

2nd CCI-NUJS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES 2020

RULE 1: INTRODUCTION

1. The administrator of the Competition shall be the Competition Committee (the “CC”) as constituted by the Society for International Trade and Competition Law (SITC), NUJS.
2. 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.

RULE 2: PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. *Team Member Eligibility*

All students enrolled on a full time or part time basis in either a 3-year LLB course or a 5-year integrated BA LLB (or equivalent) course at the time of the competition are eligible to compete in the Competition. Each college or university may enter only one team.

2. *Team Composition and Selection*

A Team shall be ordinarily composed of three (3) members, with two Oralists and one Researcher. A two-member team comprising of only two Oralists with no Researcher will also be permitted. A minimum of two members will thus be required for each team. Teams wishing to bring additional members as observers shall be required to intimate the CC at the earliest but such members shall not be eligible for a certificate.

3. *Outside Assistance to Teams*

All research, writing and editing must solely be the product of Team members.

4. *Use of Opposing Team's Written Submissions*

No Team shall be allowed to view or otherwise be privy to any Written Submission other than the respective Appellant and Respondent written submissions of the teams they face during the course of the Competition.

RULE 3: TEAM REGISTRATION

1. *Registering Names of Team Members*

Each Team shall submit all Team members' names to the CC by 27th December 2019 by sending the filled registration form through email to ccinujs2020@gmail.com. The CC

shall intimate the concerned college or university of the receipt of the application.

The last date of payment is 27th December 2019. The registration fee for the Competition is Rs. 3,000 that has to be paid through a NEFT transfer.

The CC shall confirm the Final Registration only after the scanned copy of Team Registration Form is sent by 24th December 2019 and a copy of the payment receipt is duly sent to ccinujsmoot2020@gmail.com by 27th December 2019.

2. *Team Number as Identification*

Each Team shall be assigned a Team Number by the CC. Teams shall use their Team Numbers for identification purposes.

Names of participants or their colleges may not appear on or within the Written Submissions. Signature pages are prohibited.

RULE 4: JUDGES

1. *Three Judge Panels*

The preliminary rounds shall be judged by panels of two (2) judges. In the advanced rounds, three (3) judge panels shall be utilized whenever possible. However, in extenuating circumstances, the CC may authorize panels of two (2) judges. No judge will be directly affiliated with any Team participating in the round at which they are judging. The final rounds of the competition will be judged by a larger, odd-numbered bench.

2. *Anonymity of Teams*

The identity of a Team shall be kept completely confidential during the Competition. Although judges are allowed to know the identities of individual participants, the identity of the Universities represented by the participants will not be revealed to the judges.

3. *Prior Viewing of Teams*

Judges should not view a Team which they have viewed in a previous Round of the Competition. If the above is not possible, the CC shall strive to ensure that the judge views the Team's opposite side.

4. *Feedback by Judges*

Judges in any Round of the Competition are encouraged to provide feedback to Teams regarding their performance upon completion of the Round. Judges shall not reveal the results of their individual determinations or scores to any Team.

RULE 5: CLARIFICATIONS OF THE COMPETITION PROBLEM OR

RULES

Teams may submit written requests for clarifications of the Moot Problem or these Rules. Requests for such clarifications must be received by the CC by 2nd January 2020. Teams are required to submit requests for clarifications by email.

All clarifications to legitimate requests will be summarised and emailed to the participating colleges by 6th January 2020. If a college has failed to provide the CC with the details of a contact person, the CC cannot guarantee the delivery of the clarifications and corrections.

RULE 6: WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

1. *Submission of Written submissions*

The problem and the rules will come out on the 15th of December 2019. Oral rounds will be held from the 21st to the 23rd of February.

All Written submissions must conform to the following general requirements. Teams will be penalized for failure to abide by these requirements.

Each team shall prepare an Appellant and a Respondent Written submission. Each Team participating in the Competition must submit 6 hard copies (printed or photocopied, black print on a white background) and one soft copy, **(to be emailed to NUJS, the software used should be Microsoft Word 2007 or above or compatible software, entries in PDF format will not be accepted)** of the appellant as well as the respondent Written Submission.

Teams shall mail Written Submissions by speed post or any other faster means of delivery. The same shall be postmarked no later than **6th February 2020**. The soft copy and the hard copy of the Written Submissions must be identical. Teams that fail to mail the Written Submissions on time will be penalized. Equipment failure or problems, including computer disk failure, will not be considered as grounds for condoning late submissions or improper formatting of the Written Submissions. Teams must also send the soft copy of the Written Submissions as an email attachment by **11:59 PM on 25th January 2020**. The soft copies should be sent to ccinujsmoot2020@gmail.com. Once submitted to the CC, Written Submissions may not be altered. If pages are inadvertently left out in the collating process, the CC may allow a Team to correct the deficiency.

2. *Format of Written submissions*

Written Submissions must be typed and reproduced on white standard A4 paper (21 x 29 3/4 centimetres) except for the covers, where paper (as stipulated in Rule 6.6.1) coloured must be used. The font and size of the text of all parts of the Written submission (except the cover page), must be in Times New Roman 12-point. Footnotes must be in Font size 10. The text of all parts of each written submission must have one and a half spacing. Quotations of 50 words or more, from sources outside the Written submission of should be block quoted (i.e. right and left indented) and single-spaced. All submissions must be in English and we strongly encourage the teams to print on both sides of the A4 paper.

3. *Description of the Written Submission*

3.1. Parts of the Written Submission

The Written Submission shall consist of the following parts:

- i. Table of Contents;
- ii. Index of Authorities;
- iii. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- iv. Questions Presented;
- v. Statement of Facts;
- vi. Summary of Pleadings;
- vii. Pleadings, including the Conclusion/Prayer for Relief; and
- viii. Appendix (Optional).

3.2. Legal Argument Limited to Pleadings Section

Substantive, affirmative legal arguments or legal interpretation of the facts of the Moot Problem may only be presented in the “Pleadings” section of the written submission, including the conclusion/prayer for relief (except insofar as such arguments may be summarised in the “Summary of Pleadings” or anticipated in the “Questions Presented”). Teams which include arguments or legal interpretation of facts in any other part of the written submission shall be penalised.

3.3. Index of Authorities

Each Written Submission shall include an “Index of Authorities.” The Index of Authorities shall contain a list of all legal authorities cited in the Written Submission. This list shall include an adequate description of each authority such that it allows a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority in a publication of general circulation.

3.4. Statement of the Facts

Each Written Submission shall include a “Statement of the Facts.” The Statement of the Facts shall be limited to the stipulated facts and necessary inferences from the problem and any clarifications to the same. The Statement of the Facts must not include unsupported facts, distortions of stated facts, argumentative statements, or legal conclusions.

3.5. Summary of the Pleadings

Each Written Submission shall include a “Summary of the Pleadings.” The Summary of the Pleadings shall consist of a substantive summary of the “Pleadings” section of the Written Submission in paragraph form, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the Pleadings section.

3.6. Pleadings & Prayer

The pleadings shall contain the substantive arguments with appropriate citations. The teams must endeavour to follow a uniform method of citation. The prayer shall consist of the effective remedies requested in the pleadings.

3.7. Appendix

All teams have the option of including an appendix. The appendix may contain all relevant provisions of law and a summary of important judgements cited, if any. The appendix shall not exceed 10 pages and should follow the format of the rest of the written submission.

4. Length

The “Pleadings” section of the Written Submission (including footnotes) and the Prayer cannot exceed 7000 words.

5. Margins

Each page of the Written submissions (regardless of content) shall have margins of at least one inch, or two point six (2.6) centimetres, on all sides, excluding page numbers.

6. Covers

6.1. Differently Coloured Covers

Each Team shall use a Blue cover for its Appellant Written Submission and a Red cover for its Respondent Written Submission.

6.2. Information Contained on Cover of Written submission

The cover of each Written submission should bear only the following information: (a) the Team Number/Code; (b) the name of the court; (c) the name of the parties; (d) the nature of the case (Civil/ Criminal/ Writ/ SLP etc.); and (e) the title of the document (i.e., "Written submission for Respondent" or "Written submission for Appellant").

7. Binding

Written submissions must be fastened by ring, spiral or comb binding along the left side of the written submission. No other form of binding (including stapling or book-binding) is permitted.

RULE 7: ORAL PLEADING PROCEDURES

1. *General Procedures*

Preliminary Rounds of the Competition shall consist of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings. The Appellant and Respondent shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes each during Preliminary Rounds. Two (2) members, and no more than two (2) members, from each Team shall make oral presentations during the round. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team shall brief the Court Clerk regarding the manner in which they wish to allocate their 30 minutes among (a) the first Speaker, (b) the second Speaker, and (c) rebuttal (for Appellant) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent). Only one Team member may deliver the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

No single Speaker shall plead more than twenty (20) minutes during Preliminary Rounds, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Any Team member may act as a Speaker during any round of the Competition.

During Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Final Rounds the Oral Rounds shall consist of ninety (90) minutes of oral pleadings. The Appellant and Respondent shall be allotted forty-five (45) minutes each during every subsequent round after Preliminary Rounds. Two (2) members, and no more than two (2) members, from each Team shall make oral presentations during the round. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team shall brief the Court Clerk regarding the manner in which they wish to allocate their 45 minutes among (a) the first Speaker, (b) the second Speaker, and (c) rebuttal (for Appellant) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent). Only one Team member may deliver the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

No single Speaker shall plead more than twenty-five (25) minutes during each subsequent round after Preliminary Rounds, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Any Team member may act as a Speaker during any round of the Competition.

1.1. Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion

Judges may, at their discretion, extend total Team oral argument time up to an additional five (5) minutes per Team during any rounds of the Competition. Speakers asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, appear for more than their individual limit.

2. *Order of Submission*

The order of the oral submissions in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be: Appellant 1 > Appellant 2 > Respondent 1 > Respondent 2 > Rebuttal(Appellant 1 or 2) > Surrebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).

Each Team may reserve up to five (5) minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. As a courtesy to the judges, Teams should announce whether they intend to reserve time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal at the beginning of their oral argument, and how much time they intend to reserve for the same.

3. *Ex Parte Procedure*

In exceptional circumstances (such as a Team failing to appear for a scheduled Oral Round) the CC may allow the Oral Round to proceed ex parte after waiting for fifteen (15) minutes. In an ex parte proceeding, the attending Team shall be scored by the judges in the same manner that they would have been scored had the absent team been present. In such a scenario, the Team that fails to appear for the scheduled Round forfeits all the Oral Round Points assigned for that Round.

4. *Team Members*

During each Oral Round, one (1) additional Team member may sit at the counsel table with the two (2) Speakers. The person sitting shall be one of the Team members registered pursuant to Rule 3.1.

5. *Competition Communications*

Oral communications during the Oral Round shall be strictly limited to the following. Any Team which engages in communications not listed in this Rule shall be penalised.

5.1. Oral Courtroom Communication between Counsel and Judges

Each Speaker designated to present oral pleadings may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that Speaker, during the Speaker's allotted time, and pursuant to Rule 7.1. In addition, in extraordinary circumstances, the judges may communicate directly with either Team's counsel table (for example, to clarify the spelling of a Speaker's name or to request that a Team remain quiet during its opponent's oral presentation).

5.2. Oral Courtroom Communication and Activity at Counsel Table

Every courtesy shall be given to Speakers during oral argument. Communication at the counsel table shall be in writing to prevent disruption, and Teams shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behaviour which distracts from the argument in progress. Any Penalties imposed under this Rule shall be deducted from the Oral Scores of both Speakers of the offending Team.

5.3. *Written Courtroom Communication*

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to those amongst

a) Team members seated at the counsel table, or (b) a Team member at counsel table handing a document to a Speaker when that Speaker has been questioned about such document during the course of his or her argument.

No other written communication may take place amongst the Speakers, Team members seated at counsel table, spectators or Team members not present at the counsel table. There is no prohibition on the teams handing over supporting documentation to the judges, but the same should be done through the clerk. All of the participating teams shall ensure that any supporting document which is to be presented to the judges, shouldn't reveal the identity of the participating team in any form. Eg. Domain Names or Footers should also be blackened out in case they reveal identity of the participating team.

6. *Spectators*

All Preliminary Rounds should be open to the public. Non affiliated persons, including friends and relatives of Team members, may attend any Oral Round. Presence of coaches, advisors, or other spectators affiliated with the Team is permitted in the courtroom during an Oral Round involving the Team, as long as it is in conformity with the provisions of these Rules.

6.1. *Scouting*

No Team member or person directly affiliated with any Team may attend any Preliminary Round other than those in which their Team is participating. Any team proved to have been scouting shall forfeit all the four Oral Round Points for that particular Preliminary Round.

7. *Anonymity of Teams in Courtrooms*

Teams shall only be identified by their Team Number and the side of the dispute they represent. However, Team members may provide their individual names to judges for the purposes of conducting courtroom discussions and scoring.

Participants shall not disclose the identity of their Team through direct or indirect means, including statements to judges, name tags or other signifiers, the placement of folders, files, library books or other materials bearing the name or logo of the school on the counsel table, and the wearing of pins or clothing revealing the identity of their

university or college.

RULE 8: COMPETITION PROCEDURES

1. *Preliminary Rounds*

Each Team participating in the Competition shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of two (2) Oral Rounds, once as Appellant and once as Respondent. Each Team shall face any opposing Team only once in the Preliminary Rounds.

1.1. *Pairings*

The pairing of Teams for Preliminary Rounds shall be done, in the first instance, by a draw of lots. Official pairings of Teams once completed by the CC shall be final, except as may be modified by the CC to account for Teams which do not appear at the start of the Competition or to separate teams which have already met each other once. The CC shall have the power in such circumstances to revise the pairings. If Teams must be newly paired, they must be provided appropriate Written Submissions as soon as reasonably possible, but in no event less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the newly paired round.

2. *Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final Rounds*

The eight highest-ranking teams from the preliminary rounds will advance to the quarter-finals. The winners of the quarterfinals will advance to the semi- finals and the winners of the semi-finals will advance to the finals. In the quarter finals, the highest ranked team in the preliminary round will face the lowest ranked team and so on (1 v. 8, 2 v. 7...). The same method shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the other advanced rounds of the Competition.

3. *Pleading option*

The pleading option (“the right to choose which side to argue”) in the knockout rounds shall be determined by a coin toss. The CC shall appoint the party to toss the coin.

Once the pleading has been selected, the opposing Team shall be notified immediately of the side it shall argue in the next round and both Teams shall be granted a reasonable time to prepare for the next round.

Written submissions shall be exchanged immediately upon the exercise of the pleading option.

RULE 9: COMPETITION SCORING

1. *Preliminary Rounds*

Scoring of the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of two parts: the scoring of the Written Submissions, and the scoring of the oral arguments.

Each Team Written submission shall be submitted to a Written Submission judge. The Written submissions shall be reviewed and scored by each judge on a scale of fifty (50) to one hundred (100) points.

Likewise, each Oral Round will be scored by a panel of two (2) judges. Each judge shall score each Speaker on a scale of fifty (50) to one hundred (100) points.

Grounds of Scoring:

The written submissions will be judged on the following grounds:

1. Knowledge of law and facts.
2. Clarity, brevity and style.
3. Use of authorities and citation.
4. Analysis and organisation.
5. General impression.

The oral submission will be judged on the following grounds:

1. Knowledge of law.
2. Use of authorities.
3. Interpretation of facts and appreciation of principles of evidence.
4. Ingenuity and persuasiveness.
5. Style, poise and court mannerisms.

1.2. Scoring by Judges:

The judges are expected to score the written and oral submissions keeping in mind the following criteria:

1. Excellent: 18 - <20 points.
2. Good: 16 - <18 points.
3. Fair: 14 - <16 points.
4. Average: 12 - <14 points.
5. Poor: 10 - <12 points.

No judge can score a written or oral submission at less than 50 points.

2. *Calculation of Scoring Points*

Two (2) categories of points shall be awarded to Teams in each stage of the Competition: Team Score and Round Points.

2.1. Team Scores

The calculation of Team Scores shall be subject to the deduction of Penalty Points under the provisions of Rule 13.

1. *Written Submission Team Scores*

The calculation of the Total Written Submission Score for each Team per Oral Round is determined by Written Submission judge's score for the side the Team argued in that respective Oral Round.

The Total Competition Written Submission Score is determined by adding scores for the Applicant and Respondent Written Submissions. This total score shall be used for purposes of Best Written Submission Awards.

2. *Oral Team Scores*

The calculation of the Total Oral Team Score for each team per Round shall be determined by adding the scores awarded by each judge for each of the speakers of that particular team. Each of the two speakers of a Team will be marked by two (2) judges. Therefore, there will be a total of four (4) scores per Team per round. The Total Oral Team Score per round shall be the sum of these four scores.

3. *Total Team Scores*

The Total Team Score for each Round shall be the sum of the Team's Total Written Submission Team Scores for that round and the Team's Total Oral Team Score for that round. The Total Competition Team Score is determined by adding the Total Team Scores from each of the two rounds.

2.2. Round Points

1. *Written submission Round Points*

A total of one (1) Round Point may be awarded to Written Submissions in each Round. The Written Submission judge's score for each Team participating in a round is compared to the judge's score for the opposing Team. If the judge rates the Teams equally, the point shall be split with each Team receiving one half (.5) of a Judge's Point.

2. *Oral Round Points*

A total of four (4) Round Points may be awarded for oral argument scores in each Preliminary Round. The score from each judge's evaluation of the two Speakers combined shall be compared to that judge's score for the two Speakers combined on the opposing Team. The higher scoring Team per judge per round shall be awarded two (2) Round Points. If a judge scores the Teams equally, the points from that judge are split, each Team receiving one (1) Round Point. The number of Oral Round Points which can won by teams in the knockout rounds will be dependent on the number of judges on the panel (2 points per judge).

3. *Total Round Points*

The Total Round Points for each Round shall be the sum of a Team's written submission Round Points and Oral Round Points.

3. *Determination of Winners and Rankings from Preliminary Rounds*

3.1. Determination of Winner of an Individual Round

The winner of the round will be determined by Round Points. There are five (5) Round Points to be won in each round (4 for Oral Submissions and 1 for Written Submissions). The Team receiving the higher number of Round Points wins the round. In the event that Teams have an equal number of Round Points, the Team with the higher Total Team Score shall be declared the winner of the Round.

3.2. Total Competition Round Points

The total number of Round Points obtained by a team in the preliminary rounds shall govern Team rankings.

The Total Competition Round Points are calculated by adding the Total Round Points from the Team's two (2) Rounds.

3.3. Total Competition Team Scores

If two (2) Teams are tied after comparing total round points, the Total Team Score becomes the tie-breaker. The Team having the higher Total Team Score from the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked higher. The Total Team Scores are calculated by adding the Team Scores from the Team's two (2) Rounds.

3.4. Win-loss

If teams are tied after comparing their total points, the win-loss record will govern the rankings. A Team with a win loss record of 2 0 (2 wins, 0 losses) will rank higher than

a Team with a win loss record of 1 1 (1 win, 1 loss), which will rank higher than a Team with a win loss record of 0 2, etc.

3.5. Tie Breaking Procedure

If two or more Teams are tied after application of Rule 9.3.4., the rankings shall be accomplished as follows:

- (a) If only two (2) Teams are tied and if the two (2) tied Teams have faced each other in the Preliminary Rounds, the winner of that Round may be ranked higher for purposes of Final Rankings.
- (b) If a tie still persists then the same shall be resolved through a toss of coin.

4. *Scoring Procedures for Advanced Rounds*

The same scoring procedure will be applied in the advanced rounds. The team with the higher round points will be deemed to have won the court. If the round points are tied, the total round score will be considered. In case of a tie after consideration of the total round score, the team with the higher oral round points will be declared the winner.

4.1. Judges' Comments

Judges are encouraged to provide feedback to Teams upon completion of the Oral Round. They shall not engage in any commentary which may reveal the content of the Bench Memorial or announce the winner of the round.

5. *Winners*

The winner of the Championship Round shall be Champion and the opposing Team shall be recognized as the Runner Up.

6. *Ranking of Speakers*

Speakers shall be ranked on the basis of their performance in the Preliminary Rounds. The scores awarded to a speaker by each judge in the first Preliminary Round shall be averaged to arrive at the speaker's score for that round. The speaker's scores for the second preliminary round shall be calculated in the same manner. The average of a speaker's scores in the first preliminary round and the second preliminary round shall determine the Speaker's ranking. Scores will include any Penalties assessed against the Speaker.

Speakers shall be ranked from highest to lowest. If a Speaker has argued in only one

(1) Round, he or she is ineligible for ranking.

7. *Ranking of Written submissions*

Total Written Submission Scores for each Team shall be determined by adding the Total Scores of the Team's Applicant Written submission (the score awarded by the memorial judge for the Applicant Written submission) and the Total Scores of the Team's Respondent Written submission (the score awarded by the memorial judge for the Respondent Written submission). Team Written Submissions shall be ranked from the highest Total Written submission Score to the lowest. Ties are permitted in the ranking of Written Submissions. Scores shall include Penalties per Rule 13.

RULE 10: PENALTIES

1. *General Procedure*

The following is a list of Penalties which may be imposed upon Teams in the Competition.

2. *Types of Penalties*

The power of the CC to assess Penalties is divided into two (2) categories: Non-discretionary (Rule 10.4), and Discretionary (Rule 10.5). Non-discretionary and Discretionary Penalties shall be applied against a Team either as a Generic or Specific Penalty.

A Generic Penalty shall apply against a Team in all of its rounds, e.g. mailing a Written Submission late to the CC.

A Specific Penalty shall apply against a Team only in a specific round, e.g. being penalized for disruptive behaviour against one particular Team.

3. *Application of Penalties*

All Penalties shall apply against each judge's score, subject to the rule that written submission penalties shall not be applied against oral scores and vice versa.

4. *Mandatory Penalties*

For the following violations, Penalties will be assessed as a matter of course, without discretion on the part of the CC.

4.1. **Mandatory Written submission Penalties**

The following Penalties may be imposed only by the CC and shall be deducted from each of the individual judges' scores on a Team's written submission.

In instances where only one written submission is in violation of the Rule, Written submission Penalties may be deducted from the scores of the offending written submission only.

The CC shall notify all affected Teams of imposed Penalties prior to the first Preliminary Round.

4.1.1. Delay in Mailing Writtensubmissions

Written submissions postmarked after the deadline as designated shall be penalized five (5) points.

4.1.2. Extreme Delay in Mailing Written submissions

In addition to the initial five (5) points described in Rule 10.4.1.1, written submissions shall be penalized three (3) points per day. Written submissions for either the Appellant or Respondent not postmarked within six (6) days of the deadline shall not be submitted for judging, and shall automatically receive disqualification.

4.1.3. Other Mandatory Written submission Penalties

Penalties shall be assessed for violations of other Rules concerning the written submissions by reference to the following table:

Rule Number	Summary	Penalty
3.2, Para.2	Indication of team identity in Written Submission	5 points
6.2	Font of inconsistent size, improper line spacing, or improper format of block quotations)	2 points per violating page, up to a maximum of 10 points
6.3.1	Failure to include all parts of the Written submission	5 points for each missing part
6.3.2	Substantive legal argument outside of approved sections of Written submission	5 points
6.4	Excessive length of Pleadings	1 point per 100 words exceeded
6.7	Improper Binding	5 points

4.2.Mandatory Oral Pleading Penalties 1.4.2.1

Procedure

The CC is empowered to impose Mandatory Oral Pleading Penalties only upon consultation with the judges. If the CC confirms the occurrence of an event which requires the imposition of Mandatory Penalties, the Penalty may be applied. In instances where the judges cannot confirm the occurrence or the judges have provided only written commentary on the occurrence, the CC shall consult with the affected Teams and courtroom clerk prior to imposing the Penalty.

If a Team believes that a violation of a nature which would incur a Oral Pleading Penalty has occurred, the Team may bring the alleged violation to the attention of the courtroom clerk in writing within five (5) minutes of the completion of the Oral Round during which the alleged violation occurred. Written complaints shall clearly identify the violation and the parties involved in the violation. The Teams shall in no case directly approach the judges regarding a potential Penalty or violation of these Rules. Complaints brought directly to judges shall be disregarded. If there is no clerk, Teams shall approach the CC with complaints.

1.4.2.2 Consultation with Clerks

The CC shall consult with the clerk and the judges, to verify or otherwise confirm a Penalty. The clerk shall inform the CC of the alleged violation. The CC shall consult with the judges in investigating the alleged violation. If the CC cannot be located, the clerk shall assist the judges to summarize the complaint and their impressions briefly on paper for the benefit of the CC. Courtroom clerks may not confirm a ruling or interpret these Rules, but may only provide assistance in verifying circumstances or the occurrence of an event.

4.3. Activity Subject to Mandatory Penalties

Penalties shall be assessed for violations of other Rules concerning the Written Submissions by reference to the following table:

Rule	Summary	Penalty
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7.5	Improper Courtroom communication	5 points
7.6.1	Scouting	See Rule 7.6.1 for description of penalty.
7.9	Violation of anonymity in court room	15 points

5. *Discretionary Penalties*

5.1. General Violations

The CC may assess up to fifteen (15) point Penalties for violations of these Rules not specifically listed under Mandatory Penalties including, but not limited to, violations as to revisions and form of Written Submissions and inappropriate behaviour on the part of Team members or affiliated parties during the Competition. The size of the Penalty shall correspond to the degree of the violation in the judgment of the CC. Discretionary Penalties shall be imposed only by the CC. Teams shall bring potential violations to the attention of the CC in writing.

5.2. Special Consideration for Oral Rounds

Only judges or clerks shall be empowered to bring potential violations from the oral proceedings to the attention of the CC. Exceptions shall be made in circumstances involving violations that occur prior to or after the actual oral proceeding outside the courtroom where judges or clerks would not otherwise be privy to the circumstances, or in situations where the courtroom judges clearly ignore their obligations. In such instances, Teams may submit timely written notification of potential violations to the CC.

5.3. Activity Subject to Discretionary Penalties

5.3.1. Unsportsmanlike Behaviour by Team Members or Affiliated Persons

The CC may, after consultation with judges, impose up to a fifteen (15) point Penalty against a Team for behaviour which substantially prejudices the conduct of the Competition, including, but not limited to:

- engaging in poor sportsmanship;
- submitting multiple frivolous complaints against other Teams;
- engaging in inappropriate behaviour at the counsel table during the Oral Rounds;

- engaging in inappropriate discussion with oral pleading judges before their submission of scores at the end of a Round; and
- exhibiting blatant disregard for the procedures or requirements outlined in the Rules.

Activity giving rise to a Penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct in the courtroom must be witnessed by at least the clerk or one judge in the courtroom. In all cases, the CC shall hear from both Teams, i.e. the Team alleging a violation (or allegedly harmed by a violation) and the Team alleged to have committed the violation, and consult with the clerk, and judges before making a final determination.

Penalties for unsportsmanlike behaviour may be imposed in addition to any other Penalties that may have been imposed under the provisions of these Rules.

5.3.2. Activity of Affiliated Persons

In exceptional circumstances, the CC has the discretion to impose from three (3) to fifteen (15) point Penalties when a coach, advisor or other person affiliated with the Team has disclosed his or her Team's identity to one or more judges before whom their Team shall compete.

For coaches or advisors who are concerned that they may be recognized by judges, concerns may be alleviated by avoiding talking to, sitting near or directly behind either Team and not communicating with either Team in the presence of the judges.

6. *Notice to Teams*

The CC shall notify Teams of the imposition of such Penalties prior to the beginning of the Preliminary Rounds, if possible, or as soon as practicable if incurred after the beginning of the Preliminary Rounds.

7. *Appeals*

Any penalized Team shall be granted an opportunity to reply to complaints by opposing Teams or Penalties assessed by the CC prior to a final ruling. The CC may protect the anonymity of a complaining Team. Appeals of a Penalty assessment or Rules interpretation of the CC shall be provided to the Grievance Redressal Committee in writing within one (1) hour of notice of the Penalty. The Grievance Redressal Committee's decision on all appeals is final.

RULE 11: INTERPRETATION OF RULES

1. *General*

Questions concerning the interpretation of these Rules must be submitted to the CC.

Clerks, administrative assistants and judges are not authorized to interpret these Rules.

2. *Power to Promulgate Additional Measures*

The CC may promulgate such other measures as may be deemed advisable for the orderly conduct of the Competition or to correct deficiencies in the Competition.

RULE 12: GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE

The Grievance Redressal Committee shall be composed of two NUJS faculty members, the Director and the Associate Directors of the Society for International Trade and Competition Law. The Grievance Redressal Committee shall deal with all disputes arising out of the Competition in accordance with these Rules.

RULE 13: EQUITY COMMITTEE

There shall be an Equity Committee composed of two nominated equity officers who will be introduced to the participating teams by the Director/ Associate Directors of the Society for International Trade and Competition Law at the time of inauguration to deal with issues relating to sexual harassment. The Equity Policy for the 2nd CCI NUJS National Moot Court Competition 2020 will be sent to all of the participating teams prior to the dates of the Moot Court Competition.

RULE 14: AWARDS

The following awards will be given in accordance with these rules:

1. Champion Team
2. Runners Up Team
3. Best Speaker
4. Best Written Submissions