

SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES, CUSAT

YUKTHI 2017

FEB 16 – 19

RULE BOOK



General Instructions & Rules

1. A team may consist of a minimum of **four persons** up to a maximum of **eight persons**. The fee will be **Rs.1200/- per person**.
2. All the events of Yukthi '17 will be time bound and the decision of the organizers will be final and absolute.
3. The team members must **register together** and not individually.
4. A team can participate for all the following 3 events. But Participants please make sure that the participating members are NOT the same for these 3 events.
 - (i) Best Management Team (4 member team)
 - (ii) Quiz (2 members)
 - (iii) Treasure Hunt (3-4 members)
5. Prize Money is calculated as **both cash and other non-monetary benefits** unless specifically mentioned otherwise.
6. Accommodation will be provided for free from **15/02/2016 to 20/02/2016 (afternoon)**.
7. Transportation and Accommodation will be provided **subject to details furnished** in the application submitted.
8. Penalties and Deadline with regard to the **moot court competition** have to be strictly adhered to.
9. Registration should be done in accordance with the prescribed instructions. Candidates failing to adhere to the same risk having their registration rejected.
10. Registration may be done as follows:
 - ★**Online**: You may register online by downloading the form from yukthi17.in website and mailing the same after filling it with relevant details and attaching the necessary documents to yukthifest@gmail.com.
 - ★**Offline**: You may register offline by downloading the form and sending it by registered speed post to:

The Director, School Of Legal Studies, Cochin University Of Science & Technology, Kalamassery, Kochi-682022.

11. In case of the Moot Court Competition, **provisional confirmation of teams** should be confirmed and sent to yukthimoots@gmail.com

12. Final confirmation of all events **including the Moot Court Competition** shall be done by forwarding the application to yukthifest@gmail.com

13. Bank Payment Details is as given below:

NAME: **A T MARKOSE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2015**

ACCOUNT NO: **67298060891**

IFSC: SBTR000235

BRANCH: SBT Cochin University Campus Branch

PAYABLE BY DEMAND DRAFT ONLY

14. The participants shall make the payment within 10 days of receiving their registration confirmation or else their registration shall be CONSIDERED nullified.



Best Management Team

Astra, the Best Management Event, is the war of the fittest and the mightiest managers in the nation, fighting over one another, battle by battle and building their way to victory as a horde. Every battle in the war is crucial and it takes the colossal strength of the battalion to conquer the title.

General Guidelines:

1. The event is open for participation by both UG and PG students.
2. Any number of teams from the same college/university can participate for the event.
3. The team must comprise of 4 members and all members must be from the same college/department. All members must carry their College ID cards.
4. Registration Desk opens at 08:45AM on February 16th, 2017. All teams have to get themselves registered for the event before 10:00AM.
5. The verdict of the judging panel will be final and binding.
6. The Event committee has the authority to change the dates and venues of the event as and when required.
7. Any misbehaviour will lead to disqualification of the whole team from the particular event.
8. Participants are requested to take care of their personal belongings. The Event coordinators will not be responsible for any losses.
9. The usage of mobile phones and other electronic devices may be restricted during the course of the event.
10. The decision of the Programme Committee shall be final.
11. Read General guidelines along with specific instruction.

DEBATE

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Teams shall consist of two members
2. Topic for the debate shall be given 10 minutes prior to the competition.
3. Carrying motions of the teams shall be decided by lots (i.e. either for the motion or against)
4. Teams shall compete against each other through two rounds.
5. In the first round speaker no 1 of the team in favour of the motion shall speak for 3 minutes, after which speaker no 1 of team against the motion shall speak. (This round is primarily focused on introducing and substantiating the motion)
6. In the second round speaker no 2 of the team in favour of the motion shall speak for another 3 minutes followed by speaker no 2 of the team against the motion speaking for 3 minutes. (This round focuses on countering and rebutting the arguments raised by the opposite team)

Decision of the Programme Committee shall be final.

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JUDGEMENT WRITING

1. This is a team event.
2. Each team shall comprise of two members.
3. The time limit for this event is 1 hour.
4. Participants will be provided the required materials to write the judgment well in advance.
5. Participants must read the materials and write the judgment.
6. Participants are not allowed to carry any materials or any electronic devices.

7. The word limit for the judgment is 1500.
8. Decision of the Programme committee will be final.

Please note:

The criteria for assessment are as follows:

1. Format and Technicalities
2. Presentation and
3. Legal Knowledge and Language

Read General guidelines along with specific instruction & DECISION OF THE ORGANISERS SHALL BE FINAL.

LEGAL FICTION

1. Each team shall consist of 2 participants
2. Participants shall be provided with an outline story.
3. The written story should cover through all the outlines bits provided.
4. The write up should not exceed 500 words.
5. The valuation will be based on
 - a. Inclusion of all the outline bits
 - b. Attention of legal specifics (inclusion of sections, Acts etc)
 - c. Language
 - d. Overall presentation

The decisions of the Program Committee shall be final.

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LEGAL RESEARCH

1. This is an individual event, only one member from each team can participate in this event.
2. The participants are expected to prepare a research paper in a particular area of law.
3. The area of law will be provided to the team after confirmation of registration.
4. The paper must be strictly be original and should not have been published elsewhere. Partial or complete plagiarism will lead to immediate disqualification.
5. The participants shall submit soft copies of their research paper to yukthifest@gmail.com on or before 05-02-2017.
6. The word limit shall be 1500-2500 excluding footnotes.
7. **Rules for formatting**

Main text:

- 1) Page margins- 1.5 inch on left side margin and 1 inch on all the other side body of essay.
- 2) Font type – Times New Roman
- 3) Font size – 12
- 4) Line spacing- 1.5 spacing with 0 points before and 1.2 points after.
- 5) Alignment – Justified

Foot Notes:

- 1) Font type – Times New Roman
- 2) Font size- 10 points
- 3) Line spacing- single spacing with 0 points before and 0 points after.

4) Alignment – Justified

5) Blue book method of citation shall be followed.

There will be no presentation for the aforesaid event. Winners will be decided on the basis of the marks secured in the online submission.

Decision of the Programme Committee shall be final.

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General QUIZ

General Rules:

General quiz as a part of Yukthi 17 Fest set to happen in February 2017.

The following are the basic rules of the quiz:

- The quiz will be a general quiz.
- The quiz will be a college quiz, which will be open to school teams also.
- A team shall comprise of 2 members. Lone wolves are also permitted.
- Cross college/school teams are permitted.
- The quiz shall contain a preliminary written round and a final round. Top 6 teams of the prelims shall proceed to the finals.
- Valid college/school ID cards are mandatory. Other forms of identification shall not be entertained. Open/Distance education ID cards shall also not be permitted.
- Rules are subjected to change at any point in time. Participants will be duly notified of any changes.
- The decision of the quiz master and the organisers shall be final and binding.

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Treasure Hunt

Team Size: 3 – 4 members

The teams will be given a clue, which when solved will lead to a series of subsequent puzzles and a new location. The clues will be hidden around the area where this fest is held. Teams should hunt for the clues and return with the treasure. The team which does this job first is the winner.

Event Format: Each of the team turning up will be given a clue which can lead to different places of the venue. The event will be held within the CUSAT campus and an area at a radius of 3 km surrounding the campus. The aim of the participant is to find the treasure trove as soon as possible. The event will consist of a single round.

- (1) Teams have to reach the treasure by way of gathering the clues planted by organizers.
- (2) All the clues found by participant during the hunt must be submitted to the organizers at the end of the event; only then the team will be eligible for judgment.
- (3) The teams will get the successive clue from the place that the current one leads to.
- (4) The treasure hunt should be completed within the time or less than that and the duration for the hunt will be announced on the spot.
- (5) The team that reached out to the treasure FIRST will be the winner.

Rules and Regulations:

- (1) It will be a team event consisting of a single round. One team will consist of 3 to 4 members.
- (2) The Team who will complete the task before other teams will be selected as the winning team.
- (4) In case, if no team is able to find the treasure, then team with maximum number of clues with solution will be selected as winner.

(5) In case of any discrepancies (disclosing or destroying of clues etc.), the team will be disqualified.

(6) There should be a fair play and teams found seeking help from outsiders will be disqualified.

(7) **The decision of the organizers will be final.**

Read General guidelines along with specific instruction

DR.A.T MARKOSE MEMORIAL 5th NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION FEBRUARY, 2017

RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules are to be called as the 'Rules for the 5th Dr. A.T Markose Memorial National Moot Court Competition - 2017'.

Where in

- i. "**Administrator/ Organizers**" means the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kalamassery, Kochi.
- ii. "**Participating team**" means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the Rules or registration given below.
- iii. "**Participating college/University/institution**" shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating team.
- iv. All the rules are only inclusive and not exhaustive for the competition.
- v. Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation where from would attract disqualification.
- vi. All decisions by the organizers in case of any disputes/ doubts etc. will be final. The organizers may make such rules and procedures at any point of time, as it deems fit.
- vii. Imposition of penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rule(s) and deadline(s).

RULE 1: OVERVIEW

1. Date and Venue

The **5th Dr. A.T Markose Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2017** shall be held from **17th February to 19th February 2017** at the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT).

2. Dress Code

The participants are required to be dressed in English formals during the competition.

The participants are required not to wear casuals while in the CUSAT campus.

i. **Gentlemen** are required to wear a full suit - comprising of a **black blazer jacket and trousers, full sleeved shirts, and formal footwear.**

ii. **Ladies** are required to wear a **full suit or formal black blazer jackets with formal skirt/pants and appropriate formal footwear.**

Ladies are also permitted to wear Indian formals. This includes Black blazer jacket, white kurthi, black leggings/pant, and formal footwear.

3. Language

The official working language of the Moot Court is **English.**

RULE 2: PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Team Member Eligibility

The competition is open only for bona fide students of recognized Institutions/ Universities/Organizations who are currently pursuing their Bachelors degree in Law i.e. 3-Year LL.B. or 5-Year LL.B. Integrated Programme.

2. Team Composition and Selection

i. **Each team shall consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members.** This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

ii. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated in a 3 member team while in case of a 2 member team, both the members shall be considered to be speakers.

Teams shall identify the speakers and researcher during registration. **No extra member shall be allowed.**

iii. **Any additional Member of any Team shall not be entitled for hospitality or for any award.**

iv. Each team will have a team code and each participant shall be given an individual code.

v. Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city, etc. except in the registration form: any disclosure shall invite strict penalty including

disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Administrator.

RULE 3: REGISTRATION

1. Provisional Registration

The provisional registration shall begin from **20th December, 2016**. Teams shall complete their registration by sending a mail to **yukthimoots@gmail.com** not later than **5th January 2017** with the subject 'PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION FOR DR. A .T MARKOSE MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2017'

2. Team Code

The confirmed teams shall be intimated by the organizers by **7th January, 2017** and will receive their team codes which should be used for all further correspondence.

3. Final Registration

Kindly read the **General Instructions of Yukthi 2017** (via **www.yukthi17.in**) to comply with the final registration procedures. For further queries, kindly email us to **yukthimoots@gmail.com**.

4. Desk Registration

The desk registration shall begin at **3:00 pm on 17th February; 2017** and shall close by **7.00 pm** on the same day. All teams are mandatorily required to report for this process.

RULE 4: CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

4.1. The participants shall submit queries or clarifications to the moot problem by sending a mail to **yukthimoots@gmail.com** on or before **25th December, 2017**.

4.2. The corrections and clarifications to the moot proposition shall be published in the official website.

RULE 5: WRITTEN MEMORIALS

5.1. All written submissions must conform to the following general requirements. Teams will be penalized for failure to abide by these requirements.

5.2. Submission of Memorials

i) Each team shall prepare an **Appellant and Respondent Written submission**.

ii) Soft Copy: Each Team that has been registered should mail one soft copy in pdf format (both the appellant as well as the respondent) to **yukthimoots@gmail.com** on or before 11:59 p.m. of **15th January, 2017**.

iii) Hard copy: Each team shall send 4 copies of memorials (both the appellant as well as respondent) to the following address:-

The Faculty Convenor,
A.T Markose Moot Court Competition 2017
School of Legal Studies
Cochin University of Science and Technology
Thrikkakara P.O.
Kochi- 682 022

iv) The same should reach before 4:00 p.m. on or before **20th January, 2017**.

v) **Discrepancy between hard and soft copy:** Any discrepancy between the hard and soft copy submissions shall attract penalties.

vi) Late submission: Late submissions beyond the stipulated date will attract a 1 point penalty for each day of delay. No submissions shall be accepted in any case after midnight of **18th January, 2017(soft copy) and 23rd January 2017(hard copy)**.

vii) Format of Written Submissions

a) Written Submissions must be typed and reproduced on white standard A4 paper except for the covers.

3. Parts of the Written Submission

The Written Submission shall consist of the following parts:

- i. Table of Contents;
- ii. Index of Authorities;

Font Times New Roman

Font size of text of all parts 12 (except for the cover page)

Line spacing 1.5

Footnote font size 10

Footnote line spacing 1.0

Margin 1 inch

- iii. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- iv. Questions Presented/ Issues Raised;
- v. Statement of Facts;
- vi. Summary of Pleadings;
- vii. Pleadings;
- viii. Conclusion/Prayer for Relief; and
- ix. Appendix (Optional).

2. Page Limit

The **entire memorial** shall not exceed **30 pages** and the **pleadings** should be restricted to **20pages**.

3. Different- coloured Covers (Applicable to Hard copies alone)

i. The colours chosen by the Team to distinguish Appellant and Respondent written submissions are to be as follows:

Blue for Appellant and Red for Respondent.

ii. **Team code** shall be typed at the **top rights side of the cover page**.

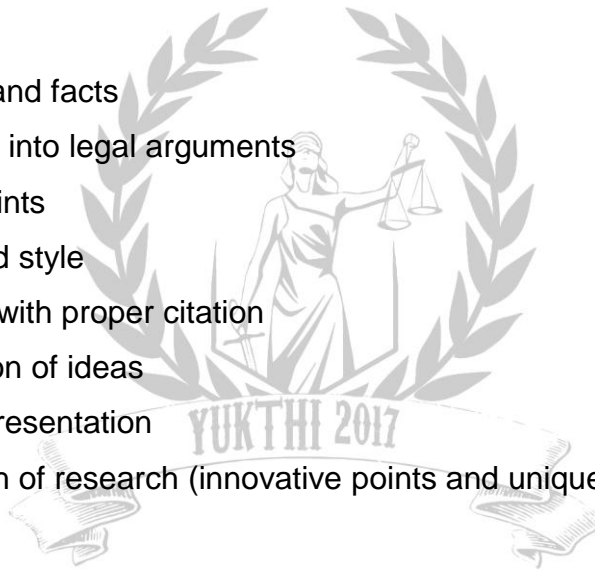
4. Binding

Written submissions must be fastened by ring, spiral, comb binding or soft binding along the left side of the written submission. No other form of binding including stapling or hard binding is permitted.

5. Evaluation of Memorials

The memorials shall be evaluated on a scale of 0-100 on the basis of the following criteria:

- i. Knowledge of law and facts
- ii. Integration of facts into legal arguments
- iii. Focus on legal points
- iv. Clarity, brevity and style
- v. Use of authorities with proper citation
- vi. Logical progression of ideas
- vii. Formatting and presentation
- viii. Variety and depth of research (innovative points and unique interpretation of fact/law).



RULE 6: RESEARCHERS ROUND

6.1. The researchers will have an **independent session** which will either be a **test or a viva or both**.

6.2. The organizers **will intimate** and clarify on this regard at the earliest.

RULE 7: ORAL PRESENTATION

1. Rounds

i. The competition has been schematized to consist of:

Preliminary, Rounds, Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals.

ii. The **Preliminary** round shall consist of **two sessions** wherein every team shall argue **once for Petitioner** and **once for Respondents**. Every team shall have a total of **40 minutes (each speaker gets 20 minutes each)** to make their oral

presentation in the preliminary rounds. There shall be **no rebuttal or sur-rebuttal** at this stage.

iii. In the **Quarter final rounds**, each team shall be getting a total of **45 minutes** to make their oral presentation, out of which the teams can choose to allot time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

iv. In the **Semi-Finals and Finals**, each team shall be getting a total of **50 minutes** each to make their oral presentations which will also include the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

v. The division of time among the speakers shall be intimated to the court officers before the commencement of each session.

2. Draw of lots and exchange of memorials

i. Draw of lots and exchange of memorials shall take place on the evening of **17th January, 2017**. The exchanged memorials shall be submitted to the court officers of respective courtrooms at the end of a session.

ii. Any markings or damage caused to the opponent memorial shall attract severe penalties.

3. Selections:

i. All the prospective teams who register and submit their memorials on or before the dates specified will be eligible for preliminary rounds. However, if the number of registration goes more than the expected limit, there may be a memorial round for selecting the teams for oral presentation.

ii. The selection from the **preliminary round** shall be based on the cumulative marks for both oral presentation and marks obtained for the memorial submission.

iii. The selection for **quarter-finals** would be on **win basis**. In case of a tie, the aggregate score of the team would be considered. In the prelims, the top 8 teams who have won both the preliminary rounds shall proceed to the Quarters. In the event that there are less than 8 teams with 2 wins, the aggregate scores of teams with 'one win and one loss' shall be looked into.

iv. The quarter- final, semi-final and final rounds would be on a 'knock-out' basis.

4. Criterion for judgment of Oral presentation:

The oral presentations shall be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

i. Knowledge and use of facts

ii. Articulation and analysis of issues

iii. Understanding legal principles applicable to the issues presented

- iv. Logic and reasoning
- v. Organisation and clarity
- vi. Deference to the Court
- vii. Ability to explain legal principles
- viii. Use of authorities and principles of law
- ix. Ingenuity and persuasiveness
- x. Style, poise and court manners

5. Scouting

- i. No Team member or person directly affiliated with any Team may attend any Preliminary Round other than those in which their Team is competing. Any team proved to have been scouting shall be penalized.
- ii. Participants shall not disclose the identity of their Team through direct or indirect means.

RULE 8: TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION

Teams shall be provided boarding only on submission of their travel details in the said format.

Accommodation and food to the participating teams will be provided by organizers from **9:00 a.m.**

of 15th February 2017.

RULE 9: AWARDS

- i. **Winner – Rs. 15,000**
- ii. **Runner Up Team – Rs. 10,000**
- iii. **Best Memorial Award – Rs. 6500**
- iv. **Best Speaker Award – Rs. 6500**
- v. **Best Researcher Award- Rs. 6500**

- vi. All participants will be awarded participation certificates

RULE 10: ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

10.1. The results of the Preliminary rounds shall be announced shortly after the completion of both the rounds.

10.2. The results of the Quarter-final and Semi-final Round(s) shall be announced shortly after the completion of each of the rounds.

10.3. The winners of the competition will be announced during the Awards ceremony on **19th February, 2017.**

RULE 11: ANONYMITY



11.1. Student Teams shall not disclose their names and the identity of their respective institution/college/university at any time before the award ceremony. Each team shall be issued individual codes, at the time of the registration and the same shall be the sole source of identity of the respective teams throughout the competition.

Note: All team members, coaches and observers shall refrain from wearing, using or carrying in any form, any identifying items, such as badges, blazers, pins or any other identifying material(s) such as a books/bags with a college/university/library logo or seal.

RULE 12: COPYRIGHT

12.1. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on Faculty of Law, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Kalamassery, Cochin. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

12.2. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Faculty of law, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Kalamassery, Cochin, India and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in the collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

RULE 13: DISCLAIMER

13.1. The Moot court Competition is based on a purely fictitious compromi/problem, whereby the characters & the incidents or the course of events in the moot problem are completely imaginary and the same has no relation to any person living or dead or any post/present real life incident.

13.2. The Moot Court Competition is made solely for the purpose to train the law students of India for the Bar.