



# **TAMIL NADU NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL**

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*PRESENTS*

**TNNLS –CCI NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

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**RULES OF PROCEDURE**

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**KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS**





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## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

These rules shall be the official rules for the TNNLS - CCI National Moot Court Competition (“the Competition”). The Moot Court Committee along with the designated Faculties-in-charge of TNNLS shall be the “Organizers”. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with these rules, and all teams and participants shall be presumed to have read and understood these rules.

### **1. Eligibility**

- a) Only students pursuing their LL.B. Degree in the 5 Year or 3 year law course are eligible to participate in the Competition.
- b) Only one team (comprising of 2 speakers and 1 researcher or 2 speakers only) from each institution shall be allowed to participate in the Competition.

### **2. Language:**

- a) The Competition Shall be Conducted in English Only.

### **3. Registration**

- a) Registration for the Competition opens on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 and shall close by 11:59 PM, **30<sup>th</sup> November**, 2017.
- b) Teams have to register by sending an e-mail to [tnnls.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:tnnls.mcc@gmail.com) with the subject as “Registration- \*Name of the Institution\*”.
- c) A Demand Draft of Rs 3,000 drawn in favour of ‘**The Registrar, Tamil Nadu National Law School**’ shall be sent to the following address:

**The Registrar,**  
**Tamil Nadu National Law School,**  
**Dindigul Main Road, Navalurkuttapattu,**  
**Srirangam, Tiruchirappalli,**  
**Tamil Nadu – 620009.**



- d) The email must contain details of the team composition, scanned copy of demand draft as well as scanned copy of the registration form.
- e) The last date for receipt of the hard copy of the Demand Draft is 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- f) A unique Team Code will be assigned to each team after the registrations for the Competition have been completed.

#### **4. Release of Problem and Clarifications**

- a) The Moot Problem released on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- b) Clarifications regarding the Moot Problem can be sought till 11:59 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017; via an email to [tnnls.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:tnnls.mcc@gmail.com) with the subject as “NMCC 2018 Clarifications”.

#### **5. Memorial Rules**

- a) Each participating team is required to prepare a memorial for each party to the dispute with the following mandatory heads
  - Cover Page- containing
    - i. The Team Code in the upper right corner of each memorial
    - ii. The name of the forum resolving the dispute
    - iii. The name of the Competition
    - iv. The Cause Title
    - v. The party for which the memorial is prepared
  - Table of Contents
  - Index of Authorities
  - Statement of Jurisdiction
  - Statement of Facts (not exceeding **2 pages**)
  - Issues Raised
  - Summary of Arguments (not exceeding **2 pages**)
  - Arguments Advanced (not exceeding **12 pages**)
  - Final Submission/Prayer (not exceeding **1 page**)



- b) The memorials should not contain any identification apart from the team code allotted. If any discrepancy or any attempt to disclose identity by any team or individual participant is noticed by the organizers, the registration of the participant shall be cancelled.
- c) **Formatting Specifications**
- Font Type: Times New Roman
  - Font Size: 12; size 10 for Footnotes alone
  - Line Spacing: 1.5; single spacing for Footnotes alone
  - Margins: 1 inch on each side.
- d) Authorities in the memorial shall be cited using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 19<sup>th</sup> Edition. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.
- e) **Deadlines for Memorial Submission**
- Soft Copy: 11:59 PM, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2017
  - Hard Copy: 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018
- f) **Format for Memorial Submission**
- Soft Copy:
    - (a) Memorial for both sides shall be sent to [tnnls.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:tnnls.mcc@gmail.com) with the subject “\*Team Code\* - Memorial Submission”.
    - (b) The Memorials shall be submitted ONLY in pdf format. Memorials submitted in Word format will be considered as not submitted.
    - (c) The Memorials (the PDF files) should be named only in the following manner: For example, T20 Respondents (Team code followed by the side)
  - Hard Copy:
    - (a) All teams must submit **five copies** of both sides of their memorials.
    - (b) The memorials must be printed on **both the sides** of the paper.
    - (b) The Cover Sheet shall be in Blue color for the Plaintiff/Petitioner Memorial and in Red color for the Defendant/Respondent Memorial.
- g) **Evaluation of Memorials**
- The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:
    - i. Knowledge, Interpretation and application of law – 25 Marks
    - ii. Framing of issue and formulation of arguments – 25 Marks



- iii. Application of facts – 25 Marks
- iv. Use of Authorities and Precedents - 15 Marks
- v. Presentation, Language and Grammar – 10 Marks

#### **h) General Rules for Memorials**

- A memorial once submitted will be considered final, and cannot be revised.
- In the scenario where any memorial is sent in late (in separate e-mails), the penalty for late submission imposed on the latter memorial will be imposed on both the memorials equally.
- The memorials shall be spiral bound.
- The memorials shall not contain any annexure, photograph, graph, diagram or any other representation of like nature.

#### **i) Penalties**

DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Failure to include all sections of the Memorials	5 marks for each section
Failure to include necessary information on the cover page of the memorandum, or use of a color on the cover page contrary to the scheme provided.	2 marks each
Disclosure of identity of the team or of institution being represented (in Memorials)	5 marks – one time penalty
Delay in submission	1 mark per hour of delay
Use of incorrect font style, font size or line spacing	1 mark per violation, maximum of 10 marks per side
Incorrect Margins	2 marks – one time penalty



Excessive length of any section of the Memorials	2 marks for 200 extra words, After that 5 marks
Plagiarism in Memorials	50 marks – one time penalty

## 6. Format of the Competition

### a) **Memorial Round**

- The Competition shall be based on the memorial elimination format. The top 24 teams scoring the highest marks shall be selected to participate in the oral rounds.

### b) **The Preliminary Rounds**

- There shall be two Preliminary Rounds to ensure that each team is given the opportunity to argue from both sides of the Moot Problem.
- The fixtures for the Preliminary Rounds shall be prepared by the Organizers. The Team codes for the preliminary rounds shall be decided by way of draw of lots.
- The time limit for oral submissions shall be 25 minutes for each team including rebuttals. Only one speaker from the team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- The scoring of the teams in the Preliminary Rounds will be based on both Memorial Scores and the Oral Round Scores. The ranking of teams in the Preliminary Rounds will be based on the average score of the team in both the Preliminary Rounds.
- If two or more teams have the same cumulative points (Memorial scores + Oral round scores), the team with the higher cumulative oral rounds scores shall be ranked higher.
- If two or more teams have the same cumulative points and also the same cumulative oral rounds marks, then the team with the higher Memorial score shall be ranked higher.

### c) **The Quarter Final Round**

- The highest ranked eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds, as determined by the Rules stated above, shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. In accordance with the



ranks ascertained above, the fixtures for the Quarter Final Rounds shall be decided by draw of lots.

- For the Quarter Final Rounds, each team shall argue once for the side allotted by draw of lots.
- The time limit for oral submissions shall be 25 minutes for each team including rebuttals. Only one speaker from the team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- The scoring of the teams in the Quarter Final Round will be based on the scores in the Oral Round only.
- The Quarter Final rounds shall be a '**Knock-out**' round, meaning that the winning team from the respective 4 court rooms shall qualify to the Semi Final Round.

**d) The Semi Final Round**

- The four teams that proceed to the Semi Final Round, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
- The time limit for oral submissions shall be 40 minutes for each team including rebuttals. Only one speaker from the team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- The scoring of the teams in the Semi Final Round will be based on the scores in the Oral Round only.
- The Semi Final Round shall be a '**Knock-out**' round, meaning that the winning team from the respective 2 court rooms shall qualify to the Final Round.

**e) The Final Round**

- The two teams that proceed to the Final Round, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
- The time limit for oral submissions shall be 40 minutes for each team including rebuttals. Only one speaker from the team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- The scoring of the teams in the Final Round will be based on the scores in the Oral Round only.
- The team which wins in the Final Round shall be declared as the 'Winning Team'. The other team shall be declared as the 'Runners-Up Team'.





## **7. Evaluation of Oral Rounds**

- a) The maximum score for each team in an Oral Round shall be 100 marks. The oral rounds shall be evaluated on the following criteria:
- i. Knowledge of Law- 25 marks
  - ii. Knowledge of Fact- 15 marks
  - iii. Language- 10 marks
  - iv. Time Management and Organization- 15 marks
  - v. Court Etiquettes- 15 marks
  - vi. Interpretation and use of Authority/ Precedents/ Statutes- 20 marks

## **8. General Rules for Oral Rounds**

- a) The language of the proceedings shall only be in English.
- b) The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the Court Clerks prior to the commencement of each Round.
- c) There will be no extension of time. If the judges are of the opinion that a certain exigency does require an extension of time, they may extend the cumulative speaking time for a team.
- d) There shall be no oral communication between team members seated on the table and the speaker making oral submissions. However, the teammates can write a note to the speaker which shall be passed on by the Court Clerk.
- e) No use of electronic gadgets shall be permitted inside the Court room.
- f) The teams shall not disclose to the judges, in any manner whatsoever, for the entire duration of the Rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent.
- g) Teams can pass on a compendium of the sources they cite in their Memorial via the Court Clerks if required.
- h) Sur-rebuttals are allowed based on the discretion of the judges.
- i) If a team scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of a round does not appear for ten (10) minutes after the scheduled commencement of such round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions ex-parte.



## **9. Awards**

- a) **Winner: Rs. 45,000/-**
- b) **Runner-up: Rs. 35,000/-**
- c) **Best Speaker: Rs. 10,000/-**
- d) **Best Memorial: Rs. 10,000/-**

## **10. Miscellaneous**

- a) If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
- b) The Moot Problem is neither intended to nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The Proposition is a fictitious factual account prepared for the purposes of the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.
- c) In case of any doubt in the understanding or interpretation of any matter concerning the Competition, the decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
- d) The Rules governing the conduct of the Competition should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties or disqualification at the sole discretion of the Organizers.
- e) The Organizers reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period of time.

## **11. Code of Conduct**

- a) Any attempt to contact the framers of the Moot Problem will result in immediate disqualification.
- b) All participants shall maintain decorum in the court hall during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- c) Scouting of a team's future opponent is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.



- d)** No team member or individual participating in the Competition shall attend the arguments of any other team or individual except for the Final Round, or receive information from any person who has attended any of the other rounds in the Competition.
- e)** The Dress Code for the participants shall be formals. Men are expected to wear Western Formals only i.e. black pant, white shirt and black shoes. Women are expected to wear either Western Formals (black formal skirt or black pants, white shirt, black formal foot wear) or Indian Formals (white kurta, black salwar/ chudidar, black formal footwear).
- f)** The Organizing Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any dispute, unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.