

2017 JESSUP RUSSIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CHARTER OF COACHING

Code of Good Practice for Coaching and Absentee Coaching

This Charter has been developed to assist Russian Teams and their Absentee Coach, whether two steps or an ocean away, in establishing a sound and fruitful collaboration for the purpose of their successful participation in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

This Charter includes Codes of Conduct Standards for the Teams and Absentee Coaches. It is distributed to registered Teams and Absentee Coaches, and is available in English and Russian on the websites of White & Case at <http://www.whitecase.com/careers/moscow/moscow-jessup> and Threefold at www.threefold.ru.

Who is the Absentee Coach?

The Absentee Coach is a "Friend of Jessup", i.e. a person who, regardless of his or her current professional occupation, has extensive experience in the Jessup Competition, and is both capable and willing to volunteer some of his or her free time to assist a Russian Team participate in the Jessup Competition over the internet.

The Ground Rules

The scope of the Team-Coach relationship is defined in the Jessup Official Rules, and the status of an Absentee Coach is further clarified in the Russian National Supplement to the Official Rules.

Please refer to Official Rule 2.8 (Outside Assistance to Teams) as supplemented by the Russian National Supplement;

Official Rule 3.6 (Changes to Registration Information) as replaced by the Russian National Supplement; and

Skype

We strongly encourage absentee coaches and teams to use Skype (or any other similar instant messages programs which allow video calls) in their trainings. Because there is very little time left to prepare for oral rounds in January-February after the Memorials have been submitted, we encourage you to get in touch online and start Skype trainings immediately after the coach and the team have been put in touch by the Russian National Administration.

E-mails

We recommend that a coach sends his/her e-mails to the e-mails of all team members, and that each team member includes all the other team members in his or her correspondence with the coach.

If the Team does not establish the contact with the absentee coach or does not respond within 10 or more days, we recommend that the absentee coach inform the Russian National Administration accordingly by e-mail.

What assistance may be provided by an Absentee Coach

In assisting his/her Team to prepare for the Competition, an Absentee Coach may:

1. form a team in the beginning of the Competition Year (by evaluating written papers on a given topic);
2. distribute the roles within the Team, and assign the drafting of various sections of memorials between team members;
3. explain the general meaning of various sections of a memorial;
4. establish an action plan, to help the Team meet deadlines;
5. explain (including with the use of "Commentaries" function in the course of memorials check) the writing style to be used by the Team in its memorials;
6. consult a team (including with the use of "Commentaries" function in the course of memorials check) on general principles and rules of international law;
7. explain which categories of sources should be used in the course of preparation for the Competition, their hierarchy, and how to research;
8. answer any questions concerning resources for preparation (e.g., how to use databases in English, such as Lexis-Nexis, Westlaw, HeinOnline);
9. at his/her absolute discretion, help the Team with actual search of articles/chapters from books/cases which the Team has identified and would like to use but was unable to locate in the available databases and local libraries. The Team is prohibited to ask the absentee coach to research for any materials applicable to this year's case;
10. give general comments on Memorials and parts thereof prepared by the Team;
11. give general comments on the quality and structure of the Team's legal and factual arguments;
12. answer any questions posed by the Team, subject always to the Official Rules.

In addition, in preparing the Team for the Oral Rounds, an Absentee Coach may:

13. distribute issues and sides (applicant/respondent) between oralists (such distribution should not necessarily reflect the distribution for the memorial drafting);
14. explain the principles of arguments choice for oral pleadings and their structuring;
15. give advise as to the strategy towards other teams and the arguments which they will raise in their memorials and during oral rounds;
16. consult the Team, including in the course of rehearsals, on oral pleadings techniques, including the basic level of skills an oralist should possess for a successful presentation, regardless of the merits of argumentation;
17. share his or her experience concerning the International Rounds of the Competition;
18. give general comments on the quality and structure of the Team's legal and factual arguments;
19. answer any questions posed by the Team, subject always to the Official Rules.
20. give advice on the interpretation and enforcement of the Official Jessup Rules

Teams cannot expect Coaches to:

1. analyze the Jessup problem;
2. do the research and suggest specific sources;

3. build an argumentation;
4. write the memorials;
5. proof-read or edit the memorials.

The Role of the Jessup Russian National Administration

We endeavor to select competent Absentee Coaches, in liaison with ILSA and the Friends of Jessup Network worldwide, and introduce them to the Russian Teams who have expressly requested such assistance and submitted the initial list of questions to the Russian National Administration.

Once cooperation is established, there will be no interference from the Administration, unless such cooperation appears to dysfunction or seems inappropriate in view of the Jessup Rules and Spirit.

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We wish you all an enjoyable and fruitful Jessup cooperation.