



8TH

NLIU NATIONAL CORPORATE
LAW MOOT

2019

RULES

NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL

GENERAL

1. The 8th NLIU National Corporate Law Moot, 2019 [“Competition”] shall be held from 6th to 8th December, 2019 at the National Law Institute University, Bhopal.
2. Students enrolled in an undergraduate law course or its equivalent, conducted by any recognized college/university/institution are eligible to participate in the Competition.
3. Any college/university/institution, whose students fulfil the eligibility criteria or for exceptional circumstances have been deemed by the organizers to be eligible for this Competition, shall be entitled to send only **one** team to the Competition.
4. Each team may comprise a minimum of two (2) and not more than three (3) members. The team composition may be of two (2) speakers only or of two (2) speakers and one (1) researcher. Once the team composition is communicated to the organizers, no change in team composition shall be permitted, unless the organizers have approved such change.
5. Each team shall prepare one memorandum for each side, that is, the Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and the Respondent(s). The soft copy of the memoranda must be emailed to mca@nliu.ac.in, on or before 27th November, 2019 (at or before 23:59 hours IST).

COMPETITION FORMAT

1. There will be two (2) Preliminary Rounds to ensure that each team is given the opportunity to argue from both sides of the Proposition. The fixtures for the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined by draw of lots.
2. For the Preliminary Rounds, the winner of each such round shall be determined on the basis of round points. Each round shall be decided through the allocation of a total of 9 round points, with 6 points being awarded on the basis of the oral scores of the teams and 3 points being awarded on the basis of the memoranda scores of the teams. If the difference between the memoranda scores of the two teams is more than 5% of the higher score, then the team with the higher memoranda scores will be awarded 3 points. If the difference is less than 5% of such higher score, then 2 points will be awarded to the team with the higher score and 1 point will be awarded to the other team. In case of a tie, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each.
3. A panel of 2 panelists will judge each round in the Preliminary Rounds. For each panelist, if the cumulative oral score of one team exceeds the cumulative oral score of the other team by 5% of the higher cumulative oral score, then the team with the higher cumulative oral

score will be awarded 3 points. If such difference is less than 5%, then the team with the higher score will be awarded 2 points and the other team will be awarded 1 point. In case of a tie, the teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that Panelist. Hence, a total of 3 points per panelist will be allocated for the oral pleading sessions.

Example: In a round between Team A and Team B, panelist 1 gives a cumulative oral score of 160 marks to Team A and 155 marks to Team B. The difference is 5 marks. Since this difference is less than 5% of 160 (which is 8), for panelist 1, Team A will be awarded 2 points and Team B will be awarded 1 point. In the same round, panelist 2 gives a cumulative oral score of 160 marks to Team A and 150 marks to Team B. Here, the difference of 10 marks is more than 5% of 160 (which is 8) and hence, Team A will be awarded 3 points and Team B will not be awarded any points. If the Memorials score of Team A is 75 and the Memorials score of Team B is 80, the difference is of 5 marks which is more than 5% of 80 (which is 4) and hence, Team B will be awarded 3 points and Team A will not be awarded any points. The total round points for that round are therefore:

Team A: 2(panelist1)+3(panelist2)+0(Memorials)= 5 points.

Team B: 1(panelist1)+0(panelist2)+3(Memorials)= 4points.

4. The eight (8) teams that proceed to the Quarter Final Rounds, as determined by the last-mentioned rule with the highest round points, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots. The fixtures for the Quarter Final Rounds shall be power match-ups.
5. For the Quarter Final Rounds, each team shall argue once for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
6. Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds on a knock out basis, i.e., the winner of each Quarter Final Round shall qualify to the Semi Final Rounds. The knockouts will be decided on a round point basis wherein one (1) point shall be awarded by each judge to the team that won the round according to that judge. The team with more points shall proceed to the next round. In case of a tie, the team with higher aggregate speaker scores will be declared the winner for that round. If the aggregate speaker scores of the teams are the same, then the team with higher gross memorandum score i.e., the score of the memorandum without deducting penalties shall be ranked higher.
7. The four (4) teams that proceed to the Semi Final Rounds, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots. The fixtures for the

Semi Final Rounds shall be as follows:

Winner of Quarter Final Round I v. Winner of Quarter Final Round IV

Winner of Quarter Final Round II v. Winner of Quarter Final Round III

8. Two (2) teams shall qualify for the Final Round on a knock out basis, i.e., the winner of each Semi Final Rounds shall qualify to the Final Round. The knockouts will be decided on a round point basis wherein one (1) point shall be awarded by each judge to the team that won the round according to that judge. The bench-strength for this round shall be an odd number but not one (1).
9. The two (2) teams that proceed to the Final Round, as determined by the rules above, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
10. The team which wins the Final Round shall be declared as the 'Winning Team'. The other team shall be declared as the 'Runners-UpTeam'.

MEMORANDUM

11. Each memorandum shall necessarily consist of the following and only the following sections:
 - a) Cover Page
 - b) Table of Contents
 - c) List of Abbreviations
 - d) Index of Authorities
 - e) Statement of Jurisdiction
 - f) Statement of Facts
 - g) Issues for Consideration
 - h) Summary of Arguments
 - i) Written Submissions
 - j) Prayer
12. Each memorandum shall have the following and only the following on its cover page:
 - a) The team code on the top right-hand corner of the cover page.
 - b) The name and place of the forum.
 - c) The relevant legal provision under which filed.

d) Name of parties and their status.

e) Memorandum Filed on Behalf of Appellant/Claimant/Respondent.

13. A team code shall be assigned to each of the participating teams at the culmination of Registration formalities. Names of the participants or of the institution being represented must not be mentioned anywhere in the memorandum. Any other mark, character or text that reveals the identity of the team members or of the institution being represented would also be considered a violation of this Rule. Violation of this Rule shall attract severe penalty at the sole discretion of the Competition Administrator.
14. The hard copies of the memoranda must bear a cover page in conformity with the following scheme - Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s): Blue; Respondent(s): Red.
15. The electronic copy of each memorandum must reach the following e-mail address: **mca@nliu.ac.in** latest by 27th November, 2019 (at or before 23:59 hours IST) with the subject of the e-mail being 'Memoranda for <Team Code> – XYZ'.
16. The memoranda must only be in '.doc' or '.docx' format. The file names of the soft copy of the memoranda must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: 01-A or 01-R, where 'A' and 'R' represent the teams set out in the Proposition.
17. Five (5) hard copies of the memorandum for each side of the Proposition must be submitted to the organisers by December 3, 2019 at the following address:

Dr. Sanjay Yadav
Moot Court Association
National Law Institute University, Bhopal
Kerwa Dam Road, Bhopal (M.P.)-462044

FORMATTING SPECIFICATIONS:

18. The Memorials should be typed on documents compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 (or higher) only.
19. The page size should be A4; Font shall be 'Times New Roman' throughout the document with font size 12 (including headings), 1.5 lines spacing & 1 Inch margin on each side.
20. Footnotes shall be in 'Times New Roman' with Font Size 10 and 1.0 spacing.
21. The Participants may use uniform page borders.
22. The Memorials shall use The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (19th Edition), for formatting of all cited authorities.

23. The Memorial should be spiral bound only. Any other form of binding will attract negative marking. No amendment of the Memorials will be permitted after submission.

24. Word limits for various parts of the memorandum are as follows:

- Statement of Facts: 2 Pages
- Summary of Arguments: 2 Pages
- Written Submissions and Prayer: 20 Pages

Note: The organizers of the Competition reserve the right to not evaluate arguments that go beyond the prescribed word limit.

25. Any substantial similarity, in part or in whole, between a memorandum of a team and any other literary work shall amount to plagiarism and that team shall be disqualified.

26. In case the soft copy of the memoranda is submitted more than once, the soft copy sent last shall be considered for all purposes of the Competition.

27. No amendments can be made to the memoranda after submission. Any distinction or difference between the soft and hard copies of the memoranda would attract a penalty, as determined by the Competition Administrator. The organizers reserve the right to determine which of such differing memoranda would be considered for evaluation purposes.

MEMORANDUM EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Memoranda shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

CRITERION	MARKS
Application and Appreciation of Facts	20 Marks
Identification of Issues	10 Marks
Structuring and Presentation of Issues	10 Marks
Application of Legal Principles, Authorities and Precedents	20 Marks
Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning	20 Marks
Lucidity and Writing Skills	10 Marks
Proper Footnoting and Formatting	10 Marks

ORAL SUBMISSIONS

28. The language of the Court shall be English only.
29. The time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes for each team for the Preliminary Rounds and the Quarter Final Rounds. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The team cannot allocate less than twelve (12) minutes to either speaker.
30. The time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty-five (35) minutes for each team for the Semi-Final Rounds and the Final Rounds. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The team cannot allocate less than fifteen (15) minutes to either speaker.
31. Only one speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut, as the case may be, subject to a time limit of two (2) minutes. The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the team. If the Appellant/Petitioner waives rebuttal, Respondent's sur-rebuttal is automatically waived as well.
32. The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the bailiff prior to the commencement of each round.
33. There shall be no communication, oral, written or in any other manner whatsoever, between team members seated on the table and the speaker making oral submissions.
34. Teams shall not be permitted to use any electronic devices while their rounds are in session.
35. The teams shall not disclose, in any manner whatsoever, for the entire duration of the rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent.
36. Teams can pass on compendium of the sources they cite in their memoranda if so requested by the judges.
37. In every round of the Competition, teams arguing for Petitioner/Claimant/Complainant/Applicant will argue their case first.

EVALUATION OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS:

The evaluation would be done on the following criteria:

CRITERION	MARKS
Structure, Articulation & Clarity	20 Marks
Application of Legal Principles and Use of Authorities	20 Marks

Knowledge and Marshalling of Facts	20 Marks
Persuasiveness, Ingenuity & Response to Questions	20 Marks
Court Etiquette, Presentation Style and Time Management	20 Marks

SCOUTING

38. No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the Competition. The organizers may take appropriate action, including disqualification from the Competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.

EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDUMS

39. There shall be an exchange of memoranda between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as determined by a draw of lots, prior to all the rounds of the Competition.
40. The teams are prohibited from making any marks on the exchanged memoranda.
41. The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the exchanged memoranda.
42. At the conclusion of their respective rounds, the teams are required to return the exchanged memoranda to the bailiffs of the Court where the round is so conducted.

AWARDS

- ☼ **Winning Team:** INR 35,000/-
- ☼ **Runners Up:** INR 25,000/-
- ☼ **Best Speaker:** INR 10,000/-
- ☼ **Best Researcher:** INR 10,000/-
- ☼ **Best Memorial:** INR 10,000/-

POWER OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

43. The Organizing Committee has the power and sole discretion to:
- Enforce all the Competition rules;
 - Provide a definitive & final interpretation of the Competition rules;

- Resolve any dispute that may arise during the Competition;
- Change or supplement the Competition Rules, if necessary.
- Changes or supplements will be duly communicated to all participating teams; and
- Take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct by any participant/ participating teams.
- The decision of the NLIU Moot Court Association shall be final in all matters concerning the Competition.

TIMELINE

EVENT	DEADLINE
Release of Moot Proposition, Rules and Commencement of Provisional Registration	October 15, 2019
Deadline for provisional Registration	October 27, 2019
Final Registration	November 5, 2019
Request for Clarifications to Moot Problem	November 10, 2019
Submission of Memorials (hard-copy)	December 3, 2019
Submission of Memorials (soft-copy)	November 27, 2019
Desk Registration	December 6, 2019
Oral Rounds	December 6-8, 2019
Valedictory Ceremony	December 8, 2019

All communications (including clarifications) must be made to mca@nliu.ac.in

IMPORTANT

1. Teams must make the payment of the registration fee (INR 4,000) and must complete the Authorization Form (sealed and signed) and attach the same along with the proof of payment of fee with the Online Registration Form the link of which will be sent to the designated MCA/MCS/MCC.
2. The Authorization Form will be accessible from the Online Registration Form.



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NOTE: All communications, concerning the Moot, must be addressed to the above-mentioned email only.