



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF STUDY AND RESEARCH IN LAW, RANCHI

1ST NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION, 2015

and Research in Law

Rules and Regulations

The participation in the competition shall be restricted to 16 teams only. The first 16 teams that confirm and complete their participation formalities shall be entitled to participate in the competition.

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I. INTRODUCTION

I.I The organising committee of the competition shall be the Moot Court Committee, NUSRL, Ranchi. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with these rules and all participants shall be presumed to have read and understood these rules and abide to them accordingly.

II. AIM AND PURPOSE

II.I The 1st NUSRL National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2015 has been conceived with the aim of promoting skills pertaining to trial advocacy.

III. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

III.I The National Coordinator shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of these Rules.

III.II Mr. Koushik Bagchi, Chairperson Moot Court Committee, NUSRL Ranchi shall be the National Coordinator of the Competition.

Article 1 – Participation and Eligibility

1.1. Eligibility

Every Institution offering an Undergraduate LL.B. Degree Course is eligible to participate in the same. Each Institution may send one Team. The Competition is only open for students in 3 year / 5year LL.B. Undergraduate Degree Courses.

1.2. Team Composition

1.2.1. Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with the written permission by the Chairperson, Moot Court Committee NUSRL, Ranchi..

1.2.2. Each team shall consist of two speakers. Teams may have only one researcher.

Article 2-Date and Venue

2.1 The 1st NUSRL National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2015 shall be organised by NUSRL, Ranchi from 2nd April to 5th April 2015.

2.2 The Competition shall be organised at the National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi Campus at Nagri, P.O. Bukru, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834006.

Article-3 Registration

3.1 Institutions must first provisionally register with the University on or before 10th of March by sending an e-mail at ntac.nusrl@gmail.com confirming their participation with subject “*Provisional Registration for 1st NUSRL NTAC-2015*”.

3.2 The Registration Fee for the 1st NUSRL National Trial Advocacy Competition is Rs. 3000/- payable by Demand Draft in favour of ‘**Registrar NUSRL Ranchi**’ payable at **Ranchi**.

3.3 Each participating team is required to send a scanned copy of the Demand Draft and Registration Form via email at ntac.nusrl@gmail.com latest by 12th of March, 2015. The subject line of each such E-mail should compulsorily read as “*Registration for 1st NUSRL NTAC-2015*”.

3.4 Teams participating are required to send the hard copy of the Registration form, Demand Draft and Travel forms latest by 15th March, 2015 to

Mr. Koushik Bagchi

Chairperson, Moot Court Committee,

National University of Study and Research in Law

At- Nagri, Kanke-Pithoria Road, Kanke,

P.O. – Bukru, Ranchi – 834006, Jharkhand

Article- 4 Witnesses

4.1 Organizing Committee will provide the witnesses. The witnesses will be generally briefed and assigned by the Organizers. However each team will have an opportunity to specially brief their witnesses. The witnesses to be briefed will be assigned to each team an hour prior to the commencement of the respective round.

4.2 It is mandatory for the Prosecution and the Defence to examine ALL the witnesses and dropping a witness will result in losing marks.

Article 5- Rounds

5.1 Orientation & Draw of lots will be held on April 2nd, 2015

5.2 The Preliminary Rounds shall be held on April 3rd, 2015

5.3 Top 4 teams shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.

5.4 The Semi Final Rounds shall be Held on April 4th, 2015

5.5 The Final Rounds shall be held on April 5th, 2015.

5.6 Witness Briefing for the Rounds shall be for a period of One Hour.

5.7 Except the Preliminary Rounds all rounds shall be Knock out Rounds.

Article 6- Oral Rounds

The time slot in the Preliminary Round shall be as follows:-

- 6.1.** Opening Statement on behalf of the Prosecution-3 minutes.
- 6.2.** Opening Statement on behalf of the Defence- 3 minutes.
- 6.3.** Examination- in- Chief on behalf of the Prosecution- 6 minutes for each witness.
- 6.4.** Cross Examination on behalf of the Defence- 8 minutes for each witness.
- 6.5.** Examination-in-Chief on behalf of the Defence- 6 minutes for each witness.
- 6.6.** Cross Examination on behalf of the Prosecution- 8 minutes for each witness.
- 6.7.** Final Arguments on behalf of the Prosecution- 5 minutes
- 6.8.** Final Arguments on behalf of the Defence-5 minutes

Therefore the Prosecution will get a total of 82 minutes and the Defence will get a total of 88 minutes in the preliminary round. Each speaker shall have to conduct either of the two examinations and deliver either the opening statement or the final argument in each round. The combination each team would like to follow needs to be informed to the organizers at the time of the orientation and the same shall not be altered for any of the later rounds.

The time slot in the Semi Final and the Final Rounds shall be as follows:-

- 6.9.** Opening statement on behalf of the Prosecution – 5 minutes.
- 6.10.** Opening statement on behalf of the Defence – 5 minutes.
- 6.11.** Examination-in-Chief on behalf of the Prosecution – 10 minutes for each witness.
- 6.12.** Cross Examination on behalf of the Defence – 12 minutes for each witness.
- 6.13.** Examination-in-Chief on behalf of the Defence – 10 minutes for each witness.
- 6.14.** Cross Examination on behalf of the Prosecution – 12 minutes for each witness.

6.15. Final Arguments on behalf of the Prosecution – 8 minutes.

6.16. Final Arguments on behalf of the Defence – 8 minutes.

Therefore, the total time for Prosecution shall be 131 minutes and for Defence shall be 137 minutes during the final round.

Article 7-Parameters for judging:

7.1 Knowledge of facts.

- a. Logic & clarity in reasoning
- b. Persuasiveness and deference to court.
- c. Proper, articulate and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
- d. Understanding of the laws of evidence and procedure.
- e. Ability to successfully conduct chief/cross examination within the allotted time
- f. Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses.
- g. Ability to deal with unreceptive, argumentative or hostile witnesses.
- h. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)
- i. Knowledge of the relevant provisions relating to penal laws.

7.2 DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

The decision of the Judges shall be final and binding to all the participating teams.

Article 8 – Awards

- **Best Team** – Trophy and Cash Prize of Rs. 25,000/-
- **Second Best Team**- Trophy and Cash Prize of Rs. 15,000/-
- **Best Student Advocate** – Trophy and Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000/-

Article 9 – Certificates

Certificates shall be awarded only to the participants during the valedictory ceremony. *No certificate will be given to the team before or after the valedictory function.*

Article 10 – Accommodation

10.1 Accommodation shall be provided only on prior request of the teams from the morning of 2nd April to the morning of 6th April, 2015. Teams willing to participate must mention this request in the registration form.

10.2 Teams willing to stay beyond the dates of the moot, as specified, will have to pay Rs.500/- per member per day.

Note: - Drinking and Smoking is strictly prohibited at the place of accommodation. Noncompliance of this rule will lead to disqualification and the host institution can institute action against the team found violating this rule.

Article 11 – Clarification

11.1 The Last date for seeking clarifications shall be 20/3/2015.

11.2 The Clarification shall be emailed to ntac.nusrl@gmail.com with subject as “*Request for Clarification*”.

Contact Details:

In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to mail your queries at ntac.nusrl@gmail.com.

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