



# **C**HECKMATE



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**ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW NATIONAL MOOT**

**COURT COMPETITION- 2019**

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**INVITATION**  
**CHECKMATE-2019**



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 9<sup>th</sup> edition of its National Moot Court Competition, “Checkmate 2019”. The event this year will be held from 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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 immensely to its previous successful chapters leading to increased participation every year since its inception. The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of this competition saw the participation of 40 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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

In case of any queries regarding the competition, you may write to us at [mcs@ail.ac.in](mailto:mcs@ail.ac.in)

Warm Regards

Moot Court Society

Army Institute of Law

**Email: [mcs@ail.ac.in](mailto:mcs@ail.ac.in)**



**SCHEDULE**  
**CHECKMATE-2019**



1. **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION:** 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018
2. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FORM:** 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018
3. **DEADLINE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS TO PROPOSITION:** 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
2018
4. **RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS:** 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018
5. **DEADLINE FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION:**  
  
SOFT COPY – 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019  
  
HARD COPY– 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019
6. **ORAL ROUNDS:** 18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019
7. **REGISTRATION, MEMORIAL EXCHANGE:** 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019
8. **PRELIM I, PRELIM II, QUARTERS:** 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019
9. **SEMI – FINALS & FINAL:** 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019
10. **VALEDICTORY CEREMONY:** 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019



**RULES**  
**CHECKMATE-2019**



**1. GENERAL**

**1.1. DATES AND VENUE:**

The Checkmate 2019 - Army Institute of Law National Moot Court Competition will be held from 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at the Army Institute of Law, Sector 68, Mohali, Punjab.

**1.2. TEAM PREREQUISITES:**

- a. 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 or fourth member is allowed to accompany the team.**

**Note- It is mandatory for all participants to carry with them, their photo identity cards issued by their respective colleges. The moot court society retains the right to check these at any time during the competition**

- b. The language for the Competition shall be English only.
- c. Participation is restricted to bona-fide law students either enrolled in the 3-year LL.B course or the 5-year integrated law course.
- d. The oral rounds shall comprise of:
- Preliminary Rounds (two)
  - Quarter- Final Rounds
  - Semi- Final Rounds
  - Final Round

**1.3. REGISTRATION**

- a. The teams should provisionally register through e-mail by sending a mail to [mcs@ail.ac.in](mailto:mcs@ail.ac.in) (with subject Moot Court Registration Checkmate 2019) by 7<sup>th</sup>

December 2018.

- b. The scanned copy of the registration form along with the receipt of payment of Rs. 5000/- INR paid using :-  
<https://www.onlinesbi.com/prelogin/suvidhaparamdisplay.htm> should be sent on or before 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 via email to [mcs@ail.ac.in](mailto:mcs@ail.ac.in).
- c. 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 in exceptional circumstances only after due proof has been attached by the participating college.
- d. 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 on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019. No Certificates shall be couriered/ posted.

#### **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 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 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, after 1400 Hrs to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 till 1000 Hrs.

**Note- No Transportation facility shall be provided to any of the teams.**

## **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 Petitioner shall be in **Blue** and the Respondent shall be in **Red**.

**Note: In case the contents of the soft copy and the hard copy of the memorials**

**are found to be different, the team shall be disqualified.**

d) 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at [mcs@ail.ac.in](mailto:mcs@ail.ac.in) by 11:59 p.m.

e) One hard copy of each of the memorials is to reach the organizers by 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 addressed to :-

**Dr. Bajirao Rajwade**

**Faculty in charge (AIL-MCS)**

**Army Institute of Law**

**Sector 68**

**Mohali, Punjab (160062)**

f) Late submissions will result in 1 point penalty per team per day per side.

g) The written memorials shall conform to the standards mentioned below:

i. Written submissions shall be printed **on both sides** on white standard A4 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 arguments with appropriate citations shall be contained in the pleadings. The teams shall follow the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bluebook mode of citation. The Pleadings (Arguments Advanced) shall not exceed 20 pages.

h) The memorials 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)

## **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.

## **2.2. THE COVER PAGE OF THE MEMORIALS MUST STATE THE FOLLOWING:**

- The Case Title
- Identity of brief as Petitioner or Respondent

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

**Violation of this provision shall result in 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.

### **3.1. PRELIMINARY ROUND**

- a. Registration, Orientation and Draw of Lots will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019, and the teams are requested to kindly report latest by 1430 Hrs. MCS retains the right to draw on behalf of the team if the team is not present during registration.
- b. There will be two preliminary rounds of argument per team, once as Petitioner and other as Respondent.
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- f. Top eight teams will qualify for the Quarter-Final rounds. The qualification to the Quarter-Finals will be based on:
  - i. Marks in the preliminary rounds.
  - ii. In case of a tie in marks, team with more number of wins in preliminary rounds will qualify for the quarter finals.
  - iii. Further, in case of a tie in marks as well as in number of wins, memorial marks of two teams will be considered.
  - iv. In the exceptional case of a tie in all of the above the qualification of team will be based on draw of lots.
- g. Memorials must be returned to the court clerks without any markings, immediately after the conclusion of the rounds.
- h. The Best Advocate and the Second-Best Advocate will be decided on the basis of the scores of the Preliminary rounds only.

### **3.2. QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS**

- a. The Quarter Final Rounds would also take place on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- b. The teams will be provided with their opponent's memorial after the declaration of preliminary results and the draw of lots for the Quarter Final Rounds
- c. Quarter Final Rounds will be knockout rounds.

### **3.3. SEMI FINALS AND FINAL ROUND**

- a. The Semi-Finals will be knockout rounds only for the purpose of qualification to the Final round.
- b. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> best teams will be decided out of the teams which have not qualified for the Final Round. This will be decided on the basis of the marks awarded in the Semi-Final round.
- c. Semi- Finals and Finals will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**NOTE: All the Participants will get participation certificates post the Valedictory Ceremony. No Certificates shall be couriered / posted after the event.**

### **3.4. 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. One speaker shall not use more than 25 minutes of the total time.

#### **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, badges, patches, or pins) or carrying material (such as books with a college logo or college seal etc.)

#### **E. MARKING CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS**

- a. Knowledge of law and its application to facts (45 points)
- b. Research content of arguments and ability to answer questions (35 points)
- c. Mannerism, reverence to the court and time management (20 points)

### **3.5. SCOUTING**

- a. Teams will not be allowed to observe the Preliminary rounds or Quarter Final rounds. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- b. Any team can file a written complaint with the Organizers, regarding a case of

scouting. The decision of the Organizers 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.

#### **4. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **4.1. GENERAL ETIQUETTE:**

- a. The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organizers. Deference to the Judges of the Moot Court Competition is expected to be maintained within the Court room as well as the college premises.
- b. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.

##### **4.2. DELAYS IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION**

- a. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 5 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.
- b. During the announcement of results for the next round if the team qualifying for the next round is absent, then the team which is next in merit will automatically qualify.

##### **4.3. 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.

##### **4.4. 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 any time before and/or during the competition.

- 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.

**5. STUDENT CONVENORS FOR THE MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**CHECKMATE-2019**



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

1. Name & Address of Participating College/University :

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2. Contact Number of College: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM DETAILS:**

3. Name of Counsel I: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Counsel II: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name of Asst. Counsel (Researcher): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

Transaction ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of payment: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TO CARRY WITH THEM, THEIR PHOTO IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEGES. THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY RETAINS THE RIGHT TO CHECK THESE AT ANY TIME DURING THE COMPETITION.**



**TRAVEL FORM**  
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**Name & address of Participating College/ University:**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_