanfriendly@gmail.com no later than 1 February 2024. .

Memorials shall be distributed to opposing teams and to the relevant oral round judges.

7. Jamaica National Rounds

The teams competing in Jamaica National Rounds shall have such rounds during the Caribbean Friendly. National Round teams will compete against each other twice, with no advanced rounds.

The Winner of the National Rounds shall be the top scoring Jamaican team determined on the basis of Official Rule 10.8. The Finals will not be included in the scoring.

National Round teams shall be eligible to compete in advanced Friendly rounds. Oralists competing in National Rounds shall be eligible for oralist awards in both the National Rounds and the Friendly Rounds.

8. Judges

Judge eligibility shall be determined in the first instance by Official Rule 4, however the Friendly Administrator may make exceptions in the best interests of the Friendly.

9. Bailiffs

Bailiffs may be drawn from the members of participating Teams, although the Friendly Administrator will make other arrangements where possible. Bailiffs from participating Teams will not handle completed scoresheets.

10. Preliminary Rounds

Each team shall participate in four oral rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. Pairings shall be determined by a random draw.

12. Advanced Round

A final round will be held between the top two ranked teams (calculated on the basis of Official Rule 10.8). A coin toss, called by the first ranked team, shall determine which team has the pleading option. The team which wins the coin toss will have five minutes from the time it views its master scoresheet to choose which side it wishes to argue in the final round.

Pursuant to Official Rule 8.5, if at least eight teams participate in the Friendly, the Administrator will hold a semifinal round.

13. Penalties

The Friendly Administrator has the discretion to apply any penalties relating to the oral rounds pursuant to Official Rule 11.3.

14. Awards

The winning team and the runner-up teams from the Friendly final round shall each receive a trophy or plaque.

The winning team and the runner-up teams from the National Rounds shall each receive a trophy or plaque.

The oralist of the Friendly, determined by average score from the Preliminary Rounds, shall receive a plaque. An oralist must argue in at least two rounds for purposes of this ranking.

The oralist of the National Rounds, determined by average score from the Preliminary Rounds of the matches between the Jamaican teams only, shall receive a plaque.

A plaque will be given to the best oralist from the National Rounds.

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