



Rules and Regulations

GENERAL

Date: The Competition shall be held from 15th-17th February, 2019 at the JIMS Engineering Management Technical Campus, School of Law, Greater Noida.

Dress Code: Participants are required to adhere to the following dress code while present in any Court Room during the Competition.

Ladies: White Salwar and Kurta or White Shirt and Black Pant/ Black Skirt, Black Coat and Black Shoes.

Gentlemen: White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie, Black Coat and Black Shoes.

THEME

The moot proposition for the 1st Jagannath Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2019 is based on Criminal Law.

LANGUAGE

The official language for the Competition shall be English only.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open for '*bona fide*' students who are pursuing 5 year Integrated Law Programme or 3 year LL.B Programme from an institute/ university in India. Such institution must be recognized by the Bar Council of India.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each team shall consist of three members. No observer/ additional member can be part of a team in any capacity. There shall be two speakers and 1 researcher in the team.
2. The teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration.
3. Each team shall be allotted a team code before the competition. During the competition teams shall be identified by the team code allotted to them. Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city etc. Any such disclosure shall invite strict penalty including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizers.

REGISTRATION

1. All participating institutions shall be registered on first come first serve basis by sending a soft copy of the properly filled registration form along with a scanned copy of a demand draft via an email to jimsnationalmootcourt@jagannath.org for the competition. Registration shall close on **02.01.2019**.
2. Teams shall post the hard copies of the properly filled registration form along with a demand draft of **Rs. - 3000.00 (Three Thousand only)**

which must reach the organizers by **07.01.2019** at the following address:

Prof. (Dr.) Pallavi Gupta
JIMS Engineering Management
Technical Campus, School of Law,
Plot No. 48/4, Knowledge Park III,
Greater Noida, U.P., 201308.

3. Formal registration of the teams shall be done on 15.02.2019 at the venue.
4. Any change in the team composition shall be intimated to the Organizers before the Formal Registration.
5. Forms received after the deadline shall not be considered for registration.
6. The organizing committee has the exclusive right to decide in case of any dispute related to the registration. The decision of the organizing committee in such a case shall be final.

SUBMISSIONS

1. Each team shall be assigned a code upon registration.
2. There shall be two preliminary rounds, a Quarter-final, a Semi-Final and a Final.

ORAL PLEADINGS

1. General Procedure

- i. Each Preliminary Round and Quarter-final round of the Competition shall consist of Sixty (60) minutes of Oral Pleadings. Both the sides shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes each.
- ii. Semi Final and Final round shall consist of Ninety (90) Minutes of oral pleadings. Both the sides shall be allotted forty-five (45) minutes each.
- iii. Prior to the beginning of the Preliminary and Quarter Final Round, each Team shall indicate to

the Court Clerk how it wishes to allocate its 30 minutes among (a) its first Speaker, (b) its second Speaker, and(c) rebuttal (by Petitioner/Appellant) or Sur-Rebuttal (by Respondent). No single Speaker shall plead for more than twenty (20) minutes, including rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal.

Similarly, the teams shall indicate their allocation of 45 minutes before the beginning of the Semi-final and Final round. No speaker shall plead for more than 25 minutes during Semi-Final and Final Round including Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal.

- iv. *Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion-* Judges may, at their discretion, extend total team oral arguments time beyond thirty (30) minutes or forty-five (45) minutes allocation, as the case may be, up to an additional five (05) minutes per Team. Speakers asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, appear for more than the twenty (20) minutes or twenty-five (25) minutes individual limit, as the case may be.
- v. *Order of Submission-* The order of the oral submissions in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be: **Petitioner/ Appellant 1 --> Petitioner / Appellant 2 -> Respondent 1 --> Respondent 2 ->Rebuttal (Petitioner/ Appellant 1 or 2) --> Sur-rebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2)**
- vi. Each Team may reserve up to five (5) minutes for Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal.
- vii. *Ex Parte Procedure-* In extreme circumstances, such as when a Team

fails to appear for a scheduled Oral Round, the Court Clerk, after waiting for fifteen (15) minutes, may allow the Oral Round to proceed ex parte. In an ex parte proceeding, the attending Team resents its oral pleading, which is scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent Team had been present and arguing. In such a case, the Team that fails to appear for the scheduled Round forfeits all the points of the Oral Round and gets disqualified from the competition.

viii. *Competition Communications-* Oral communications during the Oral Round shall be strictly limited to the following:

- Oral Court Room Communication between Counsel and Judges -Each Speaker designated to present oral pleadings may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with the Speaker, during the allotted time.
- Oral Courtroom Communication and Activity at Counsel Table- Every courtesy shall be given to Speakers during Oral Argument. Communication at the counsel table shall be in writing to prevent disruption, and Teams shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behaviour. Any Penalties imposed under this Rule shall be deducted from the Oral Scores of both Speakers of the offending Team.
- Written Courtroom Communication- Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to :

(a) Written Communication among Team members seated at the counsel table shall be through the court clerk.

(b) A Team member at counsel table handing a document to a Speaker when that Speaker has been questioned about such document during the course of his or her argument through the court clerk only.

(c) A written note to assist the Speaker in answering an issue raised by the judges. No other written communication may take place among the Speaker, Team Members seated at counsel table, spectators or Team Members not present at the counsel table. There is no prohibition on the teams handing over supporting documentation to the judges, but the same should be done through the clerk.

ix. *Anonymity of Teams in Courtrooms-* Teams shall be identified by Team Code and the side of the dispute they represent only. Participants shall not disclose the identity of their Team through direct or indirect means, including statements to judges, name tags or other signifiers, the placement of folders, files, library books or other materials bearing the name or logo of the school on the counsel table, and the wearing of pins or clothing revealing the identity of their college/university.

2. Draw of lots

- i. The draw of lots shall take place at after the formal registration on 15.02.2019
- ii. To ensure unbiased selection, teams shall be subjected to drawing of lots for the Preliminary Rounds.

- iii. In no circumstance shall any change be entertained after the draw of lots.

3. Preliminary Rounds

- i. The Preliminary Rounds are scheduled to take place on 16.02.2019
- ii. There shall be to two preliminary rounds.
- iii. The teams shall be arguing on each side during the Preliminary Round.
- iv. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

4. Quarter-Final Rounds

- i. The Quarter-final Round is scheduled to take place on 16.02.2019.
- ii. The teams shall argue from any one side which shall be decided by a draw of lots before the round.
- iii. Four top scoring teams shall qualify for the Semi-Final Round.

5. Semi-Final Round

- i. The Semi-Final round is scheduled to take place on 17.02.2019.
- ii. The top-four scoring teams shall compete according to the draw of lots.
- iii. The Semi-final rounds shall be in the nature of knock-outs.
- iv. The two teams that emerge victorious shall succeed to the Final Round.

6. Final Round

- i. The Final round is scheduled to take place on 17.02.2019.
- ii. The teams shall argue on the side decided by the draw of lots.

7. Oral rounds

- i. Oral rounds shall be judged as per the following criteria:

S. NO.	CRITERIA	MARKS
01	Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
02	Application of law to facts	20
03	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	15
04	Presentation Skills	15
05	Time Management and Organisation	10
06	Court Etiquettes	10
07	Logical coherency in Arguments	10
	Grand Total	100

RESEARCHER'S TEST

- i. The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on 15.02.2019. It shall consist of Multiple Choice Questions.
- ii. The Researcher's Test shall be of 100 marks and duration shall be one and half hour.
- iii. The test shall contain questions related to the moot proposition and the law applicable.

MEMORIALS

- i. All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same shall result in disqualification, subject to the discretion of the organizers.
- ii. Each team shall prepare Memorials for both the sides to the dispute. i.e. Petitioner/ Appellant and Respondent.
- iii. The soft copies of the Memorial from each side shall reach the Organizers at **JIMS Engineering Management Technical Campus,**

School of Law, Greater Noida in pdf format latest by **19.01.2019**. Attachments shall be titled as [TEAM CODE] [P/A] for Petitioner/ Appellant side and [TEAM CODE] [R] for Respondent side. e.g. 007 P/A and 007 R.

- iv. No extension shall be granted to any team for memorial submission in any case.
- v. No hardcopy of the Memorial shall be accepted after **25.01.2019**.
- vi. Six hard copies of the Memorials from each side i.e. 12 copies in total must reach the Organizers by **25.01.2019** on the following address:

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Noida , UP.,201308

vii. Format of Memorials

- a. *Cover Page*: The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
 - Team Code on upper Right-hand side corner.
 - The Case Title
 - Colour of the cover page must be Blue in case of Petitioner / Appellant Red in case of / Respondent.
 - The Party for which the Memorial has been prepared.
- b. *The Table of Content*
- c. *The Index of Authorities*
- d. *The Statement of Jurisdiction*
- e. *The Statement of Facts*
- f. *The Statement of Issues*
- g. *The Summary of Arguments*
- h. *The Arguments Advanced*

- i. *The Prayer*
- viii. Memorial General Format**
 - a. *Spacing*: 1.5 Line Spacing
 - b. *Margins*: One-inch margin on all sides of each page.
 - c. *Font*: The font for the body of the memorial shall be Times New Roman, Size 12.
 - d. *The Font for the footnotes*: The font of the footnotes shall be Times New Roman, Size 10.
- ix. Memorials must be spiral bound only.
- x. Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.
- xi. The memorials must not contain any annexure/ photographs / sketches / exhibits / affidavits etc.
- xii. Teams shall cite authorities in their Memorials by way of ILI Style of Citation.
- xiii. The maximum number of pages in each Memorial shall not exceed 35 pages including 20 maximum pages for Written Submissions/Argument.
- xiv. The Memorials shall not, in anyway, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Participating Team, its Members, or the Institution /College / University represented.
- xv. Marking Scheme of the Memorials:**

Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks and the team's memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides.

S.N.	MARKING SCHEME	MARKS ALLOTTED
01.	Knowledge of Facts & Law	20 Marks
02.	Extent & Use of Research	20 Marks
03.	Drafting Skills	15 Marks
04.	Originality in Presentation	15 Marks
05.	Grammar, Style and Coherency	15 Marks
06.	Original Thought	15 Marks
	Grand Total	100

SCOUTING

- i. Teams shall not be allowed to observe the Oral Rounds of any other teams whatsoever. (only in the preliminary rounds)
- ii. Scouting is strictly prohibited as per the Rules of the Competition.
- iii. Scouting by any of the teams shall entail instant disqualification.
- iv. Any team can file a written complaint to the Organizers for the same. The Organizer's decision regarding scouting shall be final.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

- i. The result of the Preliminary Rounds shall be announced shortly after the rounds.
- ii. The result of the Quarter-Final Rounds shall be announced shortly after the round.
- iii. The result of the Semi Final Rounds shall be announced shortly after the conclusion of the round.
- iv. The winners of the Competition shall be announced during the valedictory ceremony.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- Running Trophy
- Winning Team Trophy
- Runners-up Trophy
- Best Mooter Trophy
- Best Memorial Trophy
- Best Researcher Trophy

CASH PRIZE

- Winning Team- Rs. 15000.00
- Runners-up - Rs. 10000.00
- Best Mooter - Rs. 5000.00
- Best Memorial - Rs. 4000.00
- Best Researcher - Rs. 4000.00

COPYRIGHT

- i. The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on 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.
- ii. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute in any manner whatsoever and they shall not be responsible for any liability thereof.

DISCLAIMER

The proposition is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the authors of the proposition.

CLARIFICATIONS

- i. The moot proposition shall remain the way it is and no change shall be made whatsoever.
- ii. The Organizers further reserve their right to alter, amend or add to the moot proposition and the same shall be intimated to the Registered Teams well in advance.
- iii. Clarifications regarding matters other than the moot proposition may be sought from the Organizers.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

- i. Accommodation and Food will be provided during the days of the competition only. In case any team wishes to stay for a longer period of time then accommodation may be arranged by the organizer at the expense of the team provided the same is requested well in advance.
- ii. No accommodation will be provided to Delhi NCR teams
- iii. The formal registration of all the participating teams will be done on **15.02.2019** at the venue. All the participants are requested to submit their travel plan accordingly.

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Important Dates

S.N.	DATES	EVENTS
1	Release of Moot Proposition along with Rules	16 .11.2018
2	Last Date for submission of Registration Forms Along With The Demand Draft (Soft Copy)	02.01.2019
3	Last Date for submission of Registration Forms along with the demand draft (hard copy)	07.01.2019
4	Last Date For Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	19.01.2019
5	Last Date For Memorial Submission (Hard Copy)	25.01.2019
6	Registration	15.02.2019
7	Researcher's Test	15.02.2019
8	Preliminary Rounds	16.02.2019
9	Quarter-Final	16.02.2019
10	Semi-Final	17.02.2019
11	Final	17.02.2019
12	Prize & Certificate Distribution	17.02.2019