

PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025
NINTH BANGLADESH QUALIFYING ROUNDS
RULES SUPPLEMENT

Rule 01: Application

The Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds Rules Supplement 2025 has been formulated pursuant to Rule 1.7 (a) of The Official Rules of the 2025 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION (referred as “Official Rules 2025”) and has been approved by the Executive Director under 1.7 (b) of the Official Rules 2025.

The Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds Rules Supplement 2025 shall be applicable only to the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds 2025 of Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and shall prevail in conflict with the Official Rules 2025.

Rule 02: Definitions

“Competition” shall refer to the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds 2025 of Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

"Shadow Team" refers to team(s) whose performance will not be considered in the overall ranking of the Competition rather they may partake in the Competition for educational purpose. A Shadow Team shall not proceed to the advanced rounds of the Competition and the identity of any Shadow Team shall only be disclosed at the completion of the Competition

“Team” shall refer to a participating/competing team of the Competition unless otherwise referred to.

“Team Coach” may be referred as “Team Advisor” and can be used interchangeably during the Competition.

Rule 03: Team Composition

A Team in the Competition shall be composed of three (3) Members and one Advisor/Coach, and all the three Team members must be registered for the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition International Rounds (“International Rounds”). The Team advancing to the International Rounds cannot substitute a member of the participating team of the Competition. The Team competing in the Competition shall complete registration for the Competition as per the instructions of the national administrator(s).

Rule 04: Total Number of the Rounds

The Competition shall be divided into Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.

4.1. Preliminary Rounds

Each Team participating in the Competition shall participate in the Preliminary Rounds consisting of four Oral Rounds - twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

4.2. Advanced Rounds

The Quarterfinal Rounds, Semifinal Rounds, and Final/Championship Round will be known as "Advanced Rounds." The winner of each Advanced Round will proceed to the next Advanced Round.

(a) Quarterfinal Rounds

The top eight Teams of the Preliminary Rounds will compete in the Quarterfinal Rounds.

(b) Semifinal Rounds

The winning Teams of the Quarterfinal Rounds will compete in the Semifinal Rounds.

(c) Final/Championship Round

Winners of the Semifinal Rounds will compete in the Final for the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds Championship.

Rule 05: Pairings

5.1. Preliminary Rounds

The national administrator(s) of the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds shall form groups and/or sub-groups for the preliminary round matches by an automated seeding procedure.

For seeding, first the Teams will be ordered according to their average memorial scores from highest to lowest. For instance, Team with the highest average memorial grading shall be ranked as T1, whereas Team with the second highest average memorial grading shall be ranked as T2 and likewise. After that, all the participating Teams shall be divided into two groups: Group A and Group B. Group A shall be comprised of odd ranked Teams from the Memorial ranking, for instance T1, T3, T5 and Group B shall be comprised of even ranked Teams from the Memorial ranking for example T2, T4, T6. For the purpose of the competition the Shadow Team(s) shall be considered as the lowest ranked Team(s)

Group A:

T1, T3, T5, T7, T9, T11, T13, T15,
T17, T19, T21, T23, T25, T27, T29,
T31, T33, T35, T37, T39, T41, T43

Group B:

T2, T4, T6, T8, T10, T12, T14, T16,
T18, T20, T22, T24, T26, T28, T30,
T32, T34, T36, T38, T40, T42, T44

Then each Team of Group A shall compete against four Teams of Group B. These pairings will be decided by an automated drawing.

Sample draw:

T1 (A) vs T2 (R)

T1 (A) vs T10 (R)

T1 (R) vs T18 (A)

T1 (R) vs T26 (A)

On the completion of the Preliminary rounds, the top eight (8) ranked Teams shall proceed to the Quarterfinal rounds. These top eight Teams will be decided according to Rule 10.9: Preliminary Round rankings of the Official Rules 2025. Individual positions of the top Ten Teams shall be declared and published at the completion of the Competition.

5.2. Advanced Rounds**(a) Quarterfinal Rounds**

In the Quarterfinal Rounds, the pairings shall be determined by “power-seeding” as follows: The Eighth-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds versus the First-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds, the Seventh-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds versus the Second-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds, the Sixth-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds versus the Third-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds, and the Fifth-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds versus the Fourth-ranked Team of the Preliminary Rounds. The pleading options for the Quarterfinal Rounds shall be carried out according to Rule 9.12 of the Official Rules 2025.

(b) Semifinal Rounds

The Winning Team in each of the four Quarterfinal Rounds shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds. In Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall again be determined by use of “power-seeding,” i.e., the highest-ranked remaining Team of the Preliminary Rounds shall compete against the lowest-ranked remaining Team of the Preliminary Rounds. The pleading options for the Semifinal Rounds shall be carried out according to Rule 9.12 of the Official Rules 2025.

(c) Final/ Championship Round

The Winning Team in each of the two (2) Semifinal Rounds shall advance to the Championship Round. Like the preliminary rounds the argument side of the finalist/ championship round will also be decided by a random draw.

The national administrators may bring amendment anytime to the fixturing methods or to the rules governing rounds for the best interest of the Competition.

Rule 06: Time Allocation for the Oral Submissions

Each Oral Session of the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition shall consist of 80 minutes including the question – answer part as well as rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The Applicant and the Respondent are each allocated 40 minutes and a Team cannot allocate an individual mooter/oralist more than 20 minutes for submission. The time allocated for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal shall not exceed five (5) minutes for the preliminary rounds. The honorable adjudicators of the Competition may not allow any mooter more than two (2) minutes over his/her allocated time.

All the Advanced Rounds, i.e., Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final Round shall be conducted according to Rule 6.1 of the Official Rules 2025.

Rule 07: Time Keeping

A Bench officer shall assist the Bailiff in conducting a round and s/he shall be responsible for anything and everything but keeping time and showing timecards.

Rule 08: Submission of Hard Copies of Memorials and Exchanging Memorials

8.1. Submission of Hard Copies of Memorials to the National Administrator(s)

Each Team must provide the National Administrator(s) with three (3) printed copies of their Applicant and six (6) printed copies of their Respondent Memorials by during the Memorial exchange session of the Competition. The copies may be printed double-sided on white paper. *The paper copies shall not differ from the submitted electronic copies. Any deviation of this rule shall be subject to penalty under Rule 11.8 of the Official Rules.* It is encouraged to have the cover page of Applicant Memorials printed in white and the Respondent Memorials in blue.

8.2. Copies of Memorials from Opposing Teams

Teams shall be provided copies of their opponent Teams' Memorials. No Team should access any Team's Memorials other than those provided by the National Administrator, whether before, during, or after the Competition. This rule is not intended to alter Rule 2.15 of the Official Rules. Where the National Administrator(s) become aware that any copies of memorials have been circulated between the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds and the International Rounds to any Team progressing to the International Round, they will notify ILSA directly.



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