

THE 1ST YOUTH VIBE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016

OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

1. COMPETITION FORMAT:

The Competition is structured as per following format:

- a) Preliminary Rounds
- b) Quarter Finals
- c) Semi finals
- d) Grand-Finale

2. ELIGIBILITY

Students of three year and five year law degree courses from any University / Law School / College / Department are eligible to apply for registration of their team.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

3.1 Each team shall consist only of three members, comprising of two speakers and one researcher.

3.2 Any alteration of the names of the team members shall be informed in writing to that effect, addressed to the **Rupendra Singh**, Moot Court Convener, School of Law, LPU or can be addressed through email at yvmootcourt@youthvibe.in by the Vice Chancellor / Dean / Director / Head of the Department of the University / School / Department / College of Law, of the team requesting such alteration. However any such alteration shall be permitted only once.

3.3 Once the Competition commences, the team composition cannot be altered under any circumstances whatsoever. Inability of any team member to participate in accordance with the rules of this Competition shall lead to immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition.

4. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

4.1 The teams interested to participate are required to confirm their participation by sending an email attaching the scanned copy of Annexure-A (Registration form), duly filled, to yvmootcourt@youthvibe.in by 10th of October, 2016. Please note that such email has to be sent only through the University / School / College / Department official email address. Annexure A is available at <http://www.youthvibe.in/> and also attached herewith this brochure.

4.2 The team shall then send - (a) the printed copy of Annexure-A and

4.3 On receipt of the printed copy of Annexure-A and the Demand Draft, the team shall be formally registered as a participant for the event, and a confirmatory email, shall be sent to such team on the 12th October, 2016.

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5. MEMORIALS

5.1 All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules as stated below.

5.2 Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides, i.e., Petitioners and Respondents.

5.3 The registered teams shall submit the pdf copy of their memorial for both sides by email to yvmootcourt@youthvibe.in by 23:59 hours of 14th of October, 2016 and shall send 1 printed copies (for each side) of such memorials by 17th of October, 2016, addressed to Mr. Rupendra Singh Faculty Convener, 1st Youth Vibe National Moot Court Competition, 2016 School of Law, Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar- Delhi, GT Road(NH-1), Phagwara, Punjab, PIN- 144411. In addition there to teams need to submit 6 more copies of memorial on the date of reporting i.e. 20th October, 2016.

5.4 When sending the memorials by email in pdf format, please name the file pertaining to the memorial for the respondent as R accompanied by the name of institution and the file pertaining to the memorial for the petitioner as P accompanied by name of institution. For example, P LPU SCHOOL OF LAW, the pdf file for the respondent should be named as R LPU SCHOOL OF LAW.

5.5 The cover page of the memorials sent, for both the soft and printed copies, shall clearly mention the word "P" for memorials on behalf of the Petitioner, and the word "R" for memorials on behalf of the Respondent. The teams should not disclose the identity of their institution anywhere on the memorial. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification

5.6 The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper and must contain the following sections in the order as stated below-

Cover Page; Table of Contents; Index of Authorities; Statement of Jurisdiction; Statement of Facts; Statement of Issues; Summary of Arguments; Arguments Advanced; and Prayer. Non-compliance with above criteria shall result in penalty of two marks per missing section.

5.7 The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman font with 12 font size and with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font with 10 font size and with 1.0 line spacing. The memorials should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. To conserve paper, teams may print their memorials on both sides of the A4 sheet and submit accordingly.

5.8 The 'Arguments Advanced' section should not exceed 15 pages.

5.9 The memorials as a whole should not exceed 30 pages including the cover page.

5.10 The numbering should be on the bottom-center of each page.

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5.11 The cover page of the petitioner's memorial shall be printed on Blue colour A4 size paper, and the cover page of the respondent's memorial shall be printed on Red colour A4 size paper.

5.12 The teams have to use the citation method as stated in the [Standard Indian Legal Citation](#), for citation throughout the memorial, with strict adherence.

5.13 There shall be no speaking footnotes in the memorial.

5.14 The maximum scores for the memorials shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria: Knowledge of Law and Facts: 30 Marks; Proper and Articulate Analysis: 30 Marks; Extent and Use of Research: 20 Marks; Clarity and Organization: 10 Marks; Grammar and Style: 10 Marks.

6. PRELIMINARY ROUND

6.1 To determine the order of participation in the preliminary rounds of the event, all the registered and present teams shall participate in a draw of lots to be conducted for that purpose. Such draw of lots shall take place on the 20th of October, 2016, immediately after the inaugural function. The exchange of memorials and orientation of the teams shall be conducted immediately after the draw of lots.

6.2 For the preliminary rounds, every team shall argue twice: once for petitioner and once for respondent (Prelims-I and Prelims-II round).

7. QUARTER-FINALS, SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

7.1 The top eight teams of the preliminary rounds shall qualify for the Quarter-final rounds.

7.2 From the Quarter final rounds, winning teams from each round shall proceed to the subsequent stages of the Competition on a knock-out basis.

7.3 In case of a tie between two teams in any of the rounds, memorial scores will be taken into consideration to break the tie. In case the tie still subsists, the oral score of the best speaker of each team will be considered to break the tie. If the tie continues, the oral score of the other speaker of the team will be considered to break the tie. In case of further subsistence of the tie, the result will be decided by draw of lots.

8. RESULTS

8.1 The results shall be announced shortly after each round.

8.2 The results of the final round shall be announced at the valedictory and award ceremony, to be held on 22. 10. 2016.

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9. ORAL ROUNDS

9.1 Each team will get a total of 60 minutes during the preliminary rounds (30 minutes for Prelims I & 30 minutes for Prelims II) to present their case. For the Quarter final rounds also, each team will be permitted a total time of 30 minutes, while for the Semi-final and Final rounds, each team will be permitted a total time of 40 minutes. The time stated above includes the time required for rebuttal and sub-rebuttal.

9.2 Any team exceeding the time limit stated above shall be penalised with a deduction of one mark for every two minutes exceeded.

9.3 The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per-speaker.

9.4 The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.

9.5 The researcher shall be present with the speakers during the oral rounds.

9.6 Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher is allowed.

9.7 Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points per speaker, and which shall be judged on the following criteria:

Knowledge of Law: 20Points;

Application of Law to Facts: 20Points;

Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Style: 20Points,

Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor: 20Points;

Time Management: 10 Points;

Organization: 10Points.

10. SCOUTING

10.1 For the preliminary rounds, apart from the participant teams for such round, the members of the other teams are not allowed to observe such round. Scouting is strictly prohibited and scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

11. AWARDS

11.1 Winning Team Award – The winning team will receive certificate of winning, trophy and a prize worth Rs. 25000/-.

11.2. First Runners-Up Team Award –The first runners up team will receive a certificate of Runners up, trophy and a prize worth Rs. 12500/-.

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11.3. Best Student Advocate/Counsel – The Best Student Advocate/Counsel will receive a trophy and certificate.

11.5. Best Memorial -The team submitting the best Memorial will receive a trophy and Certificate.

11.6. All the participants will be awarded with the participation certificate.

12. ANONYMITY

The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds and must use the assigned team code for all correspondence. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institutions at any time and in any manner during the entire Competition. Non-compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team.

13. FINALITY OF DECISIONS

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final. For all purposes and in any dispute, the decision of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Competition shall be final and binding.

14. **ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT:** It will be governed by the general guidelines of the Youth Vibe, 2016.

15. CLARIFICATIONS.

Any query pertaining to the Moot Problem should be sent to yvmootcourt@youthvibe.in by 10th of October, 2016. Questions submitted / clarification sought through any other means other than by e-mail shall not be entertained. A consolidated response for all questions and clarifications shall be emailed to all the participating teams on 12th of October, 2016.

16. FACULTY COORDINATOR

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REGISTRATION FORM: ANNEXURE-A

1. Name of Institution:.....

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2. Address of the Institution:.....

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3. Details of the Team

a. Name of First Speaker:

i. Mobile Number:

ii. Email Address:

b. Name of Second Speaker:

i. Mobile Number:

ii. Email Address:

c. Name of Researcher:

i. Mobile Number:

ii. Email Address:

Signature of team members

Sign and seal of the
Head of Department