

The 2026 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

CANADIAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

Supplement to Official Rule 1.7: National Rules Supplement

1.7.1 Application. The Canadian National Rules Supplement applies only to the Canadian Qualifying Rounds and replaces the Official Rules where there is a conflict.

Supplement to Official Rule 1.9: Interpretation of Rules

1.9.1. The Canadian Administrator. The Canadian Administrator shall serve as the arbiter of the implementation and interpretation of the Canadian National Rules Supplement unless an appeal is made to ILSA's Executive Director pursuant to Official Rule 11.1, 11.7, 11.10 or 11.11.

1.9.2. Unauthorised Interpretation. The Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL), bailiffs/timekeepers, administrative assistants, and judges have no authority with respect to rule interpretation, penalty assessments, or the administration of Canadian Qualifying Rounds. If any Team relies on an interpretation by the CCIL, a bailiff/timekeeper, an administrative assistant, a judge or a Team Advisor, such reliance will not prevent a Penalty or other negative consequence from being imposed later if the Canadian Administrator's interpretation differs.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.2: Preliminary Rounds

8.2.1 Number of Preliminary Rounds. Official Rule 8.2 is modified such that each Team participating in the Canadian Qualifying Rounds shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of six (6) Oral Rounds, three times as Applicant and three times as Respondent.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.3: Pairings

8.3.1 Distribution of Pairings & Memorials. Pairings and Memorials of opposing Teams will be distributed to Teams at least one (1) week prior to the first day of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.4: Quarterfinal Rounds

8.4.1 No Quarterfinals. The Canadian Administrator shall not hold Quarterfinal Rounds.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.5: Semi-final Rounds

8.5.1 No Semifinals. The Canadian Administrator shall not hold Semi-final Rounds

Supplement to Official Rule 8.6: Championship Rounds

8.6.1 Championship Rounds. Official Rule 8.6 is replaced by the following: The Canadian Administrator shall hold Championship Rounds among the four (4) highest-ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds. The pairings shall be determined by “power-seeding” as follows: the fourth- ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team; and the second-ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team.

8.6.2 Advancement to the International Rounds. The winning Team in each of the two Championship Rounds shall advance to the White & Case International Rounds as Canada’s National Representatives. The National Representative with the highest final raw score from the Preliminary Rounds shall be declared Canada’s National Champion. If Canada can send three Teams to the International Rounds the Team competing in the Championship Rounds with the next highest final raw score from the Preliminary Rounds will advance.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.7: Pleading Options

8.7.1 Championship Round Pleading Options. The Canadian Administrator shall determine the pleading options for Championship Rounds by tossing a coin, as set out in Official Rule 8.7(c).

Supplement to Official Rule 10.16: Reporting of Results

10.16 Reporting of Results. Results of the Competition are available on each Team's Team Portal Page. In addition, after the conclusion of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, any Team shall be entitled to request the following:

- (a) a copy of individual Memorial judge's scoresheets, if any, with attendant comments, if any;
- (b) a copy of individual Oral Round judge's scoresheets, if any, with attendant comments, if any, from Preliminary Rounds;
- (c) a summary of the Team's scores, including both Memorial and oral pleading raw scores and Round points for both the Team and the opposing Teams faced, for each Preliminary Round in which the Team competed;
- (d) a copy of the Team Rankings of the Preliminary Rounds of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, with the Win/Loss records, Total Preliminary Round Raw Scores, and Total Preliminary Round Points;
- (e) a copy of the Oralist Rankings from the Preliminary Rounds of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, including all Average Individual Oral Scores; and
a copy of the Memorial Rankings from the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, including all Total Memorial Scores

The National Administrator will make best efforts to respond within one week of any request made in writing.

Supplement to Official Rule 12.6: Other Awards

12.6.1 Canadian Qualifying Rounds Awards. The Canadian Administrator shall present the following awards at the Canadian Qualifying Rounds:

Best Applicant/Respondent Memorials

- First Place Applicant/Respondent Memorial
- Second Place Applicant/Respondent Memorials
- Third Place Applicant/Respondent Memorials

Best Memorial Awards (Combined Applicant and Respondent)

- First Place Memorials
- Second Place Memorials
- Third Place Memorials
- Fourth Place Memorials
- Fifth Place Memorials

Best Oralist Awards

- First Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Second Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Third Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Fourth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Fifth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Sixth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Seventh Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Eighth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Ninth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Tenth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds

**Issued by:
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