

**UKRAINIAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT FOR**  
**THE 2025 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
**MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The Ukrainian National Rules Supplement (the "**Supplement**") for the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (the "**Competition**") has been adopted by the Jessup National Administrator for Ukraine ("**National Administrator**") with the approval of the Executive Director (the "**Executive Director**") of the International Law Students Association ("**ILSA**").

The Supplement shall remain in force from year to year and may be amended by the National Administrator.

**Official Rule 1.1:**

**Administration of the Ukrainian National Rounds**

The Ukrainian National Championship is administered by National Administrators for Ukraine (the "**National Administrator**").

National Administrators for 2025 are Anna Patrycha and Anastasiia Kyiashko (jessup.ua@gmail.com).

**Official Rule 1.5:**

**Interpretation of the Ukrainian Supplement**

Any questions as to the interpretation of the Supplement shall be addressed to the National Administrator. The Executive Director shall serve as the final arbiter in implementation and interpretation of the Supplement.

**Official Rule 2.3:**

**Team Member Eligibility**

A person who is a full-time student pursuing his/her LLM degree (after obtaining a bachelor degree) and at the same time is part-time employed is eligible to participate in Jessup if the provisions of Official Rule 2.3(c) are otherwise satisfied.

**Official Rule 4.1:**

**Eligibility to Judge**

Mentors, lecturers, judges and other volunteers of the Ukrainian Jessup Summer School are eligible to judge as long as the scope of their assistance did not exceed the limits imposed by Official Rule 2.9.

**Official Rule 4.1:**

**Preferential Judges' Applications**

When choosing candidates for the Judges role, the priority shall be given to those candidates, who:

- hold an academic degree in International law;
- have previous experience in judging Jessup National/International Rounds;
- have previous experience in coaching and/or advising a Jessup Team;
- have previously advanced Jessup National/International Rounds

**Official Rule 4.5:**

**Oral Rounds Conflict of Interest**

When alleging a conflict with a judge, a Team must state facts sufficient to establish a grounds of this conflict in line with the Official Rule 4.5(a)(ii). The National Administrator will dismiss any allegation that does not state sufficient facts, and notify the complaining Team accordingly. Such dismissal is appealable under Rule 11.10.

**Official Rule 4.2:**

**Team Member Employment History**

No later than the Memorial submission deadline, a Team must submit via electronic mail to the National Administrator the employment history of each of its Team Members for the past year, including part-time employment and internships.

The information will be used to prevent any possible conflicts.

**Official Rule 8.1:**

**Visitors Attending Oral Rounds**

If the venue allows so, each Team is allowed to register up to five guests to attend the National Rounds. The National Administrator shall inform the Teams if they can register the guests at least 14 days before the National Rounds.

Only pre-registered guests would be allowed to enter the venue of the Competition. Such guests are only allowed to attend the rounds of the inviting Team. Should their presence at other rounds be detected, penalty of up to 5 points may be imposed on the inviting Team.

**Official Rule 8.2:**

**Oral Rounds General Procedures:**

**Preliminary Round Pairings**

For the purpose of pairings in the Preliminary Rounds, the National Administrator shall establish each Team's schedule with reference to the total Memorials' raw scores.

Teams will be ranked in one of three groups (High, Medium and Low) based on their total Memorial Raw Scores, and will face Teams from each of those three groups during the Preliminary Rounds.

Team from the High group meets with one High and one from the Low, the rest from the Medium; by the analogy, each Team from the Low group meets one from the High and one from the Low, rest from the Medium; each Medium plays with at least one, but not more than two High and at

least one, but no more than two Low, rest from the Medium.

This approach will be used to the extent possible and may be modified to the best interests of the Competition.

The National Administrator, with the agreement of the Executive Director, may modify the pairings in the best interests of the Competition, including for absent Teams or other unforeseeable contingencies.

For the purpose of these pairings only, penalties imposed on Memorials shall not be taken into consideration.

### **Distribution of Memorials of Opposing Teams**

Pairings and Memorials of Opposing Teams will be distributed to Teams seven (7) days prior to the first day of the Ukrainian National Oral Rounds. Teams will not receive information about Memorial scores or rankings prior to the final of the National Rounds.

### **Official Rule 8.3:**

#### **Advanced Rounds**

The Advanced Rounds of the Ukrainian National Rounds consist of two (2) Semifinal Rounds and the Championship Round.

The Semifinal Rounds of the Ukrainian National Rounds consist of two (2) pairings of the four (4) Teams ranked first (1st) through fourth (4th) from the Preliminary Rounds.

The Championship Round of the Ukrainian National Rounds consists of one (1) pairing of the two winning Teams of the Semifinal Rounds.

#### **Advanced Rounds**

The pairings in the Semifinal Rounds of the Ukrainian National Rounds shall be determined by use of "power-seeding", i.e. the highest-ranked Team shall compete against the lowest-ranked Team and the second-highest-ranked Team shall compete against the second-lowest-ranked Team. For purposes of this Rule, all rankings shall be determined by the final standings of the Preliminary

Rounds.

## **Official Rule 8.6:**

### **Pleading Option**

Prior to the commencement of the Advanced Rounds, each advancing Team will be given its completed master Team Scoresheet from the Preliminary Rounds, but not individual judges' Scoresheets or notes.

In the Semifinal Rounds, the higher-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds shall have the right to choose which side it will argue. This right is called the "pleading option."

In accordance with Official Rule 8.6 (c), pleading option for the Championship Round will be determined by Coin Toss: a designated Team Member of the higher ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds will call the toss, and the Administrator will toss the coin. If the Team Member correctly calls the toss, then his or her Team will have the pleading option. If that Team Member does not correctly call the toss, then the opposing Team will have the pleading option.

## **National Rule 1:**

### **Oral Rounds Procedure During the Air Alert**

**1.1.** On the first day of the national rounds, the National Administrator shall instruct all the Teams on the location and routes of the shelters.

**1.2.** Based on the availability of the shelters, the ongoing round may be paused till the end of the air alert or continued in the shelter. The National Administrator shall inform the Teams if the round is paused or continued in case of an air alert before the round.

**1.3.** If an air alarm starts during the round, the Teams, Judges, Volunteers, Visitors and everyone involved in the National Rounds shall follow the Volunteers to the dedicated shelter(s).

If 90%+ of the people present at the ongoing round desire to stay in the round room and the venue's rules allow so, they are allowed to continue the round in the same room and not proceed to the shelter.

**1.4.** The Bailiff should fix the time remaining for the speaker at the moment of the air alert in writing on the Bailiff Timekeeping Sheet.

**1.5.** If in accordance with National Rule 1.2, the ongoing round continues, the Teams and Judges should follow the following guidance:

- if the air alert starts within 5 minutes of the start of either speaker's pleading – the speaker shall start the pleading from the beginning in the shelter;
- if the air alert starts after 5 minutes of the start of either speaker's pleading – the Judges should determine how the speaker proceeds (start the argument from the beginning, add extra time, etc) in the shelter;
- if the air alert starts during the Rebuttal or Surrebuttal – the speaker shall start the Rebuttal or Surrebuttal from the beginning in the shelter.

## **National Rule 2:**

### **Exhibition Team**

#### **2.1. Application Process**

A Team willing to Participate in the International Rounds as an Exhibition Team shall apply to the National Administrator within five (5) days of the Championship Round. By filing an application, this Team confirms its compliance with the Eligibility Requirement in National Rule 2 of the Supplement.

#### **2.2. Exhibition Team's Eligibility**

Only Teams from the universities, which have not participated in the International Rounds for the period of preceding four (4) years either as a National Representative or an Exhibition Team can apply for an Exhibition Team status.

### **2.3. Nomination by the National Administrator**

The National Administrator will select two Teams, which have the highest Total Raw Scores at the National Preliminary Rounds among those Teams, which have applied under National Rule 13.1 and nominate them to the ILSA Executive Director as candidates for exhibition team(s).

ILSA Executive Director will make a final decision on confirmation of the applications for exhibition team(s).