

The 2025 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

CANADIAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

Supplement to Official Rule 1.7: National Rules Supplement

1.7.1 Application. The Canadian National Rules Supplement applies only to the Canadian Qualifying Rounds and replaces the Official Rules where there is a conflict.

Supplement to Official Rule 1.9: Interpretation of Rules

1.9.1. The Canadian Administrator. The Canadian Administrator shall serve as the arbiter of the implementation and interpretation of the Canadian National Rules Supplement unless an appeal is made to ILSA's Executive Director pursuant to Official Rule 11.1, 11.7, 11.10 or 11.11.

1.9.2. Unauthorised Interpretation. The Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL), bailiffs/timekeepers, administrative assistants, and judges have no authority with respect to rule interpretation, penalty assessments, or the administration of Canadian Qualifying Rounds. If any Team relies to its detriment on an interpretation by the CCIL, a bailiff/timekeeper, an administrative assistant, a judge or a Team Advisor, such reliance will not prevent a Penalty from being imposed later if the Canadian Administrator's interpretation differs.

Supplement to Official Rule 6.14: Interpreters and the Use of Interpreters

6.14.1 Accepted Languages. For the purposes of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, Teams and Team Members may use either English or French during Oral Rounds. Teams shall notify the Canadian Administrator, by no later than December 30, 2024, if one, some, or all of its Team Members will be using French for the Oral Rounds. After December 30, 2024, there shall be no alteration to the language(s) chosen.

6.14.2 Simultaneous Interpretation. Rule 6.14(b)-(c) of the Official Rules is replaced by the following. During the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, simultaneous interpretation for bilingual Oral Rounds will be provided. Should any Team require the substitution of a French-speaking oralist for an English-speaking oralist, or vice versa, thus requiring simultaneous interpretation where not previously required, the Canadian Administrator will make best efforts to rearrange the schedule to accommodate the need for simultaneous interpretation. If additional simultaneous interpretation services are not available, then the substituted oralist will be required to orally plead in the language originally chosen by the oralist being substituted. Teams should notify the Canadian Administrator as soon as possible of any such substitutions.

6.14.3 Bilingual Oral Rounds. In any Canadian Qualifying Round involving both English-speaking and French-speaking oralists

- a) the Canadian Administrator will make best efforts to employ at least two (2) judges who are fluently bilingual in both English and French;
- b) bilingual judges shall make best efforts to ask only French questions to French-speaking oralists, and vice versa; and
- c) if a judge asks a question in French to an English-speaking oralist, or vice versa, the bailiff/ timekeeper shall extend the oralist's speaking time by an additional one (1) minute for each question asked in the wrong language.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.2: Preliminary Rounds

8.2.1 Number of Preliminary Rounds. Official Rule 8.2 is modified such that each Team participating in the Canadian Qualifying Rounds shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of six (6) Oral Rounds, three times as Applicant and three times as Respondent.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.3: Pairings

8.3.1 Distribution of Pairings & Memorials. Pairings and Memorials of opposing Teams will be distributed to Teams at least one (1) week prior to the first day of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.4: Quarterfinal Rounds

8.4.1 No Quarterfinals. The Canadian Administrator shall not hold Quarterfinal Rounds.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.5: Semi-final Rounds

8.5.1 No Semifinals. The Canadian Administrator shall not hold Semi-final Rounds

Supplement to Official Rule 8.6: Championship Rounds

8.6.1 Championship Rounds. Official Rule 8.6 is replaced by the following: The Canadian Administrator shall hold Championship Rounds among the four (4) highest-ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds. The pairings shall be determined by “power-seeding” as follows: the fourth-ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team; and the second-ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team.

8.6.2 Advancement to the International Rounds. The winning Team in each of the two Championship Rounds shall advance to the White & Case International Rounds as Canada’s National Representatives. The National Representative with the highest final raw score from the preliminary rounds shall be declared Canada’s National Champion. If Canada can send more than two teams to the International Rounds the team competing in the Championship Rounds with the next highest final raw score from the preliminary rounds will advance.

Supplement to Official Rule 8.7: Pleading Options

8.7.1 Championship Round Pleading Options. The Canadian Administrator shall determine the pleading options for Championship Rounds by tossing a coin, as set out in Official Rule 8.7(c). Official Rule 8.7(b) does not apply during the Canadian Qualifying Rounds.

Supplement to Official Rule 10.16: Reporting of Results

10.16 Reporting of Results. Official Rule 10.16 is replaced by the following: After the conclusion of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, any Team shall be entitled to request the following:

- (a) a copy of individual Memorial judge's scoresheets, if any, with attendant comments, if any;
- (b) a copy of individual Oral Round judge's scoresheets, if any, with attendant comments, if any, from Preliminary Rounds;
- (c) a summary of the Team's scores, including both Memorial and oral pleading raw scores and Round points for both the Team and the opposing Teams faced, for each Preliminary Round in which the Team competed;
- (d) a copy of the Team Rankings of the Preliminary Rounds of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, with the Win/Loss records, Total Preliminary Round Raw Scores, and Total Preliminary Round Points;
- (e) a copy of the Oralist Rankings from the Preliminary Rounds of the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, including all Average Individual Oral Scores; and a copy of the Memorial Rankings from the Canadian Qualifying Rounds, including all Total Memorial Scores

The National Administrator will make best efforts to respond within one week of any request made in writing.

Supplement to Official Rule 12.6: Other Awards

12.6.1 Canadian Qualifying Rounds Awards. The Canadian Administrator shall present the following awards at the Canadian Qualifying Rounds:

Best Applicant/Respondent Memorials

- First Place Applicant/Respondent Memorial
- Second Place Applicant/Respondent Memorials
- Third Place Applicant/Respondent Memorials

Best Memorial Awards (Combined Applicant and Respondent)

- First Place Memorials
- Second Place Memorials
- Third Place Memorials
- Fourth Place Memorials

- Fifth Place Memorials

Best Oralist Awards

- First Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Second Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Third Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Fourth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Fifth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Sixth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Seventh Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Eighth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Ninth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds
- Tenth Place Oralist – Preliminary Rounds

**Issued by:
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