

JESSUP 2025 LATIN AMERICAN FRIENDLY RULES SUPPLEMENT FOR THE 2025 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The 2025 Jessup Latin American Friendly Rules Supplement (the "LATAM Friendly Supplement") for the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (the "Competition") has been adopted by the Jessup National Administration for Guatemala ("National Administration") 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 Guatemalan National Rounds. It clarifies and, wherever necessary, completes the 2024 Official Rules.

RULE 1.0 – Objective. The purpose of the Latin American Friendly Competition is to give an opportunity for Teams in Latin America that do not have National Rounds to have oral rounds practice.

RULE 2.0. The 2025. Administration. The Administrator of the Latin American Friendly Rounds is Claudia Cáceres (latamfriendly@gmail.com).

RULE 3.0 - Interpretation of the Rules. Any question related to the interpretation of the Official Rules and the Supplement shall be first addressed to the Administrator. If there is any remaining dispute after interpretation by the Administrator, the Executive Director of ILSA shall serve as final arbitrator of implementation and interpretation of the Official Rules and the Supplement.

RULE 4.0 - Team Registration. Each Team must register with ILSA by completing an online registration form and paying the appropriate registration fee by the registration deadline in the Official Schedule. Each Team shall also request permission to compete in the Friendly Competition by sending an email to latamfriendly@gmail.com and completing an online form no later than December 05th 2025.

RULE 5.0 – Latin American Friendly Rounds. The 2025 Latin American Friendly Rounds will be held online via Zoom from March 10th to 16th 2025. No fee will be charged for participating in the Latin American Friendly Rounds.

RULE 6.0 – Memorial Grading. Memorials will not be graded, nor will they be considered in the results of the 2025 Latin American Friendly Rounds. Teams will not receive a copy of the opponent's memorials.

RULE 7.0 – Rounds. If there are at least three (3) teams registered, then a final round will be held. The winner of the final round will be the Latin American Friendly Champion. If there are at least five (5) teams registered, a semifinal round will be held. In case there are only two (2) teams registered and the National Champion shall be the team with the most wins; if both Teams have 2 wins, then the Team with the most Round Points is the National Champion; if both Teams have the same Round Points, then the Team with the most Raw Points wins.

RULE 8.0 – Preliminary Rounds. If there are at least two (2) teams registered, Preliminary Rounds will be held. Each team will get to plead as Applicant and as Respondent at least one time. The number of matches in the preliminary rounds will depend on how many teams are registered.

RULE 9.0 – Semifinal Round. If there are at least five (5) teams registered, then a semifinal round will be held between the four teams that score highest. The two teams that win the semifinal round will advance to the final round. The pairings shall be determined as follows: the fourth-ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team; and the second-ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team

RULE 10.0 – Final Round. If there are at least three (3) teams registered, then a final round will be held. If a Semifinal Round has been held, the winning Team in each of the two Semifinal matches shall advance to the Championship Round. If a Semifinal Round has not been held, then the top two Teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall compete against one another in a single Championship Round. The winner of the final round will be the Latin American Friendly Champion

RULE 11.0 - Pleading Option. In the oral rounds the Administration will set the order of pleading in the rounds. In the Final Round, the Administration shall choose a means of random decision in determining the Pleading Option for Final Round.

RULE 12.0 – Results. After the conclusion of the Latin American Friendly Rounds, each participating Team shall receive via email: (i) a copy of individual Oral Round judge’s scoresheets from each match and (ii) Oralist Rankings.

RULE 13.0 – Awards.

The following awards will be presented at the International Rounds:

- (1) Latin American Friendly Champion, to the Team that wins the Latin American Friendly Rounds;
- (2) Best Latin American Oralist, to the best oralist of the Final Round (if one is held);
- (3) Best Preliminary Rounds Team, to the Team with the highest ranking after the Preliminary Rounds; and
- (4) Best Preliminary Rounds Oralist, to the oralist with the highest ranking after the Preliminary Rounds.