

The 2025 Official Rules contain several very important changes, including a fundamental change in how Round Points are awarded and a change in the required sections of the written Memorials.

ILSA has prepared the following summary of *some* of the most important changes to the 2025 Official Rules. Jessup Teams, including coaches and advisors, are nonetheless advised to read the Official Rules of the 2025 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. We have completely changed the way Memorial Round Points are calculated. [Rule 10.6]**
Memorials Round Points are now based on comparing the *averages* of all scores received by the Applicant's Memorial and the Respondent's Memorial. In each match, the three Memorial Round Points will be allocated based upon how great the difference is between the two Teams' average Memorial scores. To wit:
 - If one Team's average is 10 or more points greater than the other, then that Team receives all three Memorial Round Points.
 - If the difference is between five and 9.99 points, then the higher Team receives 2.5 Memorial Round Points, and the lower Team receives 0.5 Memorial Round Points.
 - If the difference is between 2.5 and 4.99 points, then the higher Team receives two Memorial Round Points, and the lower Team receives one Memorial Round Point.
 - If the difference is less than 2.5 points, then both Teams receive 1.5 Memorial Round Points.
- 2. The "Questions Presented" section is no longer required or permitted in Jessup Memorials.**
- 3. The "grace period" for Memorials deadlines has been eliminated.** Teams that do not submit their Memorials by the Memorials deadline will be disqualified.

Although not a change in the Rules, Teams are reminded to **review the List of Approved Acronyms, as there have been some changes to the list.** The list is also available as an Annex to the Official Rules and on the ILSA website at <https://www.ilsa.org/about-jessup/rules/list-of-acronyms/>.