

OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL ROUNDS OF THE 2025 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The rules given below guide the Sierra Leone National Rounds only and are adopted from the official International rules for Jessup 2025 released by ILSA with slight modifications for administrative purposes. Aspects not specifically mentioned herein must be referred from the International rules.

For the World Finals at Washington, the advancing teams from the Sierra Leone National Rounds are solely guided by the INTERNATIONAL RULES ONLY that may be downloaded from <http://ilsa.org/jessuphome/jessup-rules>.

1. THE COMPETITION

- i. The 2025 Jessup (Sierra Leone) will have a single Sierra Leone National Round.
- ii. The competition shall be held in English language.

2. VENUE & THE SCHEDULE

Multi-Purpose Hall, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone

Email:

Coordinator in charge of the moot administration:

Mr. /Mrs.:

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The competition will be held from 30th January - 31st January 2025.

(Day 1 – 30th January 2025) - Registration, Preliminary rounds (total six rounds with 2 rounds for each team)

(Day 2 -- 31st January 2025) Registration, Grand Finals, and presentation of awards to participants and winners

- a. Every team is entitled to a ballot in order to determine whether they may be arguing as respondent or applicant.

3. ROUNDS

Preliminary Rounds and Scoring (2 rounds):

Every team will argue once for Applicant as well as Respondent in the preliminary rounds.

Memorials will be graded and assessed by international organizers and any relevant score and/or penalties shall be communicated to the National Administrator.

i. Determining the National Champion:

If one Team wins both its matches in the Preliminary Rounds, that Team shall be declared the National Champion.

If all three Teams win one match apiece, the top two Teams from the Preliminary Rounds will meet in a Championship Match to determine the National Champion. In such match, the Applicant and Respondent shall be determined by picking lots.

4. JUDGES:

There will be a minimum of two judges for the preliminary rounds. In the absence of the Third judge the average marks of the two judges would be the score of the third judge. There will be a minimum of 3 judges for the Final.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION & CONDUCT

- i. For each round, a team can have two speakers and one researcher only. Teams may have two to five members, in total, who contribute to the work product. All team members will be awarded participation certificates.
- ii. The counsels/researcher may not pass on notes/communicate to the speaker making argument. However, unobtrusive written communication between researcher/members at the table is allowed.
- iii. In accordance with Official Rules, scouting in all forms is prohibited.
- iv. Teams are not allowed to use laptops/computers/cell phones in the court room during the oral rounds.

6. BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

For Best Student Advocate award the points scored (oral) from the preliminary rounds alone will be counted.

7. The National Champion will represent Sierra Leone at the White & Case International Rounds in Washington.

8. ADMINISTRATORS

National Administrator:

Administrator in-charge:

Coordinator:

Email for communication:

9. The Administrator's decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition, unless a valid appeal is made to the ILSA Executive Director pursuant to the rules.

10. IMPORTANT DATE

- ❖ The International rounds will be held in Washington, USA. - 29th March - 5th April 2025

Karina Gbakie (Mrs.)
National Administrator, Jessup Sierra Leone

Michael Peil
Executive Director, ILSA

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PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025
SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL ROUNDS

DATE: 30th – 31st January 2025

ORGANISED BY: THE ADVOCACY AND MOOTING SOCIETY

REGISTRATION FORM
(Please fill in capital letters)

UNDERTAKING

We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition, which consist of the Official Rules and the National Rules Supplement.
(All details must be filled and handed over to the National Administrator)

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION:

ILSA (REGISTRATION) TEAM NO:

ADDRESS:

TEL. /MOBILE NO.:

EMAIL:

SN	NAME OF THE PARTICIPANT	GENDERS	COURSE	YEAR	SIGNATURE
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Seal & signature of the Head of the Institution

Completed form should reach Administrator & Advocacy and Mooting Society as soft/hard copy on or before the 28th January 2025.