

JAPAN NATIONAL RULES
SUPPLEMENT TO the OFFICIAL RULES of the
2025 Philip C. Jessup International Law
Moot Court Competition

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National Rule 1: Purpose

Japan National Rules Supplement to Official Rules is formulated pursuant to 1.7(a) of the Official Rules of the 2024 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Official Rules).

National Rule 2: Organization of the Competition

2.1 The National Administrator (the NA)

The NA is the agent of the Executive Director and responsible for planning, arranging and entrusting any stages of the Japan National Rounds. The NA is Shotaro Hamamoto (hamamoto@law.kyoto-u.ac.jp).

2.2 Japan International Law Student Association (JILSA) Student Executive Council

- (a) Under the supervision of the NA, the Student Executive Council of JILSA arranges and manages the Japan National Rounds.
- (b) The NA nominates the following executive students from JILSA.
 - (1) Executive of Rules
 - (2) Judge Coordinator
 - (3) Chief Scorekeeper
 - (4) Bailiff Coordinator
 - (5) Any other necessary staff members

2.3 Team Advisor (TA) Council

- (a) The TA is the supervisor of the student society or the seminar or the team coach of a participating institution.

- (b) The NA convenes the TA Council.

2.4 The Student Executive Council of JILSA

- (a) The Student Executive Council shall deliberate and advise the NA on the following issues:
 - (1) Preliminary Rounds Judges;
 - (2) Semifinal and Championship Rounds Judges;
 - (3) National Rules Supplement to the Official Rules;
 - (4) Venue of the National Rounds; and
 - (5) Other matters related to the organization and administration of the National Rounds.
- (b) Each executive student may convene the Student Executive Council.

2.5 Venue

The NA shall decide the host region of the National Rounds, considering the opinions of participating teams. JILSA shall determine the venue in the host region in consultation with the NA.

2.6 Responsibility

- (a) Member institutions of JILSA shall inform the Student Executive Council of their representative's address, including e-mail address, by the specified date separately.
- (b) Mail or e-mail that JILSA sends to representatives constitutes JILSA's official document addressed to the representatives' institutions.
- (c) Member institutions shall inform the Student Executive Council of the name of their TA by the date specified by JILSA respectively.

National Rule 3: Participation and Eligibility

3.1 Participating Institutions

Participating institutions mean the institutions that registered for participation in the Japan National Rounds in that year.

3.2 Participation as a Joint Team

The formation of joint teams by multiple institutions is prohibited.

3.3 Oralist pleading both the Applicant and Respondent sides in one team

A Team whose oralist argues for both the Applicant and Respondent sides shall notify the Student Executive Council by the specified date.

National Rule 4: Team Registration for National Rounds

4.1 Deadline

The Student Executive Council will designate and notify each team of the team registration deadline for the National Rounds. Registration must be done via e-mail (jilsa.rules@gmail.com).

4.2 Team Registration

- (a) In addition to the registration required by Official Rule 3.1, each Team shall complete the registration for participation in the Japan National Rounds via e-mail to the designated e-mail address.
- (b) The Student Executive Council designates the registration fee for the Japan National Rounds and its payment method .

4.3 Team Number

The official team numbers assigned pursuant to Official Rule 3.5 shall be used for Japan National Rounds.

National Rule 5: Judges

5.1 Designation of Judges

Judges shall be selected and appointed by the Judge Coordinator in consultation with the NA from among those with the qualifications set forth in Official Rules 4.2.

5.1.1 Judges concurrently serving as Team Advisors

TA may serve as a judge in a match between the teams to which they are not directly related under the conditions specified by the Student Executive Council.

5.1.2

Notwithstanding Official Rule 4.6, in the Semifinal and Championship Rounds, the Judge Coordinator in consultation with the NA, may permit judges to view Teams they have previously judged. They may view not only the Team's opposite side but also the same side.

5.2 Announcement of Judges

(a) In principle, the Student Executive Council shall disclose the names of the Judges for the Semifinal and Championship Rounds at the same time of the announcement of the Team advancing to the Semifinal and Final Rounds.

(b) The Student Executive Council may disclose the name of Judges before the Japan National Round if it asked them to act as judges in advance.

5.3 Duties of Participating Institutions

If a Team notices a violation of Official Rule 4.3 or 4.5, it shall notify the Student Executive Council immediately.

National Rule 6.0 Memorial

6.1 Format

The Memorial format shall be as specified in the Official Rules 5.3. Memorials shall not be in read-only format.

6.2 Languages

Memorials shall be written in English.

6.3 Plagiarism

Any allegation of plagiarism shall be addressed to the NA by the date specified by the Student Executive Council.

National Rule 7.0 Oral Rounds

7.1 Registration of Counsels

(a) At most five people may be registered as members of a Team for the Japan National Rounds.

Any registered member may make oral pleadings. All of them must register for the International Rounds as well.

(b) For the purpose of the Japan National Rounds, each Team shall notify the name of oralists by the date designated by the Student Executive Council .

7.2 Of Counsel

The person acting as counsel pursuant to 6.8 of the Official Rules must be one of the Team members registered.

7.3 Scouting

At the Preliminary Rounds, Team members or persons directly affiliated with any Team may only attend Moots in which that Team or the Teams against whom they will not compete at the Preliminary Rounds is or are competing. Such Team members or directly affiliated persons shall carry a permit issued by the Student Executive Council and follow the rules indicated in the permit. In case of a violation of this provision, Penalties provided for in Official Rule 7.20 shall be imposed. Official Rules 7.20(b), (d), and (e) shall not be applied in the Japan National Rounds.

7.4 Failing to Appearance

If a Team is late for its scheduled Moot by over 5 minutes, the time allocated for the Team's oral pleadings will be reduced by the amount of time spent on the delay. If the delay exceeds 30 minutes, Official Rules 6.7(a) and 7.17(c) shall be applied.

7.5 Supervision by NA

Any problems not envisaged in the Official Rules of the Rules Supplement shall be referred to the NA for adjudication.

7.6 Audio and Videotaping

The NA and the executive students may take photographs and video-shootings in the courtroom unless either of the Teams explicitly refuses. The NA and the Student Executive Council have the copyrights on the photographs, videos, and other relevant materials.

7.7 The language used in Oral Pleadings

In oral pleadings, judges and oralists shall speak in English.

7.8 Timekeeping in the Courtroom

The official time of the Moot is the time indicted by the Timekeeper. The Timekeeper indicates how much time is left by the timecard that the Student Executive Council distributes.

National Rule 8.0 Qualifying Tournament Pairing Procedures

8.1 Advancement to the International Rounds

The number of teams advancing to the International Rounds shall be determined pursuant to Official Rule 1.2. If the number of teams thus determined is 1, the winning team in the Championship Round shall advance to the International Rounds. If the number is 2, the winning team and the losing team in the Championship Round shall advance to the International Rounds.

8.2 Duty to Return the Memorials of the Opposing Team

Each Team shall return the Memorial of the opposing Team to the bailiff immediately after the conclusion of each Moot. A violation of this provision carries the Penalty provided for in 10.0 (h) of this Rules Supplement. Where it is impossible to return the Memorial for reasons outside the Team's control, the NA shall determine whether or not the Penalty shall be imposed.

8.3 Conclusion of the Japan National Rounds

The Japan National Rounds end when the winning Team in the Championship Round is determined.

National Rule 9.0 Competition Scoring

9.1 Ranking

- (a) Rankings of the Applicant Memorials and the Respondent Memorials are announced separately.
- (b) Rankings of the Applicant oralists and the Respondent oralists are announced separately.

9.2 Reporting of Results

The Student Executive Council shall send the Reporting of Results pursuant to Official Rule 10.16 to the Teams immediately after the conclusion of the Japan National Rounds.

National Rule 10.0 Moot Penalties

- (a) The NA may delegate the imposition of Moot Penalties to the Executive of Rules.
- (b) Where the Opposing Team or any of the judges who judged the Moot considers that a violation of the Rules occurred during the Moot, they may file a request for the imposition of Moot Penalties with the Executive of Rules within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the Moot.
- (c) Upon the filing of the request, the Executive of Rules in consultation with the NA shall investigate and decide whether Moot Penalties shall be imposed.
- (d) Bailiffs shall assist the investigation when requested by Executive of Rules.
- (e) The Executive of Rules shall immediately notify the requesting Team, the opposing Team, and the judges who judged the Moot of its decision.

- (f) The Team upon which Moot Penalties are imposed may file an appeal with the Executive of Rules within 15 minutes after it is notified of the imposition. Teams which Moot Penalties are not imposed may not file an appeal.
- (g) NA may assess a 2, 3, or 6-point Discretionary Penalty when imposing a Discretionary Penalty pursuant to Official Rule 11.8, taking into account the degree of the violation.
- (h) A 15-point Penalty shall be assessed for each violation of Rule 8.2.

National Rule 11.0 Awards

At the Reception after the Japan National Rounds, JILSA shall announce the names of the oralists or the Teams who win the following awards.

- (1) Japan Champion/ The Minister for Foreign Affairs Cup
- (2) First Runner-up Team
- (3) Second Runner-up Team
- (4) Best Oralist Award/ The Tsutsui Wakamizu Cup (Best in the Competition)
- (5) Best Oralist Award (Applicant/Respondent)
- (6) First Runner-up to Best Oralist Award (Applicant/Respondent)
- (7) Second Runner-up to Best Oralist Award (Applicant/Respondent)
- (8) Best Memorial Award (Applicant/Respondent)
- (9) First Runner-up to Best Memorial Award (Applicant/Respondent)
- (10) Second Runner-up to Best Memorial Award (Applicant/Respondent)
- (11) JILSA Special Award

National Rule 12.0 Revision of Japan National Rules Supplement to Official Rule

- (a) This Rules Supplement may be revised by the NA in consultation with the Student Executive Council.
- (b) Any revision of this Rules Supplement needs to be approved by the Executive Director.
- (c) The Student Executive Council shall notify the revision to the Representative of each constituting institution of JILSA within 1 month of the approval by the Executive Director.