

**PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2021**  
**5<sup>th</sup> BANGLADESH ROUND - VIRTUAL**  
**RULES SUPPLEMENT**

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This friendly national round is going to take place among the law institutions of Bangladesh with a view to finding out the best teams and preparing them for the Global round.

The three-day long 2021 Bangladesh Round -Virtual is scheduled from February 11 to February 13, 2021. This rule supplement has been formulated under the rule 1.6 (a) of The Official Rules OF THE 2021 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION (referred as “Official rules 2021”) and has been approved by the Executive Director under 1.6 (b) of the Official Rules 2021.

**Amendment 01: Total Number of the rounds**

There will be four (4) rounds for the qualifying competition and these are:

1. Preliminary Rounds
2. Quarterfinal Rounds
3. Semifinal Rounds
4. Final/ Championship Round

**Amendment 02: Oral rounds**

**Preliminary Rounds:**

Each Team participating in the Qualifying competition shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

**Advanced Rounds:**

The advanced rounds, i.e., Quarterfinal Rounds, Semifinal Rounds, and Final/ Championship Round will be knockout.

**Amendment 03: Pairings**

**Preliminary Rounds:**

Pursuant to rule 1.6 of Official rules 2021 the National Administrator decides on the format of Fixture and Matches as well as the group formation of the preliminary competition. It forms groups and/or sub-groups for the preliminary competition by seeding and drawing lots.

For seeding, firstly the teams will be ordered according to their average memorial scores from highest to lowest. For instance, team with highest average memorial marks will be marked as T1, team with second highest memorial marks will be marked as T2 and likewise. After that, teams will be divided into two groups namely Group A and Group B; Group A will be comprised of odd numbered teams, for instance T1, T3, T5 and Group B will be comprised of even numbered teams for example T2, T4, T6. However, the national administrator can bring amendment to this classification for the purpose of the competition.

Then teams of Group A will be competing against teams of Group B and who will be competing whom will be decided by a random draw. All teams of Groups A and B will be allocated to two (2) subgroups according to the seeding and each subgroup will be consist of five (5) teams. The formation of the teams is at a glance:

<b>Group A:</b>	<b>Group B:</b>
Subgroup 1: T1, T3, T5, T7, T9	Subgroup 3: T2, T4, T6, T8, T10
Subgroup 2: T11, T13, T15, T17, T19	Subgroup 4: T12, T14, T16, T18, T20

Then the teams of Group A will be competing against two teams of each subgroup of Group B and vice-versa. For example: Team T1 will be placed in Group A under the subgroup 1 and it will be competing against two teams from every sub-group of B. These will be decided by an automated draw.

**Sample draw:**

T1 (A) vs T2 (R)

T1 (A) vs T8 (R)

T1 (R) vs T14 (A)

T1 (R) vs T20 (A)

On the completion of preliminary rounds, top eight (8) teams will qualify for the quarterfinal rounds. These top eight teams will be decided according to Rule 10.9: Preliminary Round Rankings of the Official Rules 2021. Individual position of the teams advanced to Quarterfinal Rounds will be declared and published at the closing ceremony.

### **Advanced Rounds:**

#### **Quarterfinal Rounds:**

In Quarterfinal Rounds, the pairings shall be determined by “power-seeding” as follows: The Eighth-ranked Team versus the First-ranked Team, the Seventh-ranked Team versus the Second-ranked Team, the Sixth-ranked Team versus the Third-ranked Team, and the Fifth-ranked Team versus the Fourth-ranked Team. Like the preliminary rounds the side of the quarterfinal rounds will also be decided by a random draw. The administrator or a person nominated by the ambassador will draw the lot on behalf the team(s).

**N.B. For power seeding the result of the of preliminary round will be considered.**

#### **Semifinal Rounds:**

The Winning Team in each of the four Quarterfinal Rounds shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds. In Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall again be determined by use of “power-seeding,” i.e., the highest-ranked remaining Team of the Preliminary Rounds shall compete against the lowest-ranked remaining Team of the Preliminary

Rounds. Like preliminary rounds the argument side of the semifinal round will also be decided by a random draw.

**N.B. For power seeding the result of the of preliminary round will be considered.**

#### **Final/ Championship Round:**

The Winning Team in each of the two Semifinal Rounds shall advance to the Championship Round. Like preliminary rounds the argument side of the finalist/ championship round will also be decided by a random draw.

### **Amendment 04: Time allocation for the oral Submissions:**

*As per the Rule 7.1 of the Official Rules 2021 each oral round of each competition consists of 90 minutes oral pleadings where Applicant and Respondent are each allocated 45 minutes and each team cannot allocate more than 25 minutes for individual oral submission. But for the qualifying rounds few changes have been brought and they are as follows:*

#### **Preliminary Rounds:**

Each Oral Session of this Round shall consist of 80 minutes including the question - answer part as well rebuttal and sur-rebuttal where Applicant and Respondent are each allocated 40 minutes and a team cannot allocate an individual mootor/ oralist more than 20 minutes for submission. The time allocated for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal cannot exceed 5 minutes for preliminary rounds.

If the Hon'ble Judges allocate any mooter an extra period for submission, then that period will not be added to the allocated 40 minutes, but this allocated extra period cannot be more than 2 minutes for a mooter.

### **Advanced Rounds:**

All the advanced rounds, i.e., Quarter Final, Semi Final, and Final Round will be conducted according to Rule 7.1 of the Official Rules.

### **Amendment 05: Vesting of the President's functions and responsibilities**

President may vest his or her responsibilities enumerated in Rule 7.4 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (vi), (vii), (ix) of the Official Rules to the other judges of the bench or to the Administrator.

### **Amendment 06: Notification to the administrator**

In the event of technical problems during the Moot, the Team experiencing the problem must notify the Administrator within three (3) mins through email or cell phone or through the Facebook page of Jessup Bangladesh.

### **Amendment 07: President's discretion regarding *Ex parte* proceeding**

*As per the Rule 7.17(c) of the Official Rules 2021, if a Team fails to join the Moot the President, after waiting 30 minutes, shall allow the Moot to proceed ex parte. But for the Bangladesh rounds, the President, after waiting 15 minutes, may allow the Moot to proceed ex parte, if a Team fails to join the Moot.*

*As per the Rule 7.17(f) of the Official Rules 2021, Where an entire Team has such technical difficulties that they are unable to continue to participate in the Moot, the President shall determine, after waiting for at least 15 minutes and not more than 30 minutes, whether the Moot should proceed on the basis of such submissions as that Team has already made, or as if the Moot had proceeded ex parte. But for the Bangladesh rounds, the President shall proceed ex parte, after waiting for no less than 5 minutes and no more than 15 minutes.*



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