

## UK & IRELAND JESSUP NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

This Rules Supplement applies only to the 2021 UK & Ireland National Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and replaces the Official Rules where there is a conflict.

### 1. Supplement to Official Rule 1.5 Administrators

The 2021 UK and Ireland National Round is administered by Dr Damian Bielicki, Department of Law, Kingston University, London ([D.Bielicki@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:D.Bielicki@kingston.ac.uk)) and His Honour Judge Andrew Holmes.

### 2. Competition Procedures

- 2.1 The National Round will be held between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and will be open to all registered teams from the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Teams are requested to confirm their participation by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and to send a copy of their memorials to the National Administrators by that date. All Teams that have already sent their memorials to the National Administrators are taken to have indicated their intention of competing in the National Round.
- 2.2 The National Round will be held entirely online. The Procedure for the conduct of the online moots will be in accordance with Official Rule 7. The teams are advised to read the Official Rules in full and to familiarise themselves, in particular, with how any technical difficulties will be dealt with.
- 2.3 All team members are expected to attend a briefing event held on the evening of Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm when final instructions and reminders will be given to the teams. Any team not attending this meeting may not be allowed to participate in the National Round.
- 2.4 Each team contact will be provided with a telephone number and email address for each of the administrators and any additional person who may be overseeing a particular round. Each team contact will be expected to provide a telephone number and an email address on which they can be contacted both in advance of and during each moot in which their team is participating.
- 2.5 In the event of a problem developing, technical or otherwise, the team contact must notify an administrator immediately by telephone if possible, failing which by email.
- 2.6 Further information concerning the platform which will be utilised and the procedures for accessing a moot will be provided to the teams when available.

2.7 The National Administrators may promulgate additional measures for the orderly conduct of the National Round. Any questions concerning the Rules Supplement should be directed to the National Administrators, who shall have the power to interpret this Rules Supplement.

### **3. Supplement to Official Rule 8.0 Qualifying Competition Procedures**

3.1 The National Round will consist of Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Finals, and the Championship Round.

#### *3.1.1 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 if these are available when the draw is done, otherwise by random draw.

#### *3.1.2 Semi-Final Rounds*

The four (4) highest ranking teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds. The pairings shall be as follows: The first-ranked team versus the fourth-ranked team (Match One); The second-ranked team versus the third-ranked team (Match Two).

#### *3.1.3 The Championship Round*

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

### 3.2 *Pleading Option*

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

3.2.2 In the Championship Round the pleading option shall be determined by tossing a coin.

3.2.3 The exercise of the pleading option shall occur in accordance with Official Rule 8.7(d) and (e).

### **4. Supplement to Official Rule 10**

4.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the rankings in the Preliminary Rounds are determined in accordance with Official Rule 10.9.

4.2 The Semi-Final, and Championship round will be determined by a majority vote of the judges in accordance with Official Rule 10.11.

National Administrators  
ILSA Executive Director