



**ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW NATIONAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION - 2017**





INVITATION
CHECKMATE-2017



The Army Institute of Law, as a part of its endeavor for providing and facilitating its support to the student community of the Country takes immense pleasure in announcing the 7th Edition of its National Moot Court Competition, “Checkmate 2017”. The event this year will be held from 3rd – 5th March 2017.

The previous editions of Checkmate National Moot Court Competition have proved to be an enriching experience for 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 6th Edition of this competition saw the participation of 36 teams.

The rules and the registration form have been attached herewith. We look forward to receiving a positive response from your Institution. Kindly confirm your participation via provisional registration by 20th January 2017.

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

Warm Regards,

Moot Court Society,

Army Institute of Law

e-mail:mcs@ail.ac.in



SCHEDULE
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1. **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION:** 20TH JANUARY 2017
2. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION (SOFT COPY)** (ALONG WITH A DD FOR RS. 4500/-):

27TH JANUARY 2017.
3. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION (HARD COPY)** (ALONG WITH A DD FOR RS. 4500/-):

21ST FEBRUARY 2017.
4. **DEADLINE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS TO PROPOSITION:** 1ST FEBRUARY 2017.
5. **RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS:** 6TH FEBRUARY 2017.
6. **DEADLINE FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION:**

SOFT COPY – 15TH FEBRUARY 2017.

HARD COPY – 21ST FEBRUARY 2017.
7. **ORAL ROUNDS:** 4TH MARCH 2017 – 5TH MARCH 2017.
8. **REGISTRATION & MEMORIAL EXCHANGE:** 3RD MARCH 2017 (1400HRS ONWARDS).
9. **PRELIM I, PRELIM II, QUARTERS:** 4TH MARCH 2017.
10. **SEMI – FINALS & FINAL:** 5TH MARCH 2017.



RULES
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1. GENERAL

1.1 DATES AND VENUE:

Checkmate 2017 – 7th edition of AIL National Moot Court Competition will be held from 3rd – 5th March, 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 LL.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 either three members (two Speakers and one Researcher) or two members (two Speakers) only.

Note - No observer/teacher is allowed to accompany the Team.

- (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 Registration (First-cum-first -serve basis).
- (b) The teams should register through e-mail by sending a mail to mcs@ail.ac.in(with subject Moot Court Registration Checkmate 2017) by 20th January 2017.
- (c) The hard copy of the registration form along with the demand draft of Rs. 4500/- INR on or before 21st February 2017 drawn in the name of Registrar, Army Institute of Law, Mohali, payable in Mohali.
- (d) The Registration forms shall be sent to:

THE CONVENOR, CHECKMATE 2017

ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW,

SECTOR 68, MOHALI, PUNJAB - 160062.

- (e) No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted unless the same has been communicated to the organizers a week prior to the event.
- (f) No certificates shall be provided at the time of the Registration or during the competition. The same shall be provided only after the Valedictory Ceremony. No certificates shall be couriered.

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 separate accommodation will be provided for girls and boys. The accommodation will be provided from 2nd March 2017, post 1400 Hrs to 6th March 2017 before 1300 Hrs.

Note- The participants are requested to make their own arrangements for Transportation.

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.
- C. All participating teams shall submit 6 sets of written memorials (6 Petitioners and 6 Respondent memorials). The Cover Page of the memorials for the Prosecution shall be in **Blue** and the Defense 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 February 2017 on mcs@ail.ac.in by 2359Hrs.

One hard copy of each of the memorials is to reach the organizers by 21st February 2017 at the aforementioned address.

- D. Late submissions will result in 1 point penalty per team per day.
- E. The written memorials shall conform to the below 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.

F. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:

- **Cover Page**
- **Table of Contents**
- **Index of Authorities**
- **Statement of Jurisdiction**
- **Statement of Facts (Argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)**
- **Questions of Law**
- **Summary of Arguments**
- **Arguments Advanced Prayer Appendix (Optional)**
- **Exhibits (Optional)**

MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS

1. Knowledge of facts and law (30)
2. Extent and use of research and citations (30)
3. Clarity and Organization (30)
4. Grammar and style (10)

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

THE COVER PAGE OF THE MEMORIALS MUST STATE THE FOLLOWING:

The Case Title

Identity of brief as Prosecution or Defense

The identity of the Institution or the members shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial.

Violations of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The decision of the organizers will be final. The hard copies must be exact print outs of the soft copies. Non-

compliance with this rule would entail disqualification.

The memorial would be assessed only for the preliminary rounds for the selection of the best and the second best memorial.

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 3rd March 2017, and the teams are requested to report latest by 1400HRS. MCS retains the right to choose (Team Code) if the team is not present during registration and draw of lots.

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

c. Speaker 1 and Speaker 2 to remain the same throughout the Competition.

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

e. Preliminary rounds will be held on 4th March 2017.

f. 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.

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

h. The Best Advocate and the 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 4th March 2017.

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 points will move into the Quarter Final Rounds.

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

C. SEMI FINALS AND FINAL ROUND

The Semi-Finals and Finals will be knockout rounds.

Semi- Finals and Finals will be held on 5th March 2017.

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 ROUNDS AND FINAL ROUND

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 ALLOTTED

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 ORAL ROUNDS

1. Knowledge of facts and law (30)
2. Extent and use of research and citations (30)
3. Clarity and Organization (20)
4. Court craft and reverence to the Bench (20)

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. 45,000
Runner – up	Rs. 30,000
Best Memorial Award	Rs. 25,000
Second Best Memorial Award	Rs. 15,000
Advocate of the Year	Rs. 15,000
Second Best Advocate of the Year	Rs. 10,000

* All the winners/Participants Certificates after the Valedictory Ceremony only. No certificates shall be sent by courier or post.

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 organizers. 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.



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:** _____

c. **Gender:** _____

4. Name of Counsel II : _____

a. **Phone No./E-mail:** _____

b. **Class:** _____

c. **Gender:** _____

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

a. **Phone No./E-mail:** _____

b. **Class:** _____

c. **Gender:** _____

6. Whether accommodation is required and for how many: _____

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** _____

The Registration fee of Rs. 4500/- includes the following:

- Accommodation for all days of the competition
- All meals during all days of the competition
- One Research *ID* per team
- Free Wi-Fi



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 _____

MOOT COURT MEMBERS CHECKMATE 2017

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