

MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2017

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Title & Commencement:

1.1 The NCU Law School National Moot Court Competition (IV Edition) (hereinafter referred as MCC) shall be held on 22-23 April, 2017 at THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY, HUDA Sector 23A, Gurgaon- 122017, Haryana.

2. Language:

2.1 The language of the Competition shall be English.

3. Eligibility Criteria:

3.1 Law schools/Colleges/ Institutes/ Universities, recognized by the Bar Council of India, are eligible to participate in the MCC. The participants should currently be pursuing their Bachelor's degree in law i.e., Three Year or Five Year Law Courses. Students who have completed their law courses are not eligible to participate in the competition.

3.2 Only one team can register from a particular law school/College/ Institution/University to participate in the MCC.

3.3 Only those members designated as Speakers will be permitted to put forth oral arguments in the Competition.

4. Registration:

4.1 The registration process will take place in two steps. Teams are suppose to complete provisional registration by 15th March, 2017 by sending soft copy of registration form and abstract at "*mootcourt2017@ncuindia.edu*".

4.2 Only 16 teams will be considered for participation in MCC. **Interested teams are required to send an abstract about the Moot Proposition in not more than 500 words in soft copy to be sent to "*mootcourt2017@ncuindia.edu*". Teams will be selected on the basis of their abstract, to be submitted latest by 15th March, 2017.** 3 teams will be kept on waiting list & participating teams will be confirmed about their participation by an e-mail on 17th March, 2017.

4.3 The selected teams shall duly fill the Registration Form and Travel Form provided along with the official rules and send it along with a participation fee of Rs. 3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only) on or before 22nd March,

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2017 (Soft copy). The Registration fee shall be sent through Demand Draft drawn in favor of “THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY” payable at Gurgaon.

- 4.4 The participants are required to submit two passport size photographs of each team member along with the registration form, Travel form and hard copy of Demand Draft latest by 12th April, 2017.
- 4.5 Each team shall be allotted a Team Code along with the confirmation email on 17th March, 2017. The Draw of Lots for the Preliminary rounds will take place on 22nd April, 2017 before inaugural function.
- 4.6 The teams shall submit their written submissions by the team code allotted to them and “NOT” by their institution’s name.

5. Written Submissions/ Memorial:

- 5.1 All participating teams must submit soft copy of their memorial in PDF format, for both sides by 11:59 P.M. IST on 7th April, 2017 by mail addressed to *mootcourt2017@ncuindia.edu*. No memorial after this date shall be accepted in any case.
- 5.2 All participating teams shall send 6 sets of Memorials (each side, total 12 Memorials) to Northcap University Law School, Sector 23A, HUDA, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122017 latest by 12th April, 2017.
- 5.3 The soft copy of the Memorials will be treated as final submission and hard copy of Memorials should not differ from the soft copy submitted by the Participating team in any manner whatsoever.
- 5.4 The cover page of memorials for the petitioner shall be in Red and of the respondent shall be in Blue.
- 5.5 The teams shall not indicate their names or the names of their college or the university name on memorials. For all communications purposes, the team code shall only be specified.
- 5.6 The team code allotted to each team shall be indicated at top right corner of the memorial, which will be communicated by way of E-mail.
- 5.7 The written memorials shall conform to the set standards:
 - Teams must prepare memorials for both the sides.
 - All Memorials must be in English, and must be printed single side on A4 size paper, with equal margins of at least 1 inch on all sides.

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- The text font should be Times New Roman, size 12 for the main body, and Times New Roman, size 10 for the footnotes.
- The main body must be in 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes may be in single line spacing.
- Memorial shall not exceed 35 pages in all. Arguments shall not exceed 25 pages.
- Memorials shall not be plastic bound.

5.8 The Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following parts:

- Cover page;
- Table of Contents;
- Table of Abbreviations;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Statement of Facts;
- Issues Raised;
- Summary of Arguments;
- Arguments Advanced/ Pleadings;
- Prayer.

5.9 Blue Book (19th Edn.) mode of citation must be followed.

6. Evaluation Criteria for Written Submission:

Every memorial will be marked on scale of 100 and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Criterion</u>	<u>Marks</u>
1	Proper inclusion of parties, identification of issues and nature of relief sought	10
2	Knowledge of Law & Facts	15
3	Application of Law to Facts	15
4	Analysis and Organization	10
5	Use of Authority	15

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6	Proper Citation & Correct Format	10
7	Originality in Presentation	10
8	General Impression and Clarity of Thought	10
9	Grammar and Style of Presentation	05
	Total	100

7. Preliminary Rounds:

- 7.1 There shall be two preliminary rounds on **22nd April, 2017** and every team shall be given the opportunity to argue for each side.
- 7.2 The Lots for the Preliminary rounds will be drawn by the NCU Law School Moot Court Committee.
- 7.3 The Petitioner shall be allotted a total of 15 minutes to speak, including any rebuttals. The Respondent shall be allotted fifteen (15) minutes for rebuttal and arguments. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges.
- 7.4 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 8 minutes for one speaker.
- 7.5 Before the commencement of the each round, each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wish to allocate their time.
- 7.6 At the end of the preliminary rounds, the top 8 teams will qualify for the Quarter Finals. The top 8 teams will be selected on the basis of number of rounds won.
- 7.7 A team shall be credited with a win, if its total marks in the respective session are higher than those of its opponent team.
- 7.8 In the case of a tie, combined total marks of both the preliminary rounds shall be considered. The team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals. If the situation of the tie still persists, then it would be resolved by considering the memorial scores.

8. Quarter Finals:

- 8.1 The Quarter Finals will be a ranking round. The top 4 teams, with the highest total scores in these oral rounds shall qualify for the semi-final rounds.

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8.2 The side to be represented by a team shall be determined by way of draw of lots with the teams picking the lots after the completion of the preliminary rounds.

8.3 Each team shall get a total time of 20 minutes to present their case and this shall include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Sur-rebuttal'. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges.

8.4 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 10 minutes for one speaker.

8.5 Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'court officer' as to how they wish to allocate their time.

9. Semi-Finals:

9.1 The Semi-Finals will be held on **23rd April, 2017**. The Semi-Finals shall be a knock-out round. A team will be credited with a win in the Semi-Finals if the total marks are higher than those of its opponent team.

9.2 The side to be presented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots with the teams picking the lots after the completion of quarter-finals rounds.

9.3 Each team shall get a total of 25 minutes to present their case. This time will include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Sur-rebuttal'. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges.

9.4 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 12 minutes for one speaker.

9.5 Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'court officer' as to how they wish to allocate their time.

10. Finals:

10.1 The Final will be held after the Semi-Finals on **23rd April, 2017**. A team will be credited with a win in the Final if the total marks are higher than those of its opponent team.

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- 10.2 Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include the time for ‘rebuttal’ and ‘Sur-rebuttal’.
- 10.3 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 18 minutes for one speaker.
- 10.4 Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wish to allocate their time.

11. Dress Code: Participants are required to adhere to the following dress code during the competition:

- 11.1 Ladies: White shirt, black trousers/skirts, black tie, black coat and black shoes.
- 11.2 Gentlemen: White Shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes.
- 11.3 Strict adherence to the dress code is solicited. Failure will result in disqualification.

12. Evaluation Criteria for Oral Pleadings:

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Marking Criteria</u>	<u>Marks</u>
1	Knowledge of Facts & Law	20
2	Interpretation of Facts & it's Application	20
3	Use of Authorities	15
4	Style, Poise & Court Manners	15
5	Organization of Arguments	15
6	Time Management	15

13. Scouting:

- 13.1 Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral submissions of any other team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.

14. Awards:

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- 14.1 Winning Team Award - Cash Prize of Rs. 50,000/-
- 14.2 Runner up Team Award - Cash Prize of Rs. 30,000/-
- 14.3 Best Speaker - Cash Prize of Rs. 10,000/-
- 14.4 Best Memorial - Cash Prize of Rs. 10,000/-

15. Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final:

- 15.1 The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

16. Accommodation:

- 16.1 Accommodation has been arranged for all teams by the Organizers on payment basis from 12:00 Noon; 21st March, 2017 to 12:00 Noon; 24th March 2017 . Participants requiring accommodation please indicate the same in the space provided for in the Travel Details and Accommodation form.
- 16.2 Payment Details for Accommodation: Rs. 4500 for each team starting from 12 noon, 21st April, 2017 to 12 Noon, 24th April, 2017.

16.3 Teams are requested to send a single Demand Draft including Registration Fees and Payment for Accommodation.

17. Note:

- 17.1 All questions seeking clarifications on the Moot Problem should be sent to mootcourt2017@ncuindia.edu by 21st March, 2017.
- 17.2 More information about the University and the law school can be obtained from www.ncuindia.edu.
- 17.3 The organizers reserve the discretion to amend these rules at any time prior to the inaugural of the MCC. In case of any discrepancy or doubts regarding the rules, the decision of the organizers shall be final.
- 17.4 For clarifications through phone, please contact:

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IMPORTANT DATES

S.No.	Event	Date
1)	Deadline for Provisional Registration. (Registration form and Abstract)	March 15, 2017
2)	Communication of confirmation to selected teams [first 16]	March 17, 2017
3)	Deadline for receiving questions seeking clarifications	March 21, 2017
4)	Last date for softcopy of Demand Draft, Travel Details and Registration Form.	March 22, 2017
5)	Release of clarifications, if any.	March 24, 2017
6)	Deadline for submission of soft copy of memorials	April 7, 2017, 11:59PM
7)	Deadline for submission of Hardcopy of Memorials (6 Copy each side), Demand Draft, Travel form, Registration Form.	April 12, 2017
8)	Inaugural Ceremony, Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials	April 22, 2017 [9:30 PM Onwards]
9)	Preliminary Rounds	April 22, 2017 [11:00 AM Onwards]
10)	Draw of Lots and Quarter Finals	April 22, 2017 [4:00 PM Onwards]
11)	Draw of Lots and Semi Finals	April 23, 2017 [9 AM Onwards]
12)	Finals	April 23, 2017 [afternoon]

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11)	Valedictory Ceremony	April 23, 2017 [4:00 PM Onwards]