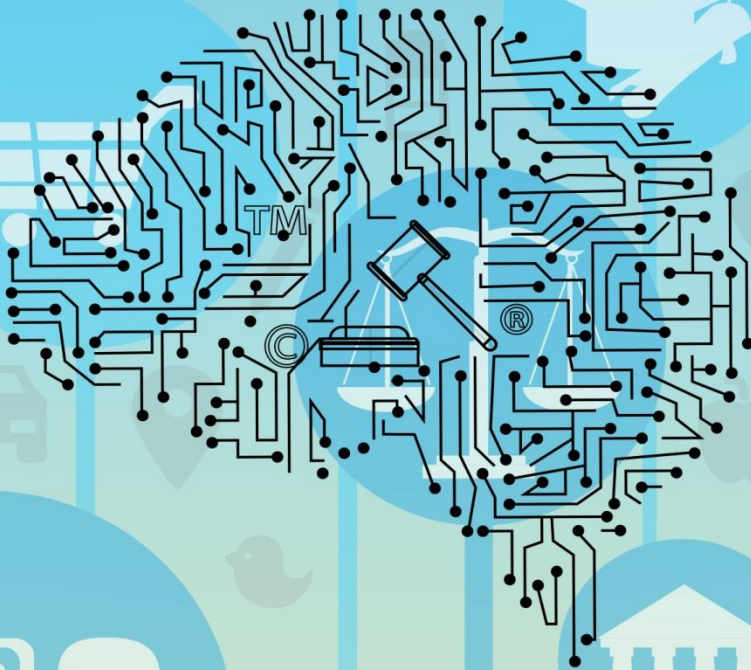




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*"If you torture the data long enough, it will confess"*  
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**RULE BOOK**

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## RULE BOOK

### 1. PREAMBLE

This rule book intends to regulate the **I<sup>st</sup> Techno Legal National Moot Court Competition**, in a just and fair manner.

The **I<sup>st</sup> Techno Legal National Moot Court Competition** aims at promoting skills of advocacy dealing with technical issues.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- a) “Competition” means the **1st Techno Legal National Moot Court Competition, 2016**
- b) “Problem” means the Moot Problem of the Competition.
- c) “Memorial” means the written submission of each team.
- d) “Administrator” means the Chairman of **Moot Court Association, College of Legal Studies, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies** or any other person/persons appointed to administer the competition by the said Association.
- e) “Rule Book” means the document prescribing the guidelines for the competition.
- f) “Committee” includes: All the members of Moot Court Association.
- g) “Team code” means the code which would be allotted to those teams qualifying the memorial rounds, by the Association, after the registration form is received.
- h) “Registration number” means the code which would be allotted by the Association after the provisional registration form is received for the purpose of memorial rounds.

### 3. PARTICIPATION

#### a) PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

- i. The duly completed scanned copy of the competition’s **registration form** must be submitted online at **ntlmccupes@gmail.com** on or before **15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**. The subject of the mail must be **Registration: <Institution Name>**”

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- ii. No change in the name of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the competition's registration form. Changes if any must be approved by the head of the participating institution/college/University stating the reasons and the change shall be communicated on or before **20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**. The changes shall be made at the sole discretion of Administrator.
- iii. On completing the process of provisional registration, a registration number shall be issued by the Association and communicated to the teams, which shall be used for any communication and submission of memorials till the team code is issued.

### **FINAL REGISTRATION**

- iv. The registration of the teams for the competition shall be strictly done on the basis of the **merit of the memorials** submitted by the participant. The shortlisted teams will be notified via email latest by **11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**.
- v. The short listed teams shall send duly completed registration form along with the transaction receipt (see **clause 3(e)**) on or before **14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015** to the communication address mentioned in the rule book.
- vi. All the teams who have sent their completed registration form along with the transaction receipt shall arrive and verify the details in person at the Dehradun Main Campus during verification.
- vii. **Each team has to submit five (5) sets of memorials for each side at the time of verification at Dehradun Main Campus specifying the team code allocated on each memorial.**

### **b) SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS**

- i. The teams must send the soft copy of the memorials at **ntlmccupes@gmail.com** by **5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 (11:59 pm)**, which must be a **.pdf** file extension with the subject of the email as memorials for "**Memorial Submission- <Team Code>**". For ex- "**TC-E**"
- ii. The file name of the memorials shall be in the following format- **<Team Code><Side represented>**. For ex- '**TC-E Defendant**'

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iii. **Late Submissions:** For every hour of delay in memorial submission beyond the prescribed time (11:59 pm IST, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016), 1 mark shall be deducted. Any Memorial submitted 15 hours after the time prescribed above (i.e. after 2:59 pm IST, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2016) will not be accepted.

### c) DRAW OF LOTS

Lots shall be drawn by the teams before every round to decide the match-ups.

### d) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS

A maximum of **sixteen (16)** teams shall participate in the competition on the basis of memorial selection. The number of teams may be increased at the sole discretion of the administrator, subjected to clause 15.

### e) REGISTRATION FEES

- i. A nominal registration fee shall be charged from the Universities/Colleges/Institutions that have been selected in the memorial rounds. The registration fees shall be: **Rs. 3000/-**
- ii. The registration fee must be submitted by a **Bank Transfer** of any National Bank.

A/c name: **University of Petroleum & Energy Studies**

A/c number: **95950999999999**

IFSC code: **YESB000115**

Bank Name: **YES BANK, Rajpur Road, Dehradun**

Details: **Student name/ University's name**

A copy of the Bank Receipt/ Transaction ID should be emailed to [ntlmccupes@gmail.com](mailto:ntlmccupes@gmail.com)

iii. The **Bank Receipt/ Transaction ID** needs to be attached to the registration form and a scanned copy of the same must be sent via email for final registration.

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### 4. GENERAL

#### a) ELIGIBILITY

- i. Students enrolled in full time 3 years or 5 years law programmes are eligible to compete in the competition. Each college/Institution/University may send maximum of one team.

#### b) OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Competition is English. All competition Rounds must be in English.

#### c) TEAM COMPOSITION

- i. Each team shall include **two (2)** speakers, who shall be accompanied by **one (1)** researcher all of whom shall be designated accordingly.
- ii. Once provisional registration is completed the team composition must remain the same throughout the competition.
- iii. The change in team composition is subjected to **Clause 3(a)(ii)**.
- iv. No observer is allowed to accompany any team.

#### d) ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- i. Accommodation and Food shall be provided off-campus and on campus to all participants on the dates of the competition only, i.e. 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016
- ii. The transport for commutation from the place of stay to the venue of the competition shall be provided as per the schedule.

#### e) CLARIFICATIONS

- i. Any clarifications sought on the moot proposition needs to be addressed via email to **ntlmccupes@gmail.com** before **1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016**.
- ii. The queries will be clarified (a) within five working days from the day of seeking clarification (b) issuing a general notification addressing all queries on **15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

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### e) DRESS CODE

The dress code for the competition is advocate uniform as per Advocates Act, 1961 without band and gown.

## 5. MOOTING ROUNDS

### a) GENERAL

- i. Every mooting round except the preliminary round shall be based on the **Knock out principle**.
- ii. Every Mooting Round shall be judged and scored on the basis of criteria prescribed in **Clause 9 (b)**.
- iii. In case of a tie in the knock out rounds, the same shall be resolved on the basis of marks obtained in the memorial round, under **Clause 9 (b)** and in case of a further tie it would be resolved by the marks obtained by a researcher in researchers test .

### b) PRELIMINARY ROUND

- i. The teams for preliminary round shall be selected on the merit of their memorial marks obtained in the memorial round, under **Clause 9 (b)** read with **Clause 3 (d)**.
- ii. The preliminary round shall take place in two sessions.
- iii. No team shall face another team more than once in the Preliminary Round and must appear on each side.
- iv. The cumulative marks of both the speakers under **Clause 9 (c)** and the memorial marks obtained under **Clause 9(b)** shall be taken into account in each session.
- v. Ranking for the round shall be done taking the aggregate of both the sessions.

**NOTE:** The team that win the room will get priority over the team with more marks and one loss.

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### c) QUARTER FINAL

The top **eight (08)** teams selected from the Preliminary Round shall contest in the Quarter Final

### d) SEMI FINAL

The top **four (04)** teams selected from the Quarter Final on the basis of Knock-out principle shall contest in the Semi Final.

### e) FINAL

The top **two (02)** teams from the Semi Final round selected on the basis of knock-out principle shall contest in the Final.

### f) RANKING

Ranking of all the teams and the speakers for the competition shall be done on the basis Preliminary Rounds.

## 6. MEMORIALS

### a) GENERAL

- i. All pages of a Memorial must be formatted or printed on paper of **A4 size**.
- ii. All pages of a Memorial must have margins on all sides of at least **one inch i.e. two and a half centimeters (2.5cm)**.
- iii. Arguments advanced shall not exceed more than **twenty (20) pages**.
- iv. Memorial Page limit shall not exceed **thirty (30) Pages**.
- v. The Memorial shall be in accordance with **Clause 6**.

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### b) CONTENTS

Each Memorial must contain the following sections:

- i. COVER PAGE
- ii. TABLE OF CONTENTS
- iii. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS
- iv. INDEX OF AUTHORITIES
- v. STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION
- vi. STATEMENT OF FACTS
- vii. STATEMENT OF ISSUES
- viii. SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS
- ix. ARGUMENTS ADVANCED
- x. PRAYER

### C) COVER PAGE

The Cover Page of Memorial must contain:

- i. The name of the Competition, year and the Team Code (Upper right hand corner) assigned at the time of registration.
- ii. **The name of the Participating University shall not be revealed on the cover page** or any other pages of the memorial.
- iii. The name of the Court appearing before.
- iv. The name of the parties and the sides they are representing.
- v. Cover page of each memorial shall be in two specific colors (Red and Blue) '**Blue**' representing **Plaintiff's Memorial** and '**Red**' representing the **Defendant's Memorial**.

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### d) FORMAT

The memorial shall be formatted in accordance with the following specifications:

- i. **Body Text Font Type: Times New Roman, Line Spacing: 2.0 lines, Font Size: 12, Headings and Bullets-Font size: 14.**
- ii. **Footnotes Font Type: Times New Roman, Line Spacing: 1.5 spaced, Font size: 10.**
- iii. **The Bluebook Uniform Mode of Citation (20<sup>th</sup> Edition) or any other recognized uniform method of citation must be strictly adhered to draft the memorials.**

### 7. ANONYMITY

- a) Student Counsel shall introduce him/herself to the court through their Team Codes and side represented. Under no circumstances shall not revealed at anytime to any of the competition judges before the Valedictory ceremony for the Competition.
- b) Further, all team members shall refrain from wearing/ carrying anything/ items, such as badges, blazers or identified material (such as books, logo or seal of the college, regional/ chapter office) which may reveal their dentity.
- c) Notwithstanding anything in this Rulebook, any team violating **Clauses 5, 6 or 7** or both shall be subject to disqualification.
- d) Decision of the Association and the Administrator shall be final in this matter.

### 8. PROHIBITION OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

- a) No team is allowed to receive external assistance for conducting research, writing, editing, formulation or development of its oral arguments or written submissions.
- b) No team shall engage, directly or indirectly in behavior that may reasonably be considered cheating, intimidating or other unfair behavior.

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### 9. EVALUATION

#### a) MEMORIALS

- i. Memorials shall be judged by a Panel constituted for the same. Every Memorial shall be assessed on a scale of **100 marks** by the panel members. The average of the marks awarded by the members shall be taken as the final score.
- ii. A rank sheet based on the evaluation done in accordance with **Clause 9** shall be prepared.
- iii. **Parameters for marking the memorial are as follows**

S.No	MARKING CRITERIA	ALLOCATED MARKS
1.	UNDERSTANDING OF LAW & EXTENT OF RESEARCH	25
2.	ORIGINALITY, ARTICULATENESS & CLARITY IN ANALYSIS	20
3.	KNOWLEDGE & INTEGRATION OF FACTS	20
4.	LOGICAL PROGRESSION OF IDEAS & USE OF AUTHORITIES	15
5.	PERSUASIVENESS OF PRESENTATION & CORRECTNESS OF CITATIONS	10
6.	GRAMMAR & LEGIBILITY	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

#### b) ORAL SUBMISSION

- i. Each Speaker shall be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge.
- ii. The Average of both the speakers shall be taken for scoring the team.
- iii. **The marking for Oral Submissions during the Mooting Rounds shall be based on the following parameters:**

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SL. NO	MARKING CRITERIA	ALLOCATED MARKS
1.	UNDERSTANDING OF LAW	20
2.	APPLICATION OF LAW TO FACTS	20
3.	INTEGRITY, LOGIC, REASONING AND CLARITY	20
4.	PERSUASIVENESS	10
5.	ORGANISATION AND FLOW OF ARGUMENTS	10
6.	DEFERENCE AND DEMEANOUR	10
7.	TIME MANAGEMENT	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**10. ORAL SUBMISSION**

**a) TIME DISTRIBUTION**

- i. Every Oral Round shall, subject to the sole discretion of the Judges, consist of sixty (60) minutes of argument. The plaintiff and the defendant shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes each, subject to the discretion of the Judges. Both members designated as Speakers from each Team shall make oral presentations in each round.
- ii. Every team may allocate its thirty (30) minutes among the 2 speakers and the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal as the case may be. Each Speaker will be allocated a minimum of ten minutes (10), not including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal must be allocated a minimum of two (2) minutes, and a maximum of six (6) minutes. The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal must be presented by one speaker only and it shall not be divided between the two speakers.

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- iii. In the Advanced (i.e. quarters, semi and final) Rounds, the total time permitted to each team for presenting their arguments may be extended to forty-five (45) minutes at the discretion of the Judges, with corresponding changes in the minimum time prescribed for each speaker

### b) SUBMISSION OF AUTHORITIES

- v. All teams must carry along with them case law(s) or authorities' to which they intend to refer. Any material carrying the name of the team's college/University shall be considered violative of provision under **Clause 6** , and shall not be permitted to be submitted to any of the judges.
- vi. Any material containing pictorial representation shall not be submitted to the Court during the course of Oral Submissions. Also, any form of audio/visual representation shall not be permitted.
- vii. The Speakers must not be allowed to use personal computers, laptops, iPads or any other technical device during their Oral Submissions.
- viii. The team shall be subject to disqualification in case of infringement of any of the above given provisions under this sub-clause.
- ix. The passing of Authorities by the teams in the Finals shall be strictly prohibited.  
All authorities have to be submitted prior to the commencement of the final round.

### 11. SCOUTING

- i. Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral submission of any other team. It is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Any such attempt shall be subjected for disqualification.

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### **12. DISPUTE REDRESSAL**

All the disputes regarding the competition or the rules shall be addressed by the Administrator and the committee i.e. Moot Court Association.

### **13. AWARDS**

a) The following awards shall be given at the valedictory ceremony of the competition:

- i. **WINNER- CASH PRIZE OF 15000.**
- ii. **RUNNERS-UP- CASH PRIZE OF 10000.**
- iii. **BEST MEMORIAL- CASH PRIZE OF 5000.**
- iv. **BEST SPEAKER- CASH PRIZE OF 5000.**
- v. **BEST RESEARCHER- CASH PRIZE OF 5000.**

**NOTE: THE AWARDS ARE SUBJECTED TO CHANGES AS PER THE DISCRETION OF ADMINISTRATOR**

b) All those teams qualified for the mooting rounds shall be awarded with certificates, except for those who would be disqualified as per **Clause 6, 7,8 & 10.**

### **14. AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment in this rule book shall be made by the Administrator in consultation with the faculty.

### **15. COPY RIGHT**

The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assisted by participants and shall vest completely and fully on College of Legal Studies, University of Petroleum and Energy studies. The Participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

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### 16. DISCLAIMER

The moot court competition is based on a purely fictitious compromise/problem, whereby the characters and the incidents or the course of events in the compromise are completely imaginary and the same has no relation to any person living or dead or any post/present real life incident. The moot court competition is made solely for the purpose of training law students of India in developing an analytical bent of mind and serving the Bar and the Bench to the Best of their abilities.

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