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These are the rules for the 5th NLIU Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot, 2020.¹

¹ The rules of the Competition are reviewed annually and are subject to change, and no reliance on these rules shall be placed for subsequent editions of the Competition.



1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. “**Administrator(s)**” means the Moot Court Association of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, members thereof, or any person/persons appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition, by the said Moot Court Association.
- 1.2. “**Advanced Round**” means the Final Round, Semi-Final Rounds and Quarter-Final Rounds of the Competition.
- 1.3. “**Bench Memorandum**” means the memorandum of law, issues and authorities concerning the competition problem prepared by the Authors/Administrator.
- 1.4. “**Claimant**” means the side that argues on behalf of the Claimant at any given point in the competition.
- 1.5. “**Clarifications**” refer to procedural order(s) and/or any clarification(s) issued by the administrator and published on the official website of the moot pursuant to Rule 7.
- 1.6. “**Competition**” means the 5th NLIU Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot, 2020.
- 1.7. “**IST**” means Indian Standard Time.
- 1.8. “**Memorial**” means the written arguments submitted by each team, submitted according to these Rules.
- 1.9. “**Speaker**” refers to a participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.
- 1.10. “**Official Website**” means the website of the competition, *www.nliutankhamoot.com*.
- 1.11. “**Oral Round**” means a team’s pleadings, comprising two speakers, submitted orally in front of arbitrators, acting as adjudicators, on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.
- 1.12. “**Participant**” refers to any member of an institution participating in the competition.
- 1.13. “**Penalty**” refers to the deductions imposed on the memorial scores of a



participating institution, as provided for under Rule 10.3.

1.14. “Plagiarism” If, in the memorial checker’s opinion, there is found to be an instance of plagiarism prevalent in a certain memorial, the participating institution alleged to have committed plagiarism will be asked to show cause by the Administrators. If found guilty of plagiarism, the administrators may impose any sanction that it may deem fit, including disqualification from the Moot.

In instances where the participating institution is alleged to have plagiarized from the memorial of another participating university’s memorial, the latter will also be asked to show cause by the administrators. If, in the opinion of the Administrators, the latter has willingly allowed the former to plagiarize from their work, such a participating institution shall also be held guilty of plagiarism and sanctioned by the Administrators as they deem fit. The Administrators define plagiarism as including the following:

- i.* Direct duplication of the work of somebody else’s work represented inter alia in books, articles, and internet sources without acknowledgement.
- ii.* Substantial duplication of somebody else’s work represented inter alia in books, articles, and internet sources without acknowledgement. This would include work where sentences have been substantially copied, that is, where at the least seven continuous words from the original work are present in the impugned memorial.
- iii.* Direct or substantial duplication of another moot memorial, irrespective of whether that memorial is a competing memorial or not, and irrespective of whether there is acknowledgement or not.
- iv.* Substantial duplication denotes situations wherein sentences have been substantially copied, that is, where at the least seven continuous words from the original work are present in the impugned memorial and / or where a segment of the impugned memorial has been paraphrased from the other memorial with minor changes, keeping intact the import of the latter.



- 1.15. **“Preliminary Rounds”** means the oral rounds which take place before the advanced round, as defined under Rule 13.3, and for the purpose of determining which teams qualify for the advanced rounds.
- 1.16. **“Case”** means the official hypothetical Case-Study of the Competition released by the administrators. Clarifications as defined under Rule 7 shall form part of the problem.
- 1.17. **“Rebuttals”** refer to the arguments presented by the Claimant in response to the Respondent’s submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the speakers.
- 1.18. **“Respondent”** means the side that argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the competition.
- 1.19. **“Scouting”** means a person observing the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with.
- 1.20. **“Sur-rebuttal”** refer to the defense presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals as defined in Clause.
- 1.21. **“Team Code”** refers to the code allocated to a participating institution by the administrator after completion of the Registration according to Rule 6.
- 1.22. **“Tribunal”** means a collective reference to the arbitrators present at the oral round, where an “arbitrator” is an adjudicator of an oral round.

2. INTERPRETATION

The Administrators will have exclusive authority to interpret the Rules in the interest of fairness and equality. The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Administrators shall be conclusive and the decision of the Administrators regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The Competition is open to all students, enrolled *bona-fide* on a regular basis in an Undergraduate law course (and Post Graduate course LL.M. programs, in case of international team) or its equivalent conducted by any recognized institution.



- 3.2. A recognized institution shall be entitled to send only one team to the competition.
- 3.3. In a system where a university has constituent colleges, each college can register a team or the university as such can be represented by a team comprising students from different constituent colleges.
- 3.4. Any additional member or team coach accompanying a team will not be entitled to a certificate from the Administrators.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1. A team can have a minimum of two members and a maximum of four members. In each of the oral rounds, two members of the team will be speakers. Other members of the team shall not aid them during the presentation of arguments in any way whatsoever. Only those participants, registered as Speakers in the registration form, shall be allowed to speak.
- 4.2. Once registered, a team will not be permitted to vary the composition of the team in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the Administrators (at their discretion), if due reason is shown for the same.
- 4.3. Any changes with respect to the contact details shall be notified to the Administrators with immediate effect. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition.
- 4.4. Certificates for participating team members will be prepared from the team lists submitted. The certificates of participation will show the names of the team members exactly as they have been submitted. It is, therefore, incumbent on teams to ensure that names are spelt and presented correctly.

5. ASSISTANCE TO TEAMS FROM NON-MEMBERS AND/OR EXTERNAL SOURCES

- 5.1. Every team must research and write its Memorials without the assistance of non-members. Teams may receive general advice from faculty advisors and/or



coaches. However, such advice must be limited to general advice on the area of law concerned, structure of arguments and general commentary on the team's arguments. No advice, whatsoever, shall be taken from any member of another team or any coach/faculty advisor of another team.

5.2. The Bench Memorandum shall be confidential at all times. Any team found making use of the Bench Memorandum shall be disqualified immediately.

6. REGISTRATION

6.1. Each institution must, first, provisionally register itself, through its designated MCA/MCC/MCS, for the Competition by sending an email of such registration to mca@nliu.ac.in.

6.2. Only upon the confirmation of the provisional registration by the Administrators, each shall register for the Competition by filling the online registration form before November 10, 2018. The online registration form will be sent to the institution's MCA/MCC/MCS once the said institution's provisional registration has been confirmed. The teams are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form at the earliest possible. Prior payment of registration fee is required in order to submit the online registration form.

6.3. While filling the registration form, the teams have to choose a primary contact person. All communications concerning the Competition will be sent by e-mail to the nominated contact person. It is that person's responsibility to convey all relevant information and distribute all relevant material to the team.

6.4. The registration fee for all overseas teams is US \$100. For Indian teams, a registration fee of INR 4,000 (*for a 2-member and a 3-member team*) and INR 5,000 (*for a 4-member team*) shall be charged. This fee is inclusive of accommodation, travel *to and fro* the venue (intra-city).

6.5. Payment must be made by way of wire-transfer only, the details of which have been given in Annexure The detailed (step-wise) registration process has been explained in Annexure 2.



7. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROBLEM

- 7.1. All requests for clarifications to the Case shall be emailed to *mca@nliu.ac.in*, latest by November 20, 2019 (11:59 P.M. IST). Request for clarifications sent to any other email ID shall not be considered.
- 7.2. The request for clarifications should be clear and related to the facts of the case and not related to the substantive arguments.
- 7.3. All clarifications shall be issued as Procedural Order No. 2, and shall be posted on the official [website](#) of the Competition.

8. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 8.1. Teams shall not reveal the name of their institution, or country of origin, or names of the participants, anywhere either in the Memorials or in the course of the Oral Rounds. Teams must also not make use of, or display in, any manner whatsoever, any logo, pins, badges etc. in the Memorials or during the course of the oral arguments. Provided that, Speakers may refer to themselves and other speakers in and Oral Rounds by their respective names.
- 8.2. A team must be identified only by the team code that will be allotted to it after registration as per Rule 6.
- 8.3. Violation of Rule 8 at any point shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Administrators.

9. MEMORIALS

9.1. General:

- i.* Each team must prepare one Claimant Memorial and one Respondent Memorial. All Memorials must be in English. The Memorial scores will contribute to deciding the outcome of a match in the preliminary rounds in a manner described in Rule 13.3.
- ii.* The Administrators reserve the right to publish and disseminate Memorials submitted to and for the Competition. The Memorials shall be



attributed to the relevant institution and participants during such publication and dissemination. Submission of Memorials in this Competition shall constitute consent to such publication and dissemination.

9.2. Submission of soft copies:

- i. All teams shall send a soft copy of Memorials for each side in both MS-Word and PDF formats, *via* electronic mail, on or before February 04, 2020 (11:59 P.M. IST) to mca@nliu.ac.in **only**.
- ii. Any submission made after the said deadline, unless extended, shall be considered as late submission and penalized according to Rule 10.3 of the Competition. Each Memorial should be contained in a single file with the name of the file being the allocated team code followed by the first letter of the party whose arguments are presented in that Memorial, i.e., an R for Respondent and A for Claimant. For instance, the Claimant memorial of team code 2 should be named "2A".

9.3. Submission of hard copies:

- i. Teams are required to submit **six hard copies** of the Claimant and Respondent Memorials each when they arrive for the Competition. The Memorials must be printed **double-side** on A4-size sheets, with equal margin of at least one inch on all sides. The cover page must be printed on blue paper for each Claimant Memorial, and red paper for each Respondent Memorial.
- ii. The hard copies must be spiral-bound only. The hard copies must be exactly similar to the soft copy. Any changes in the hard copy *vis-à-vis* the soft copy shall entail disqualification. The decision of the Administrators shall be final in this regard.

9.4. Format of Memorials



i. Each Memorial **must** contain all of, and only, the following components in the following order:

- Cover Page;
- Table of Contents;
- Table of Abbreviations;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Facts;
- Summary of Arguments;
- Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
- Prayer.

ii. **Font and Spacing:** The following font and spacing rules shall be binding on all teams:

- Text font for the Arguments Advanced/Pleadings and Prayer, including that of all headings and subheadings, must be Times New Roman, size 12 with 1.5-line spacing and the text must be justified.
- The text font for all footnotes must be Times New Roman, size 10 with 1.0-line spacing and the text must be justified.
- There must be no additional space between two footnotes. Character spacing should not be condensed in any manner.
- As mentioned in Rule 9.3, each page in the Memorials must have a margin of one inch on all sides.

iii. The Cover Page of each Memorial must contain **only** the following information:

- The team registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by an “A” for the Claimant Memorial, or an “R” for the Respondent Memorial. For example, Team 555 would put the code “555A” in the upper right-hand corner of its Claimant Memorial;
- The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;



- The year of the Competition;
 - The name of the Case;
 - The title of the Memorial (either “Memorial for Claimant” or “Memorial for Respondent”)
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- i.* **Table of Abbreviations:** All abbreviations used in the memorial must be included in the Table of Abbreviations. This will include commonly used abbreviations, acronyms and marks such as “%”, “&”, UK, SIAC, etc. The Table of Abbreviations must be in an alphabetical order.
 - ii.* **Statement of Facts:** The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts.
 - iii.* **Issues raised:** In this section, teams should present the legal questions the Court is being called upon to decide in the context of the case. They must be presented as neutral questions, i.e. teams should not state their position on the questions raised in this section. While each legal question might have further sub-questions, teams must state only the main legal questions in this section.
 - iv.* **Arguments Advanced & Prayer:** Substantive, affirmative legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Case may only be presented in the ‘Arguments Advanced’ section of the Memorial. The Arguments Advanced and Prayer shall not exceed 30 pages.
 - v.* **Footnotes and Citations:** It is not permitted to provide any information in the footnotes that is not related to the identification of an authority or source. Footnotes may not include additional legal arguments. A



consistent format of citations must be followed. It is hereby clarified that teams are not allowed to cite authorities in-line. Endnotes are not permitted.

10. JUDGING OF MEMORIALS

10.1. Each Memorial shall be assessed individually and independently by a three-member committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Author of the Case.

10.2. Each judge can award a maximum of one hundred (100) marks and Memorials will be judged on the following criteria:

- (a) Correct primary and alternative submission _____ 10.
- (b) Identification of legal principles _____ 20.
- (c) Quality and extent of research: Use of relevant case law, academic writings etc. _____ 20.
- (d) Appreciation and application of facts _____ 10.
- (e) Logical structure and clarity of thought _____ 10.
- (f) Ingenuity _____ 20.
- (g) Overall Impression: Formatting, citations etc. _____ 10.

10.3. Non-compliance with rules concerning formatting and submission of Memorials provided in these Rules will result in a deduction from the allocated marks. Irrespective of the actual total penalties incurred, no more than 15 marks can be deducted for each Memorial for noncompliance with procedural requirements. Penalties for late submission of Memorials shall be applicable separately as per Rule 10.4.

RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
Rule 8	Breach of memorial anonymity	Disqualification from the Competition
Rule 9.4 (i)	Missing or additional	2 marks for every violation



	section	
Rule 9.4 (i)	Incorrect order of sections	2 marks (one time deduction)
Rule 9.4 (ii)	Incorrect font size in the main body of the Memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
Rule 9.4 (ii)	Incorrect line spacing in the main body of the Memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
Rule 9.4 (ii)	Incorrect page size and/or page margin in the main body of the Memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
Rule 9.4 (iii)	Missing or unnecessary information on cover page	1 mark per piece of information
Rule 9.4 (vii)	Substantive legal arguments outside the arguments advanced section	2 marks for every page on which there is a violation
Rule 9.4 (vii)	Exceeding the page limit of the arguments advanced section	3 marks for every page that is in excess of the prescribed page limit
Rule 9.4 (viii)	Extra information in footnotes	1 mark for each violation (1 mark will be deducted for every footnote that has extra information)
Rule 9.4 (viii)	Use of endnotes	3 marks



10.4. Penalties for Late Submission:

For every hour of delay in Memorial submission from the prescribed time of submission, **one** mark shall be deducted. Any Memorial submitted 12 hours after the time prescribed above will not be accepted and the team will not be allowed to participate except at the discretion of the Administrators. The decision of the Administrators shall be final in this regard.

Note: The above deduction would apply even if the delay were not of a complete hour. Hence, for example, a Memorial submitted at 12:01 am would still be subject to a 1-mark deduction.

11. ORAL ROUNDS

- 11.1.** The oral pleadings shall be in English only. There will be no deviation from this language requirement.
- 11.2.** During the Oral Rounds, the teams are not allowed to use any electronic device such as laptops, mobile phones, video camera etc.
- 11.3.** Teams are not restricted to the arguments in their Memorials. Claimants and Respondents in their first Preliminary Round should expect to rely on the arguments given in their written memoranda or to be prepared to justify why that position has been abandoned. In subsequent hearings, arbitrators may be less demanding on this issue as it is expected that teams will improve their arguments during the Moot.
- 11.4.** In the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have thirty (30 minutes) to present their arguments, including time for answering questions from the adjudicators and rebuttals and sur rebuttals. In the Advanced Rounds, the total time permitted to each team for presenting arguments may be extended to forty-five (45) minutes at the discretion of the Administrators. The time allocation of a team shall be decided in accordance with Rule 11.7.
- 11.5.** Before the start of the Oral Round of any team, the team shall inform the



timekeeper of the names of the two members who will be presenting oral arguments in that round. The team shall also inform the timekeeper regarding the allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, in accordance with Rule 11.8. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed.

11.6. Order of Presentation:

- i. Prior to the beginning of a particular oral round, the two teams participating in that round shall discuss amongst each other and reach a consensus on the order of presentation of oral arguments to be followed in that round.
- ii. At the beginning of the round, the teams shall inform the arbitral tribunal regarding the order of presentation that they have mutually agreed upon. Notwithstanding the agreement that the teams may have reached, the final authority to decide the order of presentation rests with the arbitral tribunal.

Explanation: Some panels of arbitrators may ask one team to present its argument on all of the issues before the other team is permitted to present its argument. Other panels of arbitrators may ask both teams to argue one issue first (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal for that issue) before they both argue in respect of a second issue. Normally, the party who has raised the issue will argue first. Therefore, normally the Claimant would argue first, if it is to present its arguments on all of the issues before the Respondent is permitted to argue. However, if the Respondent has raised an objection to the jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal or other such defense, the tribunal would normally ask it to present its arguments on that issue before the Claimant responds to it.

11.7. Time Allocation:

- i. Before the start of the Oral Round, the team must inform the timekeeper



- of the manner in which the team wishes to divide its total time between its (i) first speaker, (ii) second speaker, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Claimant) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent).
- ii.* For the Preliminary Rounds, each team may distribute its allocated thirty (30) as it deems fit, provided that:
 - No speaker is allocated less than ten (10) minutes for presentation of main arguments.
 - No more than four (4) minutes are reserved for its rebuttal/sur- rebuttal. For instance, an
 - acceptable allocation may be 14 minutes for each speaker’s main arguments and 2 minutes for rebuttal/ sur rebuttal.
 - iii.* For the Advanced Rounds, each team may distribute its allocated forty-five (45) minutes as it deems fit, provided that:
 - No speaker is allocated less than fifteen (15) minutes or more than twenty-five (25) minutes for presentation of main arguments.
 - No more than five (5) minutes are reserved for its rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
 - iv.* The arbitral tribunal, at their discretion, may extend the time limits stated as long as neither team is allowed more than forty-five (45) minutes to present its arguments, including the time necessary to answer the questions of the tribunal. While exercising its discretion, it will be the responsibility of the arbitral tribunal to ensure that both teams are treated fairly.

11.8. Rebuttal and Sur-Rebuttal:

- i.* The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal may be presented by only one Speaker of a team for all the issues or by both Speakers individually for the issues that they are presenting.
- ii.* The Respondent team may use the time set aside for sur-rebuttal only if the Claimant team exercises its right to rebuttal.
- iii.* If a team fails to reserve time for a rebuttal or sur-rebuttal at the start



of an Oral Round, then it may not request that such time be added during the course of the round.

- iv. The Claimant’s rebuttal must be limited to responding to the Respondent's oral pleadings; whereas the Respondent's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Claimant’s rebuttal.

11.9. Communication during Oral Rounds:

During the Oral Round, oral communication is limited to the arbitral tribunal and the speaker presenting the arguments. Communication between the two Speakers at the counsel’s table, if required, shall be in writing, and teams shall avoid any inappropriate behaviour which disturbs the presentation of oral arguments.

A compendium containing a compilation of cases and other relevant materials in support of the oral pleadings may be submitted to the arbitral tribunal.

12. JUDGING OF ORAL ROUNDS

12.1. Each Preliminary Round shall be judged by two (2) judges and each Advanced Round shall be judged by three (3) or more judges.

12.2. Each oral pleadings will be marked on a maximum of one hundred (100) points by each of the judges.

12.3. The oral pleading shall be judged on the following criteria:

- (a) Identification of legal principles _____15.
- (b) Use of authorities _____15.
- (c) Appreciation and application of facts _____15.
- (d) Clarity, logic and structure of presentation _____20.
- (e) Response to questions _____15.
- (f) Ability to communicate with judges _____10.
- (g) Overall presentation, poise and demeanour _____10.



13. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

13.1. The Competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds. Each team shall argue in two (2) Preliminary Rounds: once as Claimant and once as Respondent. The Advanced Rounds shall, unless otherwise specified, consist of three knock-out rounds – the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and the Final Round.

13.2. Preliminary Rounds:

- i.* The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted on a single day - 22 February, 2020. There will be two Preliminary Rounds and each team shall argue once as the Claimant and once as the Respondent. The team which argues as the Claimant in the first Preliminary Round shall argue as the Respondent in the second Preliminary Round, and vice-versa.
- ii.* The pairing of teams for the Preliminary Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots by the Administrators. No two teams shall argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- iii.* Each Team will be given the opposing team's Memorials on 21 February 2020. No team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of the opposing teams or any other team participating in the Competition.
- iv.* Each round shall be decided through the allocation of a total of 9 round points, with 6 points being awarded on the basis of the Oral Scores of the Teams and 3 points being awarded on the basis of the Written Submission Scores of the Teams.
- v.* If the difference between the Written Submission scores of the two Teams (determined in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Competition) is more than 5% of the higher score, then the team with the higher Written Submission Scores will be awarded 3 points and the other team will not be awarded any point. If the difference is less than 5% of such higher score, then 2 points will be awarded to the Team with the higher score and 1 point will be awarded to the other Team. In case of a tie, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each. See example below.
- vi.* A panel of 2 panellists will judge each round in the Preliminary Rounds.



For each panellist, if the cumulative oral score (determined in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition) of one team exceeds the cumulative oral score of the other team by 5% of the higher cumulative oral score, then the team with the higher cumulative oral score will be awarded 3 points. If such difference is less than 5%, then the team with the higher score will be awarded 2 points and the other team will be awarded 1 point. In case of a tie, the teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that Panellist. Hence, a total of 3 points per Panellist will be allocated for the Oral Pleading Sessions.

Example: In a round between Team A and Team B, panellist 1 gives a cumulative oral score of 160 marks to Team A and 155 marks to Team B. The difference is 5 marks. Since this difference is less than 5% of 160 (which is 8), for panellist 1, Team A will be awarded 2 points and Team B will be awarded 1 point. In the same round, panellist 2 gives a cumulative oral score of 160 marks to Team A and 150 marks to Team B. Here, the difference of 10 marks is more than 5% of 160 (which is 8) and hence, Team A will be awarded 3 points and Team B will not be awarded any points. If the Memorials score of Team A is 75 and the Memorials score of Team B is 80, the difference is of 5 marks which is more than 5% of 80 (which is 4) and hence, Team B will be awarded 3 points and Team A will not be awarded any points. The total round points for that round are therefore:

- Team A: 2 (panellist 1) + 3 (panellist 2) + 0 (Memorials) = 5 points.
 - Team B: 1 (panellist 1) + 0 (panellist 2) + 3 (Memorials) = 4 points.
- vii. The team with the higher cumulative round points determined, in accordance with Rules 13.3(v) and 13.3(vi) of the Rules of the Competition, will be adjudged as the winner of that particular round. Hence, in the example above, Team A will be adjudged the winner.
- viii. In case any opponent team fails to appear in an Oral Round, that round



shall be conducted *ex-parte* and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter Team had been present and arguing.

- ix. The top 8 teams shall qualify to the Quarter-Finals. The teams will be ranked as per the following scheme:
- First, on the basis of the total round points earned after the two Preliminary Rounds.
 - If there is a tie in the total round points, the rank will be determined on the basis of the number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - If a tie persists, the rank will be determined on the basis of the total round points in the oral arguments earned in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - If a tie persists, the rank will be determined on the basis of the cumulative oral scores of the teams in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - If a tie persists after the above, it will be resolved on the basis of the Memorial scores of the teams.

13.3. Quarter-Finals/Semi-Finals:

- i. The Quarter-Finals will be held on 22 February, 2020 and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of teams for the Quarter-Finals shall be done by power matchups, i.e. Rank 1 v. Rank 8, Rank 2 v. Rank 7 etc.
- ii. All sides for the Advanced Rounds will be determined by a coin-toss. The team that was ranked higher in the Preliminary Rounds shall call the toss.
- iii. A team will be credited with a win if the cumulative oral score of the team in that match, calculated in accordance with Rule 13.3, is higher than the cumulative oral score of the opposing team in that match.
- iv. A tie will be resolved on the basis of the Memorials scores of the teams. In case the tie persists, it will be resolved by the toss of a coin.
- v. The Semi-Finals will be conducted on 23 February, 2020 and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of teams for the Semi-Finals shall be done by a draw of lots.
- vi. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be decided as follows:



- Winner of Quarter-Final 1 v. Winner of Quarter-Final 4
- Winner of Quarter-Final 2 v. Winner of Quarter-Final 3
- vii. Rules 13.4(ii), 13.4(iii) and 13.4(iv) of the Rules of the Competition shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to determine the winner of the Semi-Finals.
- viii. The Teams in Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals will be provided with a hard copy of the opposing team's Memorials prior to the Oral Round. These must be returned to the Administrators in their original condition after the Oral Round.

13.4. Final Round:

- i. The Final Round of the Competition will be held on 23 February, 2020. The sides for which the teams will argue will be determined through a draw of lots.
- ii. For each panellist on the Panel, 1 (one) point will be awarded to the team which is given the higher cumulative oral score by that particular panellist. On this basis, the total points awarded to each team by the Panel shall be calculated.
- iii. The winner of the Competition shall be determined on the basis of the highest total points determined in accordance with Rule 13.4(iii) of the Rules of the Competition.
- iv. A tie will be resolved by considering the cumulative oral score awarded by the Panel to each Team in accordance with Rule 13.4(iv) of the Rules of the Competition. In case a tie persists, it will be resolved by considering the Memorials scores of the teams.
- v. The Teams will be provided with a hard copy of the opposing Team's Memorials prior to the Oral Round. These must be returned to the Administrators in their original condition after the Oral Round.

14. PRIZES AND AWARDS

14.1. The winner of the Final Round will be declared the "Winning Team", while the



other finalist will be declared the “Runners-Up”.

- 14.2.** The teams with the highest total Memorial score (out of 100) for each side will be awarded the “Best Memorial - Claimant” and “Best Memorial - Respondent” awards, respectively.
- 14.3.** The Speaker with the highest average score at the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds will be adjudged the “Best Speaker”. The average score will be calculated by dividing the total marks of each speaker by the number of times the speaker has presented oral arguments. To be eligible for the “Best Speaker Award”, a speaker must have argued at least once for the Claimant and once for the Respondent in the Preliminary Rounds. The same standard shall be applied for any additional speaker awards, if instituted.



ANNEXURE 1
PAYMENT DETAILS

Teams are required to wire-transfer the registration fee/amount, as maybe applicable in case of Indian/International team, to the following Bank Account:

- Name - The Director, National Law Institute University, Bhopal
- Account Number - 062510005192
- IFSC Code - BKDN0810625
- Bank - Dena Bank
- Branch - T.T. Nagar, Bhopal
- Purpose/Information of transfer: Education/Academics

The proof of payment of the amount needs to be attached to the online registration form. Prior payment of registration fee, depending upon team membership (*INR 4,000 for 2-member or 3-member team; and INR 5,000 for 4-member team*), is mandatory for completing online registration form, else the registration form will not be submitted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For the purposes of participation in the Competition, confirmation of your institution's provisional registration is mandatory. Payment of registration fee by the students/participants of the institution, provisional registration of which is not confirmed by the Administrators, shall not be accepted.

ANNEXURE 2
REGISTRATION PROCESS (STEP PLAN)

