

GENERAL

The participation in the Competition shall be restricted to 16 teams only. The first 16 teams that confirm and complete the registration formalities shall be entitled to participate in the competition.

I. DATE AND VENUE

i. The 1st Institute Of Law, National Mock Trial Competition, 2019 shall be organized by Institute Of Law, Jiwaji University, Gwalior from 15th to 17th March, 2019. [ii]. The Competition shall be organized at the Institute Of Law, East Campus, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, MP

AI. AIM AND PURPOSE

The aim of the Institute Of Law National Mock Trial Competition, 2019 is to develop trial advocacy skills among law students as well as providing a practical approach to the legal profession.

BI. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- i] Competition is open for students currently pursuing their bachelor's degree in law either from a 3 Year LL.B. Programme or a 5 Year LL.B. Programme. Only at max. **Two** teams are allowed from each law school to participate in this Competition.
- ii]. Each team shall consist of a maximum of 2 speakers and 2 witnesses. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. iii. There will be 2 speakers and 2 witnesses from each team. It must be noted that the team may have 2 different sets of speakers for each side. The team shall notify such an arrangement before the commencement of the rounds to the court officers. Thereafter, no rearrangement of the position of the team members will be permitted during any stage of the competition. iv. The rest of the witnesses to the participating teams shall be provided by the Institution itself.
- iii] Witnesses will get a participation certificate in the competition.

IV. LANGUAGE

The official language of the Competition shall be English. Use of vernacular language during the said competition is prohibited by the participants. Only the witnesses will be at liberty to speak either in Hindi or in English.

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V. REGISTRATION

i. Registration of teams shall be on first come first served basis. The first 16 teams registered will be entitled to participate in the Competition. ii. The Registration Fee for the 1st Institute Of Law National Mock Trial Competition, 2019 is Rs.4000/- payable by NEFT in favour of :

A/C HOLDER NAME : OJAS CHOPRA.

A/C No. – 35313163698

IFSC Code - SBIN0030417

iii. Each participating team is required to send a copy of the payment receipt and Registration Form via email to ioljunmtc@gmail.com latest by 28 February, 2019, with the subject of such an email compulsorily being “ **Final Registration for IOLJUNMTC - 2019**” .

iv. Hard copy of the registration form shall reach on or before 5:00 pm by 2nd March, 2019 , on the address :

The HOD, Institute Of Law, East Campus Jiwaji University, Gwalior, MP, 474011.

Note: You will receive an acknowledgement mail on receipt of your fees in the respective account. We will not be responsible in case your email is missed if your email did not bear the given subject. iv. The participating teams are required to send the hard copy of the Registration Form, Bank Receipt and Travel Form latest by 2nd March to The Institute Of Law, East Campus, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, MP, Pin-474006

VI. TEAM CODE

i. Upon confirmation of participation, each team will be allotted a “ Team Code” . The said Code will have to be used in all future communications between the participants and the organisers. ii. The teams shall refer to themselves during the competition using this code only. They shall not disclose their identity to anybody except as and when a member of the Organising Committee demands. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

VII. DRESS CODE

The Dress Code for the participants shall be Advocates’ attire (including neckband and gown).

The Dress Code for the witnesses will be decent formal.

VIII. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROBLEM

Any team wishing to make any clarification(s) to the problem may do so by sending an email to ioljunmtc@gmail.com latest by 2nd March 2019 with the subject of such an email compulsorily being “ Clarification for IOLJUNMTC - 2019” .

IX. ORAL ROUNDS

• There shall be two preliminary rounds which will be followed by the quarter finals, semi-finals and a final round. • Each of the speakers shall conduct either the chief or the cross-examination and deliver either the opening or closing statement. Therefore, each speaker shall compulsorily conduct an examination and deliver either the opening or closing statement. The order of speakers and the examination and statements they would present, is to be intimated by the teams before the commencement of the rounds and cannot be altered at any subsequent stage. Under no circumstance shall this be allowed, even with the permission of the bench.

A. PRELIMINARY ROUND :

i. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, one from the side of Prosecution and another from the side of the Defence. ii. Each team will face a different team in their second round of arguments. iii. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case. iv. The division of time for both Prosecution and Defence shall be as follows: • Opening statement: 5 minutes • Examination-in-chief: 12 minutes (all witnesses) • Cross examination: 20 minutes (all witnesses) • Final arguments: 8 minutes v. The final score of the teams will be calculated on the basis of their oral arguments of the two Speakers. It will be based on the total score of the teams.

B. QUARTER-FINAL :

i. The Quarter-Final Round will be a knock-out round. ii. Each team will get a total of 55 minutes to present its case. iii. The division of time for both the Prosecution and Defence shall be as follows: • Opening statement: 5 minutes • Examination-in-Chief: 15 minutes • Cross Examination: 25 minutes • Closing statement: 10 minutes iv. The criteria for computing the final scores of the teams and their subsequent qualification to the Semi-Final Round will be on the basis of oral scores only. A witness will turn hostile in the quarterfinal round from both the sides.

C. SEM-FINAL ROUND:

i. The Semi-Final Round will be a knock-out round. ii. Each team will get a total of 55 minutes to present its case. iii. The division of time for both the Prosecution and Defence shall be as follows: • Opening statement: 5 minutes • Examination-in-Chief: 15 minutes • Cross Examination: 25 minutes • Closing statement: 10 minutes iv. No additional evidence will be provided by the host institution. v. The criteria for computing the final scores of the teams and their subsequent qualification to the Final Round will be on the basis of oral scores only. A witness will turn hostile in the semifinal round from both the sides.

D. FINAL ROUND :

i. Each team will get a total of 55 minutes to present its case. ii. The division of time shall be the same as followed in the Semi-Finals. A witness will turn hostile from both the sides.

E. SCORING :

Scoring Pattern for Preliminary rounds

- The scoring pattern attempts to eliminate all forms of arbitrary scoring as well as discrepancies of lenient judges and the difference between court rooms, and include within its arbit wins and losses. The team obtaining marks in both the rounds PRE1 + PRE2 will be added up. The top 8 teams will qualify for the quarterfinals. Note: It will be only open court for only prelims as quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals are knockout rounds. Further only total marks of team will be disclosed but not the grade and not individual speaker scores.

F. QUALIFICATION:

- The total of the marks obtained will be the final score of the team The top 8 will qualify for quarters.
- It is to be noted that the marks obtained will be calculated for each round and added i.e. prelim1 + prelim2.
- In is to be noted that in case of tie, the team winning by more marks to the opposite team will qualify for the next round.
- The scoring pattern will be demonstrated in the orientation.
- The scoring pattern is final and not subject to debate. However, the organizing committee reserves the right to change/amend/alter the rules before the commencement of rounds.

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

Decisions of the judges shall be final and binding.

Decisions regarding interpretation of any of the rules shall be taken by the organizers. This decision shall be final and binding on the participants.

Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract disqualification.

Teams shall not be allowed to observe the examinations of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited and shall result in disqualification.

The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.

All the participants are expected to maintain the decorum of the court throughout the competition and are expected to maintain their conduct in a manner befitting the legal profession.

The organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances.

Any kind of reference to the identity of the participants or of their respective institutes can attract disqualification of that participant/team

Participants must carry their current College ID-cards along with them to the competition.

Video recording or taking photographs during trial is strictly prohibited.

If there arises any situation which is not contemplated by any of the abovementioned rules, the organizers' decision on the same shall be final and binding

The college reserves the right to vary, alter, modify or repeal any of the above rules, which may be without prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

X. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation shall be provided only on prior request of the teams from 12:00 pm of 15th March, 2019 to 11pm of 17th March, 2019. Teams willing to participate must mention this request in the Travel Form which has been provided.

XI. NOTE

- i. The host Institution has full right reserved to modify or cancel any rules as it deems fit to the situation at any time during the course of the Competition. The decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final in this regard.
- ii. Drinking and Smoking is strictly prohibited at the place of accommodation.
- iii. Non-compliance of this rule will lead to disqualification and the host institution can initiate action against the team found violating this rule.

XII. COMMUNICATION:

All future communication shall be in respect of the competition shall be addressed to:

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