



ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW

NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

4th – 6th APRIL, 2016



INVITATION
CHECKMATE-2016



The Army Institute of Law, as a part of its endeavours of providing and facilitating its support to the student community of the Country takes immense pleasure in announcing the 6th Edition of its National Moot Court Competition, “Checkmate 2016”. The event this year will be held from April 4th – April 6th, 2016.

The previous editions of Checkmate National Moot Court Competition have proved to be an enriching experience for the participants, especially in the field of Criminal Law owing to its unconventional and challenging moot propositions and high standards of judging. The discipline and transparency with which this competition is conducted has contributed in its previous successful chapters leading to an increased participation from year to year since its inception. The 5th Edition of this competition witnessed the participation of 36 teams.

The registration form, rules and the moot problem have been attached herewith. We look forward to receiving a positive response from your Institution. Kindly confirm your participation via provisional registration by 19th February 2016.

In case of any query regarding the competition, you may write to us at mcs@ail.ac.in.

Warm Regards,

Moot Court Society
Army Institute of Law



SCHEDULE
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1. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:** 19th FEBRUARY 2016
2. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION** (HARD COPY) (ALONG WITH A DD FOR RS. 4000): 26th
FEBRUARY 2016
3. **DEADLINE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS TO PROPOSITION:** 2nd MARCH 2016
RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS: 7th MARCH 2016
4. **DEADLINE FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION:**

SOFT COPY – 15th MARCH 2016

HARD COPY – 22nd MARCH 2016
5. **ORAL ROUNDS:** 5th APRIL 2016 TO 6th APRIL 2016
6. **REGISTRATION & EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS :** 4th APRIL 2016 (1400HRS ONWARDS)
7. **PRELIM I, PRELIM II, QUARTERS:** 5th APRIL 2016
8. **SEMI – FINALS & FINAL:** 6th APRIL 2016



RULES
CHECKMATE - 2016



1. GENERAL

1.1 DATES AND VENUE:

The Checkmate 2016 - Army Institute of Law National Moot Court Competition will be held from 4th – 6th April 2016 at the Army Institute of Law, Sector 68, Mohali, Punjab.

1.2 TEAM PREREQUISITES:

- (a) The language for the Competition shall be English.
- (b) Participation is restricted to bona-fide law students either enrolled in the 3-year L L.B law course or the 5-year integrated law course.
- (c) Only one team from each participating college shall be registered for the competition. Each team shall comprise of three members only (two Speakers and one Researcher).
- (d) The oral rounds shall comprise of:
 - 1. Preliminary Rounds 2. Quarter- Final Rounds
 - 3. Semi- Final Rounds 4. Final Round

1.3 REGISTRATION

- (a) Participation for the Competition is strictly by Invitation.
- (b) The teams should register through e-mail by sending a mail to mcs@ail.ac.in(with subject Moot Court Registration Checkmate 2016) by 19th February 2016.

(c) The hard copy of the registration form along with a the demand draft of Rs. 4000/- INR on or before 26th February 2016 by 1700HRS drawn in the name of Registrar, Army Institute of Law, Mohali, payable at Mohali.

(d) The Registration forms shall be sent to:

THE CONVENOR,

CHECKMATE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION,

ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW,

SECTOR 68, MOHALI, PUNJAB - 160062.

(e) No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the registration form, except at the sole discretion of the organizers.

1.4 DRESS CODE:

The dress code for the oral rounds shall be advocate's attire, i.e. Black and White combination including Blazer and Formal Shoes. The participants are requested to dress up in Western Formals for the other events taking place during the competition.

1.5 ACCOMMODATION

The participants would be provided Accommodation for the period of the Competition at the premises of the Institute. **Please note that accommodation will be provided to the teams from 1700Hrs on 3rd April 2016 to 1000Hrs on 7th April 2016, only. The institute shall not be responsible for accommodation thereafter in any case.**

2. MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized.

- A. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute.
- B. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed. All participating teams shall submit 6 sets of written memorials (6 Petitioners

and 6 Respondent memorials). The Cover Page of the memorials for the Petitioner shall be in **Blue** and the Defence shall be in **Red**.

One advance soft copy in PDF format of each of the memorials for both the parties to the dispute must reach the organizers latest by 15th March 2016 on mcs@ail.ac.in by 2355Hrs

One hard copy of each of the memorials is to reach the organizers by 22nd March 2016 at the below mentioned address by 1700Hrs

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- C. Late submissions will result in 1 point penalty per team per day
- D. The memorials shall conform to the standards mentioned below:
 - i. Written submissions shall be printed on white standard A4 size paper.
 - ii. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman, 12-point and footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10.
 - iii. The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5-line spacing except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced.
 - iv. The comprehensive arguments with appropriate citations shall be contained in the Pleadings. The teams shall follow the 19th Edition of the Bluebook mode of citation.
 - v. The Pleadings shall not exceed 20 pages.
- E. The memorials have to be typed in A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:
 - I. Cover Page**
 - II. Table of Contents**
 - III. Index of Authorities**
 - IV. Statement of Jurisdiction**
 - V. Statement of Facts (Argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)**

- VI. Questions of Law**
- VII. Summary of Arguments**
- VIII. Arguments Advanced Prayer Appendix (Optional)**
- IX. Exhibits (Optional)**

The cover page of the memorials must state the following:

- I. The Case Title
- II. Identity of brief as Prosecution or Defence
- III. The identity of the Institution or the members shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial.
- IV. The hard copies must be exact print outs of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail disqualification.

2.1 MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS

- 1. Knowledge of facts and law (20)
- 2. Proper and articulate analysis (20)
- 3. Extent and use of research (20)
- 4. Clarity and Organization (20)
- 5. Citation of sources (10)
- 6. Grammar and Style (10)

Memorials must have a one-inch margin on all sides of each page.

3. ROUNDS

There will be a total of two Preliminary rounds of arguments, one Quarter Final Round; one Semi-Final Round and consequently one Final Round.

A. PRELIMINARY ROUND

a. Registration, Orientation and Draw of Lots will be held on 4th April 2016, and the teams are requested that in all probability to kindly report latest by 1400HRS.

b. There will be two preliminary rounds of argument per team, once as Prosecution and other as Defence.

c. Teams will be provided with their opponent team's memorials after the conclusion of draw of lots.

d. Preliminary rounds will be held on 5th April 2016

e. Top eight teams will qualify for the quarterfinal rounds. The qualification to the quarterfinals will be based on:

i) Win Points (2 wins)

ii) In case of a tie, teams with the highest aggregate of scores in the Preliminary rounds (inclusive of memorial marks) shall be considered to be the winners.

f. Return of the other side's memorial immediately after the preliminary round to the court-clerks is compulsory.

g. The Best Advocate and Second best Advocate will be decided on the basis of the scores of the Preliminary rounds only.

B. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

a. The Quarter Final Rounds would also take place on, 5th April 2016

b. Qualification to the Quarter Final Rounds will be based on win points. In case of a tie in the preliminary rounds, teams scoring the highest point will move into the Quarter Final Rounds.

c. The teams will be provided their opponent's memorial after declaration of preliminary results and the draw of lots for the Quarter Final Rounds.

C. SEMI FINALS AND FINAL ROUND

- a. The Semi-Finals and Finals will be knockout rounds.
- b. Semi- Finals and Finals will be held on 6th April 2016

3.2 TIME AND MARKING SCHEME FOR ORAL ROUNDS

A. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case.
- b. Each speaker should speak for a minimum of 10 minutes.

B. SEMI FINAL AND FINAL ROUNDS

- a. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case.
- b. A speaker shall not use more than 25 minutes of the total time.
- c. This will be a knockout round.

C. MAXIMUM TIME PROVIDED

The maximum time provided would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal).

D. ANONYMITY

- a. Student counsel may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the team's college affiliation shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.
- b. Further all team members shall refrain from identifying a team's college at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches, or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as books with a college logo or

college seal etc.)

E. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Knowledge of Law (30)
2. Application of Law to Facts (25)
3. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions (30)
4. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor (10)
5. Time Management and Organization (5)

4. SCOUTING

a. Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other team till the time the team is declared to have advanced to the next round. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.

b. Any team can file a written complaint with the Administrator, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the Administrator will be final.

c. The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

5. CASH AWARDS

Winners	Rs. 30,000
Runner – up	Rs. 20,000
Best Memorial Award	Rs. 15,000
Second Best Memorial Award	Rs. 10,000
Advocate of the Year	Rs. 10,000
Second Best Advocate of the Year	Rs.5,000

* All the Participants will get Participation Certificates.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 GENERAL ETIQUETTE

a. The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organisers. Deference to the Judges of the Moot Court Competition is expected to be maintained within and outside the Court Hall.

b. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

6.2 DELAYS IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION

a. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.

b. The criteria of rebuttals shall not be considered in such cases for evaluation in place of which an average for the same would be given on the basis of the marks scored by such team on other criteria.

6.3 DISCLAIMER

The Material in the Moot Court proposition is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead. All material in the problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely co-incidental.

6.4 INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

- a. The Organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
- b. If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizer's decision on the same shall be final.
- c. The Organizer's reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate at anytime

- d. Any dispute arising in the moot court rooms during the rounds would be at the discretion of the presiding officer of the respective court room.
- e. In any kind of conflict, the decision of the Principal, Army Institute of Law, Mohali would be final.

Coordinators (Checkmate 2016)

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REGISTRATION FORM

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NOTE – PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS ONLY TO FILL IN DETAILS.

1. Name& Address of Participating College/University :

2. Contact Number Of College: _____

3. Name of Counsel I: _____

a. Phone No./E-mail: _____

b. Class/Gen: _____

4. Name of Counsel II: _____

a. Phone No./E-mail: _____

b. Class/Gen: _____

5. Name of Asst. Counsel (Researcher) : _____

a. Phone No./E-mail: _____

b. Class/Gen: _____

6. Whether accommodation is required: _____

The Counsels and Assistant Counsel are the bona-fide students of the College.

Seal & Signature of the Head of Institution

Details of Payment of Registration Fee:

a. D.D. No. _____

b. Name of Bank _____

c. Drawn on _____



TRAVEL FORM

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NOTE – PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS ONLY TO FILL IN DETAILS.

Name & address of Participating College/ University:

Arrival Journey:

1. Train/Bus/Airplane Number: _____
2. Boarding Station: _____
3. Time & Date of Arrival at Chandigarh: _____

Return Journey:

1. Train/Bus/Airplane Number: _____
2. Boarding Station: _____
3. Time & Date of Return from Chandigarh: _____

Details of Contact Person (For the Journey):

1. Name: _____
2. Phone Number: _____

Signature of Contact Person _____