

# **HSI PRESENTS NLSIU ANIMAL PROTECTION PIL COMPETITION,**

## **2017**

### **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

#### **1. Aim**

The NLSIU Animal Protection Public Interest Litigation Competition, 2017 aims to promote student involvement in Animal Welfare Law and Constitutional Law by providing a fair and competitive environment for an exchange of thoughts. The objective of the Competition is to improve and deepen the level of discourse in Animal Welfare Law and Constitutional Law.

#### **2. The Competition**

The NLSIU Animal Protection PIL Competition, 2017 will be conducted over two rounds memorial qualification round and oral rounds. The oral rounds will be held from 20-22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017 at the National Law School of India University, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560242.

#### **3. Definitions**

3.1 Administrator(s) means the Society for Non-Human Persons of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, members thereof, or any person/persons appointed to administer the Competition by the said SNHP.

3.2 'Advanced Round' means the Final Round, Semi-Final Round, Quarter-Final Round or PreQuarter Final Round (subject to organisers' discretion) of the Competition

3.3 'Clarifications' refer to procedural order(s) and/or any clarification(s) issued by the administrator.

3.4 'Competition' means the I NLSIU Animal Protection PL Competition, 2017.

3.5 'IST' means Indian Standard Time.

3.6 'Memorial' means the written submissions of each team, submitted according to these Rules.

3.7 'Oralist' refers to a participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.

3.8 'Participant' refers to any member of a participating university.

3.9 'Penalty' refers to the deductions imposed on the memorial scores of a participating university, as provided for within the rules.

'Plagiarism' – If, in the memorial checker's opinion, there is found to be an instance of plagiarism prevalent in a certain memorial, the participating university alleged to have committed plagiarism will be asked to show cause by the administrator. If found guilty of plagiarism, the administrator may impose any sanction that it may deem fit, including disqualification from the Competition. In instances where the participating university is alleged to have plagiarized from the memorial of another participating university 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 university shall also be held guilty of plagiarism and sanctioned by the administrators as they deem fit.

The administrators define plagiarism as including the following:

1. Direct duplication of the work of somebody else's work represented inter alia in books, articles, internet sources without acknowledgement.
2. 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 and / or where a segment of the impugned memorial has been paraphrased from the original work with minor changes, keeping intact the import of the original work without acknowledging the same.

Direct or substantial duplication of another competition memorial, irrespective of whether that memorial is a competing memorial or not, and irrespective of whether there is acknowledgement or not. 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.

3.10 'Preliminary Rounds' means any round which is not an Advanced Round as defined under Rule 1.2.

3.11 'Qualification Round' refer to the memorial stage of the competition.

3.12 'Problem' means the Problem of the Competition released by the Administrator. Clarifications shall form part of the problem.

3.13 'Team Code' refers to the code allocated to a participating university by the administrator.

#### **4. Interpretation**

The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Administrators shall be conclusive.

The decision of the Administrators regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

#### **5. Participation and Eligibility**

5.1 All law schools, faculties of law and other Universities offering a law-related degree program are eligible to participate in the Competition. Each participating University can also send up to 3 teams. Members of the team must be valid Undergraduate students pursuing a recognized Bachelor of Law program.

5.2 Team members must be bona fide students of the University they are representing.

5.3 A team can have a minimum of two members, and a maximum of three. Each team must specify the two team members who would be speaking in a round, prior to

commencement of that particular round.

5.4 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.

5.5 The Administrators reserve the right to disbar any team from participating in the Competition.

5.6 Cross University teams are also allowed in the competition. This means that the members of a team need not be from the same University. However, each member of the team must be valid Undergraduate students pursuing a recognized Bachelor of Law program.

5.7 Every Team must research on and prepare 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. No advice whatsoever may be taken from any member of another Team or any Coach/Faculty Advisor of another Team.

## 6. Registration

6.1 Each Team must register for the Competition by completing the Online Registration Form available before 12:00 am on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017. The Registration Fee for the Competition is to be paid through a wire transfer, the details of which are contained in Annexure-1.

6.2 All teams registering for the competition will have to pay the registration fees of Rs. 4000. Teams who do not qualify the Memorial Round will be awarded a Certification of Participation in the competition.

6.3 All teams must email a scanned copy of the wire transfer receipt to [nls.appc2017@gmail.com](mailto:nls.appc2017@gmail.com)

6.4 The wire transfer receipt must be emailed to the organizers within 5 days of the expiry of the deadline, i.e., 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017

6.5 Teams that successfully register will be allotted a team code.

6.6 Teams must not reveal their university, or country of origin, or names of the participants, anywhere in the Memorial or in the course of the Oral arguments. 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. A Team must be identified only by the Team Number that will be allotted to it after registration.

6.7 Violation of Rule 6.6 at any point will lead to automatic disqualification. Provided that Speakers may refer to themselves and other Speakers in an oral round by their respective names.

## 7. Qualification

The top 16 teams with top 16 Memorial scores will be entitled to participate in the oral rounds of the Competition. The number of teams qualifying is subject to change.

## 8. Memorials

8.1 Each participating Team must prepare one memorial.

8.2 All Memorials must be in English, and must be printed double-side on A4 size sheets, with equal margins of at least one inch on all sides.

8.3 The text font for the main body must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing.

8.4 No foot notes are allowed. All citations to be made at the end of the memorial in the Table of Annexures.

8.5 Character spacing should not be condensed in any manner.

8.6 The Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:

- a) Cover page;
- b) Table of Contents;

- c) Table of Abbreviations;
- d) Index of Authorities;
- e) Statement of Jurisdiction;
- f) Facts of the Case;
- g) Issues Raised;
- h) Summary of Arguments;
- i) Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
- j) Prayer.
- k) Table of annexures.
- l) Table of exhibits.

#### 8.7 For the cover Page:

- a) The Team Registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by the theme number. Eg: A17, #3.
- b) The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
- c) The year of the Competition;
- d) The name of the case;
- e) The title of the memorial;

8.8 The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the Memorial in which the authority is cited. **Footnotes are not permitted in the memo.** All citations have to be made at the end in the Table of Annexures. Teams are not expected to annex all material, however, provide a short description for the same. Table of exhibits is to supplement facts and arguments through newspaper articles, international conventions, etc. Table of exhibits to comprise of citations for the same followed by a short summary.

8.9 The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the issue. 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.

8.10 The Summary of Pleadings should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not be a mere reproduction of the various headings and sub headings of arguments.

8.11 All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced and Prayer must not exceed 15 pages.

8.12 Memorials must be emailed in MS Word format and PDF format to [nls.appc2017@gmail.com](mailto:nls.appc2017@gmail.com) by 11:59 pm IST (Indian Standard Time) on 20th December, 2016. 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.

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. Teams are required to submit three printed copies of the memorials when they arrive for the competition.

8.13 Not following the instructions regarding Memorials in these Rules will lead to the following penalties (per judge):

- a) Use of incorrect font, font size, line spacing, page margins, page size: 3 marks for every page on which there is a violation;
- b) Failure to include a specified component in the Memorial as per rule 8.6: 5 marks for every component;
- c) Length of the Summary of Pleadings or Pleadings/Arguments Advanced: 3 marks for every page in excess of the prescribed limit;
- d) Violation of anonymity: Disqualification.
- e) Failure to include the prescribed information on the Cover Page/ Placement of additional information on the Cover Page: 1 mark per piece of information; Point deductions will be subject to a cap of 15 marks per judge per memorial. In no case will a team be penalized by more than 15 marks per judge per memorial. This deduction is independent of the deduction for late submission of memorials.

8.14 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. The Administrators also reserve the right to use the Memorials submitted for any other purpose they may deem fit while ensuring appropriate attribution.

## **9. Oral Arguments**

9.1 Each Oral Round will include of one team presenting in front of the constituted bench.

9.2 Each Oral Round shall, subject to the discretion of the Judges, consist of thirty (30) minutes of argument, which shall be presented in English. Each team shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes each, subject to the discretion of the Judges. Both members designated as Speakers from each Team shall make oral presentations in each round with 15 minutes allotted to each speaker.

## **10. Competition Format and Procedure**

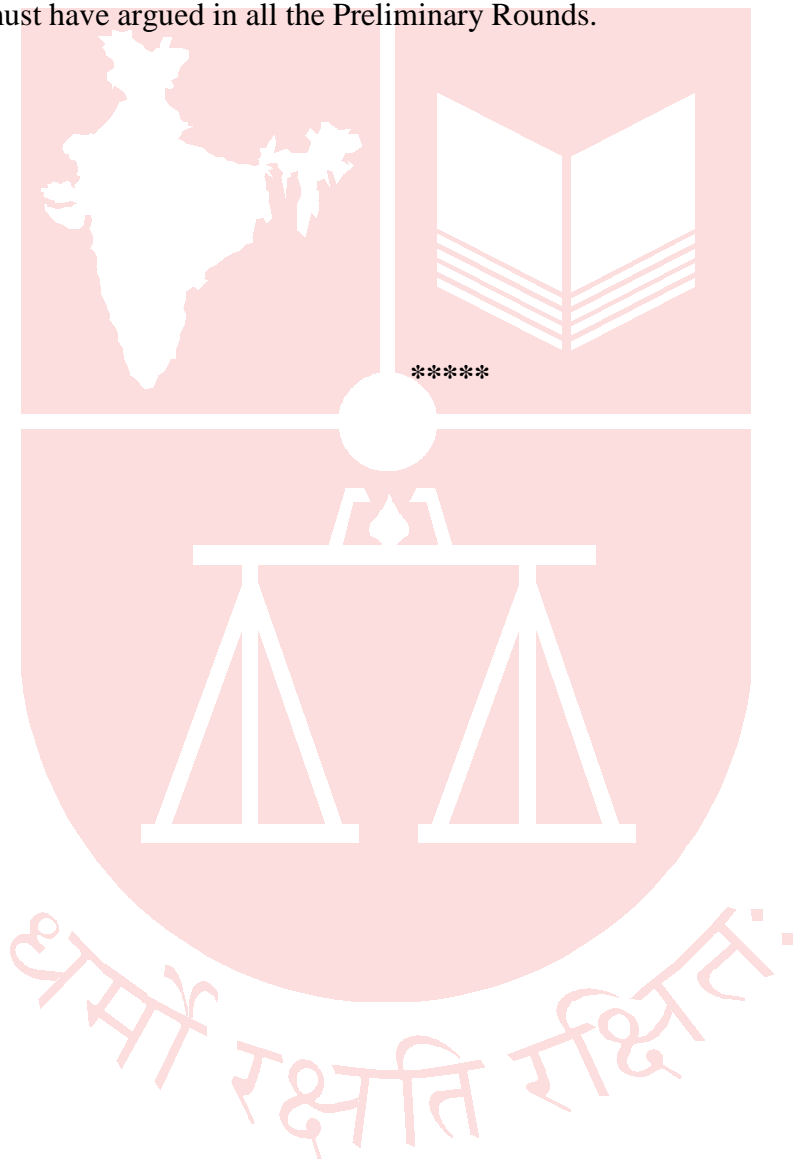
10.1 The Competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds. Each team shall argue in 3 Preliminary Rounds. The Advanced Rounds shall, unless otherwise specified, consist of three knock-out rounds – the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and the Final.

10.2 The scoring and tabulation for the competition shall be based on the oral and memorial scores of the teams.

10.3 Teams, their members, or any person associated with a team, are not permitted to be present at, or hear, or in any way observe, a round in which that team is not participating. This rule will not apply to those teams or persons associated with teams which have been eliminated from the competition, and who are desirous of attending any of the Advanced Rounds thereafter. Scouting in any form shall entail disqualification of the team.



10.4 The winner of the Final Round will be declared the “Winning Team”, while the losing finalists will be declared the “Runners-Up”. The Teams with the highest total memorial score (out of 100) will be awarded the “Best Memorial” award. The “Best Speaker” award shall be determined on the basis of the aggregate absolute oral points secured in the Preliminary Rounds. To be eligible for the “Best Speaker Award”, a speaker must have argued in all the Preliminary Rounds.



**ANNEXURE-I**

The registration fee payable by teams is Rs. 4,000 (four thousand) per team. This amount includes Registration and Accommodation for the NLSIU Animal Protection PIL Competition, 2017. Teams must wire transfer the amount, latest by 10th December, 2016, to:

**Bank:** Corporation Bank

**Branch:** NLSIU Branch

**Address:** NLSIU Campus, Nagrabhavi, Bangalore.

**Branch Code:** CORP0002144

**Ph:** 080-23218130 & 23218115

**Email:** cb2144@corpbank.co.in

**Account Name:** M/S Students Bar Association [SIPLA]

**Account Number:** 214400101000524

**IFSC Code:** CORP0002144

**MICR Code:** 560017060

Teams must mail their transfer details to [nls.appc2017@gmail.com](mailto:nls.appc2017@gmail.com) latest by 15th December, 2016.

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