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### 2020 EXTRAORDINARY CHINA NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT – 5 February 2020 (rev'd)

#### INTRODUCTION

*In light of the recent emergence of the Wuhan coronavirus and the decision of the government to cancel all non-essential public gatherings, it has become necessary to adopt a National Rules Supplement to permit the Chinese National Qualifying Tournament (the “National Rounds”) to proceed without an oral component.*

*The National Rounds will consist of two phases: **Preliminary Rounds** and **Advanced Rounds**. In the **Preliminary Rounds**, each Memorial will be judged by four (or more) judges. Scores for each Memorial that are furthest from the mean will be discarded, and each team’s total score will be the sum of its three Memorials scores on both of its Memorials, adjusted for memorial penalties. The top 10 to 12 teams (as determined in the Rules) will advance to the Advanced Rounds.*

*In the Advanced Rounds, the remaining Memorials will be viewed by a panel of six judges (three for Applicant, and a different three for Respondent). The judges will be asked to rank – not score – the Memorials. A team’s final ranking will be determined by an average of its ranking by the six judges, as well as its Preliminary Round Applicant and Respondent ranking (for a total of eight rankings).*

*This two-stage process is intended to replicate, as much as possible, the two-stage process of the ordinary Chinese National Qualifying Tournament. This is important because, in the Preliminary Rounds, Memorials are judged by dozens of different judges. While this is useful to determine the top 10 to 12 Teams, differentiating among the best Teams requires a more “head to head” approach. In the usual National Rounds, this is done by a knock-out Advanced Rounds, where Teams play each other. In this version, it is done by having all the top Memorials evaluated by the same judges.*

*This approach may result in a situation where the team receiving top Memorial scores (and an award) in the Preliminary Rounds does not advance to the International Rounds; this is no different than ordinary National Rounds, where a top seed from the Preliminary Rounds might get knocked out in the Advanced Rounds. We have tried to replicate the “power seeding” advantage given to higher Preliminary-Round seeds by adding a fourth score in the Advanced Rounds, reflecting the Preliminary Round rankings (see Rule 10.2 below).*

*The following National Supplement replaces, in their entirety, Official Rules 8.0 and 10.0 and the Rules Supplement dated 14-Dec-2019, for the purposes of the Chinese National Rounds. (Official Rule 7.0 is unnecessary to replace.)*

#### NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT RULE 8.0. CHINESE QUALIFYING ROUND PROCEDURES

##### 8.1 Preliminary Rounds

Each Team’s Applicant and Respondent Memorial will be graded by at least four (4) judges. With respect to each Memorial, the ILSA Executive Director (the “ED”) will discard the scoresheet furthest from the

mean, repeating the process if necessary until only three scores remain. For each Team, the Applicant Total Score is the total of the three remaining scores for its Applicant Memorial, and the Respondent Total Score is the total of the three remaining scores for its Respondent Memorial.

## **8.2 Preliminary Rounds – Memorials Penalties**

For each Team, Applicant Memorials Penalties is the total amount of penalty points assessed by the ILSA Executive Office, adjusted for any successful appeals, against its Applicant Memorial. For each Team, Respondent Memorials Penalties is the total amount of penalty points assessed by the ILSA Executive Office, adjusted for any successful appeals, against its Respondent Memorial.

## **8.3 Preliminary Rounds – Team Rankings**

Teams will be ranked according to their Total Preliminary Score, from highest to lowest. The Total Preliminary Score is calculated according to the following formula:

Applicant Total Score *plus* Respondent Total Score *minus* (Applicant Memorial Penalties *times* three) *minus* (Respondent Memorial Penalties *times* three)

## **8.4 Preliminary Rounds – Advancing to the Advanced Rounds**

The top 10 Teams according to the Preliminary Round rankings will advance to the Advanced Rounds. *Provided, however*, if the Total Preliminary Score of the eleventh-ranked Team is within five points of the Total Preliminary Score of the tenth-ranked Team, then the eleventh-ranked Team will also advance to the Advanced Rounds. Likewise, if the Total Preliminary Score of the twelfth-ranked Team is within five points of the Total Preliminary Score of the tenth-ranked Team, then the twelfth-ranked Team will also advance to the Advanced Rounds.

## **8.5 Preliminary Rounds – Awards**

The National Administrator will deliver awards for the top three Best Applicant Memorials and the top three Best Respondent Memorials based on Preliminary Scores in the Preliminary Rounds. The National Administrator will also deliver awards for the top twenty Overall Best Teams (based on Preliminary Scores in the Preliminary Rounds).

## **NATIONAL RULE SUPPLEMENT 10.0 – ADVANCED ROUNDS**

### **10.1 Advanced Rounds – Judging**

The ED will empanel three (3) judges to serve as the Applicant Memorial Judges and three (3) judges to serve as the Respondent Memorial Judges.

Each Applicant Memorial Judge will read all Applicant Memorials of Teams advancing to the Advanced Rounds, and rank (not score) them, from highest to lowest, assigning a number to each Memorial corresponding to its rank. With respect to each judge, this is the Advanced Round Rank; the sum of the three Applicant Memorials Judges' Advanced Round Rank is the Total Applicant Rank.

Each Respondent Memorial Judge will read all Respondent Memorials of Teams advancing to the Advanced Rounds, and rank (not score) them, from highest to lowest, assigning a number to each Memorial corresponding to its rank. With respect to each judge, this is the Advanced Round Rank; the sum of the three Respondent Memorials Judges' Advanced Round Rank is the Total Respondent Rank.

## **10.2 Advanced Rounds – Impact of Preliminary Rank**

The ED will compare the Total Applicant Scores of the Teams advancing to the Advanced Rounds, and rank them accordingly, from highest to lowest, assigning a number to each Team's Applicant Memorial corresponding to its rank. This score will be Preliminary Rounds Applicant Rank.

The ED will compare the Total Respondent Scores of the Teams advancing to the Advanced Rounds, and rank them accordingly, from highest to lowest, assigning a number to each Team's Respondent Memorial corresponding to its rank. This score will be Preliminary Rounds Respondent Rank.

*Memorials Penalties play no role in advanced-round scoring.*

## **10.3 Ties in Judging**

If any of the rankings described in Rules 10.1 or 10.2 result in a tie, each Team involved in the tie shall receive the same score, namely, the average of the scores the tied Teams would have received, had they not been tied. *For example*, if two Teams were tied for second, they would each receive 2.5 points (that is, the average of two and three). If three Teams were tied for sixth, they would each receive seven points (that is, the average of six, seven and eight).

## **10.4 Advanced Rounds – Final Results**

Teams will be ranked according to their Final Score, from *lowest to highest*. The Final Score is calculated according to the following formula:

Total Applicant Rank *plus* Total Respondent Rank *plus* Preliminary Rounds Applicant Rank *plus* Preliminary Rounds Respondent Rank.

Ties in the Final Score will not be broken.

## **10.5 Teams Advancing to the International Rounds**

The top six Teams in the Advanced Rounds will advance to the International Rounds as National Representatives. No National Champion will be declared.