



INSTITUTE OF LAW, JIWAJI UNIVERSITY NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION – 2016



*** RULES OF THE COMPETITION ***

1. The Oral Rounds of the INSTITUTE OF LAW, JIWAJI UNIVERSITY NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION – 2016 [**“the Competition”**] will be held from 18th to 20th of March 2016 at the Institute of Law, East Campus, Jiwaji University, Gwalior (M.P.).
2. Each team shall consist only of two speakers and one researcher. However, the researcher is optional. The members of the team must be valid undergraduate students pursuing degree from a recognized LL.B. programme. The Organizers will assign a team code to each team and its members. If an extra member is brought by the teams, he/she shall not be permitted to sit with or assist the teams during the rounds. However the member would be allowed to observe the proceedings of that particular team.
3. Two team prizes, one prize for the best memorial and individual prizes for the Best speaker will be awarded. The speakers and the researcher of every team participating in the oral rounds will be awarded certificates of participation.
4. During the oral Rounds, each team shall have to argue at least once for the Appellant and once for the Respondent.
5. The Registration Fee is Rs. 3000 (Rupees Three Thousand) only for each participating team in the competition. The mode of payment of the registration fee for the competition would be in Cheque/ Demand Draft/ NEFT. The teams will have to follow a two-step registration process in order to register themselves for the competition.

STEP ONE: Each participating team shall have to send a scanned copy of the duly filled in registration form along with the details of the Cheque/Demand Draft/ NEFT Transaction on the email address ioljunmcc.2016@gmail.com on or before 29.02.2016. The subject of the email shall bear “Registration Form for IOLJUNMCC-2016”. The Cheque/Demand Draft shall be in the favour of “VIKAS PARASHAR” payable at Gwalior. The details for NEFT are as follows:

BANK: Corporation Bank.
BRANCH: Phalke Bazaar Branch.
ACCOUNT NO: 034402101004044.
IFSC CODE: CORP0000344.

STEP TWO: The hard copy of the Registration Form, Travel Plan and the original Cheque/ Demand Draft shall be sent to the Organizers on or before 03.03.2016. The envelope shall have “Registration Form for IOLJUNMCC-2016” super scribed on it at the top. The postal address is as under –

**THE COORDINATOR,
 MOOT COURT COMMITTEE, INSTITUTE OF LAW
 EAST CAMPUS, JIWAJI UNIVERSITY,
 GWALIOR (M.P.) - 474011**

6. The Registration Forms will have to be submitted with all material particulars by the teams.

NOTE: Please note that incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted. Upon successful completion of the Registration Form, the teams will be acknowledged by the Organizers within 07 (seven) days informing them of their successful Registration in the competition.

7. The teams successfully registering as aforesaid will be provided a Unique Team Code [**“UTC”**] which will be mentioned through email from the Organizers informing the team of their successful registration in the competition. The email will be sent on the email address provided by the teams in the contact details forming part of the Registration Form.
8. Once the teams have been provided with the UTC, the said code will have to be mentioned by the teams in all future communication(s) with the Organizers. Please note that apart from the UTC, **the names of the participants or their College or University shall not be mentioned anywhere in any communication(s) addressed to the Organizers.**
9. Please note that only **One (1)** team can register from a particular College or University in the competition. However, more than one team would be allowed from a University/College/Institution if the teams are from two or more different courses i.e. a 5 year LL.B programme and a 3 year LL.B. programme or any other equivalent LL.B programme.
10. A total of 32 teams would be allowed to participate in the oral rounds of the competition. Out of which, a minimum of two teams would be reserved from Gwalior. The qualification of the rest 30 teams would be subjected to the checking of the memorials submitted by the participating teams. However, if there are less than 30 teams in total, then all the teams would be considered as qualified for the competition.
11. The list of the qualifying teams for the oral rounds of the competition shall be corresponded by email to every participating team and the same could also be checked on the website of the Institute of Law, Jiwaji University, Gwalior (M.P.) (http://www.jiwaji.edu/school_of_studies_law.asp).

12. **Memorials:**

- Teams may raise grounds of challenge other than those indicated in the Moot Proposition.
- Each team shall have to send the soft copies of the memorials to the organizers with the subject **“MEMORIALS FOR THE IOLJUNMCC-2016”** on the official email address of the competition i.e. ioljunmcc.2016@gmail.com no later than 11:59pm [Indian Standard Time] on 05.03.2016.
- Also **5 (Five)** hard copies each of the **Memorial** for the **Appellant** and the **Respondents** shall be sent either by post or submitted in person, no later than 4:00pm [Indian Standard Time] on 08.03.2016 on the address mentioned in clause (7).
- The envelope shall bear **“MEMORIALS FOR THE IOLJUNMCC-2016”** super scribed on the top. The Organizers will not be responsible for the non-receipt of the copies of the memorials. Teams are requested to ensure that the copies are sent well in time and are in the stated format.
- Memorials submitted after 4:00pm [IST] on 08.03.2016 will incur a deduction of **2 marks** for each day of delay, with the first deduction being made at 4:01pm [IST] on 08.03.2016. It is made clear that such deduction would be made from both the memorial scores of the Appellant and Respondent.
- In case of any difference in the soft copies and the hard copies of the memorials, the teams shall incur a deduction of **5 marks** each from the scores of the memorials for the Appellant and Respondent.

- Memorials submitted after 4:00pm [Indian Standard Time] on 10.03.2016 shall not be accepted and the team shall stand disqualified.
- **The teams shall mention their UTC in the Memorials which are submitted to the Organizers. The names of the participants or their College or University shall not be mentioned anywhere in the Email or the Memorials.**
- It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that the correct number of copies of the memorials are submitted to the Organizers and acknowledgement obtained.
- All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements and a team will attract negative marking for failure to keep within the limitations as described below :
 - i) Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper in black ink and must be neatly bound. No plastic sheets/dividers/binding should be used in between of the memorials.
 - ii) The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with double line spacing and the font-size of footnotes, if any, must be of font Times New Roman, size 10. A uniform method of citation of authorities must be followed.
 - iii) Each page must have a margin of at least one inch on all sides.
 - iv) The Memorial should not exceed 35 typed pages (excluding the Cover Page) and shall at least consist of the following parts :
 - Cover Page – [blue for appellant and red for respondent]
 - Table of Contents
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Issues
 - Written Pleadings
 - Prayer

NOTE: There will be a deduction of 1.0 mark for each page exceeding the 35 page limit, and a deduction of 0.50 marks for each objective error, i.e. non-adherence to the rules set out hereinabove. This negative marking (along with the negative marking for delayed submission) shall be deducted once from the total memorial scores obtained by each team.

13. Relevant articles/materials/references/case-laws may be provided as a supplementary volume to the Memorial each for the Appellant and Respondent, which must also be submitted with the Memorial. The supplementary volume, if any, must also be neatly bound and colour coded, like the Memorial, and **must not** contain any reference to the names of the participants or College or University or Law School. The supplementary volume cannot exceed 300 pages. Copies of **articles/materials/references/case-laws which are not referred to in the memorials may not be relied upon at the time of oral arguments.** No team would be allowed to pass any slips/chits/additional material to the judges while presenting their oral arguments. Teams will **NOT** be marked on the supplementary volume, if any, while judging their Memorials.

14. Scoring of Memorials:

The memorials shall be checked by a panel of three judges. Each judge shall score each memorial out of 20 marks,

and the average of 3 scores shall be announced by the Organizers on 20.03.2016 and the same shall be put up on the website after the event. The ranking of teams shall be on the basis of the average of their scores for the Appellant and Respondent Memorials (after appropriate deductions, if any).

The scoring criteria for memorials shall be as follows:

Application of Facts	25 %
Reasoning	25 %
Use of Authorities and Precedents	20 %
Understanding Law and Procedure	15 %
Presentation	15 %

15. All queries relating to the moot proposition/marks etc. may be directed vide email to ioljunmcc.2016@gmail.com.

16. Oral Arguments:

- The language of the Competition shall be English only.
- Each team would be given **25 minutes** to present their oral arguments, subject to a maximum of **15 minutes** per Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds, Octa Finals and Quarter Finals. This shall include the pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable. For the Semi Finals and Final Rounds, each team would get **35 minutes** each, subject to a maximum of **20 minutes** per Speaker.
- Judges may, at their discretion, extend oral argument time upto a maximum of 5 minutes per team.
- Rebuttal would be allowed only to the Appellant. The Appellant will have to specify the length of time they want to set aside for rebuttal, before beginning their oral arguments which could be from **2-5 minutes**.

17. Comprehensive Scoring Criteria for:

Memorial	20 %
Response to questions and Articulations	20 %
Use of Authorities and Precedents	20 %
Reasoning in the Application of Principles	20 %
Application of Facts	10 %
Advocacy skills, Court Craft and Demeanour	10 %

NOTE: The marks allotted for "Reasoning in the Application of Principles" shall be awarded to teams which demonstrate as to why a principle of law derived from precedent or otherwise is well-founded and desirable.

18. There would be a selection of top 32 teams for the oral rounds. The teams shall be selected on the basis of merit in order to confirm their qualification for the Octafinal Round.

19. All the rounds from the Octafinal Round onwards shall be knock out rounds.

20. The Octafinal Round shall be succeeded by the Quarterfinal, the Semifinal Round and the Final Round.

21. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 5 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the other team present in the Court Room.
22. Participants shall use only their “UTC” for identification purposes. No electronic device, including (but not limited to), laptops, tablet computers, mobile phones etc. may be used by any member of the teams during the course of the round, including when the opposite team is addressing its arguments. Teams are therefore advised to ensure that the delivery of their oral arguments is not dependent on electronic devices.
23. Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the organizers immediately, without disturbing the round in progress. Any team found scouting will be disqualified.
24. **Any reference to the identity of a team’s College/Institution/Law School or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial may lead to disqualification of the team.**
25. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/queries/grievances. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final. These Rules are not exhaustive.
