

UK JESSUP NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

This Rules Supplement applies only to the 2026 UK Jessup National Rounds and replaces the Official Rules where there is a conflict.

1. Supplement to Rule 1.6 Administrator

The 2026 UK Jessup National Round is administered by His Honour Judge Andrew Holmes (uk@ilsa.org)

2. Supplement to Rule 8 – Qualifying Competition Procedures

- 2.1 The UK National Round will consist of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, the National Championship.

2.1.1 Preliminary Rounds

Each Team shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four (4) Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. The pairings for these rounds will be determined in the first instance by reference to the memorial scores.

2.1.2 Quarter-Final Rounds

The pairings in the Quarter-Final will be between the eight (8) highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds. The pairings shall be as follows:

- (i) The first-ranked Team versus the eighth-ranked Team (“Match One”);
- (ii) The second-ranked Team versus the seventh-ranked Team (“Match Two”);
- (iii) The third-ranked Team versus the sixth-ranked Team (“Match Three”);
and
- (iv) The fourth-ranked Team versus the fifth-ranked Team (“Match Four”).

2.1.3 Semi-Final Rounds

In the Semi-Final Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows (by reference to the match numbers described in Supplement Rule 2.1.2): the winner of Match One versus the winner of Match Four; and the winner of Match Two versus the winner of Match Three.

2.1.4 The UK National Championship Round

The winning Team in each of the two Semi-Final Rounds shall advance to the UK National Championship Round.

2.2 **Pleading Option**

2.2.1 In the Quarter-Final Rounds, and Semi-Final Rounds the highest-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds will have the pleading option.

2.2.2 In the UK National Championship Round, the pleading option shall be determined by drawing lots.

2.2.3 The exercise of the pleading option shall occur in accordance with Official Rule 8.7.

UK National Administrator
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