

## UK JESSUP NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT

This Rules Supplement applies only to the 2020 UK Jessup National Rounds and replaces the Official Rules where there is a conflict.

### 1. Supplement to Official Rule 1.4 Administrators

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### 2. Supplement to Official Rule 6.18 – Memorial Grading

The Administrators shall employ at least four judges, and where possible five judges, to grade each Memorial. The Administrators shall identify the score that is furthest from the mean of all five scores (if available), and that score and the scoresheet on which it appears shall be disregarded. The Administrators shall then identify the score that is furthest from the mean of the four remaining scores, and that score and the scoresheet on which it appears shall be disregarded. The three remaining scores shall be utilized for the purposes of determining Round outcomes and Team Memorial rankings. Teams will not be provided with copies of the discarded scoresheets.

### 3. Supplement to Official Rule 8.0 Qualifying Competition Procedures

3.1 All Teams are required to provide five (5) sets of team memorials (5 Applicant and 5 Respondent) to the National Administrators at the team registration scheduled for 9am on Friday, 14 February 2020 at Lincoln's Inn, London.

3.2 The UK National Rounds normally consist of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the National Championship. The UK National Administrators may, however, exercise a discretion to eliminate the Quarter-Final Rounds in circumstances where the number of teams participating makes this desirable. That decision will be taken after the submission of Memorials and will be communicated to the teams if the decision is to eliminate the Quarter-Final Rounds.

#### *3.2.1 Preliminary Rounds*

Each Team shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four (4) Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. The pairings for these rounds will be determined in the first instance by reference to the memorial scores.

### *3.2.2 Quarter-Final Rounds*

Where Quarter-Final Rounds are scheduled to take place, the eight (8) highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall participate in Quarter-Final Rounds. In the Quarter-Final Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows:

- (i) The first-ranked Team versus the eighth-ranked Team (“Match One”);
- (ii) The second-ranked Team versus the seventh-ranked Team (“Match Two”);
- (iii) The third-ranked Team versus the sixth-ranked Team (“Match Three”);  
and
- (iv) The fourth-ranked Team versus the fifth-ranked Team (“Match Four”).

### *3.2.3 Semi-Final Rounds following on from Quarter-Final Rounds*

Where Quarter-Final Rounds have taken place, the winning Team in each of the four Quarter-Final Rounds shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds. In the Semi-Final Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows (by reference to the match numbers described in Supplement Rule 3.2.2): the winner of Match One versus the winner of Match Four; and the winner of Match Two versus the winner of Match Three.

### *3.2.4 Semi-Final Rounds in the absence of Quarter-Final Rounds*

If Quarter-Final Rounds are not held, the four (4) highest ranking teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds. The pairings shall be as follows: The first-ranked team versus the fourth-ranked team (Match One); The second-ranked team versus the third-ranked team (Match Two).

### *3.2.5 The UK National Championship Round*

The winning Team in each of the two Semi-Final Rounds shall advance to the UK National Championship Round.

## **3.3 Pleading Option**

3.3.1 In the Quarter-Final Rounds (if these are held) and Semi-Final Rounds, the highest-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds will have the pleading option.

3.3.2 In the UK National Championship Round the pleading option shall be determined by tossing a coin, as described in Official Rule 8.6(c)(i).

3.3.3 The exercise of the pleading option shall occur in accordance with Official Rule 8.6(d) and (e).

### 3.4 **Participation in the International Rounds**

3.4.1 The National Representatives shall be determined in accordance with this Rule.

3.4.2 If a Team participating in the National Rounds wishes to be a National Representative of the UK at the International Rounds it shall, at the team registration, confirm in writing to the National Administrators the Team's availability and commitment to participate in the International Rounds should it qualify ("the Confirmation").

3.4.3 If the National Administrators do not receive the Confirmation before the National Rounds commence, or the Team informs the National Administrators that it is not available to participate in the International Rounds, then the Team remains eligible to participate in the National Rounds but it shall not become a National Representative, regardless of its ranking in the National Rounds.

3.4.4 The highest ranked Teams that have provided the Confirmation to the National Administrators prior to the commencement of the National Rounds shall become the National Representatives.

3.4.5 The ranking of the Teams in the National Rounds shall be determined as follows:

- (i) the winner of the National Championship Round;
- (ii) the runner-up in the National Championship Round;
- (iii) of the two Teams which did not advance to the National Championship Round from the Semi-Finals, the order in which they were ranked in the Preliminary Rounds;
- (iv) of the four teams which did not advance to the Semi-Finals from the Quarter-Finals (where these have been held), the order in which they were ranked in the Preliminary Rounds; and
- (v) of the remaining teams, the order in which they were ranked in the Preliminary Rounds.

3.4.6 If there are circumstances that may prevent a Team from participating in the International Rounds, it shall notify the National Administrators as soon as possible.

3.4.7 If a National Representative fails to participate in the International Rounds, the ILSA Executive Director in consultation with the National Administrators may

impose penalties that she considers appropriate including the penalties affecting the relevant Team members and/or their university's eligibility to participate in the Competition in future. When determining the penalty (if any), the ILSA Executive Director and the National Administrators will take into account such factors as the National Representative's failure to comply with the Confirmation and/or absence of a valid reason for the failure to participate in the International Rounds.

**4. Supplement to Official Rule 10**

4.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the rankings in the Preliminary Rounds are determined in accordance with Official Rule 10.7.

4.2 The Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Championship round will be determined by a majority vote of the judges in accordance with Official Rule 10.10(a).

UK National Administrators  
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