

SCHOOL OF LAW, ANSAL UNIVERSITY, GURGAON

INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2017

RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

RULES & REGULATIONS

These rules shall be the official rules for Moot Court Competition to be held from 7th to 9th April, 2017, at School of Law, Ansal University. All the participating teams must strictly adhere to these rules under all circumstances.

1. NMCC Core Committee and it's responsibility and powers:

- National Moot Court Competition (NMCC) Core Committee will be the committee for the purpose of this competition.
- In case of any dispute or difficulty arising out of or during the course of the competition, the Competition Core Committee shall have the sole and absolute authority to remove such difficulty and resolve the dispute.
- The Competition Core Committee's decision as regards to the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the National Moot Court Competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the Competition Core Committee shall be final.
- The Competition Core Committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.

- The Competition Core Committee shall not be held responsible for any loss or non-delivery of the Memorials.

2. Interpretation clause

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings, unless otherwise specified:

- **‘Bench Memorandum’** means the memorandum of Laws and authorities concerning the Problem.
- **‘Compendium’** means the Compiled Research Material.
- **‘Competition Rules’** means the Official Rules and Regulations of the Competition as amended from time to time.
- **‘Memorials’** means the Written Submissions of a team, submitted pursuant to these rules.
- **‘National Moot Court Competition Core Committee’** herein referred as NMCC Core Committee for the purpose of this Moot Court Competition means the Committee as for the administration and conduct of the Competition and all events incidental thereto.
- **‘Oral Pleading’** means the pleading before a panel of judges.
- **‘Panel’** mean the Adjudicators of an Oral Pleading Session collectively.
- **‘Participant’** means any member of the Participating Team.

- '**Penalty**' means the consequence of a rule violation, whether disqualification or the deduction of points.
- '**Petitioner**' means the side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Applicant at any given point in the Competition.
- '**Rebuttals**' refer to the set of Arguments/challenges that the Applicant shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators. This shall be replied to in the appropriate manner by the Respondent.
- '**Researcher**' means that member of the Team who is not a Speaker.
- '**Respondent**' means the side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the Competition.
- '**Speaker**' means the designated speaker of the Team.
- '**Team Code**' means the code allocated to a Team by Core Committee.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Students enrolled in a 5 years integrated LLB course or in a 3 year LLB course at the time of the competition are eligible to compete in the Competition. Each College/Law School or University may enter one team ONLY.

4. Team Composition and their role

- A team consisting of **three members** that satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate.
Team consisting of **two members** that satisfies the eligibility criteria can also participate but subject to the rules mentioned herein after.
- **Generally**, each team shall comprise of **two speakers and one Researcher**.
- **In case of a team of two, both would be speakers.**
- Only the speakers are allowed to present and argue. The researcher will not be given a chance to speak unless specifically allowed by the Judges. However, he/she can pass on the hand written notes to the Speakers with the permission of the Judges.
- The researcher is supposed to sit for a **researcher test**.
- **Team consisting of two members would not be allowed to give the researcher test** (rest participation being same). They could only participate as speakers.
- No team member may be replaced after the team's memorial has been received by the Competition Core Committee, **except with the express written consent of the Competition Core Committee, which will require a showing of good cause.**

5. Rounds

- The competition shall be of **three rounds** namely Preliminary, Semi-Finals and Final rounds.
- Following shall be the rules for **Oral Presentation** in each round.

5.1 Preliminary Rounds

- There shall be two Preliminary rounds - each team shall argue for both sides.
- Matching of each team shall be done by the Draw of Lots or subject to the discretion of Competition Core Committee.
- Each team will be allotted **20 minutes for the arguments including time for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal.**
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members.
- The division of time must be communicated to the court clerks before commencing arguments.
- If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of the allocated time, the additional time for which he or she speak will be deducted from the time allocated to his or her co-speaker, as the case may be. However, no speaker shall be allowed to present his arguments beyond the maximum time, unless permitted by the judges.
- Each speaker must introduce himself or herself to the court using only his identification code and team code given to him/her at the time of memorial submission.

- A team shall be credited with a win in the Preliminary Rounds if their **Round Total (score of both speakers + marks allotted to memorial)** is greater than the opposing team.
- Teams with two wins will qualify for Semi-Final. In case there are more than four teams with two wins, round total will be used to decide the winners.
- In case of tie, **scores of the speakers** will be considered.
- In case the tie still persists, then scores allotted in **Understanding of Law and Procedure** will be added to decide the winner.

5.2 Semi-final Round

Total of four teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the Semi-Final round.

- Matching of each team shall be done by the Draw of Lots or as per discretion of Competition Core committee.
- Each team will be allotted **30 minutes for the arguments including time for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal.**
- The Semi-Final Round will consist of One (1) Mooting Session and will also be a
- “Knock-out” Round where the winner of each Semi-Final Round pairings will advance to the Final Round.
- A team shall be credited with a win in the Semi-Final Round if their **Round Total (score of both speakers)** is greater than the opposing team. (Marks allotted to Memorial will not be considered in the Round Total).
- In case of tie in Semi-Final Round pairing, total scores allotted in **Understanding of Law and Procedure** will be considered to decide the winner.

5.3 Final Round

- Winners of each Semi-Final round will qualify for the final round.
- Each team will be allotted **45 minutes for the arguments including time for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal.**
- A team shall be credited with a win in the final round if their **Round Total (score of both speakers)** is greater than the opposing team. (Marks allotted to Memorial will not be considered in the Round Total).
- In case of tie in Final Round, total scores allotted in **Understanding of Law and Procedure** will be considered to decide the winner.

5.4 Ex-parte proceeding

- If a team fails to appear within **15 minutes** of the scheduled time (in any of the three rounds) or in case of odd number of teams (in preliminary round), then the oral round of the attending party may proceed **Ex parte.**
- In case failure of appearance of teams within stipulated time period, **the attending party will be declared winner.**

6. Memorials

- Each participating team shall prepare **memorials for both sides**. All teams are to submit their hard copies to NMCC Core Committee before the deadline specified by the committee under rules herein below. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the competition.

- Memorials from each side should not contain more than **20pages (which constitute summary of arguments, arguments advanced and prayer)**.

- The memorial must be typed and double-spaced. A team does not violate the double-spacing requirement by including written material properly that is single spaced and with double apostrophe, such as a block quote.

- The memorial shall consist of following:

i. Cover Page

ii. Table of Contents

iii. Index of Authorities

iv. Statement of Jurisdiction

v. Facts

vi. Issues raised/questions presented

vii. Summary of Arguments (1or 2 Page)

viii. Arguments Advanced/Pleadings [not more than 15 pages]

ix. Prayer for Relief (1 Page)

The following sections **DO NOT** count toward the word limit:

- i. Front and back cover pages
- ii. Table of contents,
- iii. Index of authority,
- iv. Statement of jurisdiction,
- v. Facts,
- vi. Questions presented

All citations must adhere to Blue Book 9th Edition and fulfill the following requirements

- Font type for both written submission and citations should be Times New Roman.
- Font size for written submission should be 12 but for citations should be 10.

****Memorials that do not follow the above mentioned specifications shall be penalized.**

Memorial cover page shall follow the following Color Scheme:

- Blue color cover page for petitioner/ Appellant.
- Red color cover page for the respondent.

6.1 Service of memorials

- All participants must submit ten (10) copies of memorial for both sides.
- The soft copy for both sides shall be sent via email **in word format** on solnmcc@ansaluniversity.edu.in latest by 6th March, 2017.
- Subject of the email shall be “Memorial for team code”. Please name the memorial using your team code and “A” for Applicant/ Appellant and “R” for Respondent. For example your team is assigned Team code 60 then file name should 60 A.doc or 60 R.doc.
- The submission of hard copies shall be done and it should reach School of Law, Ansal University latest by 9th March, 2017.
- Memorial submitted late shall face a deduction of score points.

6.2 Anonymity

- Each team will be awarded a code number after registration and that number alone shall be marked on the memorials.
- Identity of the team or the names of the participants must not be revealed in the Memorial in any manner whatsoever.
- Name of the school/University shall not be mentioned on any compendium or material to be presented the bench. Failure to compliance will lead to disqualification of such compendium or material from presentation.

7. Scoring

The scoring of competition would be allocated in following manner:

7.1 Scoring of oral arguments

Each speaker shall be marked on total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge. The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each category:

Sl. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
1	Understanding of Law and Procedure	30
2	Application of Facts	20
3	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	15
4	Use of Authority	5
5	Organization and Flow of Arguments	10
6	Reference to Memorials	10
7	Advocacy Skills, Court Craft and Demeanor	10
Total		100

**Marks allotted by the judges shall be final.

7.2 Scoring of memorial

The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each category:

Sl. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
1.	Knowledge of Law and Extent of Research	30
2.	Proper and Articulate Analysis, Clarity and Organization	25
3.	Knowledge of Facts	15
4.	Evidence of Original Thought	10
5.	Grammar and Style	10
6.	Correct Format and Citation	10
Total	100	

7.3 Researcher Test

1. The Researchers' test will be conducted on the day one of the competition (subject to change as per discretion of Competition Core Committee)
2. The test shall consist of Objective / Subjective question based on the moot proposition and the principles of laws applicable thereto.

8. Awards

Winning Team	Cash Prize of Rs.30,000, Trophy & Certificate
Runner up Team	Cash Prize of Rs.12,500, Trophy & Certificate
Best Mooter	Cash Prize of Rs.2500, Trophy & Certificate
Best Researcher	Cash Prize of Rs.2500, Trophy & Certificate
Best Memorial	Cash Prize of Rs.5000 (so and so amount), Trophy & Certificate
Participating teams	Participating certificates

****For Best Mooter award, the points scored from the preliminary rounds alone will be counted.**

****Best Researcher will be decided on the basis of scores in Researchers' Test**

****Best Memorial will be decided on the basis of score of memorials.**

9. Dress Code:

Formal wear

Ladies	White Salwar & Kurta with black coat or White shirt with black tie, black trousers, black coat, white socks and black shoes
Gentlemen	White shirt with black tie, black trousers, black coat, white socks and black shoes.

10. Registration and Fees

- The registration for the teams should be done latest by 15 February, 2017. Soft copy of same should be sent via e-mail on solnmcc@ansaluniversity.edu.in.
- Hard copy of registration form along with travel details comprising of mode of travel and time of arrival etc. to reach School of Law, Ansal University latest by 18th February, 2017.

11. Important Dates

- Participants are required to comply and adhere with the dates and deadlines:
- **Last date of registration is 15th February, 2017.**
- **Last date of submission of hard copy of registration form is 18th February, 2017.**
- **Last date of seeking clarifications is 21st Feb, 2017.**
- **Last date of submission of memorial (soft copy via e-mail) is 6th March, 2017.**
- **Last date of submission of memorial (hard copy) is 9th March, 2017.**

12. Address for purposes of sending by post

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***In case of any queries, please contact the student coordinators. As long as the query made is reasonable, we would surely guide you on the same. Any irrelevant query as to the same could lead to disqualification of such team. All rules are to be complied without disclosing identity. Most importantly, contacting the coordinators should be the last resort, e-mail being the primary response mechanism. All the queries should be made within the referred time frame.**

12. Miscellaneous

- No scouting. No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court rooms in which that team is one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition.
- All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- The Competition committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Moot Court competition.
- Upon completion of the competition, the competition committee reserves the exclusive right to use the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.
- Participating teams should carry with them required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of competition.
- Team found attempting to approach and influencing. Judges/Administrators/Organizers / Competition Core committee shall be disqualified.