

**PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023
SEVENTH BANGLADESH QUALIFYING ROUND
RULES SUPPLEMENT**

This Qualifying round is going to take place among the participating law institutions of Bangladesh with a view to finding out the qualifying teams for the Global round.

The three-day long 2023 Bangladesh Qualifying Round is scheduled from February 9 to February 11, 2023. This rule supplement has been formulated under the rule 1.7 (a) of The Official Rules OF THE 2023 PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION (referred as “Official Rules 2023”) and has been approved by the Executive Director under 1.7 (b) of the Official Rules 2023.

Rule 01: Team Composition

“Team” shall refer to a participating/ competing team of the seventh Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds unless otherwise referred to.

Contrary to Jessup Official Rules 2023 Rule 2.2 for the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds a Team cannot have more than three members and one advisor/ coach and all the three team members must be registered for International Rounds. The Team competing in the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds shall complete registration for Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds following the instructions of the national administrators.

Rule 02: Shadow and Observer Teams

The national administrators in consultation with the Executive Director may allow one or more shadow and observer teams in the competition.

A ‘shadow team’ will compete in the competition like other competing teams of Qualifying Rounds and their performance will be disregarded in the overall ranking of the competition. A shadow will not proceed the advanced rounds and except the shadowing team no one will be aware of their shadow participation.

An observer team will be from a non-participating/ noncompeting institution and will observe the rounds following the rules of the competition. A competing will not be able to send an observer team.

Rule 03: Total Number of the rounds

According to the rule 8.1 of the Official Rules 2023, the administrator shall determine the structure of the Qualifying or Friendly Rounds. Hence, the administrators decide to have the following four (4) rounds for the qualifying competition.

1. Preliminary Rounds
2. Quarterfinal Rounds
3. Semifinal Rounds

4. Final/ Championship Round

Rule 04: Oral rounds

Preliminary Rounds:

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

Advanced Rounds:

The advanced rounds, i.e., Quarterfinal Rounds, Semifinal Rounds, and Final/ Championship Round will be knockout.

Rule 04: Pairings

Preliminary Rounds:

Pursuant to rule 8.1 of the Official rules 2023 the national administrators decide on the format of Fixture and Matches as well as the group formation of the preliminary competition. The national administrators shall form groups and/or sub-groups for the preliminary competition by seeding and drawing lots.

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

Each group will be divided into four subgroups according to the seeding in the following manner.

Group A:

Subgroup 1: T1, T3, T5, T7
Subgroup 2: T9, T11, T13, T15
Subgroup 3: T17, T19, T21, T23
Subgroup 4: T25, T27, T29, T31

Group B:

Subgroup 5: T2, T4, T6, T8
Subgroup 6: T10, T12, T14, T16
Subgroup 7: T18, T20, T22, T24
Subgroup 8: T26, T28, T30, T32

Then the teams of Group A will be competing against one team of each subgroup of Group B and vice-versa. For example: Team T1 will be placed in Group A under the subgroup 1 and it will be competing against one team from every sub-group of B. These will be decided by an automated draw.

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, top eight (8) ranked teams will proceed to the Quarterfinal rounds. These top eight teams will be decided according to Rule 10.9: Preliminary

Round Rankings of the Official Rules 2023. Individual position of the teams advanced to Quarterfinal Rounds will be declared and published at the closing ceremony.

Advanced Rounds:

Quarterfinal Rounds:

In the Quarterfinal Rounds, the pairings shall be determined by “power-seeding” as follows: The Eighth-ranked Team versus the First-ranked Team, the Seventh-ranked Team versus the Second-ranked Team, the Sixth-ranked Team versus the Third-ranked Team, and the Fifth-ranked Team versus the Fourth-ranked Team. For power seeding the result of the of the Preliminary round will be considered.

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.

N.B. For power seeding the result of the of Preliminary round shall be considered.

Third Place Playoff:

A playoff round will take place to decide the third position. Both the losing teams of the Semifinal will face one another in this playoff round for the third position. Like preliminary rounds the argument side of the third-place playoff will also be decided by a random draw.

Final/ Championship Round:

The Winning Team in each of the two 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.

However, the national administrator can bring amendment anytime to the fixturing methods or to the rules governing rounds for the best interest of the competition.

Rule 05: Time allocation for the oral Submissions:

Though as per the Rule 7.1 of the Official Rules 2023 each oral round of each competition consists of 90 minutes oral pleadings where Applicant and Respondent are each allocated 45 minutes and each team cannot allocate more than 25 minutes for individual oral submission but for the Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds each Oral Session of the Preliminary Rounds 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 cannot exceed 5 minutes for preliminary rounds. The honorable Judges may not allow any mooter more than 2 minutes over his/her allocated time.

All the advanced rounds, i.e., Quarter Final, Semi Final, and Final Round will be conducted according to Rule 7.1 of the Official Rules.

Rule 06: Time Keeping

6.1: Bench Officer

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

6.2: Timekeeping Devices

Contrary to Official Rules 6.17 and 6.18 an oralist is permitted to use a mobile phone to keep time provided that the phone is switched to airplane mode. No such device may be used to send or receive messages.

Rule 07: Submission of hard copies of memorials and exchanging memorials

7.1: Submission of hard copies of memorials to the National Administrator

Each team must provide the National Administrator with six (6) copies of their applicant and six (6) copies of respondent memorial in hard copy by or on the commencement date of the national round. The hard copies must be printed double-sided on A4 paper and must be bound. *The paper copies shall not differ from the submitted electronic copies. Any deviation of this rule shall be subject to penalty under Rule 11.7 of the Official Rules 2023.* It is better to have the cover page of Applicant's memorial printed in grey and the Respondent's memorial in blue.

7.1: Copies of Memorials from Opposing Teams

Teams will be supplied with one hard copy of their opponent team's memorial for each of the preliminary rounds, the quarterfinals, semifinals, the third-place play-off, and the Final. Apart from this, no team may obtain access to another team's memorials, whether before or during the competition, until the conclusion of the International Competition. This rule is not intended to alter the Official Rule 2.15. Where the National Administrators become aware that any copies of memorials have been circulated between the Bangladesh Round and the International Round to any team progressing to the International Round, they will notify ILSA directly.

Rule 08: Allowing Written Communication

Though Rule 7.8 of the Official Rules 2023 prohibits the teams from making any written communication or exhibits presentation to the judges but if any team wants, they may present exhibits or written communications to any judge at the Qualifying Rounds. Teams using materials as exhibits or written communication must make sure of that the material for communication does not contain any identification marks. However, this communication is discouraged.

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