

1st NATIONAL ANIMAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016

RULES OF PROCEDURE

26th August 2016- 28th August 2016

Organised By:

Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law, (CASH)
&
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab

In Collaboration With

International Council of Jurists, ICJ
&
The Jurists

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I. INTRODUCTORY

- 1) Short Title: These Rules shall be called the '*1st National Animal Law Moot Court Competition, 2016*'.
- 2) Definitions: Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein under as–
 - a. “Administrator” shall mean Centre for Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law (CASH) at RGNUL, Punjab.
 - b. “Competition” means 1st National Animal Law Moot Court Competition, 2016
 - c. “Participating Team” means the team which is eligible to participate in the competition as per the rules of the memorial selection round.
 - d. “Participating Institution” shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams.
 - e. “Rules” means the rules of the competition given in this document.
 - f. “Organizers” means the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, International Council of Jurists ICJ & The Jurists.

II. GENERAL RULES

- 3) Date: The Competition shall be organized from August 26th-28th 2016.
- 4) Dress Code: The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.
 - a. Ladies: White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers or skirt along with black coat and black shoes; and
 - b. Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Explanation: The participating teams shall strictly adhere to formals in the inaugural and valedictory ceremony of the competition.

- 5) Language: The language of the Competition shall be English.

III. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6) Eligibility: The Competition shall be open to students who are –
 - a. Pursuing an integrated 5 year LL.B. programme in India; or
 - b. Pursuing a 3 year LL.B. programme in India.
- 7) Team Composition: Each team shall constitute minimum of two members and maximum of three members. Under no condition shall a team consisting more than 3 members be allowed to participate.
- 8) Three Member Team: In the event a team consists of three members then –
 - a. Such team shall designate two of its members as speakers; and
 - b. Such team shall designate one member, who has not been designated as speaker, as a researcher.

The team must amongst its members identify speakers and researcher at the time of registration itself.

- 9) Two Member Team: In the event a team consists of two members then such team shall designate both the members as speakers and no member in the team shall be allowed to be represented as a researcher.

IV. REGISTRATION

- 10) Commencement of Registration Procedure- Kindly note that registration procedure for the teams shall begin only after the communication of the results of the memorial selection round and only the selected teams (i.e., the top forty teams) shall be eligible to register for the competition.
- 11) Date of Registration: All the participating institutions have to confirm participation by sending the duly filled registration form through an email to awlm2016@gmail.com on or before 10th July 2016 till 5 PM.
- 12) Registration Fees: Participants may kindly note that the registration fees for the competition is INR 3000/- which shall be paid through a demand draft only after the communication of the results of the memorial selection rounds. The procedure for depositing the amount shall be communicated through an email an email to the selected teams.
- 13) Allotment of Team Code: Every team which has successfully completed the Registration requisites under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration

for the Competition. Once allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

- 14) Change in Team Composition: Any change in team composition must be intimated to the Administrator at the earliest. Any change must be accompanied with a registration form and an authority letter duly signed by the head of the institution. No change in team composition is allowed after the formal registration.

V. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

- 15) Round: The Competition is divided into –

- a. Preliminary Rounds; and
- b. Advanced Rounds.

- 16) Advanced Rounds: The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals shall constitute the Advanced Rounds of the Competition.

- 17) Draw of Lots: The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Draw of lots shall take place on 26th August 2016 at 7:00PM.

- 18) Seeding of Teams: The top 50% of the registered teams based upon the memorial scores shall be seeded in order of their rank in the memorial. All the seeded teams will not compete against each other in either of the Preliminary Rounds. However, such team may face each other in the Advanced Rounds, subject to their qualification.

- 19) Preliminary Rounds:

- a. Each team shall argue from both the sides in the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. No team shall argue the same side twice in the Preliminary Rounds.

- 20) Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds:

- a. The qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of aggregate marks of the team in Preliminary Rounds.
- b. Teams scoring the highest aggregate marks shall qualify for the Advanced Rounds. Net marks scored in each .
- c. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of -
 - i. Score of Speaker 1;
 - ii. Score of Speaker 2; and
 - iii. Half the score of the memorial.

21) Quarter-Finals:

- a. The top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the quarter-finals.
- b. The team shall argue only once in the quarter-finals. The side for the quarter-finals shall be decided by way of draw of lots.
- c. The quarter-finals shall be a knock-out round.
- d. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the quarter-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed.

22) Semi-finals:

- a. Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- b. The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals. The side of the team shall be decided by way of the draw of lots.
- c. The semi-final shall be a knock-out round.
- d. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the semi-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed. The team with higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

23) Finals: In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed.

VI. MEMORIALS

24) Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials: All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non adherence to the same will attract penalty subject to the discretion of the organizers.

25) Memorials to be prepared from both sides: Each team must prepare memorials for both sides to the dispute.

26) Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials:

- a. The soft copies of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on awlm2016@gmail.com in .pdf format only latest by 25th July 2016 on or before 4:59

PM.

- b. Memorials shall be sent as an attachment with the mail in the form of single file for each side of memorial.
- c. A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team.
- d. The team submitting the soft copy 2 days after the last date of the submission of the soft copy of the memorial will be disqualified from the competition.

27) Memorial Selection Round

- a. All submissions shall be subject to a memorial selection round. Participants are requested to kindly note that only forty (40) memorials shall be selected and the results will be intimated to the selected teams through email.
- b. In furtherance of the same, the email containing the soft copy of the memorial, must contain the following details-
 - i. Name of the team members and their respective capacity (i.e., speaker or researcher)
 - ii. Name of the institution
 - iii. Contact numbers, address for correspondence and email ids of all three members
 - iv. Scanned copy of the college/university identity card.
- c. Only post the result of the memorial selection rounds are communicated, the registration procedure shall commence in accordance with Chapter IV of the rules.

28) Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials:

- a. One copy of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on the below mentioned address by 16th August, 2016 (Only through speed post) –

Dr. Sangeeta Taak,

Coordinator, Centre for Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law

Convener, 1st National Animal Law Moot Court Competition

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab

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- b. The teams have to carry six copies of the memorial from each side and submit the same during formal registration.
- 29) No Difference between Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Memorial: The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.
- 30) Penalty for Late Submission:
- a. A penalty of 1 mark per hour per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of soft copy of memorial.
 - b. A further penalty of 1 mark per day per side shall be levied in case of delay in submission of hard copy of memorial.
- 31) General Conditions for Memorials:
- a. The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification.
 - b. The memorials shall not contain any plagiarised material from any source. All references must be duly quoted in form of references/footnotes. A penalty of 2 marks per side shall be levied in case of non-compliance.
 - c. Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover. A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses wrong cover page for each side of memorial.
 - d. Teams may also note that use of any kind of plastic sheet/cover for the memorial is strictly prohibited. Non-compliance of this rule shall lead to a penalty of 1 mark per side in case the plastic sheet/cover is used for each side of memorial.
- 32) Guidelines for Formatting:
- a. Memorial Structure: The memorial must have following pages only:
 - i. Cover Page – The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of competition, name of the forum and team Code on top right corner.
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. List of Abbreviations
 - iv. Index of Authorities

- v. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - vi. Statement of Facts
 - vii. Issues Raised
 - viii. Summary of Arguments
 - ix. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
 - x. Prayer
- b. Team Code: The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use “A” for Appellant, P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent.” For example: in case the Team Code is 100 the team must write “A-100” in case of memorial for Appellant and “R- 100” in case of memorial for Respondent.
- c. Font –

Text	Times New Roman Font Size – 12 points Line Spacing – Double Line Spacing
Footnotes	Times New Roman Font Size- 10 points Line Spacing- Single

- d. Pagination: The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.
- e. Margin: A margin of 1 inch on all sides of the memorial should be left.
- f. Citation Format: The 19th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed
- g. Page Limit: The memorial shall be of a maximum of 40 pages including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be of a maximum of 25 pages. No annexures, photographs, exhibits, etc. should be added to the memorial.
- h. Penalty: A penalty of **1 mark per violation per side** shall be levied in case of non-adherence with the aforementioned guidelines for formatting.

33) Marking Criteria:

SR.NO	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Evidence of Original Thought	25
2.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	25
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	25
4.	Correct format and citation	10
5.	Extent and Use of Research	15
	Total	100

VII. ORAL ROUNDS

34) Timings for the Oral Pleadings:

a. Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-Finals:

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 30 minutes to present their oral arguments;
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 18 minutes and minimum of 12 minutes per speaker;
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments
- iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

b. Semi-Final and Final Rounds:

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 45 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 15 minutes per speaker.
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.

- iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be given at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

35) Marking Criteria for the Oral Rounds:

SR.NO	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge and Application of Law & Facts	25
2.	Ingenuity and Ability to answer questions	25
3.	Organization and Flow of Arguments	25
4.	Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanour	15
5.	Reference to Memorials	10
	Total	100

- 36) Levy of Maximum Penalties: Notwithstanding anything in the rules, a maximum of 20 marks shall be deducted as penalties for violations under the Rules.

VIII. AWARDS & PRIZES

- 37) Awards: The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:

- a. **Best Team:** the Team winning the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of **INR 25,000/-**
- b. **Runners Up:** the runners up team in the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of **INR 15,000/-**
- c. **Best Speaker:** The speaker having the highest score in the preliminary rounds shall be given a cash prize of **INR 10,000/-**
- d. **Second Best Speaker:** The speaker having the second best highest score in the preliminary rounds shall be given a cash prize of **INR 5,000/-**
- e. **Best Memorial:** The team having the highest average memorial score from both sides

shall be given a cash prize of INR **10,000/-**

- f. Certificates of merit shall be given to all the teams qualifying for quarter finals and beyond.
- g. Certificate of participation shall be given to all the participating teams.

The awards, certificates of merit and certificates of participation shall be given during the valedictory ceremony to be conducted on 28th August, 2016.

No certificate will be given to the team before or after the valedictory function.

IX. PENALTIES

- 38) Scouting: No member of any participating team shall view any other oral rounds while the team is still in the competition. If such an incident comes to the notice of the organizers then the scouting team shall be subject to disqualification. Teams may file a written complaint of scouting to the Organizers. The decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
- 39) Non – Disclosure of Identity: Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

- 40) Copyright: The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
- 41) Accommodation and Food: Accommodation and food shall be provided by the Organizers only during the days of the competition. The team of 3 participants shall be provided accommodation by the University for the duration of the competition only. The interested students are required, to inform the Organizing Committee, through their Travel & Accommodation Form, so as to enable them to make necessary arrangements. Under no circumstances the Organizer shall provide accommodation to any other person accompanying the team.

- 42) Power to Amend or Alter Rules: The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The Organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point of time. All decisions made by Organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.
- 43) Disclaimer: The problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the author of the problem.
- 44) Contact Details: In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to mail your queries at awlm2016@gmail.com.

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LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE
Notification of the Competition and Release of the Moot Proposition	20 th May 2016
Last Date for Seeking Clarifications [For Rules & Registration only]	10 th June 2016
Last Date for Submission of soft copy of Registration Form	10 th July, 2016
Last Date of Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials	31 th July 2016 till 5:00 PM
Communication of Results of the Memorial Selection Rounds	7 th August 2016
Commencement of Registration Procedure	8 th August 2016
Completion of Registration Procedure	15 th August 2016
Last Date of Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials	16 th August 2016
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials	26 th August 2016
Preliminary Rounds	27 th August 2016
Quarter Finals	27 th August 2016
Semi Finals Rounds and Grand Finale	28 th August 2016
Valedictory and Prize Distribution	28 th August 2016

