



1ST CNLU NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION ON CYBER LAW, 2019



PATNA, BIHAR

29TH – 31ST MARCH, 2019

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

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OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATES
1.	RELEASE OF PROBLEM & REGISTRATION FORM	11 TH JANUARY 2019
2.	LAST DATE OF PROVISIONAL INSTITUTIONAL REGISTRATION	1 ST FEBRUARY 2019
3.	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FORM AND DEMAND DRAFT (SOFT COPY)	5 TH FEBRUARY 2019
4.	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FORM AND DEMAND DRAFT (HARD COPY)	12 TH FEBRUARY 2019
5.	DISPATCH OF URN NUMBER	17 TH FEBRUARY 2019
6.	LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS	19 TH FEBRUARY 2019
7.	RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS	23 RD FEBRUARY 2019
8.	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF MEMO AND TRAVEL FORM	15 TH MARCH 2019
9.	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF MEMO	23 RD MARCH 2019
10.	RESEARCHER TEST	29 TH MARCH 2019
11.	ORAL ROUNDS	29 TH – 31 ST MARCH 2019

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RULE BOOK

I. DATE AND VENUE

The 1st CNLU National Moot Court Competition on Cyber Law will be held from **29th March, 2019 to 31st March, 2019** at Chanakya National Law University, Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur, Patna, Bihar, INDIA, 800001.

II. DRESS CODE

Inside the Court Room the participants shall be in Formal Wear:

- a. **Girls:** White Salwar Kurta or Black Pant/ Skirt and White Shirt with Blazer
- b. **Boys:** White Shirt, Black Trousers with tie and Black Blazers.

III. LANGUAGE

The language for the Moot Court Competition shall be English.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Only those students would be eligible to participate in the competition who are pursuing either a 3-year LL.B. or a 5-year integrated LL.B. program or its equivalent program from a recognized university.
- b. Only one team can register from a particular College or Law School for participation in the competition. In the event of multiple registrations from the same College/University/Law School, the Team which submits a letter by the Head / Dean of the Institution / Moot Court Committee, authorizing them to participate on behalf of the College or Law School shall be eligible to register.

V. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a. Each team shall consist of 3 members out of which two members must be designated as Counsel and One as Researcher. This Number cannot be modified in any case.

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- b. Teams shall specify such counsels with their orders and Researchers at the time of registration and this cannot be changed later during the time of competition.
- c. In no case the team shall consist of more or less than three participants, that is, 2 Speakers and 1 Researcher. The travelling expenses of the participants shall be met by their respective institution.

VI. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. Each team will be designated a URN no. after the registration.
- b. Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city etc.
- c. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the administrator.
- d. All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

VII. REGISTRATION

- a. There is a cap of 32 teams, which would be selected on a first-come-first-serve-basis, i.e. the first 32 teams to provisionally register itself, through its designated MCA/MCC/MCS, for the Competition by sending an email of such registration to cnlu.nmcc@gmail.com before 1st February, 2019. Only upon the confirmation of the provisional registration by the CNLU Moot Court Committee, each team shall register itself for the Competition by filling and sending a soft copy of the registration form and the Demand Draft before February 05, 2019 to the CNLU Moot Court Committee. Once the said institution's provisional registration has been confirmed, the teams are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form at the earliest possible.
- b. Upon successful provisional registration, the teams will get a confirmation from the Organizers. In the event, this email is not received by the registered team, it may contemporaneously send an email with its registration details to cnlu.nmcc@gmail.com.
- c. The Registration Forms along with the bona fide annexure (attached below) will have to be completed and submitted with all material particulars by the teams. Please note that incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted.
- d. The teams are required to send the registration fee of Rs. 4000 (Four Thousand Only) through a Demand Draft, drawn in favour of 'The Registrar, CNLU Patna, payable at Patna by 12th February, 2019. The Soft-

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Copy of the same should be sent along with the registration form to **cnlu.nmcc@gmail.com** which will confirm their registration in the competition before February 5th, 2019.

- e. The teams successfully registering online as aforesaid shall be provided a Unique Registration Number ['URN'] which will be mentioned in the email informing the team of their confirmation. The e-mail will be sent on the email address provided by the teams in the Contact details forming part of the Registration Form.
- f. Once the teams have been provided the URN, the said number will have to be mentioned by the teams in all future Communication(s) with the Organizers. **Please note that apart from the URN, the names or logos of their Colleges, Universities or Law Schools shall not be mentioned anywhere in any communication(s) addressed to the Organizers.**

VIII. REGISTRATION FEE

The Registration fees for Indian Student is **4000 INR**.

IX. ROUNDS

- a. The Rounds will be held in four stages, that is Preliminary, Quarter Final, Semi-Final and Final.
- b. The side to be represented (petitioner/respondent) shall be decided by draw of lots at different Stages during the competition
- c. Orientation and draw of lots will be on **29th March, 2019**.
- d. Top 8 teams will qualify to the quarter finals which will be held on 30th March, 2019.
- e. The qualification to the knockout stage (Quarter Finals) will be based on the win loss ratio. In case of tie, teams with the highest aggregate of scores in the preliminaries (Inclusive of Memorial) will qualify to the Quarter Finals.
- f. The teams winning in the Quarters will qualify for the Semi Finals which will be held on 31st March, 2019.
- g. The Quarter Finals and Semi Finals will be a knock round evaluated only on the oral argument.
- h. The Finals will be held on **31st March, 2019**.

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X. MEMORIALS

- a) Teams may raise grounds of challenge other than those indicated in the Statement of Facts.
- b) Each team must submit the Soft-Copy of the Memorials for the Applicant and the Respondent in both PDF and DOCX Format, no later than 11:59 pm [Indian Standard Time] on 15th March, 2019 to **cnlu.nmcc@gmail.com**. The Organizers will not be responsible for the non-receipt of the soft copies of the memorials. Teams are requested to ensure that soft copies vide e-mail are sent well in time and that the attachments can be viewed.
- c) Soft Copy of the Memorials submitted after 12:00 am [IST] on 16th March, 2019 will incur a deduction of 1 mark for each hour of delay, with the first deduction being made at 12:01 am, on 16th March, 2019. It is made clear that such deduction would be made from the Cumulative Score only once.
- d) The 32 teams qualifying shall be required to submit **six hard copies** each of the Memorial for the Appellant and the Respondent by 23rd March, 2019 addressed to **Dr. Vijay Kumar Vimal, Faculty Convener, Chanakya National Law University, Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur, Patna, Bihar, PIN: 800001**.
- e) Hard Copy of the Memorials received after 23rd March, 2019 will incur a deduction of 1 mark for each day of delay. It is made clear that such deduction would be made from the Cumulative Score only once.
- f) The teams shall mention their URN in the email by which the Memorials are sent to the organizers. The names of the participants or their colleges, Universities or Law Schools shall not be mentioned anywhere on the Email or the Memorial.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APART FROM THE URN, THE NAMES OR LOGOS OF THE COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES OR LAW SCHOOLS SHALL NOT BEMENTIONED ANYWHERE IN THE MEMORIALS SUBMITTED BY THE PARTICIPANTS.

- g) It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that the correct number of copies of the memorials are submitted to the Organizers and acknowledgement obtained thereof.
- h) All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements and a team will attract negative marking for failure to keep within the limitations as described below:

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- i) Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper with black ink and must be neatly bound. No plastic dividers should be used in the memorials.
- ii) The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font—size of footnotes/endnotes, if any, must not be less than size 10. All teams are required to follow 20th Bluebook edition style of citation.
- iii) Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.
- iv) The Body of Arguments should not exceed 20 typed pages (excluding the Cover Page, index, summary of arguments, fact and prayer) and shall at least consist of the following parts:

➤ --- Cover Page — [Colored Blue for Applicant, and Red for Respondent]

The Cover Page must contain:

- Team Code in the upper right corner.
 - The year of the Competition
 - The name of the Case
 - The party for which the Written Submission has been prepared.
 - Name of the forum resolving the dispute.
- Table of Contents
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Facts
- Written Pleadings
- Prayer

S. No.	Criterion	Penalty (each side)
1.	Late submission of Memorials (c)	-1 mark each, for every hour after the deadline
2.	Exceeding page limit prescribed (h) (iv)	-1 mark per extra page

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3.	Failing to adhere to the prescribed format specifications. (e.g. font size, margin space, citation style, etc.) (h) (ii)	-0.5 mark per specification per page
4.	Failure to incorporate necessary items in the Cover Page (h) (iv)	-1 mark per inclusion/exclusion
5.	Exclusion of mandatory heads (h) (iv)	-2 mark per specification
6.	Submitting memorials in multiple emails	-1 mark
7.	Speaking footnote or endnote	-0.5 mark per footnote

XI. SCORING OF MEMORIALS

The memorials shall be checked by a panel of judges. Each judge shall score each memorial out of 100 marks, and the average of scores shall be announced by the Organizers on the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds on 30th March, 2019. The scoring criteria for memorials shall be as follows:

Sl. No.	Parameter	Percentage
1	Application of Facts	25%
2	Reasoning & Understanding Law and Procedure	25%
3	Use of Authorities and Precedent	25%
4	Presentation	15%
5	Grammar	10%

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XII. CITATION FORMAT

The Memorials shall use *20th Bluebook Edition*, for formatting of all cited authorities. Speaking Footnotes or endnotes are not allowed.

XIII. RESEARCHER TEST

A Researcher Test shall also be conducted for adjudicating the “Best Researcher” on 29th March, 2019. The speakers shall not be eligible to participate in the test. In case of 2-member teams, however, one of the speakers shall be eligible to take the test and that shall be duly notified to the Organizers at the time of Registration.

XIV. ORAL ROUNDS

- a. In each oral round a team will be represented by two speakers who will present arguments. The researcher will not participate in the argument but will be seated along with the speaker during argument.
- b. Passing of chits or any other notes to the speaker by researcher is not permitted.
- c. The order of the pleadings in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be:
Petitioner1 ---Petitioner 2 --- Respondent 1--- Respondent 2--- Rebuttal (Petitioner 1 or 2) ---
Sur-rebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).

Preliminary and Quarter Final Round

- a. Each team will get Thirty (30) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals. The time includes questioning by judges.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to maximum of 18 Minutes per speaker. The division of time must be informed to the court officers/ clerks before the beginning of rounds.
- c. Oral round need not to be confined to the issue presented in the memorial.
- d. Team member delivering rebuttal or sur-rebuttal must be one of the two team members who argued during the team’s main argument, the team need not indicate prior to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which of its two eligible members will offer rebuttal or sub- rebuttal.

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- e. A team's oral pleadings shall not in any way be limited to the scope of the team's memorial. The scope of the Petitioner's rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Respondent's sur-rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Petitioner's rebuttal. If the Petitioner waives the rebuttal, there shall be no sur-rebuttal. No legal issues which were not addressed in the primary pleadings may be raised in the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
- f. **The teams with two wins would directly move into the quarters. In case of a tie, the cumulative scores (i.e. total speaker scores and the memorial score) would be considered to determine the qualification.**

Semi Final Round

- a. Each team will get forty (40) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes questioning by judges.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to maximum of 25 Minutes per speaker. The division of time must be informed to the court officers/ clerks before the beginning of rounds.
- c. Rest of the rules for this round will be same as of the preliminary and quarter finals round.

Final Round

- a. Each team will get forty five (45) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes questioning by judges.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to maximum of 20 Minutes per speaker. The division of time must be informed to the court officers/ clerks before the beginning of rounds.
- c. Oral round need not to be confined to the issue presented in the memorial.
- d. Rest of the rules for this round will be same as of the preliminary and quarter finals round.

SCORING

Sl. No	Parameters	Percentage of Marks
1	Response to questions and Articulation	25%
2	Use of Authorities and Precedents	25%
3	Reasoning in the Application of Principles	20%

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4	Application of Facts	15%
5	Advocacy skills, Court Craft and Demeanor	15%

XV. DISQUALIFICATION AND PENALTIES ARTICLE

Cheating, Intimidation and Misconduct

- a. Cheating or using of unfair means of any kind is strictly prohibited and if indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the team.
- b. Intimidation in any form is prohibited and if indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the team.
- c. Misconduct, whether behavioural or otherwise, is not allowed and if indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the team.

Court Manners (Oral Arguments)

- a. Any form of communication between the Bar table and any person other than those on the Bench is prohibited, and if indulged in, will result in a penalty point.
- b. Submission of any written material other than the memorials, compendium and any other documents related to the proposition in hand to the Bench prior to, during or after oral arguments, is not allowed and if indulged, in will result in a penalty point.
- c. Failure to deliver an oral argument shall be considered in entirety, a disqualification.

XVI. SCOUTING

- a. Speakers, a reserve or persons affiliated with the team, will not be permitted to observe the arguments in any court room in which the team is not one of the contesting teams whilst the team is still in the competition. Scouting by any team will result in disqualification.
- b. Any team can file written complaint with the administrator, regarding a case of scouting. The administrator's decision shall be final.
- c. The researcher will seat with the speakers at the time of arguments and shall not attend the court session of other teams participating in the competition.

XVII. AWARDS

- **Winning Team Award:** Cash Prize of Rs. 24,000.

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- **Runner up Team Award:** Cash Prize of Rs. 18,000.
- **Best Speaker Award:** Cash Prize of Rs. 7500.
- **Best Memorial Award:** Cash Prize of Rs. 9000.
- **Best Researcher Award:** Cash Prize of Rs. 7500.

plus other incentives!

In addition to the above awards, Certificate of Participation shall be awarded to all the participants.

XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

- a. The results of the preliminary round/ Quarter Finals shall be announced shortly after the rounds on 30th March, 2019.
- b. The results of the Semi Finals shall be announced shortly after the rounds on 31st March, 2019.
- c. The Winners of the competition will be announced during the Award Ceremony (Valedictory Function) on 31st March, 2019.

XIX. 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 law college, affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before award ceremony.
- b. Further all team member, coaches, advisors and observers shall refrain from identifying team's school/college at any time in any manner including, but limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as, badges, blazers, or pins carrying identifying material (such as books with college logo or seal).

XX. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

- a. The team of Three (3) participants shall be provided accommodation by the University for the duration of the competition only. However, the interested students are required to inform, the Organizing Committee, through their Registration Form, so as to enable them to make necessary arrangements.
- b. Accommodation, Food and Transport between the station/airport and the competition venue will be provided by Chanakya National Law University, Patna from 29th March, 2019 to 31st March 2019.

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- c. Those teams who want to stay after 1st April 2019 have to bear expenses for their accommodation, food and transport.
- d. Accommodation will be provided separately for boys and girl.
- e. Participating teams (consisting of three members i.e. two speakers and one researcher) will be received by the organising teams at their respective places of arrival upon prior intimation.
- f. Any additional member other than the registered team member shall not be entertained during the competition.

XXIX. CLARIFICATION FOR THE MOOT PROBLEM

- g. Teams may request for Clarifications regarding moot problem via e-mail to **cnlu.nmcc@gmail.com**, latest by *20th February 2019 (11.59 P.M. IST)*.
- a. The request for clarification may also include a short explanation describing the expected significance of the clarification sought. The clarification shall be replied to within ten days of the request.
- b. All the clarification shall be published on University Website www.cnlu.ac.in after a week from the last date of seeking clarification.
- c. Mail must contain the subject “Regarding clarification of Moot Problem.”

XXI. MISCELLANEOUS RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- a. Participating teams should carry with them required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of the competition.
- b. The organizing committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Moot Court competition.
- c. The organizing committee's decision as regards the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the Moot Court competition shall be final and binding.
- d. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final.
- e. The organizing committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate.
- f. The organizers reserve the right to make any necessary alterations in respect to the side to be taken by the competing teams, in case it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/teams at the last minute, or if the competing teams had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem.

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- g. Each team is expected to be ready with written briefs and oral arguments to argue from either side of the case. The court will follow its own procedure within the accepted norms and judicial practice, and in case of doubt or dispute in the matter of procedure or facts, the decision of the Presiding Member of the Committee of Judges of each Court shall be final.
 - h. The organizing committee shall not be held responsible for any loss or non-delivery of the Memorials.
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ANNEXURE I

REGISTRATION FORM

INSTITUTION DETAILS

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION.....

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ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION.....

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CITY.....STATE.....

POSTAL CODE.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

EMAIL ID.....

PARTICULARS OF TEAM MEMBERS

1. SPEAKER 1

NAME.....

YEAR/ SEMESTER.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

EMAIL ID.....

SIGNATURE.....

Latest Photograph

Attested by the
Head of the
Institution

2. SPEAKER 2

NAME.....

YEAR/ SEMESTER.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

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EMAIL ID.....

SIGNATURE.....

3. RESEARCHER

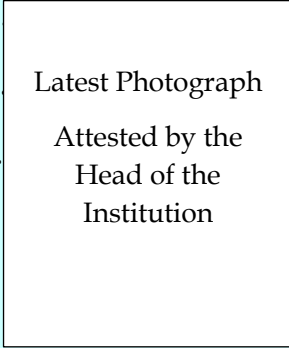
NAME.....

YEAR/ SEMESTER.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

EMAIL ID.....

SIGNATURE.....



ANNEXURE II

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

WHETHER ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED (YES/NO)

DATE:

SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

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ANNEXURE III- TRAVEL FORM

DETAILS OF INSTITUTION.....
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PARTICIPANT 1.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

PARTICIPANT 2.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

PARTICIPANT 3.....

CONTACT NUMBER.....

ARRIVAL

DATE OF ARRIVAL.....TIME.....

MODE OF ARRIVAL.....

FLIGHT/TRAIN NAME AND NUMBER.....

PLACE OF ARRIVAL.....

DEPARTURE

DATE OF DEPARTURE.....TIME.....

MODE OF DEPARTURE.....

FLIGHT/TRAIN NAME AND NUMBER.....

PLACE OF DEPARTURE.....

SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

**ANNEXURE IV- Bona fide certificate
(To be issued by the head of the Institution)**

This is to certify that

1. Mr./Ms. _____, son/daughter of Mr./Mrs.

2. Mr./Ms. _____, son/daughter of Mr./Mrs.

3. Mr./Ms. _____, son/daughter of Mr./Mrs.

is a bona fide student of the following college/university:

Name of Institute: _____

Address of Institute: _____

Contact: _____

Email: _____

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The certificate is issued for claiming the student is studying in my Institute. I/we certify that above information are true to the best of my/our knowledge. _____

Signature and Seal of the Head of the Institution

Date: _____

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