

DUTCH NATIONAL ROUND  
OF THE PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION  
**2011 RULES SUPPLEMENT**

**The international rules of the Philip C. Jessup International law Moot Court Competition as published by the International Law Student Organization (ILSA) apply to the Dutch competition. This supplement consists of specific rules for the Dutch National Round.**

**Article 1: Object**

The object of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is to stimulate student interest in and knowledge of international law.

In the event that a minimum of two Dutch teams enter the Competition, there will be a Dutch National Round in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The Winning Team of this National Round has the right to participate in the International Round organized by the International Law Student Organization (ILSA).

**Article 2: Organization**

The organization of the Dutch National Round (National Round) is in the hands of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. Financial arrangements of the National Round shall be the exclusive responsibility of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. The National Administrator will be an employee or volunteer assigned by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut is based in The Hague, the address is: R.J. Schimmelpennincklaan 20-22, 2517 JN Den Haag.

**Article 3: Language**

The language English will be used throughout the whole competition in all communication and memorials, both written and oral.

**Article 4: ILSA Website**

- 1) The Compromis, Clarifications to the Compromis and all rules regarding the competition can be found on the website of ILSA, [www.ilsa.org](http://www.ilsa.org). The deadline for the submission of memorials can also be found on this website.

**Article 4: Registration and Participation and assistance to teams**

- 1) The National Round is open to teams from law faculties and international law-related advanced degree programs at universities in the Netherlands. All Team members must be continuously registered as students for the current academic year at such Dutch university at the time of the submission of the application to enter the National Round.
- 2) The application to enter the National Round shall be made in accordance with the date fixed annually by the National Administrator.

- 3) Each participating Team is obliged to register itself directly at the ILSA office and at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.
  - a. Registration at the ILSA office can be done on the website of ILSA. The participation fee must be paid directly to ILSA.
  - b. Registration at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut must be done with the registration form, the participation fee of €250- for costs for the national round - must be paid directly to the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. Each university that registers a team for the National Round must sign a statement to accept costs for participating in the International Round.
- 4) Each participating Team shall be assigned a registration number which it must treat as confidential.
- 5) Each participating Team shall have assigned to it by their faculty at least one member of the academic staff as its Coach and/or Advisor.
- 6) All research, writing and editing must be solely the product of Team members. However, Team advisors may provide advice to a Team in accordance with International Rule 2.4.3.

#### **Article 6: Memorials**

- 1) Memorials from previous competitions may be consulted at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut upon request.
- 2) Each Team shall send via electronic mail one copy of each memorial (both Applicant and Respondent) to the T.M.C. Asser Instituut at [conferencemanager@asser.nl](mailto:conferencemanager@asser.nl) and the Jessup competition coordinator at [Jessup@ilsa.org](mailto:Jessup@ilsa.org), no later than 23:59 of the day which is set as deadline for the submission of memorials according to ILSA.
- 3) Each Team is required to bring 20 printed copies of exactly the same memorials (thus, in total, 40 copies) to the National Administrator **within 36 hours of the submission deadline**. These copies may be brought in person or send by post, but the teams are responsible for getting them to the National Administrator timely. Delays in post delivery, or public transport are no reason for a waiver of penalty points. The printed copies should be in a form which can be spread to judges. All memorials should be binded or stapled. No Team may revise, substitute, add, delete, or in any other manner alter its memorials after the deadline for their submission.  
**Please note, the office of the National Administrator is open between 9.00h and 17.00h.**
- 4) The National Administrator shall ensure that the memorials, as soon as possible after receipt, are sent to the judges and memorials judges referred to below.
- 5) Each Team will receive memorials of their opponents by email after the memorial submission deadline.

## **Article 7: Oral Pleadings**

- 1) The National Administrator shall draw up a timetable for the hearing of the oral pleadings and shall notify the participating Teams within a reasonable time of the date, time, and place for the hearing of the oral pleadings.
- 2)
  - a) In case of four or fewer teams: Each team will plead at least once in the National selection rounds as Applicant, and once as respondent. They will be scored by a panel of 3 judges.
  - b) In case of five or more teams: Each team will plead two times in the National selection rounds as Applicant, and two times as respondent. They will be scored by a panel of 3 judges.
- 3) Before presenting their case, none of the Team members or persons affiliated with that Team shall be allowed to attend any sessions other than that/those in which their own Team participates.
- 4) Audio or video tapings are only allowed if permitted by the National Administrator. Such requests shall be submitted at least one week prior to the date of the National Round.

## **Article 8: Memorial Judges and Oral Judges**

- 1) The National Administrator shall invite duly qualified persons to act either as memorial judges or as oral judges of the court.
- 2) A person attached to a participating university is not allowed to be a memorial judge. With the exception of the Team Advisor, such person may nevertheless be one of the judges of the court, provided that the person concerned does not preside over the court and provided that this person will not be a judge during the session in which the Team of his/her university is pleading.
- 3) The scoring of the memorials and the oral pleadings shall be made in accordance with Article 10 of the International Rules.

## **Article 9: Designation of Best Oralist**

Total scores for each oralist in the Tournament shall be determined by adding the raw scores awarded to that oralist in each Preliminary Round in which the oralist argued, adjusted for any Penalties assessed against the oralist, and dividing this sum by the number of Preliminary Rounds in which the oralist argued. Oralists shall be ranked from highest to lowest total score. Ties are permitted.

## **Article 10: Ranking**

The competing Teams are ranked in accordance with the International Rules, Article 10. The two teams that rank the highest will compete in an Oral Round Final. They will toss a coin as to determine which team shall be applicant and which team shall be respondent. The winner of the Oral Round Final is the Winning Team.

#### **Article 11: Prizes**

- 1) The Winning Team will be the National Champion for the Jessup competition of that year. This team is permitted to participate in the International Tournament of the Competition in Washington D.C. Costs following of this participation (Transport and accommodation) will be covered by the winning university.
- 2) The Winning Team shall be presented with the Challenge Cup, which must be made available to the T.M.C. Asser Instituut for the next National Round.
- 3) If the team wants to take home the Cup directly after the National Round they are responsible of putting a tag with the university's name and the year on the Cup.

#### **Article 12: Penalties**

- 1) The number of points collected by a Team shall be reduced by the penalty points awarded against that Team.
- 2) Penalty points shall be awarded against a Team in the cases mentioned in the International Rules, Article 11, and in the following cases, the points will be reduced from each of the memorials which it applies to:
  - a. Late submission of hard copy Memorials 3 points for first 12 hours, 1 point per day thereafter.
  - b. Not handing in the hard copy memorials in a proper way, binded or stapled, 1 point.
- 3) If necessary, the National Administrator may award additional penalty points or may waive a penalty for special circumstances. Such decision shall be with good reason, which shall be provided in writing.
- 4) The National Administrator shall notify all affected Teams of imposed Memorial Penalties prior to the National Round, and shall include with such notification a reasonable deadline for any appeals from the decision to impose Penalties. A Team may appeal any Penalty imposed against its Memorials in writing to the Executive Director of ILSA. The National Administrator shall contact the Executive Director for a prompt and timely decision. Such decisions of the Executive Director shall be final and cannot be appealed.

#### **Article 13: Exclusion of Participation**

The university whose Team withdraws from participation 3 weeks or less before the memorial submission deadline (Article 6.2), shall be excluded from the competition the following year. Appeal against such exclusion may be made to the Executive Director of ILSA.

#### **Article 14: Final Provisions**

Should circumstances so require, the National Administrator may depart from the National Rules if such a departure does not violate the best interests of the competition. It shall inform all participants as soon as possible thereof with a statement of its reasons.

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