

**The Russian National Supplement
to the 2021 Official Rules
of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition**

The Russian National Supplement to the Official Rules (the "**Supplement**") of the 2021 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (the "**Competition**") has been promulgated by the Russian National Administrator with the approval of the Executive Director (the "**Executive Director**") of the International Law Students Association ("**ILSA**"). The Supplement is intended to facilitate the conduct of the Russian National Championship. It completes and, wherever necessary and expressly stated, replaces the Official Rules of the Competition.

Supplements to OFFICIAL RULE 1.0 Organization of the Competition

1.1.1. Administration of the Russian National Championship

The Russian National Championship is administered by White & Case LLC (4, Romanov Pereulok, 125009 Moscow, Russia, telephone: + 7 495 645 4969, fax: +7 495 787 3001) and Threefold Legal Advisors LLC (4 Ilyinka St., 109012 Moscow, Russia). The National Administrator of the Jessup Competition for Russia (the "**National Administrator**") is Ekaterina Efimova (email: jessup2021@threefold.ru) and the Jessup Competition Coordinator for Russia is Irina Yakusheva (email: iyakusheva@whitecase.com). The abovementioned persons are jointly referred to as the "**Russian National Administration**".

1.6.1. Interpretation of the Supplement

Any questions as to the interpretation of the Supplement shall be addressed to the National Administrator. The Executive Director shall serve as final arbiter in implementation and interpretation of the Supplement. No other person has the authority to interpret the Supplement.

If any Team relies to its detriment on an interpretation by any person other than the National Administrator, such reliance will not prevent a penalty from being imposed later if the National Administrator's interpretation differs.

Supplements to OFFICIAL RULE 2.0 Participation and Eligibility

2.4.1. "Magistratura" and "Aspirantura" students

(a) Subject to Rule 2.3, students who are currently enrolled in "Magistratura" pursuing their first graduate degree in a legal field are not required to obtain special permission under Rule 2.4(c).

(b) "Aspirantura" students are generally not allowed to participate irrespective of their research field. Executive Director reserves the right to grant such permission in exceptional circumstances, e.g. where "Aspirantura" is *de facto* person's first law degree.

2.4.2 National Administrator's Written Permission Required in Certain Cases

In addition to satisfying Rule 2.3 and 2.4, a person must additionally obtain the written permission of the National Administrator if the person underwent a traineeship at White & Case LLC or in any other manner is associated with White & Case LLC.

2.8.1 Absentee Coaches

The Russian National Administrator may choose to provide Russian Teams with an Absentee Coach upon request from a team. An Absentee Coach is an experienced former competitor or a Jessup advisor, who offers his or her assistance to one Russian Team via internet. The scope of such assistance is limited by Official Rule 2.8.

Furthermore, the Russian Jessup Charter of Absentee Coaching establishes Codes of Conduct Standards for the Teams and Absentee Coaches and may be used as a guide to establishing a sound and fruitful coaching

cooperation.

2.8.2 A Team Advisor Who Is an Employee of White & Case LLC

A person who is in any manner associated with White & Case LLC and who is willing to become a Team Advisor must notify the National Administrator of his or her intention. Each employee of White & Case LLC serving as a Team Advisor shall comply with the Internal Guidelines concerning participation of White & Case employees in the Competition and shall bear in mind that receiving outside assistance, making use of the Bench Memorandum or revealing the identity of a school can result in disqualification of a Team from the Competition according to Official Rules 2.8, 2.14 and 2.17.

2.8.3 A Team Member or a Team Advisor Who Is an Employee of Threefold Legal Advisors LLC

A person who is in any manner associated with Threefold Legal Advisors LLC and who is willing to become a Team Member or Team Advisor must give the Executive Director a written confirmation, in form and substance satisfactory to the Executive Director, that he or she has, and will have, no access to any confidential material in connection with the Competition held or developed by Threefold Legal Advisors LLC.

Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 3.0 Team Registration

3.6.1 Notification of Russian National Administration

Russian teams must also promptly notify the Russian National Administration of any changes approved by the Executive Director.

Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 4.0 Judges and Eligibility to Judge

This Supplement replaces Official Rule 4.3:

5.3 Team Advisors

Team Advisors, or other persons directly affiliated with a Team, except for Absentee Coaches of Russian Teams appointed in accordance with Rule 2.8.1 of this Supplement, may not act as judges in any Tournament until the Team they advise has been eliminated from the Competition. The Russian National Administrator shall strive to avoid participation of Absentee Coaches of Russian Teams as judges of the Russian National Championship. Absentee Coaches who are permitted to act as judges pursuant to this Rule shall not, in any case, be provided with access to the Bench Memorandum and shall not, in any case, disclose anything to the Team they advise concerning the written or oral submissions of Team(s) they judge, in violation of Rule 7.13(a).

Supplements to OFFICIAL RULE 5.0 Memorials

This Supplement replaces Official Rule 5.3:

5.3 Language of the Memorials

The official language of the Competition is English. Teams may not submit memorials in any language other than English.

Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 7: Online Moots

7.0.1 Access to the Online Moot

Online Moots shall be conducted using Zoom platform and scheduled based on the GMT zone. The National Administrator shall provide each team member, team coach and judge (collectively, "the Participants") with their respective schedules and a link for the Online Moot in advance, using the email address indicated by the Participants in their respective registration forms. The Participants should use the same email address that was indicated in their registration form to register a Zoom account. If the contact information of the Participants changes, they should notify the National Administrator at least 24 hours before the Online Moot.

Unauthenticated participants (without a Zoom account or requesting access to the Online Moot from an unknown Zoom account) shall not be admitted to the Online Moot.

The following provisions replace the relevant Official Rules.

7.2 Pre-Moot Procedure

Teams should join the Online Moot at least 20 minutes in advance. Prior to the beginning of the Online Moot, Teams will be moved to the Student Lounge breakout room where they must indicate which Team Members will act as its first oralist and second oralist and rename their accounts accordingly. The Oralists of the Team arguing as Applicant shall have their names as “XXX Applicant 1” or “XXX Applicant 2” and the rest of the Team’s representatives should have their names changed to “XXX Coach” and “XXX Member”, where XXX is the Team’s number. The Respondent Team should do the same indicating their Team’s number and the respective roles.

Subject to local restrictions and the Team’s equipment, two oralists from one team may use one account to participate in the Online Moot. In that case, the name of the joint oralists’ account shall be “XXX Applicant” or “YYY Respondent” respectively.

After a representative of the National Administration confirms that all four oralists from two Teams are present, Teams will be moved to the Round breakout room. Once there, a representative of the Team arguing as Applicant must indicate how they wish to allocate their 45 minutes between their first oralist, second oralist, and rebuttal by sending a message to the breakout room chat in the following format:

Applicant - Team XXX

1 - Name Surname, allocated time

2 - Name Surname, allocated time

Rebuttal - allocated time

After Applicant has made its determinations, the Respondent Team must indicate how they wish to allocate their 45 minutes among the first oralist, second oralist, and surrebuttal by sending a message to the breakout room chat in the following format:

Respondent - Team XXX

1 - Name Surname, allocated time

2 - Name Surname, allocated time

Surrebuttal - allocated time

Teams may not allocate more than 25 minutes, including rebuttal or surrebuttal, to either oralist.

7.4 The President and the Administrator of the Round

Prior to each Online Moot, the judges shall appoint one of them to preside over the Moot (“the President”). The President shall identify themselves by sending their name to the room chat after entering the Round, but before the Administrator introduces the Moot. The President shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- (i) to invite an oralist to present their submission;
- (ii) to extend time for any oralist beyond the time reserved, while ensuring fairness to both teams;
- (iii) to suspend the Moot for no more than 10 minutes if due to technical reasons either an oralist or a judge has been disconnected from the Moot or is having difficulty in hearing or otherwise communicating;
- (iv) having consulted with the Administrator of the Round, to determine when a Moot should be abandoned (under Rule 7.17(f) and (j)), to proceed *ex parte* (under Rule 7.17(c) or (f)), or to take an oralist out of the sequence set out in Rule 7.6 where it is expedient to do so due to technical difficulties;
- (v) in an Elimination Round, when instructed to do so by the National Administrator, to announce the winner of the Online Moot.

A representative of the National Administration shall act as the Administrator of the Round in each Online Moot and have the following functions and responsibilities:

- (i) to ensure that only authenticated users corresponding to the relevant team members and judges are present in the Round;
- (ii) to rename accounts accordingly if the Participants fail to do so;

- (iii) to introduce the Moot and the Participants;
- (iv) to keep track of time and display the remaining time of an oralist's submission to the Participants using cards indicating remaining minutes (15, 10, 5, 3, 1, STOP);
- (v) to mute, disable the camera of, or remove any Participant of the Moot having consulted with the President, where such action is necessary to avoid the disruption;
- (vi) if the President suspends the Moot due to issues with a judge's connection, to notify the National Administrator, and if due to issues with the oralist's connection, to additionally reach out to the Team's Emergency Contact;
- (vii) to inform the President of any issues faced by the Participants that may result in abandoning the moot, proceeding *ex parte*, or taking an oralist out of the sequence;
- (viii) to announce the conclusion of the Round and request that the National Administrator move the judges to a separate breakout room to deliberate;
- (ix) to notify the teams that the judges are ready to present their feedback and/or announce the results of the Moot in an Advanced Round;
- (x) to notify the National Administrator that the Moot has ended so that the judges and the teams may be reassigned back to their relevant lounges.

7.10 Oral Communications between Counsel and Judges

Each oralist may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that oralist, only during his or her allotted time. The President may, where necessary, communicate with an oralist, or another participant in the Online Moot, to ensure the orderly conduct of the Round. The judge should raise their hand to ask a question during the oralist's presentation and wait for the oralist to notice and pause. If the oralist does not pause within 4 or 5 seconds, however, the judge may interrupt the oralist and proceed to ask the question taking into account any potential delay in the audio signal.

7.11 Participants in an Online Moot

The following people are permitted to join an Online Moot: (i) three judges assigned to that Moot; (ii) seven members, including coaches, of each Team arguing in that Moot (six if the Team's two oralists are using the same account); and (iii) representatives of the National Administration.

7.12 Observers

Observers are not permitted in the Online Moots.

7.24 Results of the Online Moot

The judges shall submit their scores and feedback via Google Form provided by the National Administrator within one hour from the Completion of the Moot.

Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 8.0 National, Regional, and Friendly Rounds

This Supplement replaces Official Rule 8.0:

8.0 The Russian National Championship Procedure

8.1 Preliminary Rounds

8.1 Each Team participating in the Russian National Championship shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of two (2) Oral Rounds against different teams, once as Applicant and once as Respondent.

8.2 Pairings

For the purpose of pairings in the Preliminary Rounds, Teams shall be ranked based on the Teams' Memorials rankings, in accordance with the 'power seeding' principle.

For the purpose of pairings only, penalties shall not be taken into consideration.

In the event that the number of Teams competing in the competition is not evenly divisibly by five, the National Administrator shall pair the Teams so as to adhere to the principles and spirit of this Rule.

The Administrator may modify the pairings to account for absent Teams or other contingencies. If Teams must be newly paired, they must be provided with their new opponents' Memorials as soon as reasonably possible, but at the very least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the newly paired round.

8.3 Advanced Rounds

The Advanced Rounds of the Russian National Championship consist of the Run-off Rounds (if applicable in accordance with Rule 8.4 below), the Octo-final Rounds (if applicable in accordance with Rule 8.5 below), the Quarter-final Rounds, the Semi-final Rounds and the Final Round of the Russian National Championship.

The pairings in the Run-off (or, if applicable, Octo-final Rounds), Quarter-final and Semi-final Rounds of the Russian National Championship shall be determined by use of "power-seeding", i.e. the highest-ranked Team shall compete against the lowest-ranked Team; the second-highest-ranked Team shall compete against the second-lowest-ranked Team, etc. For purposes of this Rule, all rankings shall be determined by the final standings of the Preliminary Rounds.

Prior to each of the Advanced Rounds, Russian National Administrator shall toss a coin, and the higher-ranked Team in that pairing shall call the toss. The Team winning the toss shall select which side it will argue within ten (10) minutes. If that Team fails to decide, the other Team shall select which side it will argue within 5 (five) minutes. If that Team fails to decide, then the higher-ranked Team shall argue Applicant and the lower-ranked Team shall argue Respondent.

The Russian National Administrator will then notify each Team which side it will be arguing and will deliver to each Team one copy of its opponent's Memorial.

8.4 Run-off Rounds

The National Administrator may decide to hold the Run-Off Rounds, if deems it to be in the best interests of the Competition. The Run-off Rounds consist of two (2) pairings of the four (4) Teams ranked sixth (6th) through tenth (10th) from the Preliminary Rounds.

8.5 Octo-final Rounds

If more than fifty (50) teams participate in the Russian National Championship, the Russian National Administrator, acting in the best interests of the Competition, may choose to replace Run-off Rounds with Octo-final Rounds. The Octo-final Rounds shall consist of eight (8) pairings of the sixteen (16) Teams ranked first (1st) through sixteenth (16th) from the Preliminary Rounds.

8.6 Quarter-final Rounds

(a) If the Run-off Rounds are held, the Quarter-final Rounds of the Russian National Championship shall consist of four (4) pairings of the six (6) Teams ranked first (1st) through sixth (6th) from the Preliminary Rounds, and the 2 (two) Teams that win a match in the Run-off Rounds.

(b) If the Octo-final Rounds are held, the Quarter-final Rounds of the Russian National Championship shall consist of four (4) pairings of the eight (8) Teams that win a match in the Octo-final Rounds.

(c) If neither the Run-off Rounds nor the Octo-final Rounds are held, the Quarter-final Rounds of the Russian National Championship shall consist of four (4) pairings of the eight (8) teams ranked first (1st) through eighth (8th) from the Preliminary Rounds.

8.7 Semi-final Rounds

The Semifinal Rounds of the Russian National Championship consist of two (2) pairings of each of the four (4) Teams that win a match in the Quarter-final Rounds.

8.8 Final Round of the Russian National Championship

The two (2) winning Teams from the Semi-final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round of the Russian National Championship.

8.9 Ranking of Teams after the Advanced Rounds

(a) Upon the completion of the Advanced Rounds and the Final Round the ranking of the Advanced Rounds Teams shall be as follows:

Russian National Champion
Russian National Runner-Up
Semi-finalists
Quarter-finalists
Octo- or Run-off finalists

(b) Quarter-finalist and Octo-finalist or Run-off Teams shall be ranked 5th through 10th (16th) places according to their results from the Preliminary Rounds.

Supplement to OFFICIAL RULE 12.5 Other Awards

12.1 Russian National Championship Awards

The following awards shall be presented at the Russian National Championship:

Team Awards

- Russian National Champion;
- Russian National Runner-Up Team;
- Third Place Team;
- Fourth Place Team.

Memorial Awards

- First Place Memorial;
- Second Place Memorial;
- Third Place Memorial;
- Fourth Place Memorial.
- The National Administrator may decide to award the Best Applicant Memorial and the Best Respondent Memorial.

Oralist Awards

- Best Applicant;
- Best Respondent.