

ITALIAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT
FOR THE
2022 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Italian National Rule 0.0 – Italian National Rules Supplement

The Italian 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 Italy (“National Administrator”) 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 Italian National Rounds. It clarifies and, wherever necessary, completes the Official Rules of the Competition.

These Rules shall remain in force from year to year and may be amended by the National Administrator, who will as far as possible consult with the Team Advisors of the Teams participating in the previous year’s competition.

Italian National Rule 1.0 – Administration of the Italian National Rounds

The Italian National Rounds are administered by National Administrator, as approved by the ILSA:

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Italian National Rule 2.0 – Interpretation of the Supplement

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

Italian National Rule 3.0 - Team Member eligibility

In accordance with Official Rule 2.3(b)(i), a person may be a Team Member if he or she intends to compete on behalf of an eligible institution at which he or she is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student as of the Team Member registration deadline, i.e. 19 November 2021.

In clarification of Official Rule 2.3(c), a person may not be a Team Member if he or she is undertaking the compulsory training necessary to be admitted to the Bar (the Italian ‘*pratica forense*’).

In clarification of Official Rule 2.4, Executive Director's written permission is not required for students who received an undergraduate degree in a legal field (the Italian ‘*laurea triennale*’) and are currently enrolled in a graduate / J.D. equivalent degree (the Italian ‘*laurea specialistica*’).

Italian National Rule 4.0 – Memorial Submission

In accordance with Official Rule 5(1)(b), each Team must submit its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the ILSA via its Team Homepage (available through www.ilsa.org), no later than 12 January 2022, 17:00 (5:00 p.m.) Central Standard Time (CST) (UTC/GST – 6), corresponding to **13 January 2022, 00:00 (00:00 a.m.) Central European Time (CET) (UTC/GST +1)** (“Official Memorial Submission Deadline”).

In accordance with Official Rule 5(1)(b), each Team must submit its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the National Administrator, in a single email addressed to **jessup.italianrounds@gmail.com**, no later than the Official Memorial Submission Deadline.

Italian National Rule 5.0 – Memorial Scoring

In accordance with Official Rule 5.17, the grading and assessment of penalties for each Memorial will be organized by the Executive Director. Prior to the commencement of the Italian National Rounds, the Executive Director will endeavour to ensure that each Memorial has been graded at least three times and will communicate the scores and any penalties to the National Administrator.

Italian National Rule 6.0 – Italian National Rounds

6.1 General Procedure

The 2022 Italian National Rounds will be held in person and will take place according to the procedure set forth under Official Rule 6.

If later developments of the Covid-19 pandemic will not allow the organisation of in person rounds, the 2022 Italian National Rounds will be held online and will take place according to the procedure set forth under Official Rule 7. The National Administrator shall inform all participating Teams promptly.

6.2 Covid-19 Procedures

The 2022 Italian National Rounds will be held in compliance with local public health laws, regulations and guidance.

All participants (including Team Members, Team Advisors, accompanying persons, judges, admin team) shall exhibit a valid Covid-19 Certificate (“*green pass*”) attesting vaccination, recovery from Covid-19, or negative result of a test taken at the latest 48h prior to any relevant day of the competition. **In the absence of a valid Covid-19 Certificate, access on site will be denied.**

The **National Administrator may limit the number of Team Advisors or other accompanying persons whose presence will be allowed on site**, to ensure the respect of public health laws. Limits may be set in consideration of the overall number of participating Teams and maximum occupancy of the rooms available for the competition. Limits will apply to all Teams, including the Team representing the host university. Teams will be informed ahead of time if such limits will be imposed.

If, in the days preceding the opening of the 2022 Italian National Rounds, Team Members of a competing Team will be subject to mandatory quarantine in application of relevant public health laws

precluding their participation to the competition, Team Advisors shall immediately inform the National Administrator. Online participation of the affected Team will be allowed only in such extreme case and with the agreement of the other competing Teams. Online participation of only one Team Member will not be allowed. To avoid this circumstance to occur, Team Members and Team Advisors are recommended to reduce unnecessary contacts with other persons in the two weeks preceding the Italian National Rounds.

6.3 Preliminary Rounds

Each Team participating in the Italian National Rounds shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four (4) Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

6.4 Preliminary Round Pairings

For the purpose of pairings in the Preliminary Rounds, the National Administrator shall establish Teams' opponents with reference to the total Memorial raw scores. Teams will be ranked in one of four groups based on their total Memorial raw scores and will face during Preliminary Round matches one Team from each of those four groups. 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.

If the final official scores will not be available to the National Administrator one week before the opening of the Italian National Rounds, the National Administrator shall establish Teams' opponents in the Preliminary Rounds by random drawing. Team Advisors of participating Teams may request the National Administrator to assist to the drawing via online meeting. Pairings will be announced by team number only and the identity of opposing teams will remain confidential until the distribution of opposing Teams' memorials.

6.5 Semifinal Rounds

If 6 or more Teams participate to the Italian National Rounds, Semifinal Rounds will be held. The Semifinal Rounds of the Italian National Rounds consist of two (2) pairings of the four (4) Teams ranked first (1st) through fourth (4th) from the Preliminary Rounds.

6.6 Semifinal Rounds Pairings

The pairings in the Semifinal Rounds of the Italian 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.

6.7 Championship Round

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

6.9 Advanced Rounds 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 8.7(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 National 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.

Italian National Rule 7.0 – Qualification to the International Rounds

The winning team of the Italian National Rounds will be invited to participate to the International Rounds as 'Italian National Champion'.

In accordance with Official Rule 1.2(b)(ii), the Runner-up Team will also be invited to participate to the International Rounds in consideration of the fact that Italian teams qualified to the Elimination Rounds of the 2021 Global Rounds.

If, in accordance with Official Rule 1.2(b)(i), three Italian teams will be invited to represent Italy, a match for the third place will be organised between the two semi-finalist teams which did not advance to the Championship Round. The winning team will be invited to participate to the International Rounds.

Italian National Rule 8.0 – Reporting of Results

In line with Official Rule 10.19, after the conclusion of the Italian National Rounds, each participating Team shall receive the following:

- (i) a copy of individual Memorial judge's scoresheets;
- (ii) a copy of individual Oral Round judge's scoresheets from Preliminary Rounds;
- (iii) a summary of the Team's scores, including both Memorial and oral pleading raw scores and Round points for both the Team and the opposing Teams faced, for each Preliminary Round in which the Team competed.

The opportunity to distribute Team Rankings of the Preliminary Rounds and/or Oralist Ranking will be agreed upon between the National Administrator and the Team Advisors of participating Teams after Teams' registration deadline.

Teams will not receive summary of scores or individual scoresheets of other Teams.