# NLIU-CELL FOR LAW AND TECHNOLOGY - TECHTONIC
# POLICY CASE COMPETITION 2026

# RULEBOOK

## ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

The Policy Case Competition is a flagship event of NLIU-CLT and the first of its kind in India, designed to inspire students to think critically, analytically, and creatively while formulating policy solutions to real-life concerns. Teams are required to draft policy proposals that address complex questions, and their submissions are reviewed by leading professionals. Shortlisted teams then present their proposals before an expert panel, with winners determined based on both written and oral rounds.

Since its inception in 2021, the competition has grown into a premier platform for policy innovation. Previous editions have addressed themes such as Cyber Bullying (2021), Internet Platform Regulation (2023, in collaboration with Ikigai Law), and Artificial Intelligence & Intellectual Property (2024), drawing participation from law students across the country.

## THEME:

The theme for this year's Competition is "Governing emotional and medical risks of AI".

# STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

1. **Written Submission:**
   - The beginning of the first phase shall be marked by the release of a Policy Case, wherein the specific contours of the policy questions will be defined.
   - The teams will be expected to make a written submission addressing these policy questions, in the format prescribed in the rulebook below.
   - All teams must submit their policy proposals/whitepapers by the designated date as mentioned in the rulebook.

2. **Preliminary Presentation Round:**
   - All the teams qualifying the written submission round will then proceed to the Preliminary Presentation Round, where they will orally present and defend their proposals before a panel of judges at NLIU, Bhopal.
   - Feedback will be provided, and teams will have the opportunity to revise their proposal. The 4 qualifying teams will then proceed to the final rounds of the competition.

3. **Final Presentation Round:**
   - Revision of Policy Proposal: Qualifying teams are required to revise their policy proposal/ whitepapers following the Preliminary Presentation Round.
   - Each qualifying team will be assigned a mentor who will guide them in a non substantive capacity.
   - Only the top 4 teams, based on cumulative scores from both the Written Submission Round and the Premilinary Presentation Round, will qualify for the Final Presention Round.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The name of the document should be "team code - Written Submission"
- Submission must be made via this Google Form only.
- In the event the team has issue relating to the submission of their piece, they may email the piece to clt@nliu.ac.in within the stipulated deadline.
- The subject of the mail should be - "team code - Written Submission | NLIU PCC 2026".

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# FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- The following guidelines must be followed when formatting the submission:
  - Font: Times New Roman
  - Font Size: 12
  - Line Spacing 1.5
  - Footnote Font Size: 1
  - Footnote Line Spacing 1.0
  - Margins: One inch on each side
- The page limit of the written submission shall be seven pages (excluding the cover page).

# FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- The relevant sources/ references must mentioned as footnotes.
- Citations must strictly conform to the standards laid down in the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (4th ed., 2012).
- The written submission must not bear the name of the participants.
- All entries should be submitted in doc. or docx format.
- The author(s) bear sole responsibility for the accurancy of facts, opinions or views stated in the submitted piece.
- The language used must not be unparliamentary, abusive or result in disrespect of a third person.
- Non-adherance to these rules may lead to disqualification of the team.

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# RESOURCES

The following resources are provided to help participants explore key concepts and deepen their understanding of the competition themes. These interactive chatbots, powered by BirbalBot, offer insights and guided discussions on topics such as AI regulations and robot ethics. Participants are encouraged to use them as learning aids to build well-rounded and informed perspectives.

1. **Regulations Of AI by Rosa Ballardini & Rob van den Hoven van Genderen**
2. **Robot Ethics 2.0 by Patrick Lin, Ryan Jenkins, & Keith Abney**

# RULES FOR ORAL PRESENTATION

## Structure of Rounds

- The Oral Presentation Rounds shall take place in two stages - the Preliminary Presentation Round and the Final Presentation Round.

## 1. Preliminary Presentation Round:

- The Preliminary Presentation Round shall be an oral presentation of fifteen (15) minutes by each team.
- Each member of the team must speak for at least seven (7) minutes.
- The total marks for the Preliminary Presentation Rounds are 100. Each member shall be scored separately out of 50 and the cumulative scores of both speakers shall determine the total score of the team.
- Each presentation shall be made towards a panel of judges who may question the team on their recommendations and solutions, and dissect the policy submission.
- After the Preliminary Presentation Round, teams may receive feedback from the judges.

## 2. Final Presentation Round:

- Based on the team's total score in the Preliminary Presentation Round, four (4) teams shall qualify for the Final Presentation.
- The Final Presentation Round shall be an oral presentation of twenty (20) minutes by each team. Each member of the team must speak for at least nine (9) minutes.
- Each presentation shall be made towards a panel of judges who may question the team on their recommendation and solutions, and dissect the policy submission.
- The winner of the Competition shall be decided on the basis of the toal marks scored in the Written Submission Round and the Final Presentation Round.

# Guidelines for Presentation

- The Oral Presentation Rounds shall be held offline on the campus of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal only.
- Oral presentations must be based on the submission of the team, highlighting the problem statement, the recommended solutions, and the defence.
- During the Presentation, the panel of judges shall be allowed to question the team on their recommendations and solutions and dissect the policy submission.
- Virtual aids in the form of PowerPoint Presentations may be used and the same shall be marked on their contribution to the Presentation. The Presentation shall not contain the names of the participants or the college/ University of the participant.
- Time taken to set up the visual aid shall not be included in the Presentation Time of the teams.
- No handouts or written materials (except the submission) shall be sent to the judges as part of the evaluation process.
- Fictitious names may be used if it is warranted. The judges shall not be aware of the names of the colleges/universities of any of the participating teams. Participants are also required to maintain anonymity regarding the same.
- Each participant shall be required to answer all questions posed towards them.
- During the Presentations, the speaker may receive hints, tips or answers only with the help of passing of chits or other written/ published/ printed material. Use of electronic material during the presentation is forbidden.
- These hints, tips, or answers may only be received from the teammate and not from anyone else, including the audience, mentors or judges.
- No verbal communication is allowed between the teammates during the Presentation.

- In case a participant is unable to provide an answer to the question/s posed by the judge/s ("passed question/s"), their teammate shall be allowed to answer the passed question/s during their speaking time.
- No additional time shall be provided for passing chits, hints, materials etc and/or for answering a passed question.
- The team member presenting first must mention the time division between the teammates.
- Any additional time consumed by the first presenter shall be deducted from the time of the second presenter such that the cumulative time for the team shall not exceed fifteen minutes during the Preliminary Presentation Round and twenty minutes during the Final Presentation Round.
- The Competition shall be conducted strictly in English.
- Speakers must introduce themselves using their team codes only.

## Other Rules

- All teams are required to bring five printed copies of their submission and submit them at the time of Registration on 16th January, 2026.
- The submission may be printed on both sides of the page.
- The printout may only be monochrome i.e. black and white.
- Visual aids, if any, must be emailed to clt@nliu.ac.in along with the Team Code by 11:59 PM on 13th January 2026 for the Preliminary Presentation Round, and by 11:59 PM on 17th January 2025 for the Final Presentation Round. No visual aids shall be accepted post this deadline.

# MARKING CRITERIA

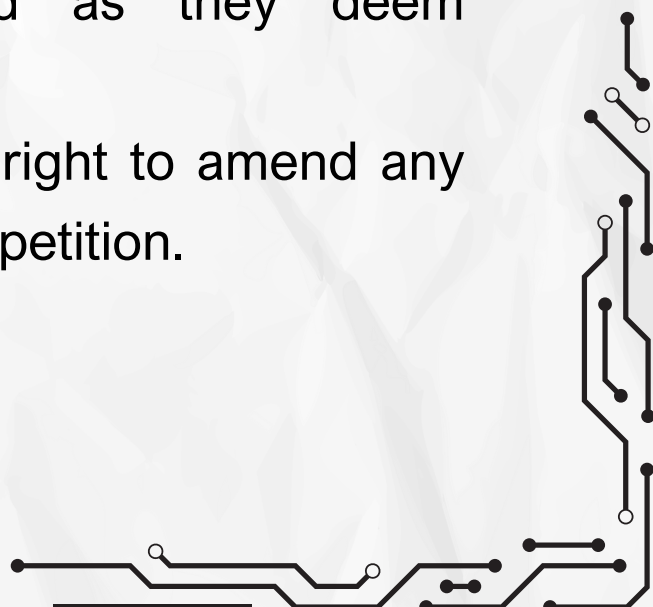| Parameter | Description | Score |
|---|---|---|
| **Technical Content** | We shall evaluate how well the issues are understood, as well as the quality, scope, and relevance of the research and the Whitepaper. | 10 Marks |
| **Case Analysis Style** | We will assess how convincingly the position has been argued. How the research furthers the arguments? Do the arguments make sense? Are there any loopholes? Have the loopholes been anticipated and plugged? | 10 Marks |
| **Presentation Skills** | We are looking for an engaging, straightforward presentation that has flow and answers all questions. Answers to questions posed by the judges shall be marked under this head. | 10 Marks |
| **Presentation Organization** | We are looking for well-structured, logical and well-articulated presentations. Contribution of visual aids, if any, shall be included under this head. | 10 Marks |
| **Strength of Recommendations** | We will assess if the proposed solution(s) make sense in the real world and how well they are defended. | 10 Marks |

# MARKING CRITERIA

## PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION ROUND

| Category | Marks |
|---|---|
| Speaker 1 | 50 Marks |
| Speaker 2 | 50 Marks |
| **Total Team Score (to Qualify)** | **100 Marks** |

## FINAL PRESENTATION ROUND

| Category | Marks |
|---|---|
| Written Submission Round | 50 Marks |
| Speaker 1 | 50 Marks |
| Speaker 2 | 50 Marks |
| **Total Team Score (to Decide Winner)** | **150 Marks** |

# GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The organizers reserve all rights over the submissions received.
2. The decision of the organizers is final and binding.
3. Non-adherence to any of the guidelines may lead to the disqualification of the participants.
4. In case of any dispute or difficulty arising out of or during the course of the competition, the organizing committee shall have the sole and absolute authority to remove such difficulty and resolve the dispute.
5. The organizers reserve the right to add, amend, vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they deem appropriate
6. The organizers reserve the right to amend any condition or rules in the competition.

# EVENT STRUCTURE

📅 **16TH JANUARY TO 18TH JANUARY 2026**

❓ **MODE: PHYSICAL (ON-CAMPUS)**

📍 **NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL**

# TENTATIVE TIMELINES

**1 DEC 2025** — **REGISTRATION OPENS AND RELEASE OF THEME**

**1 DEC 2025** — **RELEASE OF POLICY PROBLEM**

**25 DEC 2025** — **REGISTRATION CLOSES**

**01 JAN 2025** — **DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION**

**05 JAN 2026** — **DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF WRITTEN SUBMISSION**

**17-18 JAN 2026** — **DATES FOR ORAL PRESENTATION**

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