

NHRC – NLUA NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016

DATES : 26 – 28 FEBRUARY 2016

VENUE: NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, ASSAM (NLUA)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open for students currently pursuing their Bachelors' degree in law i.e. 3-year LL.B. Programme or the 5-year B.A., LL.B./ B.B.A., LL.B/ B.Sc. LL.B Programme.

II. LANGUAGE

The language of the competition shall be English.

III. REGISTRATION

- a) Provisional registration from the institutions interested in participating should reach us by 18th December 2015 via email at nhrcnlumoot@gmail.com with subject title 'Provisional Registration'.
- b) The duly filled registration forms should reach latest by 24th December 2015 (Hard copy alongwith Demand Draft of Rs.500/- drawn in favour of **National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam**). After registration of teams for participating in the Moot Court Competition, there shall be **memorial elimination round**. Based on the Memorial Elimination round results, only 20 teams shall be qualified to participate in this NHRC – NLUA National Moot Court Competition, 2016.
- c) For the purpose of Memorial Elimination, the teams are required to submit the Soft Copy of Written Memorials by 15th January 2016 at the email id: nhrcnlumoot@gmail.com.
- d) Results of the Memorial Elimination shall be declared on 31st January 2016. Confirmation of Teams and Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials (6 copies per side) must be done by 10th February 2016 (Alongwith Demand Draft of Rs.3,500/- drawn in favour of **National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam**).
- e) A maximum of 20 teams shall be qualified to participate in this Moot Court Competition based on 'Memorial Elimination Round'.

IV. REPORTING FOR COMPETITION

The participants are expected to arrive at the venue of the Competition (National Law University, Assam (NLUA), NEJOTI Building, B. K. Kakati Road, Near SBI (South Guwahati Branch), Bholanath Mandir Path, Ulubari - 781007, Guwahati, Assam on February 26, 2015 at 1400 hrs for registration.

V. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a) Each team shall comprise of two speakers, who may be accompanied by one researcher, all of whom shall have to be accordingly designated during the registration process.
- b) The names of the speakers and researcher so provided shall not be allowed to be changed after 10th February 2016.

- c) Each team will be given a team code and each member shall be given an individual code. The team code shall be sent to the registered teams.
- d) The team members shall not reveal their identities or that of their institutions in the written submission, supplementary volume or during the oral arguments. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be the discretion of the organizers.

VI. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The competition rounds shall be held over a period of two days i.e. 27th February 2016 and 28th February 2016. The inaugural function and the draw of lots will be held on 26th February 2016.

Written Submission:

All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements. Failure to do the same would attract negative marking.

- a) A written submission shall be made for both the sides (Petitioner/Appellant and Respondent).
- b) Once the written submissions have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- c) Written Submissions must be printed on A-4 paper (double sided) with black ink and must be neatly spiral bound and not stapled.
- d) The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font-size of footnotes/endnotes, if any, must be size 10 with single line.
- e) The Bluebook style (19th Edition) for citation shall be followed.
- f) Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.
- g) The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages (not including the cover page, table of contents and index of authorities) and shall at least consist of the following parts :
 - Cover Page – [colored blue for Applicant, and red for Respondent]
 - Table of Contents
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Issues
 - Summary of Pleadings
 - Issues/Arguments Advanced
 - Prayer
- h) The Cover Page of each Written submission must state the following in bold: NHRC – NLUA NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016.
- i) Footnotes should be limited to only citations or any other information relevant to the arguments. In no event shall footnotes contain extra or irrelevant information and in no case shall footnotes contain arguments.
- j) Each team shall be provided with the copy of the written submission of the opponent team at the draw of lots for the respective rounds.

- k) The soft copies of the written submissions shall be mailed to **nhrcnlumoot@gmail.com** latest by 15th January 2016, 23:59 hrs. Any submission made after the prescribed time shall be penalized with half a mark for every six hours of delay.
- l) Confirmation of Teams, Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials alongwith Demand Draft of Rs.3,500/- (in favour of **National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam**) should reach the following address latest by 1900 hrs on 10th February 2016:

“The Registrar,
National Law University, Assam (NLUA),
NEJOTI Building, B. K. Kakati Road,
Near SBI (South Guwahati Branch), Bholanath Mandir Path,
Ulubari - 781007, Guwahati, Assam.”

Oral Rounds:

- a) In each oral round a team will be represented by two speakers who will present arguments. The researcher will not participate in the arguments but will be seated along with the speakers.
- b) No Researcher of any team will be permitted to speak, (except in exceptional circumstances after the approval of the Judges), but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discrete manner.
- c) Teams, while submitting their oral arguments, should not pass any material for reference to the Judges. Speakers are not allowed to pass any materials to the Judges, unless asked for by the Judges.
- d) During the oral rounds teams would not be allowed to use any electronic devices like Laptops, LCD Projector and Video camera etc.
- e) Dress Code: Participants are required to adhere to the following dress code while present in any court room during the Competition. i. Ladies: White Salwar and Kurta or White shirt and black pant/black skirt along with black coat and black shoes. ii. Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

The oral rounds are divided into four stages:

- (a) Preliminary Rounds
- (b) Quarter-Final Rounds
- (c) Semi-Final Rounds
- (d) Final

a) Preliminary Rounds

- 1. The draw of lots for determining the side for which the teams shall be arguing and exchange of written memorials for the Preliminary Rounds would be held on 26th February 2016 before the Inaugural Session.
- 2. The Preliminary Rounds will be held on 27th February 2016. Each team shall have to argue once for the Petitioner/Appellant and once for the Respondent.
- 3. All participating teams in the competition will be divided by the organisers into various groups.
- 4. Teams shall argue cases against each other; the matching of teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of the competition.

5. During the preliminary rounds, each team will have the opportunity to argue from both sides, that is petitioner/appellant and respondent.
6. Time allotted for arguments will be 15 (10+2) minutes for the petitioner/appellant and 15 (10+2) minutes for the respondent. Extra time will be given to answer questions asked by the judges.
7. There will be time allotted for rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals during the preliminary rounds.
8. Both selected members of the team shall make oral presentations during the each round. The presentations shall be divided equally among the speakers of the team.
9. No two Teams will face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
10. The Quarter-Finalists shall be determined according to the following system
 - At the end of the Preliminary Rounds, the top eight Teams will qualify for the Quarter-Finals.
 - The eight teams will be selected on the basis of teams securing highest marks from the preliminary rounds.
 - In case of a tie in total scores between two teams, the team with higher written submission scores would graduate to the next round.
11. In case of a tie, the team with higher scores in the written submission will graduate to the Quarter-Finals.
12. The side a Team will from, be arguing in advanced rounds will be decided by a Draw of Lots.

b) Quarter Final Rounds

1. All the advanced rounds i.e. Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final will be knockout rounds evaluated only on basis of the Oral arguments.
2. Each team will get a total of 20 (15+2) minutes to present their case. The time includes questioning by judges. There will be time allotted for rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals during the quarter final rounds.
3. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members subject to a minimum of five minutes per speaker.
4. On all other aspects the round will be subject to the rules as mentioned hereinbefore.
5. In case of a tie, the team with higher scores in the written submission will graduate to the Semi-Finals.

c) Semi Final Rounds

1. Each team will get a total of 30 (25+2) minutes to present their case. The time includes questioning by judges. There will be time allotted for rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals during the semi final rounds.
2. Two teams that score the maximum marks in the semi finals will move on to the final round.
3. In case of a tie, teams scoring the higher scores in their written submission will move to the final round.

3. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members subject to a minimum of twelve minutes per speaker.

d) Final Round

1. Each team will get a total of 45 (40+2) minutes to present their case. The time includes questioning by judges.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members subject to a minimum of twenty minutes per speaker.

VII. SCOUTING

1. Teams will not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other team. Scouting is strictly prohibited;
2. Scouting by any of the team members will result in immediate disqualification;
3. Scouting by any person should be brought to the notice of the organizers immediately, without disturbing the rounds in progress;
4. If a Team finds any rules of the Competition being violated at any stage of the Competition, a complaint regarding the same shall be registered within fifteen minutes with the Court Room Officers/Control Room. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges of the rounds with any complaints; and
5. The organizer's decision in this regards will be final.

VIII. AWARDS

1. The following awards will be given.
 - a. Best Team Award [cash price: Rs.20,000/-]
 - b. Runner up Team [cash price: Rs.15,000/-]
 - c. Best Written submission Award [cash price: Rs.7,500/-]
 - d. Best Speaker [cash price: Rs.7,500/-] – The Best Speaker prize will be decided on the basis of highest marks scored by a participant in the preliminary round.
2. All participants will be awarded participation certificates;
3. In no case will the participating team be given their respective certificate prior to the Valedictory function and will be given only after the Valedictory function and under any circumstance the Certificate of Appreciation/merit and awards will not be couriered.

IX. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The participants must behave in a dignified manner and not cause any inconvenience to the volunteers or other participants;
2. Any participant found misbehaving with other participants or volunteers will be disqualified immediately;
3. Deference to the Judges of the moot court competition must be maintained inside and outside the Court Hall;
4. Participants will be disqualified from the competition, if they are found;
 - a. Smoking or consuming/ carrying drugs or alcohol in the campus or accommodation.

- b. Misbehaving, or causing nuisance, or making abusive statements, showing disrespect towards judges, co-participants or members of the host institution.

X. LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENT

The National Law University, Assam (NLUA) has blocked 40 rooms (double occupancy) at The Don Bosco Institute, Kharghuli, Guwahati – 781004, Assam, India from 26th to 28th February, 2016. One room (double occupancy) shall be complimentary. However, if the team wishes to book another room, they are required to bear the expenses for the same.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

- The written memorials submitted by participating teams shall be evaluated by an expert(s) appointed by the organising committee and marks will be awarded for them.
- These marks will be taken into consideration, along with marks awarded by judges for the teams during the oral presentation made by them, in the preliminary round of competition.
- The teams who secured the top eight positions will be selected to participate in quarter final round competition. In case of a tie, teams scoring the higher scores in their written submission will move to the quarter final round.
- The teams who secured the top four positions will be selected to participate in semi-final round competition. In case of a tie, teams scoring the higher scores in their written submission will move to the semi final round.
- Top two teams will be selected based upon their performance on oral presentation made by them during semi-finals. In case of a tie, teams scoring the higher scores in their written submission will move to the final round.
- The written memorial marks will not be taken into consideration to select the teams for the quarter final rounds, semi-final rounds and final rounds of the moot court competition, except in case of a tie.
- Winners of the final round will be selected based upon their oral performance during the final round of competition, written memorial marks of the teams will not be taken into consideration to select the winners of the Moot Court Competition.

XII. IMPORTANT DATES

EVENTS	DATES
Release of Moot Problem	03 rd December 2015
Provisional Registration	18 th December 2015
Final Registration	24 th December 2015 (Hard copy alongwith Demand draft of Rs. 500)
Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials	15 th January 2016
Elimination of Memorials	31 st January 2016
Confirmation of Teams and Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials	10 th February 2016 (Alongwith Demand Draft of Rs. 3500)
Moot Court Competition	26 th February 2016 to 28 th February 2016

XII. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

PATRON

Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar
Vice-Chancellor,
National Law University, Assam

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Dr. Himanshu Pandey
The Registrar,
National Law University, Assam (NLUA), NEJOTI Building,
B. K. Kakati Road, Near SBI (South Guwahati Branch),
Bholanath Mandir Path, Ulubari - 781007,
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Official Moot court email id for this competition: **nhrcnlumoot@gmail.com**.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Ms. Shannu Narayan, Faculty Convener, Moot Court Committee
Mr. Chiradeep Basak, Member
Ms. Gitanjali Ghosh, Member
Mr. Saheb Chowdhury, Member
Mr. Dinesh Dayma, Member
Ms. Arifa S. Choudhury, Student Convener.