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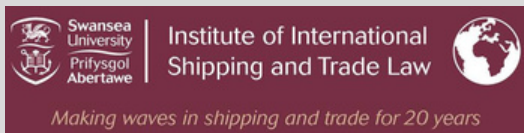


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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. 'Advanced Round' means the Final Round, Semi-Final Round, and Quarter-Final Round of the Competition.
- 1.2. 'Arbitral Tribunal' refers to a tribunal consisting of arbitrator(s) judging the Oral Rounds of the Competition.
- 1.3. "Bench Memorandum" means the memorandum of law, issues and authorities concerning the competition problem prepared by the Authors/The Moot Society.
- 1.4. 'Case Study' means the hypothetical official case of the competition as released by The Moot Society pursuant to Rule 8. Clarifications as defined under Rule 1.6 shall form part of the Case Study.
- 1.5. 'Claimant' means the side that argues on behalf of the Claimant.
- 1.6. 'Clarifications' means the procedural order(s) and/or official corrections and/or any other clarifications to the case study as released by The Moot Society pursuant to Rule 8.
- 1.7. 'Competition' means the 11th National Law University Odisha Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot Competition, 2024.
- 1.8. "IST" means Indian Standard Time.
- 1.9. 'Official Team Contact' means the individual identified by the team during the registration process for receipt of the official team correspondence.
- 1.10. 'Official Website' means the website of the competition - www.nluoimam.com.
- 1.11. 'Oral Round' (also referred to as Oral Pleadings) means a match of oral presentations between two teams, one representing the Claimant and the other representing the Respondent. A total of twenty (20) teams with the highest Written Submission scores shall be eligible to participate in the oral rounds.
- 1.12. 'Oralist', also referred to as 'Speaker' means a participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.
- 1.13. "Participant" refers to any member of a participating team which has qualified the memorial submission rounds of the Competition.
- 1.14. 'Penalty' means the deductions imposed on the Written Submission scores of a participating institution, as provided for under Rule 10.3.7.

- 1.15. 'Plagiarism' means:
- 1.15.1 Duplication of somebody else's ideas or work as represented in books, articles, the internet, or any other sources without acknowledgement.
- 1.15.2 Duplication of other moot Written Submissions, irrespective of whether the Written Submission is a competing Written Submission or not and irrespective of whether there is any acknowledgement or not.
- 1.16. 'Power Match-Up' means the type of match-up used to determine the fixtures of the advanced rounds. In advanced rounds, the team with the highest cumulative round points will compete against the one with the lowest cumulative round points.
- Illustration: In the quarter-finals and semi-finals, the highest-ranked team will compete against the lowest-ranked team.*
- 1.17. 'Preliminary Rounds' means the oral rounds that take place before the advanced rounds for the purpose of determining which team qualifies for the advanced rounds.
- 1.18. 'Rebuttals' means the arguments presented by the Claimant in response to the Respondent's submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the speakers.
- 1.19. Registered Team(s) means the teams which have completed the registration process for participating in the competition.
- 1.20. 'Respondent' means the side that argues on behalf of the Respondent.
- 1.21. 'Round Point System' means the assessment criteria used to determine the winner of the oral round pursuant to Rule 11.3.
- 1.22. 'Rules' means these official rules of the competition.
- 1.23. 'Scouting' means a person observing the oral rounds of a team other than the team such a person is associated with.
- 1.24. 'Seeding Match-Up' means the type of match-up used to determine the fixtures of the preliminary rounds. The registered teams will be seeded in the descending order of their Written Submission scores and will be divided into four (4) groups of five (5) participating teams each. The teams in each group will be matched up against the next-seeded team in the group. The fifth-seeded team in the group will be matched up against the first-seeded team in the group.

Illustration: If the preliminary round's fixtures of twenty teams were to be decided based on their ranks, being the team number itself (team 1's rank is 1, team 2's rank is 2...etc.); the following would be the fixtures.

<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Team 1</i>	<i>Team 5</i>	<i>Team 9</i>	<i>Team 13</i>	<i>Team 17</i>
<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Team 2</i>	<i>Team 6</i>	<i>Team 10</i>	<i>Team 14</i>	<i>Team 18</i>
<i>Group 3</i>	<i>Team 3</i>	<i>Team 7</i>	<i>Team 11</i>	<i>Team 15</i>	<i>Team 19</i>
<i>Group 4</i>	<i>Team 4</i>	<i>Team 8</i>	<i>Team 12</i>	<i>Team 16</i>	<i>Team 20</i>

In group 1 - Team 1 vs Team 5; Team 5 vs Team 9; Team 9 vs Team 13; Team 13 vs Team 17; Team 17 vs Team 1

In group 2 – Team 2 vs Team 6; Team 6 vs Team 10; Team 10 vs Team 14; Team 14 vs Team 18; Team 18 vs Team 2.

So, on and so forth.

- 1.25. 'Sur-Rebuttals' means the defence presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals as defined in Rule 1.18.
- 1.26. 'Team Code' means the code allotted to participating institutions by the moot society after completion of registration.
- 1.27. 'The Moot Society' or 'TMS' means the Moot Society of National Law University Odisha and the members therein, formed for the purposes of regulating and conducting mooting activities in the University.
- 1.28. 'Written Submission' means the written submissions of each team, submitted pursuant to these Rules.

2. INTERPRETATION

The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the TMS shall be conclusive. The decision of the TMS regarding the application of these Rules shall be final and binding on all the participating teams in the competition.

3. LANGUAGE

The official language of the competition shall solely be ENGLISH.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. All students registered with law schools, faculties of law and other higher educational institutions offering a law degree program or offering law as a part of its program of study are eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must be students pursuing either undergraduate or postgraduate law courses (including LL.M. programs) or its equivalent conducted by any recognised institution. No student who has been licensed to practice law is eligible to participate in the competition.
- 4.2. Each participating institution is entitled to send only one team to the competition, comprising students from the Undergraduate or Post Graduate law course or both.
- 4.3. Team members must be *bona fide* students of the institution they are representing.
- 4.4. The maximum number of teams allowed to compete in the oral rounds of the competition is twenty (20). The selection of the top twenty teams out of all the registered teams will be based on the evaluation of the 'Written Submissions' submitted by the registered teams.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 5.1. A team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members.
- 5.2. 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 TMS.
- 5.3. There can be more than two Oralists in a team. However, in each oral round, only two (2) members of the team shall be allowed to present the arguments. The member who sits with the Oralist at the counsel's table shall be called "of-counsel".
- 5.4. Only those participants duly registered as Oralists in the roster form shall be allowed to present the oral arguments for the particular.
- 5.5. --The participating teams shall have to strictly follow the name and sequence as they are filled in the roster.
- 5.6. --Changes, if any, which are to be effected in the submitted roster sequence, shall be duly communicated to TMS before the starting of each such round.
- 5.7. The composition of the team shall be communicated to the courtroom managers before each oral round.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1. Each team shall register for the competition by duly filing the online [registration form](#), available on the official website, before **24 January 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)**.
- 6.2. While filling the registration form, the teams have to select a team liaison. All communications concerning the competition shall be emailed to the team liaison. It is assumed that all the information communicated and materials distributed to the team liaison is communicated to the team.
- 6.3. An initial 'preliminary registration fee' of INR 3000 or USD 50 shall be remitted by all the Indian teams and overseas teams participating in the competition, respectively.
- 6.4. For teams that qualify for the oral rounds in accordance with Rule 10.3.9, an additional 'final registration fee' of INR 8000 will be charged for Indian Teams and USD 100 for overseas teams. This fee shall include accommodation on the competition days and transportation to and from the competition venue to the accommodation.
- 6.5. All the payments related to the registration fee under 6.3 and 6.4 shall be made as per the procedure provided under Annexure – C.

7. NEED BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OVERSEAS TEAMS

- 7.1. Any overseas team requesting financial assistance in the nature of a subsidised registration fee must complete the following [Assistance Form](#) before **20 January 2024(23:59 hrs IST)**.
- 7.2. TMS shall consider all the applications received and decide which team(s) shall be supported. The support is available only by way of waiver of the registration fee payable, either in part or in full, as may be decided by TMS.
- 7.3. The teams must demonstrate the need for financial assistance, and priority will be given to the teams:
 - 7.3.1 who have not previously participated, and whose school has not previously participated;
 - 7.3.2 who have no support from their universities or no coach;
 - 7.3.3 who come from emerging economies or jurisdictions which, in the sole discretion of TMS, are in the greatest need of such support.
- 7.4. The decision of TMS shall be final and binding on the applicant teams.

8. RELEASE OF CASE STUDY AND CLARIFICATIONS

- 8.1. The case study of the competition shall be released by **10 January 2024**.
- 8.2. All requests for clarifications to the Case Study must be e-mailed to imam@nluo.ac.in by **21 January 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)**.
- 8.3. All clarifications shall be released by the TMS on the official website and also via email to the participating teams.
- 8.4. The request for clarifications should be clear and related to the facts of the case and not related to the substantive arguments. No requests for clarification shall be made directly to the drafters of the Case Study. Any attempt made to approach the drafters of the Case study, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatsoever, shall lead to immediate disqualification from the competition

9. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 9.1. The team members may use their names while introducing themselves to the arbitral tribunal for the purpose of oral rounds. However, the teams shall not reveal the name of their University or their country of origin anywhere either in the Written Submission or during the Oral Rounds. The teams strictly advised against using or displaying any logo, pins, badges etc. in any manner, whatsoever in the Written Submission or during the Oral Rounds which reveal their name or their association with any other organisation or institution.
- 9.2. In the Written Submissions and during the Oral Rounds, a Team shall be identified only by the Team Code allotted to the team.
- 9.3. Any material, including but not limited to the Compendium, reference materials carried by the team into the courtroom for the Oral Rounds, and presented to the Arbitral Tribunal, shall be devoid of any identification marks apart from the assigned Team Code.
- 9.4. Violation of Rule 9 at any point shall attract severe penalties, which may extend to disqualification of the participating team as determined by TMS.

10. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

10.1. General Provisions

- 10.1.1 Each participating Team must prepare one Written Submission for the Claimant and one Written Submission for the Respondent.

- 10.1.2 TMS reserves the right to publish and disseminate Memorials submitted to and for the Competition. Submission of Memorials in this Competition shall constitute consent to such publication and dissemination.
- 10.1.3 The Written Submission must be in English and printed on A4 size sheets in black ink.
- 10.1.4 Every team must research and write its memorial without the assistance of nonmembers. 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.
- 10.1.5 No advice whatsoever may be taken from any member of another team or any Coach/Faculty Advisor of another team.
- 10.1.6 The Bench Memorandum shall be confidential at all times. Any team found making use of the Bench Memorandum, however acquired, shall be disqualified. In preparing its Memorials, no team may incorporate arguments or other information from the Memorials of other teams
- 10.2. Submissions
- 10.2.1 The Written Submissions shall be e-mailed in MS Word format (.doc or .docx) and PDF format to imam@nluo.ac.in.
- 10.2.2 The soft copy of the Written Submissions must be emailed by **14 February 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)**. Any submission after the said date would be subject to the penalty stipulated in Rule 10.3.7. No Written Submissions will be accepted after **15 February 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)**.
- 10.2.3 'Author's Name' shall be strictly removed from the MS Word Format (.doc or .docx) and PDF Format before soft-copy submissions. Failure of the same shall be treated as a violation of Rule 9.
- 10.2.4 Teams are required to submit 6 (six) hard copies of the Written Submission for each side during the registration on **14 March 2024**.
- 10.2.5 The hard copies should preferably be softbound and must be a replica of the soft copy. Any changes in the hard copy vis-à-vis the soft copy will entail disqualification from the competition. The decision of TMS will be final and binding in this regard.
- 10.3. Structure of Written Submissions

10.3.1 The Written Submission must contain all of the following sections (in that order):

- i. Cover Page;
- ii. Table of Contents;
- iii. Table of Abbreviations;
- iv. Index of Authorities;
- v. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- vi. Statement of Facts;
- vii. Issues;
- viii. Summary of Arguments;
- ix. Arguments;
- x. Prayer.

10.3.2 Any uniform system of citation can be followed in the Written Submissions.

10.3.3 The Cover Page of the Written Submission for the Claimant must be Blue and the Respondent must be Red. The Cover Page of each Written Submission must contain the following information:

- i. The Team code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by an “C” for the Written Submission for the Claimant, and an “R” for the Written Submission for the Respondent. For example, Team 101 would put the code “101C” in the upper right-hand corner of its Claimant Written Submission;
- ii. The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
- iii. The year of the competition;
- iv. The name of the case;
- v. The Title of the Written Submission (either “Written Submission for Claimant” or “Written Submission for Respondent”).

10.3.4 All parts of the Written Submission shall contain the following mandatory formatting specifications:

- i. Font Type: Times New Roman;
- ii. Font Size: 12;

- iii. Line Spacing: 1.5;
- iv. Margins: 1 inch on each side; and
- v. Alignment of Body Text: Justified.

10.3.5 Mandatory formatting specifications for footnotes include:

- i. Font Type: Times New Roman;
- ii. Font Size: 10;
- iii. Line Spacing: 1.0;
- iv. Margins: 1 inch on each side; and
- v. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed.

10.3.6 Body of the Written Submission

- i. The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Written Submission. The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the Written Submission in which the authority is cited.
- ii. 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. Statement of Facts shall not exceed 2 pages.
- iii. The Summary of Pleadings should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments and should not merely be a reproduction of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The Summary of Pleadings should not exceed 2 pages.
- iv. All legal arguments must be limited to the Arguments section of the Written Submission.
- v. The Arguments section of the written submission, including the Prayer must not exceed 20 pages.

10.3.7 Penalties

Non-compliance with Written Submission formatting/submission rules will result in a deduction from the total allocated marks. However, no more than 20 marks shall be deducted

for each Written Submission for non-compliance with procedural requirements, irrespective of the total penalties incurred.

RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
10.3.7.1	Use of any other ink or sheet for printing apart from black and A-4, respectively.	2 marks (one-time deduction)
10.3.7.2	Not submitting the soft copy of the Written Submissions in the prescribed format.	2 marks (one-time deduction)
10.3.7.3	Late Submission	5 marks per day till the last 'permitted' day of acceptance of late submissions, post which no submission will be accepted.
10.3.7.4	Failure to remove the author's name from the soft copy of the submitted Written Submissions.	5 marks (one-time deduction)
10.3.7.5	Failure to submit 6 hard copies at the time of registration on 14 March 2024.	5 marks per copy not submitted
10.3.7.6	Failure to have a blue cover page for the Claimant's Written Submission and a red cover page for the Respondent's Written Submission.	2 marks for each colour violation.
10.3.7.7	Any change in the hard copy of the Written Submissions vis-à-vis the soft copy of the same.	Disqualification from the competition.
10.3.7.8	Failure to include any section from (i)-(viii) and (x) in the Written Submissions.	2 marks for every missing section

10.3.7.9	Failure to include section (ix), i.e., Arguments in the Written Submission	Written Submission will not be considered for evaluation at all.
10.3.7.10	Non-compliance with the uniform style of citation for footnotes.	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
10.3.7.11	Missing information on the cover page.	2 marks for each deviation.
10.3.7.12	Incorrect page margin in the main body of the Written Submission.	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation.
10.3.7.13	Incorrect font size and/or font style and/or line spacing in the main body of the Written Submission.	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation.
10.3.7.14	Incorrect font size and/or font style and/or line spacing in the footnotes of the Written Submission.	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation.
10.3.7.15	Strict prohibition of speaking footnotes or endnotes.	2 marks per speaking footnote or endnote.
10.3.7.16	Exceeding the page limit of the 'Statement of Facts' Section.	2 marks for each exceeded page.
10.3.7.17	Exceeding the page limit of the 'Summary of Pleadings' Section.	2 marks for each exceeded page.
10.3.7.18	Substantive legal arguments outside the 'Arguments' Section.	4 marks for every page on which there is a violation.
10.3.7.19	Exceeding the page limit of the 'Arguments' Section.	2 marks for each exceeded page.

10.3.8 Instances of plagiarism in the Written Submissions will attract a strict penalty, including but not limited to deduction in the marks or may even extend to disqualification from

the moot. In the event that the submissions are alleged to have been plagiarised from the Written Submissions of other participating universities, the latter team will also be liable for a strict penalty, including but not limited to deduction in the marks or may even extend to disqualification from the moot.

10.3.9 Evaluation Criteria and Qualification for Oral Rounds

A total of twenty (20) teams with the highest scores for Written Submissions will qualify for the oral rounds of the competition. The Written Submission scores will be inclusive of all penalties laid down in rule (10.3.7). All Written Submissions emailed before the last date of submission (with penalties) will be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned in **Annexure A**.

11. ORAL ROUNDS

11.1. General Provisions

- 11.1.1 The competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.
- 11.1.2 Each team shall argue four (4) times in Preliminary Rounds – twice as Claimant and twice as Respondent. In case a team does not appear for fifteen(15) minutes after the scheduled commencement of the round, the other team shall make ex-parte submissions.
- 11.1.3 The Advanced Rounds shall, under normal circumstances, consist of three knock-out rounds – the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Final. In case a team does not appear for fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled commencement of the round, the other team shall proceed to the next round.

11.2. Fixtures

- 11.2.1 In the Preliminary Rounds, the Seeding Match-up system shall be used to determine the fixtures.
- 11.2.2 In the Quarter-final and Semi-final rounds, the Power Match-up system, with the help of scores, shall be used to determine the match-ups.
- 11.2.3 Determination of sides for advanced rounds shall be decided as per Rule 11.5.

11.3. Assessment Criteria

- 11.3.1 The scoring and tabulation for the competition shall be based on a Round Points system. The team with the higher number of Round Points wins the round.

11.3.2 Round point system for preliminary rounds

- i. Each preliminary round will be decided on a scale of five(5) Round Points, with two (2) Round Points allocated to the oral pleadings and three (3) Round Points to the Written Submission scores.
- ii. Written Submissions of each team will be evaluated by three (3) judges, each giving a score out of One Hundred (100). Therefore, each team's Written Submission will have three (3) scores: the highest score, the median score and the lowest score.
- iii. In each round, the highest score of the Claimant's Written Submission will be compared with the highest score of the Respondent's Written Submission; the middle score of the Claimant's Written Submission will be compared with the middle score of the Respondent's Written Submission and the lowest score of the Claimant's Written Submission will be compared with the lowest score of the Respondent's Written Submission.
- iv. For scoring higher in each of the above comparisons made, a team will get one (1) Round Point. A total of three (3) Round Points can be won for the Written Submissions in each round.

Illustration: In a round between Team 1 and Team 5, if Team 1 scores more than Team 5 in all the three comparisons, then Team 1 gets 3 Round points with Team 5 getting zero Round points. If Team 1 scores higher than Team 5 only in two comparisons then Team 1 gets 2 Round Points and Team 5 gets 1 Round Point.

In the Oral Pleadings, each judge, will score a team out of 200 with each speaker being scored out of a total of 100. The team receiving the higher score out of a total of 200 shall be given a round point from that judge for the said round. Therefore, a team can win a total of two (2) round points in a preliminary round.

Illustration: If Judge 1 in a round between Team 10 and Team 20 gives a higher number of points to Team 10— then Team 10 will get 1 Round Point. A similar comparison will be carried out for Judge 2 In case of a tie between the two Teams, each team shall be awarded zero point five (0.5) Round Point for the concerned Judge.

For the purpose of the advanced rounds, the Written Submission points shall be taken into consideration as per Rule 11.3.2(ii), 11.3.2(iii) and 11.3.2(iv). Each Advanced Round, except the final round, will be judged by three (3) Judges, each

of whom shall award a maximum of one (1) Round Point. The team with the higher total marks on a particular Judge's score sheet will be the winner on that Judge's score sheet. The winning team on a particular judge's score sheet shall be awarded one (1) Round Point for that judge. In case of a tie between the two Teams, each team shall be awarded zero point five (0.5) Round Point for the concerned Judge. Thus, every Advanced Round will have three (3) Round Points allotted to the orals and three (3) round points for Written Submissions.

Similarly, for the final rounds, there will be 3 Round Points for the Written Submissions and 1 Round Point each to be awarded by the judges of the final round.

11.3.3 The round winner will be determined on the basis of the Total Round Points. In case of a tie, the following criteria shall be used to decide the round winner:

- i. Teams tied on the Total Round Points shall be separated on the basis of the win-loss record in the Preliminary Rounds;
- ii. If the round points and the win-loss record are identical, the cumulative scores awarded for the oral rounds shall be used to break the tie.
- iii. If the teams have the same cumulative points, the same number of wins, and also the same cumulative oral rounds marks, then the team with the higher net Written Submission score, i.e., the score of the Written Submissions after deducting penalties, shall be ranked higher.

11.4. The top two (2) teams in each of the four (4) groups in the seeding match-up will qualify for the advanced rounds of the competition. The fixtures for the advanced rounds shall be determined as per the rule mentioned in 11.2.2.

11.5. Determination of sides in the advanced rounds

If two teams in the Advanced Rounds have earlier argued against one another in the Preliminary Rounds, they will argue for the opposite party in the Advanced Round. If they did not argue against one another in the Preliminary Rounds, the determination would be by a coin toss. If two teams in the advanced rounds have in the preceding rounds argued in favour of one party, they will argue for the opposite party in the subsequent advanced round. If both teams argued for the same side in the preceding round, the decision would be determined by a coin toss.

11.6. Time Allocation, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

- 11.6.1 Each Preliminary Round shall consist of sixty (60) minutes of argumentation. The Claimant and the Respondent shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes each, including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. However, the team may be granted an extension of not more than five (5) minutes at the discretion of the Judges.
- 11.6.2 Each team shall allocate thirty (30) minutes between the two speakers and the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal at their own discretion. Each Speaker must be allocated a minimum of ten minutes (10), not including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- 11.6.3 Each Advanced Round shall consist of ninety (90) minutes of argumentation. The Claimant and the Respondent shall be allotted forty-five (45) minutes each, including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. Each Speaker must be allocated a minimum of eighteen minutes (18), not including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- 11.7. Each Preliminary Round shall be judged by a bench of two judges. The Advanced Rounds may be judged by a bench of three or more judges.
- 11.8. Oral Rounds will be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned in **Annexure B**.
- 11.9. The Dress Code for Oral Rounds shall be western formals.

12. AWARDS

The winner of the Final Round will be declared the “Winning Team”, while the losing finalists will be declared the “Runners-Up”.

The Team with the highest total Written Submission score will be awarded the “Best Written Submission” award.

The “Best Oralist” award shall be determined on the basis of the average score secured by a speaker in the Preliminary Rounds. The average score will be calculated by dividing the cumulative score of each speaker by the number of times the speaker has presented oral arguments. To be eligible for the “Best Oralist Award”, a speaker must have argued in at least two Preliminary Rounds.

- The Winning Team (Best Team Award) shall be awarded INR 2,10,000 as prize money plus three (3) Internship slots at Bose & Mitra & Co. and a trophy.
- The Runners-up Team (Second Best Team Award) shall be awarded INR 90,000 as prize money plus three (3) Internship slots at Bose & Mitra & Co. and a trophy.

- Best Oralist shall be awarded INR 50,000 as prize money plus one (1) internship slot and a trophy.
- Best Written Submission shall be awarded INR 30,000 as prize money and a trophy.

13. SCHEDULE

Tentative Date	Event Description
10 January 2024	Release of Case Study and commencement of Registration
21 January 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)	Last Date for seeking Clarifications
24 January 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)	Last Date for Registration and Payment of the Preliminary Registration Fee
28 January 2024	Release of Clarifications to the Case Study
14 February 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)	Last Date for Submission of the Electronic Copy of the Written Submissions
15 February 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)	Last Date for Submission of the Electronic Copy of the Written Submissions (with penalty)
05 March 2024	Results of Written Submission Qualifier Rounds
10 March 2024 (23:59 hrs IST)	Last Date for Payment of the Final Registration Fee
14-17 March 2024	11th NLUO Bose & Mitra & Co. IMAM 2024

14. TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION

- 14.1 Teams shall have to make their own arrangements for transport from the point of arrival or departure to the Accommodation.
- 14.2 Teams shall be provided transport facilities to and from the Accommodation and the venue of the competition on all dates of the competition.
- 14.3 Accommodation shall be provided from 12:00 hrs., 14 March 2024, to 09:00 hrs., 17 March 2024. Teams requiring accommodation outside the prescribed dates shall have to make their own arrangements.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.1 Teams, their members, or any person associated with a team are not permitted to be present at or hear a round in which that team is not participating. This rule will not apply to those teams or persons whose teams have been eliminated from the competition and who are desirous of attending any of the Advanced Rounds thereafter. Scouting in any form in contravention of this rule shall entail the disqualification of the team.
- 15.2 No audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the TMS. TMS reserves all rights of audio and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any oral round or part thereof.
- 15.3 All Participants are expected to maintain decorum during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 15.4 Once the Written Submissions have been submitted for participation in the competition, the copyright of those Written Submissions with respect to publishing them on the official website and college website will vest in TMS.
- 15.5 The decision of TMS as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition, whether contemplated by the Rules or not, shall be final and binding.
- 15.6 TMS reserves the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as it may deem appropriate.

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Annexure A*

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORING CRITERION

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
Clarity and Organisation	20
Style and Grammar	20

¹*Rule 10.3.9 - Evaluation criteria (Written Submissions).

Annexure B**

ORAL ROUNDS SCORING CRITERION

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
Knowledge of Law	30
Knowledge of Facts	20
Question and Answers	25
Style, Poise and Demeanor	15
Organisation and Time Management	10

^{2**} Rule 11.8 - Evaluation criteria (oral rounds).

Annexure C

Procedure for depositing Fees online using State Bank Collect Facility

(sop for State Bank Collect)

- Visit State Bank Collect website <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>
- Accept the disclaimer clause and click on 'Proceed'.
- Select the State of Corporate/Institution as 'Odisha'.
- Select type of Corporate/Institution as '**Educational Institutions**' and click on 'Go'.
- Now select Educational Institution Name as '**National Law University Odisha**' and click on 'Submit'.
- Select the required payment category '**Registration for Seminar & Events**' from the drop down.
- Fill in the challan with required information as asked for or select from the drop down options wherever available.

Mobile Number as asked for in the lower part of the screen. This information is important to reprint the e-Receipt subsequent to any successful payment.

- Once required data is filled in click on 'Submit'.
- The system will ask you to verify the details entered and confirm the transaction in the next page. Verify the details and click on 'Confirm'
- The system will request you to select the desired payment mode from various options. Please note that the bank charges for various payment modes are also displayed which is to be borne by the remitter. **Carefully examine the charges displayed since the charges for different payment mode are different.** Select the desired payment mode.
- Now the system will guide the remitter through the payment process. Once the payment is completed successfully one e-Receipt is generated containing a **Reference Number** in PDF format. Take a print out. You may also save this optionally for future reference. The e-Receipt can also be regenerated/reprinted afterwards from 'Payment History' link of 'State Bank Collect'.

If **'SBI Branch'** is selected as payment mode a Pre Acknowledgement Payment (**PAP**) form is generated which contains the relevant details for payment at Branch. The payer takes the print out of the PAP Form and visits **any SBI branch** for payment through **cash or cheque drawn on SBI Branch**. After the payment is successfully processed by the branch, the branch will give an acknowledgment of payment on the PAP Form. Now any time the payer may optionally return to 'State Bank Collect' link in the home page of www.onlinesbi.com for printing the e-receipt from the 'Payment History' link.