

**The Philip C. Jessup
International Law Moot Court Competition**

**United States National Supplement
to the Official Rules of the 1997 Competition**

For Use by All Teams Participating in United States Regional Competitions

These rules apply to the United States Teams participating in the 1997 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and should be read in conjunction with the Official Competition Rules.

U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 1.0 ORGANIZATION OF THE U.S. NATIONAL COMPETITION

1.1 *Obligation to Host; Conditional Status Preferences and Penalties*

Each participating U.S. school should host a Regional Competition at least once every twelve (12) years of competition participation. Each participating U.S. school shall host a Regional Competition once every eighteen (18) years of competition participation.

1.2 *Conditional Status*

U.S. Regional Host Schools shall not be required to take more than fourteen (14) teams per Region. If a shortage of available participation slots occurs, schools which are delinquent in the hosting rate shall be placed on conditional status.

Schools on conditional status shall be ranked in order of the worst to the best hosting records. If a shortage of participation slots continues in scheduling U.S. Regional Competitions, schools on conditional status shall be removed from the Competition, with a refund of participation fees.

Schools placed on conditional status, but allowed to participate, shall receive the lowest priority in the geographical consideration of Regional Competition arrangements.

1.3 *Determination of Host Rankings*

Host rankings shall be determined by: 1) hosting rates; 2) number of years of participation in the Competition; and 3) the first year of Competition participation. Schools on conditional status shall be allowed to participate in the Competition only upon a formal contractual agreement to host a Regional Competition during an agreed upon year in the future. Available spaces in Regional Competitions shall be filled according to inverse ranking of hosting records. Priority in scheduling teams for Regional Competitions shall be given to schools with the best hosting records.

1.4 *Host Application Procedure*

Applications to Host future Regional Competitions may be submitted, in writing, to the National Administrator at any time. In the alternative, the Executive Director may contact potential host schools, or forwarded a Host Agreement Form to all schools as their hosting obligation becomes due again.

1.5 *Host School Privileges*

Host Schools shall have their participation fee waived and may attend the U.S. Regional Competition of their choice. Teams of Host Schools may participate in the Regional Competition occurring at their own school, provided that they are screened to avoid appearances of impropriety.

U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 3.0 PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

3.1 *Registration of U.S. Teams*

All participating U.S. Schools (except those from Puerto Rico) shall submit an official U.S. International Registration Form with the appropriate registration fee no later than 1 November 1995. Registration forms postmarked/mailed after that date will not be accepted.

3.2 *Withdrawal of U.S. Teams from Competition*

3.2.1 *General*

Withdrawal from the Competition after 1 November 1995 will result in forfeiture of the registration fee.

3.2.2 *Late Withdrawal*

Failure on the part of a registered school to notify the National Administrator directly, in writing, by certified mail, of intended withdrawal by 15 November 1995 shall preclude that school from participating in the following year's Competition.

3.3 *Administration of U.S. Local Competitions*

3.3.1 *Administration by the International Law Society - Right of First Refusal*

The International Law Society at each U.S. school, or its ILSA member equivalent, has the right of first refusal to field a Jessup team and to provide local administration at each participating U.S. school. If the International Law Society chooses to

field a team, it may proceed with its own selection process in accordance with the provisions of the Official Rules of the Competition.

3.3.2 Administration by Faculty Advisor

If the International Law Society chooses not to exercise its option to administer the Jessup team, the Faculty Advisor of the International Law Society shall have the option of establishing an alternative method.

In instances where a special Jessup class is established, the Faculty Advisor, or other professor teaching the class, shall not violate the provisions of Official Rule 3.4 *et seq.* regarding assistance to teams in the administration of the class.

3.3.3 Administration by Moot Court Boards

Administration may be delegated by the ILS to the participating school's Moot Court Board or equivalent body.

3.3.4 Open Try-Outs

All members of the student body at the participating school must be given an equal opportunity to try-out for the Jessup team, subject to the exception in Official Rule 3.3.3. Jessup participation shall not be conditioned upon participation in any other Moot Court Program, international or domestic. Participants may not be selected in any manner that would violate the provisions of the Official Rules.

U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 6.0 REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

6.1 Date and Place of U.S. Oral Pleadings

There shall be no U.S. National Competition. U.S. Jessup Teams shall proceed to the International Competition by virtue of winning individual Regional Championships, or by receiving a Wildcard bid under the provision of Supplemental Rule 5.5. There shall be a total of twelve (12) U.S. Regional Competitions under the following regional classifications: 1) Northeast; 2) Atlantic; 3) Mid-Atlantic; 4) East; 5) Southeast; 6) South-Central; 7) Central; 8) Midwest; 9) North-Central; 10) Northwest; 11) Southwest; and 12) Pacific. All U.S. Regionals shall be held on the second and third weekends of February, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Director.

6.2 U.S. Regional Pairings

The Executive Director shall begin pairing the teams for all U.S. Regional Competitions immediately following the 1 November withdrawal deadline.

6.2.1 Notification of Regional Administrators

Regional Administrators shall be notified by fax and first class mail of the pairings for their Region by 1 December 1995.

6.2.2 Notification of Participating Teams

Regional Administrators shall notify the National Administrator, by telephone or fax, within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the Regional pairings.

The Regional Administrator shall notify the teams about the following: 1) official pairings for the Regional Competition, 2) oral argument times, 3) oral argument locations; and 4) any changes in the mailing addresses or contact names of opposing teams. Regional Administrators shall not be held responsible for the failure of good faith efforts to reach Jessup Teams within the time limit. In all cases, notification of pairings, times and locations of oral arguments, and opposing team addresses shall be sent by first class mail to the Jessup Team's administrator within the forty-eight (48) hour period.

6.2.3 Re-Pairing upon Team Withdrawal

In the event that a team or teams within a Region withdraw after the withdrawal deadline has passed, and Regional pairings are complete, the National Administrator shall immediately adapt the Regional pairings. If it is possible to adjust the pairings without conducting a new random draw, the Regional pairings shall be adjusted so as to affect the least number of teams. The provisions of Supplemental Rule 5.3 *et seq.* shall apply upon completion of the new pairings.

6.3 Representation in International Rounds

The winner of each Regional Competition shall be entitled to one (1) of the allotted participation slots for the United States in the International Rounds of the Competition. See Official Rule 1.4.

6.3.1 Wildcards

Wildcard invitations have been abolished.

U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 8.0 MEMORIALS

8.1 Paper Size

All U.S. Memorials shall be printed on standard letter size paper (8 1/2" x 11").

8.2 Mailing of Memorials for U.S. Regional Competitions

Mailing of memorials for U.S. Regional Competitions must be done directly through a United States Post Office via Certified or Registered mail, return receipt requested, or Express mail. See Supplemental Rule 8.3 et seq.

8.2.1 Memorial Submission Deadline

All memorials must be mailed by 13 January 1997.

8.2.2 Submission Requirements

Each participating U.S. team shall fulfill the following mailing requirements:

- (a) thirty (30) copies of the Applicant memorial and thirty (30) copies of the Respondent memorial to the Regional Administrator;
- (b) one (1) copy of the appropriate memorial to each opposing team to be faced in the Regional Competition;
- (c) one (1) copy of the Applicant memorial and one (1) copy of the Respondent memorial to the Executive Director of ILSA at: 2223 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, ATTN: Jessup Competition Memorials.

Teams are advised to complete and mail their memorials as soon as possible after receiving their regional pairings. Mailing deadlines will be strictly enforced.

8.3 Postage Requirements

8.3.1 Private Metered Stamps

Teams may not use private meter stamps, i.e. at their school, business, or law firm.

8.3.2 Registered and Certified Mail

Memorials shall only be mailed via Registered or Certified mail, return receipt requested. An Official USPS Hand Date Stamp must be requested to ensure the date of the mailing. Return receipts must be saved to prove the date of mailing in the event the date is disputed.

Teams shall retain their OFFICIAL USPS HAND DATE-STAMPED CERTIFIED, REGISTERED or Express Mail receipts as proof of date of mailing. The burden shall be on each U.S. team to verify that its memorials were properly dated and hand date stamped at the post office on, or prior to, the memorial mailing deadline.

8.3.2.1 Computer Meter Stamps

Computer meter stamps issued by the U.S. Postal Service will be recognized in lieu of an OFFICIAL USPS HAND DATE STAMP if the date is clearly printed on the stamp. Meter stamps having only bar-code readings must have an accompanying OFFICIAL USPS HAND DATE STAMP.

8.3.3 Express Mail

The following Express Mail services will be accepted: Airborne, DHL, Federal Express, and UPS. Teams which utilize Express Mail services should identify the contents of the package as *Jessup Competition Memorials* on the shipping invoice.

8.3.3.1 Tracking Label as Official Date Stamp

The Official Tracking Label affixed to the express mail package shall be used for purposes of determining the mailing date. It is the responsibility of the team using Express Mail to verify that packages will be picked-up and dated by the deadline for mailing memorials.

8.3.3.2 Pre-Notification of Teams and Regional Administrator

Teams utilizing Express Mail for Competition mailing purposes shall notify, by telephone, all opposing team contacts, as well as the Regional Administrator, of their intent to mail via Express Mail. Each team contact and Regional Administrator shall determine the method of Express Mail delivery they prefer.

If a team contact or the Regional Administrator requires a signature upon delivery, packages must be sent respecting the signature requirement. A signature requirement may only be waived by the sender upon advance consent by the opposing team contact and Regional Administrator respectively. Teams may request that Express Mail deliveries requiring a signature be made to a law school secretary or Faculty Advisor who maintain regular office hours.

In the event that a team contact misses a delivery requiring a signature, it is the responsibility of the team contact to acquire the package from the nearest Express Mail Office, or to re-schedule delivery of the package.

In the event Express Mail deliveries are lost or misplaced by the company, the date of the original Express Mailing shall be used for the purpose of determining Competition mailing dates.

U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 12.0 SCORING AND REPORTING OF RESULTS

Pursuant to Official Rule 12.9, the Regional Administrator shall report results and forward all materials to participating teams within fourteen (14) days of the U.S. Regional Competition

U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 13.0 PENALTIES

13.1 *Filing of Complaints*

All valid complaints by opposing teams shall be addressed to the Regional Administrator, with one (1) copy to the Executive Director and another one (1) copy to the team accused of the violation.

13.2 *Limitations*

Reports by participants regarding memorial violations are limited to:

- (a) infractions regarding tardiness in mailing;
- (b) failure to send memorials via required mailing procedures; and
- (c) submission of wrong memorials to an opposing team.

Teams should not complain about any other violation. Violations regarding memorial form shall be assessed by the Regional Administrator.

U.S. NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULE 15.0 U.S. REGIONAL COMPETITION AWARDS

15.1 *U.S. Regional Competition Awards*

U.S. Regional Administrators shall each present eight (8) primary Awards and four (4) Honorable Mention Awards based upon individual and team performance at their respective U.S. Regional Competitions. The awards shall be presented at a formal ceremony at the Regional Competition. Individual Regional Hosts shall pay for the awards, except for the Certificates of Participation.

15.2 *Primary Awards*

The primary Awards to be presented are as follows:

- (a) Regional Champion, which shall proceed to the International Semifinals;
- (b) Regional Runner-Up, which shall replace the Regional Champion in the event that the Champion Team is unable to attend the International Semifinals;
- (c) First Place - Oralist;
- (d) Second Place - Oralist;
- (e) Third Place - Oralist;
- (f) First Place - Memorial, which shall submit its memorials for the U.S. Rutgers, and Hardy C. Dillard Award Competitions.
- (g) Second Place - Memorial
- (h) Third Place - Memorial

Participants winning one of the above awards shall be presented plaques. The names of the award, the Regional Host, the Region represented, and the Competition itself shall appear on each plaque.

15.3 *Honorable Mention Awards*

Honorable Mention Awards shall be presented as follows:

- (a) Fourth Place - Oralist

- (b) Fifth Place - Oralist
- (c) Fourth Place - Memorial
- (d) Fifth Place - Memorial

Participants winning an honorable mention award shall be presented plaques for the above awards. The names of the award, the Regional Host, the Region represented, and the Competition itself shall appear on each plaque. Participants winning Honorable Mention shall have their accomplishment noted in the summary of Regional results.

15.4 Certificates of Participation

Certificates of Participation shall be sent by the Executive Director to the Regional Administrator to be presented by the Regional Administrator to each participant at the formal Awards Ceremony of the respective Regional Competitions.