

RULES AND PROCEDURE OF THE COMPETITION

I. DEFINITIONS

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

- I.1.** *'Competition'* shall refer to Amity International Moot Court Competition, 2017.
- I.2.** *'Competition Problem'* shall refer to the compendium of facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications and corrections.
- I.3.** *'Competition Rules'* shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as amended from time to time.
- I.4.** *'IST'* shall refer to Indian Standard Time.
- I.5.** *'INR'* shall refer to Indian Rupee.
- I.6.** *'Knock-out round'* shall refer to the Quarter finals, Semi-finals and Final rounds of the Competition.
- I.7.** *'Memorial'* shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the Competition Rules.
- I.8.** *'Organizing Committee'* (hereinafter to be referred as O.C.) shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition including any other authorized persons, and of all events leading up to the Competition.
- I.9.** *'Official website'* shall refer to the official website of Amity International Moot Court Competition, 2017 at amityinternationalmoot.weebly.com.
- I.10.** *'Official blog'* shall refer to the official blog of the Amity International Moot Court Competition, 2017 at amitylawschool.blogspot.in.
- I.11.** *'Official Email'* shall refer to the official email id of the Amity International Moot Court Competition, i.e., aim.alsn2017@gmail.com.

II. GENERAL RULES

a) Eligibility

- II.a.1.** All recognized law schools, universities and institutions in India or abroad with minimum three year or higher duration of LL.B. courses shall be eligible to participate.
- II.a.2.** Each participating team shall comprise of three members wherein two (2) members, shall be designated as Speakers and one (1) member as Researcher.
- II.a.3.** No team shall contradict the composition mentioned above. No faculty member, coach, or a designated

observer will be allowed to accompany the team.

II.a.4. Accommodation shall be provided to the outstation teams only from the day of the competition, i.e., on 26th October, 2017, 900 hours onwards on. Accommodation shall be available to such participants till noon of 28th October, 2017, the last day of competition. Teams who intend to arrive prior or leave after the specified dates are required to make their own arrangements. The teams have to submit the Travel Form by 12th October, 2017 23:59 hours IST.

b) Clarifications to the Problem

II.b.1. Teams may request for clarifications via e-mail to aim.alsn2017@gmail.com latest by 6th October, 2017, 23:59 hours IST.

c) Registration

II.c.1. Participation must be confirmed through an email send to aim.alsn2017@gmail.com by 20th September, 2017, 23:59 hours IST.

II.c.2. For Indian teams and for teams participating from SAARC Countries the registration fees shall be INR 4500/- through a demand draft in favour of 'Amity University, Uttar Pradesh' payable at 'Noida' which must reach the Organizing Committee latest by 27th September, 2017.

II.c.3. All foreign teams (excluding teams from SAARC countries) shall be required to pay US \$165 or 115€ as registration fee.

II.c.4. The participating teams shall be required to send a demand draft for the registration fees along with the duly filled registration form and the same shall reach to the institution on or before 27th September, 2017.

d) Memorandum

II.d.1. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare a memorandum on behalf of the Prosecutor and on the behalf of the Defendant.

II.d.2. Each team must send its memoranda via e-mail to the O.C. at aim.alsn2017@gmail.com latest by 20th October, 2017, 23:59 hours IST. Please note that NO HARD COPIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED.

II.d.3. Any memorial submitted after the deadline shall be subject to penalty for late submission.

II.d.4. The Memorial must contain the following parts only:

- i. Cover Page;**

- ii. Table of Contents;
- iii. Index of Authorities;
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- v. Questions Presented;
- vi. Statement of Facts;
- vii. Summary of Pleadings; and
- viii. Pleadings (including Conclusion/Prayer for Relief).

A. Cover Page

The front cover of each Memorial must have the following information:

- i. The Team Code on the upper right-hand corner followed by 'P' for Memorandum on behalf of the Prosecutor and 'D' for Memorandum on behalf of the Defendant (e.g., Team allotted code number 23 shall write '23P' on the top right hand corner of the front cover of its Memorial for the Prosecutor);
- ii. The name of the court;
- iii. The year of the Competition (the year during which the relevant Round takes place, for instance, *The 7th Amity International Moot Court Competition, 2017*);
- iv. The name of the case; and
- v. The title of the document (i.e., '*Memorandum on behalf of the Prosecutor*' or '*Memorandum on behalf of the Defendant*');)

B. Index of Authorities

The Index of Authorities must list all legal authorities cited in any part of the Memorial and must indicate the page number(s) of the Memorial on which each authority is cited.

C. Citation

Footnotes must be used to identify the source of statements or propositions made in the pleadings of the Memoranda. Endnotes are not permitted. The use of footnotes must be restricted to pleadings only. Participants are expected to follow Bluebook style of citation, 19th edition. Font size should be restricted to 10, Times New Roman, with single spacing.

D. Length

The limitation on length must be kept in check on the bases of the following stipulations:

- i. The statement of facts, including section headings must be no longer than 2 pages.
- ii. The summary of pleadings may not be longer than 2 pages.

- iii. The total length of the Pleadings, including the section headings, conclusion/prayer for relief, and any associated footnotes, must be no longer than 30 pages.

E. Presentation of the Memoranda

The Memoranda shall be exchanged by pen drives only. The following colour schemes shall be followed for marking of the separate pen drives containing the Memoranda:

Prosecutor- BLUE

Defendant- RED.

F. Scoring of the Memoranda

Following would be criteria for judging the Memoranda:

| S. No. | PARAMETERS | MARKS ALLOTTED |
|--------|---|----------------|
| 1. | Knowledge of law and fact | 20 |
| 2. | Proper and articulate analysis | 20 |
| 3. | Extent and use of research | 20 |
| 4. | Clarity and organization | 20 |
| 5. | Adherence to the norms regarding Style, grammar and citation of sources | 20 |

G. Formatting Specifications

1. For Main Text:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 12
- c) Line spacing: 1.5
- d) Body of text: Justified

2. For Heading:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 14

3. For Cover Page:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman

b) Font size: 16

II.d.5. Team Code

The participating teams shall be allotted a 'Team Code' after the registration. Teams '**shall not reveal identity**' in any form, except the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition. Names of participants, nation or name of college of the Teams concerned must not appear on or within the Memoranda.

e) Procedure for Oral Rounds

II.e.1. Oral presentations during the round must be made by two (2) members, prior to the beginning of the Oral Round. Each Team must indicate to the bailiff how it wishes to allocate its given time for each round among (a) its first speaker, (b) its second speaker.

II.e.2. Time allocated for but not used by one speaker may not be used by another speaker, or in the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

II.e.3. Judges may, at their discretion, extend total oral argument time of the team up to 10 minutes beyond the given time slot for such team in any round. Speakers asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, argue for more than their individual limit for each round.

II.e.4. The order of the pleadings in each Oral Round at all levels of the Competition is: Prosecutor 1 --> Prosecutor 2 --> Defendant 1 --> Defendant 2 --> Rebuttal (Prosecutor 1 or 2) --> Sur-rebuttal (Defendant 1 or 2). Once a speaker has completed his or her main leading, that speaker may not make any additional argument except for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. This applies irrespective of whether the pleading Team uses all of the time it has allocated for the main pleading. Further, any time that is not used in the main pleading may not be used to extend the time allocated to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

A. Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal

Each Team may reserve up to five minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. As a courtesy to the judges, Teams should announce whether they intend to reserve time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal at the beginning of their oral argument, and how much time they intend to reserve. Failure to announce will not waive the right to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. The rebuttal or sur-rebuttal must be delivered by one of the two speakers participating in the oral round. A rebuttal shall immediately follow after pleadings of Defendant 2, and the sur-rebuttal shall immediately follow the rebuttal. The Team need not indicate prior to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal as to which of the Team Members will deliver rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Teams may waive their rebuttal or sur-rebuttal through an express declaration.

B. Scope of Pleadings

A team's oral pleadings are not in any way limited to the scope of the Team's Memorandum. The scope of the Prosecutor's rebuttal is limited to responding to the Defendant's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Defendant's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Prosecutor's rebuttal. If the Prosecutor waive off its right to rebut, Defendant may not appear for sur-rebuttal.

C. Scoring of the Speakers

The criterion for scoring of the Speakers has been given herein below:

| S. No | CRITERIA | MAXIMUM MARKS |
|-------|---|---------------|
| 1. | Knowledge of law | 20 |
| 2. | Application of law to facts | 20 |
| 3. | Ingenuity & ability to answer questions | 20 |
| 4. | Style, poise, courtesy, demeanour | 15 |
| 5. | Time management | 10 |
| 6. | Co-ordination & team work | 10 |
| 7. | Adequacy of the Prayer | 5 |
| | Total | 100 |

D. Court Room Communication

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to written communication among team members seated at the counsel table. No other written communication may take place.

E. Scouting

Team members or persons directly affiliated with any team may only attend preliminary rounds in which their team is competing. Violation of this rule should be brought to the attention of the court room officers immediately, without disturbing the oral round, or immediately after the oral round has finished. A team which commits scouting in any form shall be disqualified from the competition.

III. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall consist of 4 Rounds:

- i. Researcher Test*
- ii. The Preliminary Rounds;
- iii. The Quarter Finals
- iv. The Semi Finals; and
- v. The Final.

The side on which the Team will be arguing will be decided by a draw of lots, with the Teams picking the lots. The Teams will be provided with a pen drive containing the soft copy of their opponent's Written Submission prior to the oral rounds. They are required to return the same after their rounds.

***The Researcher's Test will be conducted online and shall be held on the first day of the Competition after the registration of the participating teams i.e., 26th October, 2017.**

a) Preliminary Rounds

The preliminary rounds will be held on 27th October, 2017. In the preliminary rounds, each Team shall argue once as the Prosecutor and once as the Defendant. The draw of lots for determining the Opponent teams shall be conducted on after the commencement of the Researcher's test. No team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of their opponent teams or any other team under any circumstances. No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.

Each oral session of the preliminary round of competition consists of thirty (30) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted fifteen (15) minutes. A maximum of three (3) minutes may be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The team may not allocate more than 10 minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal to either speaker. The total scores in the preliminary rounds shall be out of 900 marks (S1 (300) + S2 (300) + Memorial (300)). The decision of the judges would be final and would not be questioned or changed in any circumstances.

b) Quarter Final Rounds

The quarter finalists will include 8 teams and shall be determined on the basis of total cumulative scores, i.e., the sum total of both the preliminary rounds and memorial scores. The quarter finals will be held on 27th October, 2017. Each oral session of the quarter final round of competition consists of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals.

Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted thirty (30) minutes. A maximum of five (5) minutes may be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The team may not allocate more than 12 minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal to either speaker.

The quarter finals will be knock-out rounds. A Team will be credited with a win in the quarter finals if their total marks, are higher than its opponent's Team's. In case of a tie, the total oral marks of the Teams in the previous round(s) will be considered. The Team with the higher score will win.

c) Semi Finals/Final Rounds

The Semi Finals and Final would be conducted on 28th October, 2017. The semi-final round of competition consists of eighty (80) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted forty (40) minutes. A maximum of five minutes shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The final round of competition consists of one hundred (100) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted fifty (50) minutes. A maximum of five minutes shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

IV. PENALTIES

| PARTICULARS | QUANTUM OF PENALTY |
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| Delay in submission of Memoranda | 2 points per day |
| Resubmission of Memoranda | 5 points |
| Formatting violations including | |
| Use of incorrect font | 1 point per type of violation, up to a |
| Use of incorrect font-size | Maximum of 5 points |
| Use of improper line spacing | |
| Use of improper block quote | |
| Use of endnotes | |
| Failure to include all parts of Memorandum, or inclusion of an unremunerated part Failure to include necessary and correct information on Memorandum cover page Excessive length: | 2 points for each part |
| Pleadings | 2 points (one-time penalty) |
| 1-100 words over | 3 points |
| 101-200 words over | 6 points |
| 201-300 words over | 9 points |
| 301-400 words over | 12 points |
| 401+ words over | 15 points |
| Excessive length: Summary of Pleadings | 2 points (one-time penalty) |
| Excessive length: Statement of Facts | 2 points (one-time penalty) |
| Breach of Anonymity of Teams | 2 points (one-time penalty) |

**Kindly note that resubmission of the memorials shall be allowed only at the discretion of the Organizing Committee*

V. AWARD

V.1. There will be a Trophy and attractive prizes for the ‘**Winning team**’ and ‘**Runner-Up team**’.

V.2. There will be a Trophy and attractive prizes for the ‘**Best Memorial.**’

V.3. There will be awards and cash prizes for the ‘**Best Counsel.**’ The Best Counsel will be determined by highest score of all rounds that the contestant has argued divided by the number of rounds.

V.4. There will be awards for the ‘**Best Researcher.**’

V.5. All participants will get certificates of participation and all the winners of awards specified in V.1 to V.4 will get certificates of merit.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

VI.1. The O.C. reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage. The O.C. shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.

VI.2. If a team believes that violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) within half an hour after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint with the Grievance Cell which will be constituted specifically for such purpose. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.

VI.3. The Director’s decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

The O.C. on behalf of the Moot Court Society wishes all the very best to the participants..

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