

## **Rules Supplement to the Asia Pacific Regional Rounds Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2021**

The Asia Pacific Regional Rounds 2021 ("Regional Rounds") Rules Supplement (the "Supplement") for the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (the "Jessup Competition") has been adopted by the Jessup Asia Pacific Regional Rounds Administrator ("Regional 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 Asia Pacific Regional Rounds. It clarifies and, wherever necessary, completes the Official Rules of the Competition ("Official Rules").

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 1.3 Regional Rounds***

The Regional Rounds is established with the authorization of the Executive Director.

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 1.5 Administration***

The Regional Rounds is hosted by the University of Malaya, Malaysia in collaboration with ILSA and is administered by the Regional Administrator and her team.

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### ***Supplement to Official Rule 1.6 Interpretation of Rules***

Any questions as to the interpretation of the Supplement shall be addressed to the Regional Administrator. The Executive Director shall serve as final arbiter in implementation and interpretation of the Supplement.

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 3.1 Team Registration***

Teams from anywhere in the world may participate in the Regional Rounds, provided that the Team will not compete in any other National, Regional, or Friendly Rounds as per Official Rule 1.3(e).

In addition to registering with the Executive Office of ILSA in accordance with Official Rule 3.1(a), Teams interested to participate in the Regional Rounds must register with the Regional Administrator by completing a registration form online at <https://forms.gle/YEp5gjjUQAFGgZZ87> (the "Registration Form") no later than 16 January 2021, 12:00 (12:00 p.m.) (UTC/GMT + 8). Each Team must provide a valid email address at registration.

Upon completing the Registration Form, the Regional Administrator shall contact teams to verify receipt of the Registration Form via the email address provided.

Teams' participation in the Regional Rounds will be confirmed as soon as possible, subject to ILSA's verification of Teams' eligibility as per Official Rule 9.1.

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 4 Judges and Eligibility to Judge***

In addition to Official Rule 4, the selection of judges in the panel throughout the Regional Rounds will be guided by the following criteria:

- Experience in public international law and the Jessup Competition;
- Diversity of cultural background in panel composition (*e.g.* nationality, race, legal system); and
- Diversity of professional background in panel composition (*e.g.* judiciary, the Bar, academic, civil service, international organizations, civil society organizations)

In addition to Official Rule 4.5 on conflicts of interests, the Regional Administrator will distribute a provisional list of judges to Teams no later than three days before the commencement of the Regional Rounds. Teams should promptly disclose any possible conflicts of interest to the Regional Administrator. Upon receiving reports or discovering any serious incidents of non-disclosure, the Regional Administrator may impose Discretionary Penalties on the violating Team in accordance with Official Rule 11.7.

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 5.1 Submission of Memorials***

In addition to Official Rule 5(1)(b) on Teams' submission of memorials to ILSA, Teams are further required to submit their Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the Regional Administrator no later than 30 January 2021, 12:00 (12:00 p.m.) (UTC/GMT + 8) ("Regional Memorial Submission Deadline").

Submission to the Administrator must occur in a single email message, addressed to the Administrator, with both Applicant and Respondent Memorials attached as separate files titled "####A" and "####R", respectively (where "####" is the Team's official Team Number assigned in accordance with Official Rule 3.5).

Any Team failing to submit both Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the Regional Administrator by the Regional Memorial Submission Deadline will be disqualified. The Regional Administrator may extend the time for submission, on a discretionary basis, due to compelling extenuating circumstances.

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 5.17 Grading of Memorials***

In accordance with Official Rule 5.17, the grading and assessment of penalties for each Memorial will be organized by the Executive Director. The scores and penalties communicated by the Executive Director to the Regional Rounds will be used in the scoring of the Preliminary Rounds of the Regional Rounds (but not in the Advanced Rounds) without any modification.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Regional Administrator will not impose any further penalty on scoring of the Preliminary Rounds of the Regional Rounds due to late submission of Memorials before the Regional Memorial Submission Deadline.

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 7 Online Moots***

The Asia Pacific Regional Rounds will be conducted as an Online Moot in accordance with the procedure set forth under Official Rule 7.

The Regional Rounds will take place on 24 – 28 February 2021.

The detailed schedule of the Regional Rounds will be determined by the Regional Administrator and will be provided to the Teams no later than 6 February 2021. A provisional schedule is attached herewith at **Annexure 1**, which may be modified from time to time due to changing circumstances.

The software used to host the Online Moot will be determined by the Regional Administrator, who will communicate the decision to Teams as soon as possible before the Regional Rounds. The software will either be Zoom or Yaatly.

The Regional Administrator may implement supplemental guidelines and hold a “test run” to ensure the smooth running of the Online Moots.

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 8 Structure of the Regional Rounds***

The Regional Rounds shall consist of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds (inclusive of the Quarterfinal Round, Semifinal Round and the Championship Round).

In accordance with Official Rule 8.2, each Team participating in the Regional Rounds shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four (4) Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

In accordance with Official Rule 8.3, the pairings of the Preliminary Rounds shall be done, in first instance, by a random draw. Memorials of opposing Teams will be distributed electronically to Teams no later than seven days before commencement of the Regional Rounds. The Regional Administrator may modify the pairings to account for absent Teams or other contingencies. If Teams must be newly paired, they must be provided their new opponents’ Memorials as soon as reasonably possible, but at the very least 15 minutes prior to the start of the newly-paired Moot.

The Quarterfinal Round, Semifinal Round and Championship Round shall be held in accordance with Official Rule 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6 respectively. The pairings for the Quarterfinal Round and Semifinal Round shall be determined by “power-seeding”.

The Pleading Option for the Advanced Rounds shall be determined in accordance with Official Rule 8.7.

### ***Supplement to Official Rule 10.1 Competition Scoring***

The Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds of the Regional Rounds will be scored in accordance with Official Rules 10.1 to 10.16. Specifically, the method of scoring for each stage are as follows:

- Preliminary Rounds (Official Rule 10.2 to 10.8)
- Quarter-Final Round, and Semifinal Round (Official Rule 10.15)
- Championship Round (Official Rule 10.11)

The scores and penalties communicated by the Executive Director to the Regional Administrator pursuant to Supplement to Official Rule 5.17 shall only apply to the Preliminary Rounds. The review of Memorials for the Advanced Rounds will be conducted in the methods prescribed above.

***Supplement to Official Rule 10.19 Reporting of Results***

After the conclusion of the Regional Rounds, Teams will receive copies of scoresheets and summary of scores in accordance with Official Rule 10.19.

***Supplement to Official Rule 12.5 Other Awards***

The following Awards will be administered at the closing of the Regional Rounds:

*Team Awards*

- Regional Champion
- Regional Runner-up
- Best Memorials

*Oralists Awards*

- Best Oralist in the Championship Round
- Best Oralist in the Preliminary Rounds
- Second Best Oralist in the Preliminary Rounds
- Third Best Oralist in the Preliminary Rounds
- Fourth Best Oralist in the Preliminary Rounds
- Fifth Best Oralist in the Preliminary Rounds

## ANNEXURE 1

### ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL ROUNDS PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2021 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

16 January 2021 (1200)	<b>Deadline of Team Registration and Withdrawal</b>
23 January 2021 (1200)	<b>Release of Regional Rounds Rules Supplement</b>
30 January 2021 (1200)	<b>Deadline of Submission of Memorials to Regional Administrator</b> <i>All Memorials will be graded by ILSA, as per Official Rule 5.17. Memorials submitted to the Administrator are for the purposes of distribution to opposing Teams, and judges' use</i>
6 February 2021 (1200-1300)	<b>Drawing of Matchups for the Preliminary Rounds</b> <i>The drawing will be streamed live on <a href="#">Facebook</a>.</i>
13 February 2021	<b>Release of Opponents' Memorials to Teams</b> <i>Memorials of opposing Teams of the Preliminary Rounds will be distributed electronically to Teams</i>
20 February 2021 (1200-1300)	<b>Team Briefing and Test Run</b> <i>Teams will be briefed and guided on the running of the Online Moot (via Zoom or Yaatly)</i>
24 – 28 February 2021 (1000-1900)	<b>Competition</b> <i>24 February: Opening Ceremony   Preliminary Round 1</i> <i>25 February: Preliminary Round 2</i> <i>26 February: Preliminary Round 3</i> <i>27 February: Quarterfinal and Semifinal Round</i> <i>28 February: Championship Round   Awards Ceremony</i>

*All times stated above are according to UTC/GMT + 8.*