

4th NUSRL National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2019

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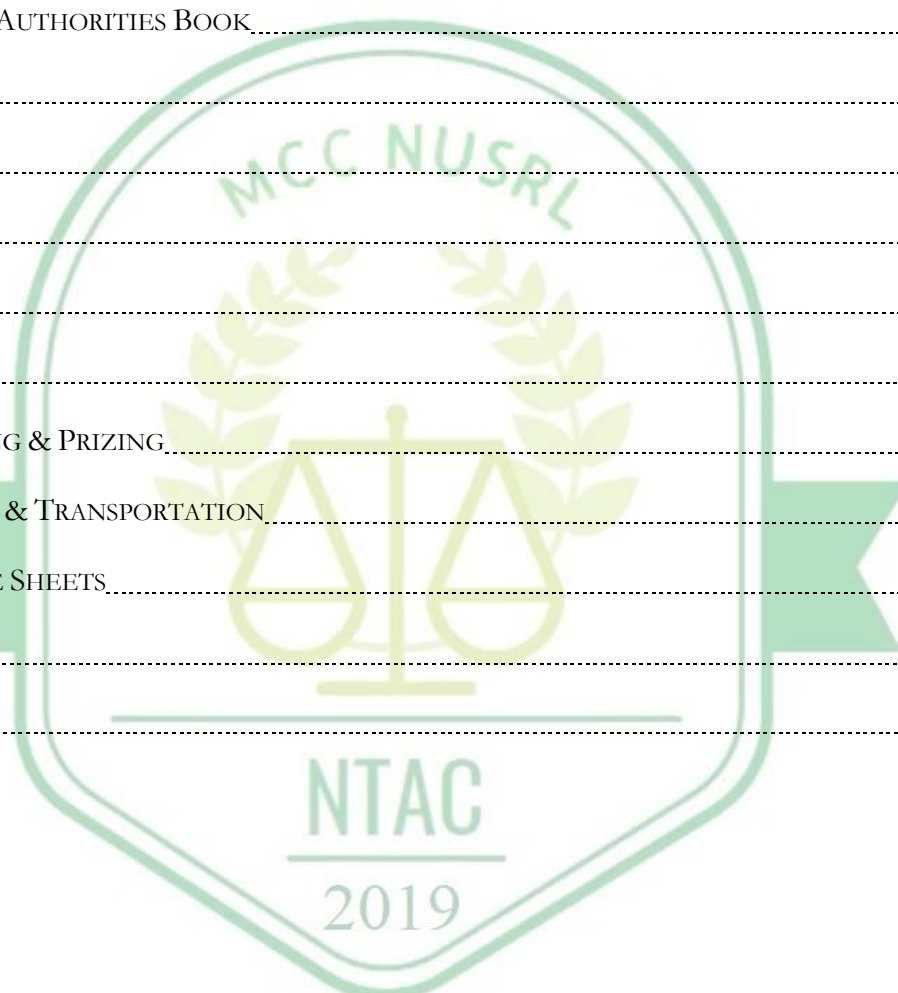
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These are the rules for the 4th NUSRL National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2019. The Rules of the Competition are subject to change. Reliance on any past Rules or practice will not in itself be an acceptable excuse for the failure to comply with the rules of the current Competition.



A. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

1. ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1. The 4th NUSRL National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as Competition) is being organized by the Moot Court Committee (hereinafter referred to as MCC) of the National University of Study & Research in Law, Ranchi (hereinafter referred to as University).
- 1.2. The Competition is to be held from September 13, 2019 to September 15, 2019 at the University.
- 1.3. Mrs. Priya Vijay, Faculty Convener, Moot Court Committee, shall act as the '*Competition Administrator*' of the competition and shall be the sole arbiter in case of any disputes arising as to the interpretation of these rules.

2. LANGUAGE OF THE COMPETITION

- 2.1. The competition shall be strictly conducted in English only and it will be the medium of communication for all purposes of the competition.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 3.1. The competition comprises of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced rounds which would include the Semi-Final Rounds and the Final Rounds.
- 3.2. Each Team would not face the same team in the preliminary rounds nor would the same bench judge the same team more than once in the preliminary rounds.

B. PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Students pursuing 3-Year LL.B. Degree Course or 5-Year Integrated LL.B. Degree Course are eligible to participate in the competition.
- 4.2. Every participating institution is allowed to send only one team.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 5.1. Each team can comprise of a maximum of 3 members and a minimum of 2 members of which two members have to compulsorily be speakers.
- 5.2. The substitution of any member is not allowed except with the prior approval of the MCC.

5.3. A team cannot have members from more than one institution.

C. REGISTRATION

6. REGISTRATION FEE

6.1. The participating teams are required to submit a registration fee of Rs. 4000/- by way of Demand Draft in the favour of “Registrar, NUSRL Ranchi” Payable at Ranchi.

7. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

7.1. The teams must first provisionally register by sending an email to the MCC at ntac@nusrlranchi.ac.in with the subject “Provisional Registration for 4th NUSRL NTAC, 2019.”

7.2. Provisional registration must be done till August 15th 2019.

7.3. Upon confirmation of the provisional Registration, the teams will be provided with a link to the registration form which has to be filled in along with which they are required to confirm their registration by sending a Scanned Copy of the Demand Draft latest by August 20th, 2019.

7.4. The hard copy of the Demand Draft must reach the University by August 30th, 2019, upon the acceptance of which the registration would be complete.

7.5. All Documents for the competition shall be sent at:

“Mrs. Priya Vijay,
Faculty Convener, Moot Court Committee National University of Study & Research in Law, Ranchi
AT: Village Nagri, Post- Bukru, Kanke- Pithoria Road, Kanke
Ranchi, Jharkhand – 834006”

D. MOOT PROBLEM

8. AUTHORSHIP OF THE MOOT PROBLEM

8.1. The problem has been drafted by a duly qualified team selected by the MCC. The identity of the author(s) of the Competition Case shall not be disclosed before the commencement of the Advanced Rounds of the Competition. Teams are not allowed to contact any individual to ascertain the author(s) of the Case and seeking assistance.

9. CLARIFICATIONS

- 9.1. Each team may make a formal request to the MCC for clarifications regarding the facts stated in the moot problem. Clarification requests should comprise of clearly stated questions concerning facts of the case. Teams are urged to not ask 'leading' questions on substantive arguments. It is at the discretion of the problem author(s) and/or MCC that clarification requests will be answered.
- 9.2. There will be one round of clarification. In each round, only one formal request for clarifications with a maximum of 3 questions may be made by a participating team via email to ntac@nusrlranchi.ac.in. The subject should only read "Clarifications".
- 9.3. The deadline for requesting clarifications will be August 25th, 2019. No requests for clarification received after the deadline will be accepted.
- 9.4. Responses to clarifications will be made available simultaneously on the official website and all participating teams will be notified by mail on or before August 28th, 2019. Such responses will be treated as an official addendum to the moot problem, to be read together with the problem.

E. CASE COMPENDIUM/AUTHORITIES BOOKLET

10. Any case law or any other relevant material which the team may wish to rely on at the time of final arguments may be submitted to the judges in the form of a compendium.
11. Such a compendium should bear a cover page containing only the team code and representation.
12. Such a compendium should not bear the name of the institution and failure to do the same shall result in immediate disqualification.
13. Such a compendium should be printed on A4 size sheets in black ink only.

F. RESEARCHER'S TEST

14. There shall be a written test, the highest scorer of which shall be awarded the "Best Researcher's Award".
15. This researcher's test is open only for the designated researcher of the participating teams.
16. Questions for such researcher's test will be framed based upon the factual circumstances of the moot problem and the principles applicable thereto.
17. The maximum score would be 100 marks.

G. ORAL PLEADINGS**18. BASIC GUIDELINES**

- 18.1. There shall be a preliminary Round followed by Advanced Rounds which would comprise of the Semi – Final Round and the Final Round.
- 18.2. Each team would appear once as Prosecution and Defense in the Preliminary Round.
- 18.3. The order of speakers is to be intimated by the teams before the commencement of the rounds and cannot be altered at any subsequent stage.

19. TIME LIMIT/ SCHEDULE OF THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

- 19.1. The total time of the Preliminary Round shall be 02 hours.
- 19.2. This time shall include the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, which will be completely based on the discretion of the judges in that particular courtroom.
- 19.3. The time division shall be done as follows:

Opening Statement On Behalf Of The Prosecution.	3 Minutes
Opening Statement On Behalf Of The Defence.	3 Minutes
Examination In Chief By Prosecution	20 Minutes
Cross Examination By Defence	25 Minutes
Examination In Chief By Defence	20 Minutes
Cross Examination By Prosecution	25 Minutes
Closing Statement By Prosecution	5 Minutes
Closing Statement By Defence	5 Minutes

- 19.4. Passing of notes to the speaker (through the court master) during the oral rounds is allowed.
- 19.5. The researcher must compulsorily be present with the team during the oral rounds.

20. TIME DIVISION / SCHEDULE FOR ADVANCED ROUNDS

- 20.1. The maximum time for the advanced rounds is 02 hours & 30 minutes.

20.2. This time shall include the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, which will be completely based on the discretion of the judges in that particular courtroom.

20.3. The time division shall be done as follows:

Opening Statement On Behalf Of The Prosecution.	5 Minutes
Opening Statement On Behalf Of The Defence.	5 Minutes
Examination In Chief By Prosecution	25 Minutes
Cross Examination By Defence	30 Minutes
Examination In Chief By Defence	25 Minutes
Cross Examination By Prosecution	30 Minutes
Closing Statement By Prosecution	7 Minutes
Closing Statement By Defence	7 Minutes

20.4. Passing of notes to the speaker (through the court master) during the oral rounds is allowed.

20.5. The researcher must compulsorily be present with the team during the oral rounds.

21. MARKING FOR ORAL ROUNDS

21.1. The Speakers shall be broadly marked upon the following parameters:

- 21.1.1. Knowledge of facts
- 21.1.2. Logic & clarity in reasoning
- 21.1.3. Court craft including persuasiveness & deference to the court
- 21.1.4. Understanding of the relevant laws including procedure & evidence
- 21.1.5. Ability to successfully conduct the examination in chief & cross examination in time
- 21.1.6. Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses
- 21.1.7. Ability to deal with unreceptive, argumentative or hostile witnesses

21.1.8. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy) & innovate

H. ROUNDS

22. Every round apart from the Preliminary Round i.e. Semi-Final Rounds and Final Rounds shall be knockout rounds.

23. Top 4 teams from Preliminary rounds shall qualify to the Semi-Final Rounds

24. In deciding the teams for the advanced rounds , the following procedure will be followed:

24.1. Teams with the highest number of wins.

24.2. In case 2 teams or more have the same number of wins, they shall be ranked by comparing the aggregate Round Points in the Preliminary Rounds.

24.3. If ties still exist, then the Competition Raw Scores of the tied teams will be compared to determine the ranking inter se.

24.4. If a tie is not resolved by the above procedure, the tie shall be broken in the following order:

24.4.1. By comparing the sum of the Average Oral Pleadings Score. The Average Oral Pleadings Score is the total points awarded to a team during the Oral Pleadings, reduced to a fraction of hundred (100).

24.4.2. By comparing only the Average Oral Pleadings Score as calculated above.

24.4.3. By comparing only the total Oral Pleadings points.

I. SCOUTING

25. Teams are not allowed to observe the Oral Rounds of any other team unless they have been officially knocked-out of the competition.

26. The researcher shall sit with their respective teams during the course of the Oral Rounds.

27. Any incident of Scouting may result in immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition.

J. ANONYMITY

28. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the course of their participation in the competition.

29. However, during the course of their Oral Rounds, the speakers may state their name along with their team code; however, any reference to Caste, Creed, Religion or Place must be restricted.
30. Teams must take special care while referring to written material, as the same should not indicate any reference to their institution.
31. Non-Compliance with this rule may result in immediate disqualification of the team.

K. COMPETITION SCORING & PRIZING

32. **Winner of the Competition** – The winning Team shall be awarded a Trophy.
33. **Second Best Team of the Competition** – The Second Best Team shall be awarded a Trophy.
34. **Best Speaker Award** – The Best Speaker Award shall be given to the Speaker having Highest Speaker Scores in the Preliminary Rounds and shall be awarded a Trophy.
35. **Best Researcher Award** – The Best Researcher with the highest researcher's test marks shall be awarded a Trophy.

L. BOARDING, LODGING & TRANSPORTATION

36. No pickup/drop facility will be provided to the teams from the station/airport to the campus. However, in exceptional cases, the teams may drop in a request with the organizers prior to their arrival or departure for the same.
37. Accommodation would be provided to the teams from 10:00 AM, September 13th, 2019 to 10:00 AM, September 16th, 2019.
38. Accommodation required for any other day (other than as mentioned above) may be given at a charge of Rs. 500/- per day per individual. (This shall include the food provided by the mess facility on campus).
39. Separate Accommodation shall be provided to Boys and Girls however suitable arrangements shall be done so that preparation for the rounds is not hampered.
40. Teams willing to stay beyond the dates will have to pay extra money in lieu of the Accommodation Facility.
41. Smoking, Drinking and consumption of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances is strictly

prohibited within the university campus. Any person found in violation of the Rule shall be immediately expelled from the Competition and may also be handed over to the relevant Law Enforcement agency for prosecution.

42. Teams can opt for accommodation outside the campus as per their convenience. However, in such a case scenario, the teams are responsible to reach the campus for the inaugural ceremony/rounds/valedictory ceremony in time. The MCC shall not be responsible for any delay.

M. INSPECTION OF SCORE SHEETS

43. Each team will be provided with the scanned copies of the Oral Rounds score sheets within 10 days of the completion of the Competition through email.
44. Irrespective of the stage of the competition, no team will be given access to score sheets concerning matches in which the said team was not involved.

N. MISCELLANEOUS

45. 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.
46. The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the Competition is:
- 46.1.1. Ladies: Black & White Courtroom dress (Indian/Western) including black gown and necktie
 - 46.1.2. Gentlemen: Black & White Courtroom dress (Western) including black gown and necktie
47. Participants shall be governed by the disciplinary rules and procedure thereof of the university for all acts done within the university premises, premises used for conduction of the competition or the accommodation.
48. 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 problem is a fictitious factual account prepared for the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.
49. 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 Competition Administrator.
50. 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 time.

51. Hard Copy Submissions shall be done only through Registered Speed Post of India Post only and No Other Courier Service is permissible for sending Hard Copies.

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