



**Official Rules for the Surana & Surana India National Rounds of
The 2016 PHILIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The rules given below guide the Surana & Surana India National Rounds only and are adopted from the official International rules for Jessup 2016 released by ILSA with slight modifications for administrative purposes. Aspects not specifically mentioned herein must be referred from the International rules.

For the World Finals at Washington the advancing teams from the India National Rounds are solely guided by the **INTERNATIONAL RULES ONLY** that may be downloaded from <http://ilsa.org/jessuphome/jessup-rules>

1. The Competition:

- i. The 2016 Jessup (India) will have a single India National Round.
- ii. The competition shall be held in English language.

2. Venue & The Schedule

<p>School of Law, Christ University (SLCU), Bangalore Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560029 Email: moot@law.christuniversity.in</p> <p>Faculty in charge of the moot administration: Mr. Avishek Chakraborty : avishek.chakraborty@christuniversity.in Mobile: 09538076905 & Ms. Ashwini M.R.: ashwini.muthulakshmi@christuniversity.in Mobile: 09008232626</p> <p>Convenors, Moot Court Society Mr. Vinay V : vinay.v@law.christuniversity.in Mobile: 09448377111 & Ms. Mahamaya Chatterjee : mahamaya.chatterjee@law.christuniversity.in 09916294049</p>
<p>The competition will be held from 29 January -31 January 2016 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) (Day 1 – 29 Jan 2016) Inauguration, registration, orientation and draw of lots (Day 2 – 30 Jan 2016) Preliminary rounds (total four rounds) (Day 3 – 31 Jan 2016) Semi Finals (forenoon), Final (afternoon) followed by valediction & prize distribution</p>

3. Selection of teams:

All participating institutions and individuals must obtain special permission from the ILSA Executive Office to use the current Competition Year's competition materials (including the Compromis) for any purpose other than participating in the Jessup Competition, including, but not limited to, conducting an internal moot court competition and/or Jessup Team try-outs. Teams and/or individuals associated with institutions that violate this rule may be disqualified from the Competition. Institutions that violate this rule may be deemed ineligible to participate in future years. **(Refer Rule 2.1(f) of 2016 Official Rules)**

4. Registration:

- a. Teams desirous of participating in the India National Rounds are compulsorily required to register with **International Law Students Association (ILSA)** and obtain the registration number. Only those teams that have registered with ILSA are eligible to participate in India National Rounds. The deadline for registration with ILSA is 12 November 2015 with the names of the Team Members. The deadline to register individual team members is the same day as the deadline for team registration.
- b. Teams must also register with the Indian National Administration as detailed hereunder.
- c. Online registrations for India National rounds are open from **25 Nov 2015** at www.moot.in. The teams must register online latest by **15 December 2015**.

- d. Participants will receive an automated system generated alert on the screen immediately on successful submission of registration.
- e. Participants will also receive an automated system generated acknowledgment of registration on their notification email ids.
- f. A scanned copy of the letter from the participating college/ institution / university duly signed by any one of the following :- Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor confirming the names of the participants , Year / semester in which studying, representing the college/ institution / university for the moot competition will have to be attached during the online registration process (The approval letter shall be formatted on the letterhead of the participating institution/college/university alternatively you may use the registration form itself as appended below (page 5) with the official seal)
- g. Registrations without the scanned copy of the duly attested registration form will not be valid
- h. The participants are required to send the hard and soft copy of the approval / registration letter to Administrator, of the host institution so as to reach on or before 15 December 2015
- i. Registration with ILSA requires a registration fee of USD 450/-, which must be paid directly to ILSA. For details visit www.ilsa.org However, there is no separate registration fee for India National Rounds.
- j. Those teams who wish to seek waiver of registration fee must complete the waiver request form located on their team homepage and submit it to the Jessup Competition Coordinator at jessup@ilsa.org latest by 12 Nov 2015.
- k. Every registered team will be provided with a team number (by ILSA) which they will quote for all communications with ILSA and the National Administrator for India National Rounds.

5. Rounds

i. Preliminary Rounds and Scoring (4 rounds):

Every team will argue at least Twice for Applicant as well as Respondent in the preliminary rounds. Memorials will be graded three times on each side (Applicant and Respondent). The three grades per side shall be averaged together to arrive at a score for a memorial with a value between 50 and 100. Each team's scoring average for both of its memorials will be added to the oral marks in the preliminary rounds. The top four ranked teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Semi final rounds that will be decided on

- a. Win points
- b. Win points + Aggregate raw points
- c. Win points + aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

ii. Semi Finals:

The teams will be power matched. The highest-ranking team will argue against the lowest-ranking team. The qualifying highest ranked teams will pick lots for choosing the side of argument. The semi final rounds are knockout rounds.

iii. Finals:

The top 2 qualifying teams from Semi finals will pick lots to choose the side they argue for Finals

iv. Time

The time limit is 45 minutes per team for all the rounds. The time covers oral arguments and rebuttal.

6. Judges:

There will be a minimum of two judges for the preliminary rounds. In the absence of the Third judge the average marks of the two judges would be the score of the third judge. There will be a minimum of 3 judges for the Semi Finals and Final.

7. Team composition & conduct

- i. For each round, a team can have two speakers and one researcher only. Teams may have two to five members, in total, who contribute to the work product. All team members will be awarded participation certificates. However, accommodation will be provided only for 3 members and additional members will make their own arrangement.
- ii. The counsels / researcher may not pass on notes / communicate to the speaker making argument. However, unobtrusive written communication between researcher/members at the table is allowed.
- iii. In accordance with Official Rule 7.13, scouting in all forms is prohibited.
- iv. Teams are not allowed to use laptops / computers / cell phones in the court room during the oral rounds in accordance with Official Rule 7.17.

8. Memorials

- i. Memorial scores will be added to the individual oral scores in the preliminary rounds (all 4 rounds) for declaring the winners. Memorial scores will not be added during the knockout stage. (Semi Final & Final).
 - ii. **The rules concerning the memorials** format and page / word limit are same as that of the International Rounds, which can be found in the International rules and regulations available in the website <http://ilsa.org/jessuphome/jessup-rules>
 - iii. For convenience of exchange of memorials we stick to the rule of color (India National rounds) **Applicant** – Blue cover (preferably light blue); **Respondent** – Red cover (preferably light red).
 - iv. Six hard copies of memorials each (6 Applicant and 6 Respondent) **MUST** be submitted during registration / orientation at the venue (Non submission will attract penalty).
 - v. Soft copies of both Applicant & Respondent memorials are to be sent by email in MS Word format to mootcourt@lawindia.com and submitted online to **ILSA** through each team's team homepage by 17:00 (5:00 p.m.) Central Standard Time (CST), which is UTC/GMT - 6 on **14 Jan 2016**. Each memorial should contain all the details (front page, statement of fact, argument etc.) in a single document i.e. there should be only two doc files one applicant and one respondent.
 - vi. One advance hard copy of each (Applicant & Respondent) memorial quoting **only the Team Number provided by ILSA** on the cover page of the memorial, has to reach the **School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore positively by 18 Jan 2016** for the purpose of evaluation for India National rounds. **Once hard copies have been printed and mailed to the Host institution, teams may not make any changes to the soft copies of their memorials or they will be penalized.**
 - vii. The teams should mark only their TEAM NUMBERS allotted by ILSA in the memorials. No indication about the identity of the institution they belong to may be found in the memorials. Such indications / markings may attract penalty and even disqualification.
9. For Best Student Advocate award the points scored (oral) from the preliminary rounds alone will be counted.
10. The Executive Director will determine the number of teams that will represent India in the World finals at Washington, and will make that determination no later than 15 January 2015. The number of teams participating in the international rounds at Washington depends on the number of participating teams and the approval of the ILSA Executive Office.

11. Accommodation:

The organizers would provide accommodation for up to 3 participants per team during the competition. Accommodation & food for all the participants will be provided only for 3 days i.e. on 29, 30 & 31 January 2016 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). Teams arriving early and leaving late shall make their own arrangements / bear costs if arranged by organizers.

12. In order to encourage law schools from remote parts of India, Surana & Surana Public Charitable Trust contemplates reimbursing sleeper class – Non A/c train fare (to & fro) to three members of teams participating from **remote areas** of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, , Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura & Uttaranchal. The head of the institutions must forward applications in advance to The Administration Officer, Surana & Surana Public Charitable Trust, 61-63, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004 for processing. The teams must first participate and then claim the reimbursement.

13. Administrators:

National Administrator: Dr. Vinod Surana, CEO & Partner, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai

Administrator in-charge: Fr. Benny Thomas, Director, School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore

Coordinator: Dr. S. Ravichandran, Advocate & Head, Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana Intl. Attorneys, Chennai

Email for communication: moot@law.christuniversity.in & mootcourt@lawindia.com

14. The Administrator’s decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition, unless an appeal is made to the ILSA Executive Office through National Administrator, pursuant to Official Rules 1.7.
15. The International rounds will be held at Washington, USA from **27 March to 2 April 2016**

Dr. Vinod Surana
National Administrator

Lesley Benn, Esq.
Executive Director, ILSA

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Registration & payment / Seeking waiver with ILSA, USA	12 November 2015
Start of Online Registration India Rounds	25 November 2015
Last date for Online Registration India Rounds	15 December 2015
Last date for receiving soft & hard copies of Reg Form / Approval letter-India Rounds	15 December 2015
Last Date for Submission of Memorials with ILSA, USA	13 January 2016
Last Date for Submission of Soft Copies of Memorials Applicant & Respondent (by email) - India Rounds	14 January 2016
Last date for submission of Travel plans	14 January 2016
Last date for submission of Memorials Applicant & Respondent (1 Hard copy) - India Rounds	18 January 2016
Submission of Memorials (6 Hard Copies each) - During Orientation	29 January 2016
India National Rounds at School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore	29 – 31 January 2016
The International rounds will be held at Washington, USA.	27 March to 2 April 2016



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DATE:

REGISTRATION FORM
 (Please fill in capital letters)

Undertaking

We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
 (All details must be filled, scanned and to be uploaded on registration at www.moot.in)

Name of the Institution:

ILSA (registration) Team No:

Address:

Tel:

Email:

Regd. Mobile #:

Fax:

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year / Semester	Signature
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2.				
3.				
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Completed form should reach Administrator & Host Institution

as soft / hard copy by 15 Dec 2015

Email form (scanned filled up forms) to: moot@law.christuniversity.in

Seal & signature of
the Head of the
Institution



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TRAVEL PLAN

TO BE EMAILED TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AT moot@law.christuniversity.in

ON OR BEFORE 14 JANUARY 2016

1. Name of Institution -

2. Arrival Details -

a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus _____

b. Train No. / Bus No. / Flight No. _____

c. Estimated Time of Arrival _____

3. Any other details:

(Signature & seal of the Head of the Institution)

For Travel related issues, please communicate to: moot@law.christuniversity.in