

2025 TAIWAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

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The Taiwan National Rules Supplement to the Official Rules of the 2025 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is intended to facilitate the conduct of the 2025 Taiwan National Qualifying Rounds only. This Rules Supplement has been promulgated by the Taiwan National Administrator with the approval of the Executive Director of the International Law Students Association (ILSA).

For this purpose, the Official Rules shall be modified by this Supplement. The dates appearing in the 2025 Jessup Competition Taiwan National Qualifying Rounds Official Schedule replace the dates appearing in the Official Schedule.

1. Supplement to Official Rules 1.6 Administrators

The 2025 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Taiwan National Round is administered by: Wan-Chun Ho, Chinese (Taiwan) Society of International Law.

2. Supplement to Official Rules 1.9 Interpretation of Rules

No one other than the National Administrator has the authority to interpret the National Rules Supplement. Any question arising as to the interpretation of the Official Rules and the Supplement shall first be addressed to the National Administrator. Should any dispute remain after interpretation by the National Administrator, the Executive Director shall serve as final arbitrator of implementation and interpretation of the Official Rules and of any National Rules Supplement.

3. Supplement to Official Rules 7.12 Spectators

All National Preliminary Rounds will be open only to Members and Advisors of the competing Teams. The presence of other spectators affiliated with the competing Teams is permitted in the courtroom after they register with the National Administrator for approval to verify identification and ensure fairness of the competition. Teams are responsible for ensuring that their spectators do not engage in any disruptive behavior.

4. Supplement to Official Rules 8.3 Pairings

- (a) The pairing of Teams for the Preliminary Rounds of the Taiwan National Qualifying Rounds shall be done, in the first instance, by a random draw.
- (b) Each Team shall designate a Registered Team Member to draw lots. The National Administrator will designate the date and location of the Team Meeting Session for the draw. The National Administrator is eligible to draw lots for the Team which is absent.
- (c) Absent exceptional circumstances, pairings will be announced at the Team Meeting

Session after the draw. The National Administrator may modify the pairings to account for absent Teams or other contingencies. If Teams must be newly paired, they must be provided with their new opponents' memorials as soon as reasonably possible, but at the very least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the newly paired round.

5. Supplement to Official Rules 8.6 Championship Rounds

The National Administrator shall hold a Championship Match between the two (2) highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds. The winner of the Champion Round is the National Champion.

6. Supplement to Official Rules 8.7 Pleading Option

- (a) Prior to the commencement of the Semifinal Rounds, each competing Team will be given its completed master Team scoresheet from the Preliminary Rounds.
- (b) In the Semifinal Rounds, the higher-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds shall have the right to choose which side it will argue.
- (c) In the Championship Round, the method described in Official Rules 8.7(c) (drawing lots) will be used to determine the pleading option.
- (d) The Team with the pleading option has ten (10) minutes to select which side it wishes to plead. If that Team fails to select, then the opposing Team has five (5) minutes to select a side. If the opposing Team then fails to exercise its pleading option within a five (5) minute period, it also shall forfeit its pleading option. Should both Teams fail to select, then the higher-ranked Team will argue Applicant and the lower-ranked Team will argue Respondent.
- (e) Once the sides have been determined, the National Administrator will notify both Teams, and Memorials shall be exchanged immediately. The Teams will then be granted a reasonable time to prepare for the Championship Round.

7. Supplement Rules to Official Rules 11.7 Notice and Appeals

The National Administrator shall notify Team of any decision regarding imposition of any Oral Round Penalty as soon as practicable. Along with the decision, the National Administrator shall set a reasonable deadline by which either Team may appeal the decision. The appeal shall be submitted directly to the National Administrator first, and the National Administrator shall consult with the Executive Director in resolving the appeal. The Executive Director's decision on all appeal is final.

8. Supplement Rules to Official Rules 12.6 Other Awards

The National Administrator shall arrange the following awards in the National Qualifying Rounds Tournament:

Team Awards

- National Champion
- National Runner-Up

Memorial Award

- Best Memorial

Oralist Awards

- Best Oralist
- First Place Outstanding Oralist
- Second Place Outstanding Oralist
- Third Place Outstanding Oralist
- Fourth Place Outstanding Oralist
- Fifth Place Outstanding Oralist