

tarka sastra

Lawgically Speaking...

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. SUBJECT MATTER AND DATE

TARKA SASTRA – 3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2014 shall be held from **28th to 30th March 2014** at School of Law, SASTRA UNIVERSITY, Thanjavur-613 401, Tamilnadu (State), India.

II. LANGUAGE

The competition shall be in the English language only.

III. ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open only for students who are pursuing **Three Year or Five Year LL.B. Degree Course**.

IV. REGISTRATION

- a. The Teams must confirm their participation on or before **1st March 2014** (through E-Mail) along with the registration form.
- b. Preference will be given to the teams on **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS** and the number of teams will be limited to 32 teams. An e-mail expressing your desire to participate in the event should be sent to **tarka14@sastra.ac.in**.
- c. The hard copy of the registration forms should reach the hosts by **5th of March 2014**.
- d. There is no registration fee, however a **refundable caution deposit of Rs 1000/-** must be sent in form of a DD favouring **“SASTRA University”** payable at Thanjavur with the registration forms.

V. DRESS CODE

Men : Formal - White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Blazer, Black Tie and Black Shoes.

Women : Formal - White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Blazer and Black Shoes.

Within the campus:

The dress code of the host university should be strictly adhered to by the participants within the campus,

Men : Formal Wear.

Women : Complete Indian Formals. Shorts and tracks will not be permitted in the library premises.

VI. TEAM COMPOSITION

There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. This team composition shall not be altered under any circumstances.

VII. ROUNDS

- a. Each team will be provided with a team code during orientation session on the inauguration day i.e. on **28th March 2014**. The teams shall not disclose the identity of their institution in any manner during the rounds. Any such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. **The decision of the Organizers of Moot Court Competition shall be final.**
- b. There will be one preliminary round of arguments, a quarterfinal, a semi-final and a final round.
- c. The oral arguments need to be confined to the issues stated in the memorials.
- d. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.
- e. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.

A. Preliminary Round & Quarterfinal

- a. All the teams are required to argue for both sides in the Preliminary round.
- b. Preliminary Round will be held on **29th March, 2014**.
- c. Memorial marks will be added in the Preliminary rounds only.
- d. Top eight teams will advance to the Quarter Final Rounds.
- e. Each team will get a total of **30 minutes** to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal time.

- f. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 18 minutes per speaker. Division of time should be informed to the court officer before the rounds.
- g. The Quarter Finals shall take place, Post- Lunch on **29th March, 2014**.
- h. The Lots picked by the teams will decide the side of the arguments in Quarterfinals.

B. Semifinal & Final

- a. The Semifinals shall take place, on **30th March, 2014**.
- b. The Final will be held on **30th March, 2014**.
- c. The winners of Quarterfinals/Semifinals will be decided on the basis of knockout rounds.
- d. Whether to conduct Quarter Finals or not will be decided by the organizers of the Competition and such decision shall be final. If there is no Quarter Final, four teams will be chosen to the Semi Finals after Preliminary rounds.
- e. Each team will get **45 minutes** to present their case and that will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- f. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker.

VIII. RESEARCHER'S TEST

A written test based on the moot problem for the researchers will be held on the **28th March, 2014**.

IX. MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized accordingly:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both the parties to the dispute (Petitioners and Respondents).
- b. The soft copy of the memorials (for both the sides) on the Moot Problem must be sent to **tarka14@sastra.ac.in** on or before **15th March 2014**.
- c. One hard copy of the memorials (For both the Sides) on the Moot Problem must be sent in advance either by Courier or by Post and it should reach the host institution for evaluation **on or before 5.30 P.M on 18th March 2014 to the address "TARKA SASTRA-2014, SASTRA MOOT SOCIETY, School of Law, SASTRA University, Thanjavur-613 401, Tamilnadu, India"**.

- d. Late submissions shall be penalized by one point on each memorial for every day of delay after due date. No excuses in respect of delayed courier services will be entertained.
- e. The remaining 5 copies of Memorials must be submitted during the time of registration on 28th March 2014.
- f. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed. In any such case the team will be penalized and even be disqualified.
- g. All memorials must conform to the general requirements as stated below. Any failure to confirm the same shall attract penalization.
- h. The memorials have to be submitted on **A- 4 size paper printed on one side** and must contain:
 - Cause Title
 - The Table of Contents
 - The Index of Authorities
 - The Statement of Jurisdiction
 - The Statement of Facts (1 Page Only And Argumentative Statement Of Facts Would Attract Penalties)
 - The Statement of Issues
 - The Summary of Arguments (Not More Than 1 Page)
 - The Arguments Advanced (Not More Than 15 Pages)
 - The Prayer
- i. The font size should be **12** (double spaced) and in **Times New Roman**. The font size of the footnotes should be **10** (single space) & double space between two foot notes.
- j. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- k. The memorials should not be spiral / staple bound; it should be **Stitched/Book Bound**. Any other form of binding shall not be accepted.
- l. The page numbering should be on the right side of the page, on the top.
- m. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:
 - Petitioner: **Blue Colour**.
 - Defendant: **Red Colour**.
- n. Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalized.
- o. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
 - The cause title
 - Identity of brief as Petitioners / Respondents.

- Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalization inclusive of disqualification.
- The teams may submit a separate paper book of not more than 100 pages (printed on both sides), with all relevant annexures and case laws that have been referred to in the memorial. It must be handed over to the Court officers, 10 minutes before the rounds.

X. SCOUTING

- Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- Scouting by any of the team members will result in disqualification.

XI. SCORING

Marking Criteria

S.NO	CRITERIA	MARKS
1.	Memorials	20
2.	Application of Facts	10
3.	Understanding of Law and Precedents	10
4.	Reasoning in the Application of Principles	10
5.	Use of Authorities and Precedents	10
6.	Response to Questions and Articulate Answering	20
7.	Advocacy Skill/Court Craft/ Demeanour	20
TOTAL		100

A. Orals

The parameters for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:

- Knowledge of facts
- Logic and reasoning
- Organization and clarity
- Persuasiveness
- Deference to the court
- Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts

- Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
- Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general, adhering to the time allotted
- Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of law
- Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

B. Written Submissions (Memorials)

- The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.
- Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties.
- Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
 - Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
 - Logical progression of ideas
 - Effective use of headings to outline arguments
 - Understanding essential legal issues presented
 - Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
 - Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 - Forceful and persuasive presentation
 - Integration of facts into legal argument
 - Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 - Understanding and analysis of authority
 - Effective use of authority to support arguments
 - Ability to distinguish adverse cases

XII. AWARDS

S.No.	Criteria	Awards
1.	Best Team	Rs 50,000/-
2.	Runner up Team	Rs 25,000/-
3.	Semi-finalists	Rs 5000/-
4.	Best Written Submissions	Rs 5000/-
5.	Best Student Advocate	Rs 5000/-
6.	Best Researcher	Rs 5000/-

In addition to the above awards, Memento and Certificates will be given to winners of other categories. All participants will be awarded participation certificates.

XIII. ANONYMITY

- a. Student counsel may introduce herself/himself to the court in the usual manner and may also state her / his name. However, the team's college / institution affiliation should not be mentioned at any time and in any manner.
- b. Further, all team members shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including wearing any identifying items, such as school Clothing, Ties, Badges, Pins or carrying Identifying Material.

XIV. DECISION OF THE JUDGE(S) IS FINAL

The Decision of the Judge(s) is Final, Conclusive and Binding on all concerned in all matters.

XV. COPYRIGHT

- a. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by the participants and shall also vest completely and fully in School of Law SASTRA University.
- b. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of School of Law, SASTRA University.

XVI. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD & TRANSPORT

- a. Accommodation and food for participating teams will be provided by School of Law, SASTRA University in Hostels.
- b. Accommodation will be provided from 27th March 2014 (morning) to 30th March 2014 (night).
- c. No Fourth Member is allowed in a team and hence no facility will be provided to any such person.
- d. The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transport / accommodation will be made available. The picking and dropping facility shall be available on 27th and 30th of March, 2014.

XVII. CLARIFICATIONS:

Any clarifications regarding the competition can be sought from the following committee, regarding Registration / Submission of Memorials /Accommodation / Transport / etc.

- **Faculty Convenors**

Dr. K.Nilamudeen Mob: +91- 9487257227

Prof. S.Sanjith Mob: +91- 9715042308

- **Student Convenors**

Convenor

Mr. S. Santhosh Mob: +91-9444554336

Joint Convenor

Ms. Cynduja Crishnan Mob: +91-8526785455

*Further clarifications or changes if any will be conveyed in time to all the teams.
For all official correspondence please Mail to **tarka14@sastra.ac.in***

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TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION.....
ADDRESS:
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.....PH #.....

NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS:

SPEAKER 1:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL ID:

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SPEAKER 2:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL ID:

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RESEARCHER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL ID:

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**The positions of Speaker 1, Speaker 2 and Researcher cannot be changed after the Inaugural function. If any changes are to be made in this regard, communicate the same to the student coordinators mentioned in the rules prior to the inauguration function.*

We, hereby acknowledge that the information furnished above are true to the best of our knowledge, and that we shall abide by the rules of the competition.

PLACE :

SIGN AND SEAL OF HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

DATE :

SIGNATURE:

Speaker 1 :

Speaker 2 :

Researcher:

Registration forms to be sent to the following Address:

**TARKA SASTRA-2014
SASTRA MOOT SOCIETY,
SCHOOL OF LAW,
SASTRA UNIVERSITY
THANJAVUR-613 401
TAMILNADU**

* Last date for registration through post/courier is on or before 5th March 2014.

* Participants are requested to bring either college identity cards or a bona fide certificate issued by the Institution.

PARTICULARS OF DD

DD TO BE DRAWN IN FAVOUR OF SASTRA UNIVERSITY, PAYABLE AT THANJAVUR

Name of Bank & Branch:

Date:

DD. No:

We, hereby acknowledge that the information furnished above are true to the best of our knowledge, and that we shall abide by the rules of the competition.

PLACE :

SIGN AND SEAL OF HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

DATE :

SIGNATURE:

Speaker 1 :

Speaker 2 :

Researcher:

NOTE: THE DD ALONG WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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TRAVEL PLAN FORM

Name of the Institution.....

Names of the Participants:

1).....

2).....

3).....

Number of Male Participants.....

Number of Female Participants.....

Mode of Travel (Flight/Train/Bus):

Date and expected Time of Arrival:

Date and expected Time of Departure:

Travel plan to be sent to tarka14@sastra.ac.in on or before 15th March, 2014.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Release of Moot Problems and Rules.	23/01/2014
Last date for confirmation of participation (Through E-Mail).	01/03/2014
Last date for receipt of Written Registration Forms.	05/03/2014
Last date for receipt of Written submission (soft -copy).	15/03/2014
Last date of Receipt of Written submissions (Hard-Copy).	18/03/2014
Inauguration and Researcher's Test.	28/03/2014
Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Finals.	29/03/2014
Semi Finals, Final and Valedictory Function.	30/03/2014