



THIRD NUALS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

ON

MARITIME LAW

February 26 – 28, 2016

NUALS Campus, Kalamassery

RULES & REGULATIONS

Name of the Competition: Third NUALS National Moot Court Competition on Maritime Law.

Dates of the Competition: February 26 – 28, 2016.

Venue: NUALS Campus

1. LANGUAGE

1.1. The Competition shall be conducted in English language only.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The Competition shall be open for students who are pursuing three or five-year LL.B. Degree Course in Universities/Colleges/Law Departments in India.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

3.1. Only one team from each participating institution shall be registered for the competition.

3.2. Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. This team composition cannot be altered under any circumstances.

3.3. Every team shall consist of two speakers and one researcher. No observer/additional member can be part of a team in any capacity. If any fourth member is accompanying the team, he/she will not be allowed to sit and observe the oral rounds, will not be provided accommodation/food and will not be given a certificate by the organizers under any circumstances whatsoever.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1. *Participation in the Competition is restricted to 16 Teams on a First Come First Serve Basis. Teams are required to carefully comply with the registration formalities given below:* The organisers, however, reserve the right to increase the number of participating teams.

4.2. Teams interested in participating in the Competition will have to make an initial 'PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION'. The Provisional Registration shall be done by e-mailing the scanned copy of the Provisional Registration Form (See Annexure 1 to the Rules) and the Scanned Copy of a Demand Draft for **Rs. 2,500/- (Rupees two thousand five hundred only)** drawn in favour of "The Registrar, The National University of Advanced Legal Studies" at nualsmaritimemoot@gmail.com The subject of the e-mail shall be "PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION"

4.3. *The priority of the teams shall be determined in accordance with the date and time of receipt of the e-mail communication containing the scanned copies of the Provisional Registration Form and Demand Draft.*

4.4. The last date for Provisional Registration is **11:59 P.M. on February 5, 2016.**

4.5. The Organising Committee shall give a response to the provisional registration and reply to all the eligible teams ordinarily within 24 Hours.

4.6. A waiting list of teams which have e-mailed the provisional registration form shall also be maintained so that they may be given an opportunity to participate in the competition if any of the first 16 teams fail to complete the other registration formalities.

4.7. The teams which have been granted provisional registration shall then e-mail a scanned copy of the Final Registration Forms (See Annexure – 2) at nualsmaritimemoot@gmail.com before **11:59 P.M. on February 12, 2016**.

4.8. The Hard Copy of the Registration Forms and Demand Draft shall be despatched (preferably by Speed Post) so as to reach the following address on a date not later than **February 16, 2016**.

The Organising Committee

Third NUALS National MCC on Maritime Law

The National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS)

NUALS Campus, Kalamassery

Pin – 683 503, Kerala State, India

4.9. If a team which has been granted provisional registration fails to e-mail the scanned copy of the Final Registration Form before **11:59 P.M. on February 12, 2016** their Provisional Registration shall stand cancelled and a chance shall be granted to the teams in the waiting list in the order of their position in the waiting list.

4.10. If a team which has despatched the hard copy of the demand draft fail to turn up for the competition the registration fee shall not be refunded.

5. TEAM CODE

5.1. Each team shall be assigned a Code during the orientation on February 26, 2016.

6. MEMORIALS

6.1. Teams have to submit memorials for both the parties to the dispute.

6.2. The last date for submission of softcopies of the memorial is **11:59 P.M. on 23rd February 2016.**

6.3. Softcopies of the memorials are to be e-mailed at nualsmaritimemoot@gmail.com with subject as “Memorial Submission for the Third NUALS National Moot Court Competition on Maritime Law”.

6.4. The Memorials for the two sides shall be attached as two separate documents to a single e-mail communication. The two documents shall be marked as ‘Memorial for Applicant’ and ‘Memorial for Respondent’. The text of the e-mail shall clearly indicate the team whose memorial is attached along with the e-mail.

6.5. The Soft Copy of the Memorials shall be submitted in ‘Read Only PDF Format’.

6.6. Late submission of soft copy of memorials shall attract a penalty of 1 mark per side for each exceeded hour.

6.7. Six (6) copies each, of the memorials for both the sides shall be submitted by the teams during registration on February 26, 2016.

6.8. The hard copies of the memorials shall bear a **cover page** in accordance with the following colour scheme:

- Memorial for the Petitioner – Blue
- Memorial for the Respondent – Red

6.9. Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper with black ink and must be neatly bound.

6.10. The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with double line spacing.

6.11. The size of footnotes, if any, must be in Times new Roman font size 12 with line spacing of 1.5.

6.12. Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.

6.13. The memorials should not be covered with a plastic cover or be spiral bound or combed bound. They should either be stitched or stapled properly. Use of butter paper, plastic sheets, spiral binding etc. is strictly prohibited.

6.14. The Memorial shall consist of the following parts:

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- List of abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

6.15. The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. The Index must indicate the page number(s) of the Memorial in which the authority is cited.

6.16. The Statement of Facts shall not exceed two pages. Violation of this rule shall attract a penalty of two marks per each exceeded page.

6.17. The Summary of Arguments shall not exceed two pages. Violation of this rule shall attract a penalty of two marks per each exceeded page.

6.18. The Arguments Advanced shall not exceed 15 pages in any case. Violation of this rule shall attract a penalty of two marks per each exceeded page.

6.19. Identity of the team must not be revealed/ disclosed in any manner in the memorials.

6.20. Teams are not required to follow any specific citation method. A uniform citation method should be followed. The citations should be distinguishable and understandable.

6.21. No amendments can be made after the submission of the soft copy of the memorial.

6.22. Soft and hard copy of the memorials shall be identical. Modifications/additions/alterations shall attract penalty / disqualification.

6.23. Memorials of one side shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of Fact and Law.....20 Marks
- Proper and Articulate Analysis..... 20 Marks
- Extent of Use of Research.....20 Marks
- Clarity and Organisation.....20 Marks
- Style, Grammar and Citation of Sources.....20 Marks

6.24. The scoring of the memorial of one side shall be done as per the following scheme:

- Excellent: 18 - 20 points.
- Good: 16 - <18 points.
- Fair: 14 - <16 points.
- Average: 12- <14 points.
- Poor: 10- <12 points.

6.25. Penalties shall be deducted from each of the Memorials after the each such memorial has been evaluated.

6.26. The Memorial Score of a team shall be calculated by taking the average of the score obtained in respect of the memorials for the two sides.

7. ORAL ARGUMENT ROUNDS

7.1. There shall be two Preliminary Rounds, a Semi Final and a Final.

7.2. The oral submission of an individual speaker will be judged on the following grounds:

- Knowledge of law.
- Use of authorities.
- Interpretation of facts and appreciation of principles of evidence.
- Ingenuity and persuasiveness.
- Style, poise and court mannerisms.

7.3. The judges are expected to score the oral submissions of an individual speaker keeping in mind the following criteria:

- Excellent: 18 - 20 points.
- Good: 16 - <18 points.
- Fair: 14 - <16 points.
- Average: 10 - <14 points.
- Poor: < 10 points.

7.4. A Judge shall adjudge each speaker for a total of 100 marks.

7.5. Teams shall not reveal the name of their institutions or the names of the participants in the course of the Oral Arguments.

7.6. On February 26, 2016 the teams will be allotted a Team Code and each participant in a team will be allotted a Participant Code .

7.7. A team shall be identified only by the Team Code and the participants shall be identified only by their Participant Codes.

8. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

8.1. Draw of lots for preliminary rounds will be conducted on February 26, 2016.

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

8.3. Return of the other side's memorial immediately after the round to the Court-clerks is compulsory.

8.4. Preliminary rounds will be held on February 27, 2016.

8.5. The Preliminary Rounds shall ordinarily be judged by a panel consisting of two judges.

8.6. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team.

8.7. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.

8.8. No team shall face the same bench more than once. In the event that a team faces the same bench/judge more than once, they shall inform the organizers regarding the same before the first speaker is called upon the podium, failing which they shall forego their right to object at any later point in time.

8.9. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case.

8.10. A speaker shall not use more than 25 minutes of the total time.

8.11. 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).

8.12. In determining the winners of preliminary rounds the memorial scores will be added to the score of oral rounds.

8.13. In the preliminary round each speaker shall be judged for a total of 200 marks. The Oral Presentation of a team would therefore be marked for a total of 400 marks. The Final Score of a team in the Preliminary Round will be Oral Round Score of the team + Memorial Score of the team.

Illustration:

	Judge	Judge		Oral Round Score (Out of 400)		Memo Score (Out of 100)	Final Score (Out of 500)
Team A	1	2	Total				
Speaker 1	60	70	130				
Speaker 2	50	60	110	240		70	310

8.14. Four teams will qualify for the Semi Final rounds.

8.15. Teams with two wins in the Preliminary Rounds will go to the Semi Final Rounds. If there are *more than four teams* having two wins each, the teams with two

wins each will be ranked according to the sum of their scores in both the Preliminary Rounds [as obtained after adding the memorial score], and the top teams thus ranked will be sent to the Semi Final Rounds.

8.16. If there are *less than four teams* having two wins each, the teams having two wins each will go through to the Semi Final Rounds. For the remaining places, the teams having less than two wins each will be ranked according to the sum of their scores in both the Preliminary Rounds [as obtained after adding the memorial score], and the top teams thus ranked will be sent to the Semi Final Rounds.

8.17. The Speaker scoring maximum cumulative marks in preliminary rounds shall be declared as the Best Speaker of the Competition.

9. SEMI FINALS & FINAL

9.1. The Semi Finals will be held on February 27, 2016 and the Final shall take place on February 28, 2016.

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

9.3. Return of the other side's memorial immediately after the round to the Court-clerks is compulsory.

9.4. The Semi Final shall be a knock-out round.

9.5. The Semi Final shall ordinarily be judged by a panel consisting of two judges.

9.6. The Final shall be judged by a panel consisting of three judges.

9.7. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case.

9.8. A speaker shall not use more than 25 minutes of the total time.

9.9. 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).

9.10. Memorial scores will not be added to the overall scores in the Semi Finals and Final.

9.11. The Speaker scoring maximum marks in the Final shall be declared as the Best Speaker of the Finals.

10. DRESS CODE

10.1. The dress code for the competition is western formal. Men are required to wear a Black suit with a white shirt and a black tie. Women are required to wear a white shirt, Black trousers/skirt and a black jacket or Salwar kameez and black jacket. Gowns and bands are not permitted to be worn by the Participants in the Competition.

11. SCOUTING

11.1. Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.

11.2. Scouting by any team member shall entail instant disqualification of the team.

12. FOOD & ACCOMMODATION

12.1. Accommodation will be provided to all the teams from 6 A.M. on February 26, 2016 till 9 a.m. on February 29, 2016.

12.2. For any additional members of any team the host university will not be responsible for his/her accommodation.

12.3. Teams arriving before February 26, 2016 (6 a.m.) and staying after February 29, 2016 (9 a.m.) will have to arrange for their accommodation themselves.

12.4. Organisers shall arrange for pick-up from nearest bus station / railway station / airport on request and on receipt of advance travel schedule. No conveyance shall be provided under any circumstance for dropping any team to the bus station / railway station / airport. If the members of a team arrive separately the pick-up facility shall be made available only once for the team.

12.5. Conveyance will be provided to all the teams to and from the venue of the competition to the place of accommodation.

12.6. Food shall be provided from the evening tea of February 26, 2016 till the lunch of February 28, 2016.

13. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

13.1. Clarifications to the moot proposition must be sought before 11:59 P.M. on February 10, 2016 e-mailing to nualsmaritimemoot@gmail.com

14. IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Mr. Jacob Joseph, Faculty Advisor, MCS, NUALS – Mobile: +91 9847970233.
- Ms. Sherin Susy Paul, Secretary, MCS, NUALS - +91 8281804842

15. AWARDS

- Winners – Cash Prize of Rs. 25,000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- Runner-up – Cash Prize of rs. 15,000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- Best Memorial – Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- Best Speaker of the Competition – Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000/- + Trophy + Certificate

- Best Speaker of Finals – Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000/- + Trophy + Certificate

16. COPYRIGHT

16.1. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS).

16.2. 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.

16.3. Further use and exhibition of the materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS) and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

17. DISCLAIMER

17.1. 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.

18. MISCELLANEOUS

18.1. No audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the Core-Committee, the Panel before which the team is scheduled to present and the

opposing team. The Core-Committee reserves all rights to audio and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any oral round or part thereof.

18.2. All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession. The Organising Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

18.3. The decision of the Organising Committee as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding.

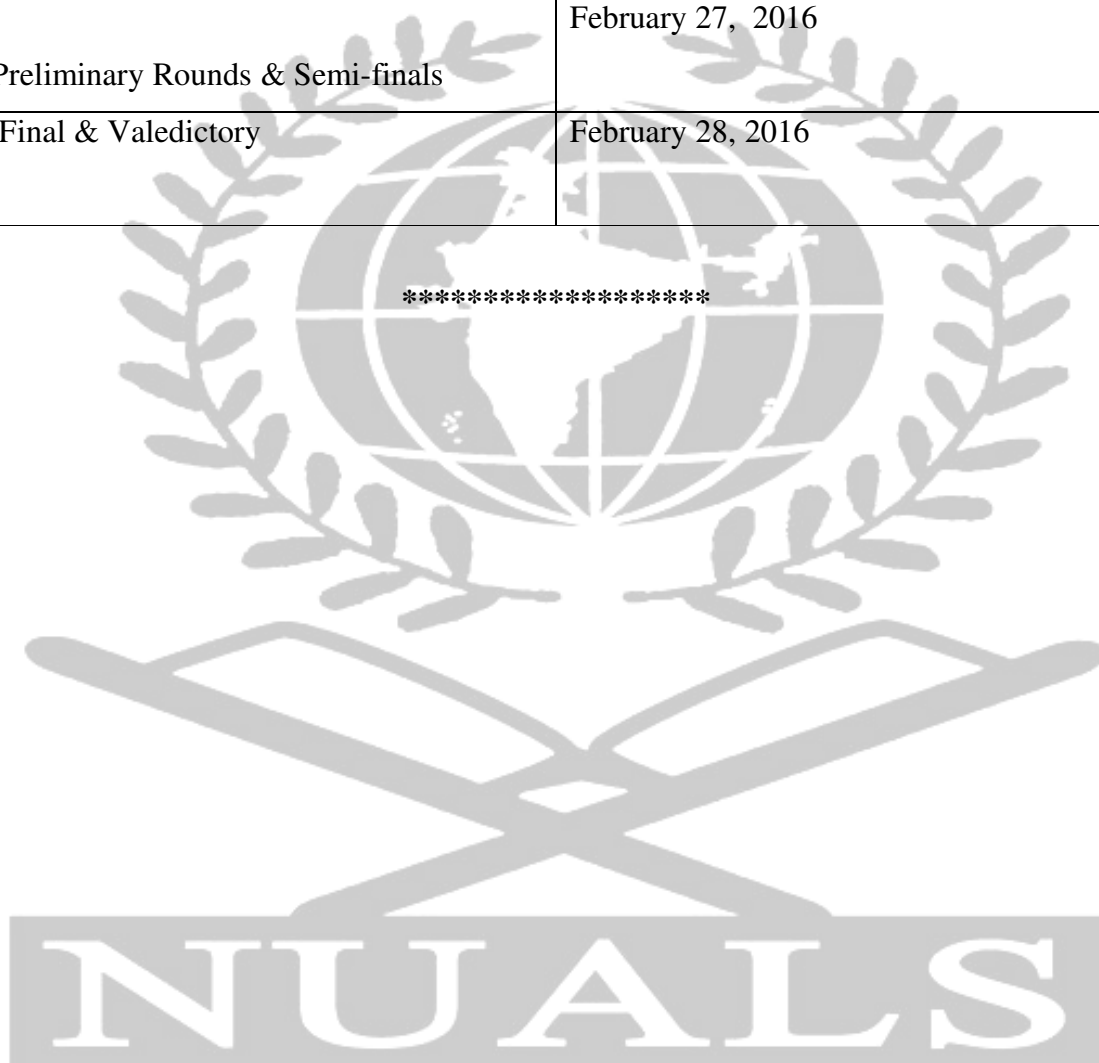
18.4. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the Organising Committee on the same shall be final and binding.

18.5. The Organising Committee reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

Last Date for receiving Scanned Copy of Provisional Registration Form & Scanned Copy of Demand Draft (By E-mail)	11:59 P.M. on February 5, 2016
Last date to e-mail requests for clarifications to the moot proposition	11:59 P.M. on February 10, 2016.
Last Date for receiving the Scanned Copy of Final Registration Form (Form With Team Details)	11:59 P.M. on February 12, 2016
Last Date for receiving the hard copy of the Provisional Registration Form, Final Registration Form (Form With Team	11:59 P.M. on February 16, 2016

Details) and Hard Copy of Demand Draft	
Last Date for receipt of Soft Copy of Memorials	11:59 P.M. on February 23, 2016
Registration, Submission of Six Copies Each of the Memorials, Allotment of Team Codes, Orientation, Draw of Lots	4 P.M.; February 26, 2016
Preliminary Rounds & Semi-finals	February 27, 2016
Final & Valedictory	February 28, 2016



ANNEXURE – 1



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PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION FORM

Name of the Institution:.....

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Postal Address:.....

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Telephone (Landline):.....E-mail:.....

Name of Faculty-in-charge:.....

Mobile No. of Faculty-in-charge:.....

E-mail of Faculty-in-charge:.....

E-mail of Moot Court Association/Society:.....

Details of Demand Draft

Demand Draft No:

Date:

Drawn On:

I certify that a team representing the

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.....(Name of Institution) will be participating in the 3rd
NUALS National Moot Court Competition on Maritime Law.

Signature of the Head of the Institution / Faculty –in-charge

Seal of the Institution

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ANNEXURE – 2

Photograph
(Attested by the
Head of the
Institution / Faculty-
in-charge)



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FINAL REGISTRATION FORM

(USE COPIES OF THIS FORM FOR THE THREE PARTICIPANTS)

Name of the Institution:

Name of the Participant:

Gender

Year of Study:

Capacity of Participation:

Mobile No:

E-mail:

Food Habit: Veg / Non-veg

Signature of the Participant: