
The 2017 Official Rules of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition have been approved by an Official Rules Committee and ILSA's Board of Directors. Teams are advised to read the 2017 Official Rules completely and carefully. Please do not rely merely on knowledge of last year's Rules or the Summary of Rule Changes below.

- 1. Institutions are permitted to field a Jessup Team that includes students (otherwise eligible) from one or more of its colleges, departments, faculties or schools (Rule 2.1 Institutional/Team Eligibility).** For example, a school may allow a student in an international relations program to compete on the Jessup Team with students from its law faculty.
- 2. By way of reminder, special permission from the Executive Director is required to use the current year's *Compromis* to conduct Jessup Team try-outs and/or internal moot court competitions (Rule 2.2 Team Composition and Rule 2.6 Team Selection Process).** The substance of this Rule has not changed but has been re-stated in Rule 2.2, and all Teams should be mindful of this restriction.
- 3. Posting pictures of a Jessup Team or Team Member(s) on social media or a publicly available website, absent other facts, does not constitute a *per se* violation of the Anonymity Rule (Rule 2.17 Anonymity of Teams).** A clarification has been added to Rule 2.17, providing that social media posts, including pictures of the Team or Team Members, do not, on their own, violate Rule 2.17. However, a Team should be mindful not to intentionally share pictures of its Members on a Facebook page of Jessup Judges or Friends of the Jessup who may be judging in this year's Competition, or on similar social media sources, as such conduct may violate this Rule.
- 4. Qualifying Competition Administrators may, with consent of the Executive Director, levy a reasonable fee to defray some or all of the costs of organizing that competition (Rule 3.1 Team Registration).** As a condition of participating in a Qualifying Competition, the Qualifying Competition Administrator may, with the consent of the Executive Director, levy a reasonable fee (in addition to the registration fee levied by ILSA) to defray some or all of the costs of organizing that competition. Teams unable to pay such fee may request a waiver or discount from the Administrator in the first instance, and may appeal to the Executive Director thereafter, pursuant to Rule 3.2(b).
- 5. Team Advisors, or others directly affiliated with a Team, may not act as judges at the oral or memorial stages of any competition unless expressly permitted by an approved Rules Supplement or the Executive Director (Rule 5.3 Team Advisors).** Even if permission is granted, Team Advisors or others directly affiliated with a Team 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.
- 6. Administrators may assess a discretionary penalty of no more than five points if a Team fails to timely email its Memorials to the Administrator (Rule 6.1(b) Submission of Memorials).** The time at which a Team uploads its Memorials to its Team Homepage is the official time of submission, though an Administrator may assess a discretionary penalty if a Team fails to timely email its Memorials to the Administrator. Rule 6.1(b) has been modified



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slightly to limit the discretionary penalty an Administrator may assess in such cases to no more than five points (unless an approved Rules Supplement provides otherwise).

7. **The Executive Director shall establish the pairings for the Preliminary Rounds of the International Rounds, in the first instance, with reference to the total International Rounds memorial raw scores of Teams (Rule 9.3 Pairings for the Preliminary Rounds).** Unlike prior years, the draw for preliminary rounds at the International Rounds will be made with reference to Teams' total International Rounds memorial scores (unadjusted for penalties). Teams will be ranked in one of four groups based on their total memorial raw scores, and will face during Preliminary Round matches one Team from each of those four groups. The Executive Director may modify the draw in the best interests of the competition, including for absent Teams or other unforeseeable contingencies.
8. **Teams shall not commit plagiarism, which means (1) the act of appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages or another's writings, or the ideas or language of another, and (2) passing them off as the product of one's own mind (Rule 11.2 Plagiarism).** The definition of plagiarism has been modified slightly from prior years.
9. **A number of other editorial and language revisions have been made throughout the Official Rules, and Teams are reminded to review all of the Rules in detail.**