



DECCAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
SHRI NAVALMAL FIRODIA LAW COLLEGE, PUNE
MOOT COURT SOCIETY
Organizes

**LOKMANYA TILAK NATIONAL APPELLATE
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

(10th EDITION)

9th and 10th March, 2018.

GENERAL RULES

1. Docket:

- 1.1. The Docket contains the case paper book, poster, invitation card and registration form. It must be noted that, there is no separate fact dossier. The facts of the case are to be ascertained from the paper book which also consists of all required documents for appeal.
- 1.2. On the basis of documents provided in paper book, participants shall prepare and Appeal Memorial (on behalf of Appellant) and Reply (on behalf of Respondent).

2. Eligibility:

- 2.1. Students pursuing the Three year LL.B. or Five year integrated law course from a recognized University or College / Law School within India are eligible to participate.

3. Registration and Fees:

- 3.1. A scanned copy of a duly filled Registration Form must be sent via email to deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com and the hard copy of the same must be posted to the administrative office at D.E.S. Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, F.C. Road, Pune – 411 004.
- 3.2. Only **one team** can register on behalf of a particular College or Law School for participating in the competition. In the event of more than one registrations from the same College or Law School, the Team which submits a letter by the Head or the Dean of the Institution authorising that Team to participate, shall be registered for the competition.
- 3.3. Last date of registration is 25th February, 2018 by 6.00 pm.
- 3.4. Registration fees of Rs. 1,000 /- (Rupees One Thousand only) is to be paid by the participating team (s).
- 3.5. The Registration fees may be paid by Demand Draft drawn in favour of ‘D.E.S. Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College’, payable at Pune or by cash on the day of the competition.
- 3.6. Registration Fees once paid shall not be refunded.
- 3.7. Upon successful online submission of the Registration Form (along with the scanned copy of the Demand Draft, if method of payment so chosen) teams shall receive an e-mail from the Organisers within 3 working days acknowledging their successful registration.
- 3.8. The teams must assure that the Hard Copies Registration Form and the Demand Draft reach the college by the 2nd of March, 2018.
- 3.9. The teams successfully registering online, as mentioned above, shall be provided with a four digit **Team Code (‘TC’)**. **For e.g.: ‘TC: 1021’**. This e-mail shall be sent to the e-mail address provided by the teams as the contact details in their Registration Form.
- 3.10. Once the teams have been provided with the Team Code, the said code will have to be mentioned by the teams in all future communication(s) with the Organisers. **Please note that apart from the Team Code, no names or logos of the College, the University or Law School of the team shall be mentioned anywhere in any communication(s) addressed to the Organisers.**

4. Team Composition:

- 4.1. Each Team shall consist of three participants - Two Participants as Speakers and One as the Researcher. The team may comprise of only two speakers as well.
- 4.2. Only the Speakers shall be allowed to argue the matter. The Researcher shall be given an opportunity to speak only at the discretion of the judges.
- 4.3. If a fourth member / a guest were to accompany the team s/he shall not be permitted to sit with or assist the teams during the rounds. Also, such fourth member / guest shall arrange for their accommodation at their own cost.
- 4.4. A Certificate shall not be awarded to the fourth member.

5. Conduct of the Competition:

- 5.1. The Competition shall be held on the 9th and 10th March, 2018 at Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, F.C. Road, Pune – 411 004.
- 5.2. The competition shall be conducted in three rounds:
 - Preliminary Rounds
 - Semi Final Round
 - Final Round
- 5.3. In the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue once for the Appellants and once for the Respondents.

Draw of Lots:

- 5.4. On the day of the competition, at the time of Registration, Draw of Lots shall be conducted through which the teams shall be allotted an alpha-numeric **Reference Code. For e.g.: A1, B1, C1...** . This code shall be instrumental in determining which side the team shall represent in each of the Preliminary Rounds only.

Oral Arguments:

- 5.5. The language of the Court shall be English.
- 5.6. For the Preliminary Rounds each team shall be given 20 minutes to present their oral arguments. The teams may allot this time to their individual speakers subject to a **minimum** of 8 minutes per speaker and 2 minutes of rebuttal (for Appellant). The total time of 20 minutes is inclusive of the time allotted for rebuttal.
- 5.7. For the Semi-Final and Final Rounds each team shall be given 30 minutes to present their oral arguments, subject to a **maximum** of 15 minutes per speaker. A maximum

of 5 minutes may be allotted for rebuttal (for Appellant). The total time of 30 minutes is inclusive of the time allotted for rebuttal.

- 5.8. The judges, at their discretion, may extend oral argument time up to a maximum of 2 minutes per team.
- 5.9. Rebuttal shall be allowed only to the Appellant. Sur-rebuttal by the Respondent shall not be permitted. The Appellants must specify the length of time they wish to set aside for rebuttal before beginning their oral arguments.
- 5.10. Teams are expected to carry with themselves, all the authorities which they intend to rely upon, in printed form.
- 5.11. During the course of oral arguments, the participants shall not be allowed to submit to the Court, any material containing a pictorial / audio / visual representation whatsoever. The participants shall not be allowed to use personal computers / laptops / tabs / mobiles and/or any other electronic device during their oral submissions.
- 5.12. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 5 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.

Qualification:

- 5.13. Only the top 4 scoring teams with two wins in the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Semi Final Round.
- 5.14. The Semi Final Round shall be a knock-out round. The 2 winning teams of the Semi Final Round shall proceed to the Final Round.
- 5.15. In case of a tie, the qualifying teams shall be determined by adding the Memorial Scores to the Oral Argument Scores.

6. Memorials:

- 6.1. Each team must submit the Memorials for the Appellants and the Respondents in PDF Format, no later than 6.00 pm on or before 3rd March, 2018 to deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com . The Organisers shall not be responsible for the non-receipt of the soft copies of the memorials. Teams are requested to ensure that soft copies vide e-mails are sent well in time and that the attachments can be viewed.
- 6.2. Memorials submitted after 6.00 pm on 3rd March, 2018 shall incur a deduction of 1 mark for the delay of each day, with the first deduction being made at 6.01 pm of 3rd

March, 2018. It must be noted that such deduction shall be made from the cumulative memorial score only once.

- 6.3. Memorials submitted after 12.00 noon on 5th March, 2018 shall not be accepted and the team shall stand disqualified.
- 6.4. After submission of the soft copies of the memorials, teams shall send 6 hard copies of the Appellant and the Respondent Memorials each, to D.E.S. Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, F.C. Road, Pune – 411 004. The hard copies of the memorials must reach the Organisers by 7th March, 2018. No extension for the submission for the hard copies shall be granted.
- 6.5. In case of any loss / damage / unforeseen delay of the memorials in transit, the Organisers shall not be held responsible or condone the said delay. It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that the correct numbers of copies of the memorials are being submitted to and reach the Organisers well within time and the acknowledgment is obtained.
- 6.6. Teams shall mention their Team Codes in the e-mail by which the Memorials are sent to the Organisers. The names of the participants or their Colleges, Universities or Law Schools or the logos of the same shall not be mentioned anywhere in the e-mail of the Memorials.

All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements. Failure to adhere to the criteria given below shall attract negative marking:

- i) Memorials must be printed on A-4 size white paper with black ink and must be neatly paper-bound. (Spiral binding, Viro-binding and use of Plastic Files or dividers in memorials are not allowed.)
- ii) The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font-size of the footnotes, if any, must be size 10, with single line spacing. A uniform method of citation of authorities must be followed.
- iii) Each page must have a margin of 1 inch (2.54cm) on all sides.
- iv) The memorials should not exceed 50 printed pages. (Including the Cover Page.)
- v) Every memorial on behalf of the Appellants must have a blank Blue Page attached on the top. Every memorial on behalf of the Respondents must have a blank Red Page attached on the top.

- vi) The language of the memorials must be English.
- vii) The memorials shall consist of the following parts:
 - Cover Page.
 - Table of Contents.
 - Index of Authorities.
 - Cases relied upon.
 - Acts referred.
 - Books and Documents referred.
 - Statement of Jurisdiction (for Appellant).
 - Synopsis of Facts / Chronology of Facts.
 - Statement of Issues (to be framed by the participants with the help of the Judgment provided in the Paper Book).
 - Summary of Arguments / Points to be argued.
 - Arguments in Detail.
 - Prayer.
- viii) The Cover Page must contain the following:
 - Team Code in the upper right hand corner. **For e.g.: TC: 1021.**
 - The name and year of the Competition.
 - The name of the case.
 - The party for which the Written Submission has been prepared.
 - The Forum hearing the Appeal.
- ix) There shall be a deduction of 1 mark for each page exceeding the 50 pages limit.
- x) Any discrepancy between the Soft Copy and the Hard Copies of the Memorials shall attract penalty.

7. Scoring of Memorials:

7.1. The Memorials shall be marked by a panel of judges. They shall be scored out of a maximum of 40 marks.

7.2. The Memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Research and Analysis
- Quality of contentions
- Reliance on authorities
- Adherence to Format and Presentation

➤ Understanding of Law and Procedure

7.3. The presence of any name, logo or mark identifying with the participants or with the University, College or Law School they represent on the Memorials, shall lead to disqualification of that team from the Competition.

8. Scoring of Oral Arguments:

8.1. Each Speaker shall be scored out of 60 Marks. The Judges shall evaluate each speaker based on the following guidelines:

- Clarity of Facts and Procedure – 20 Marks
- Articulation, Structure and Content of Arguments – 20 Marks
- Use of Authorities – 10 Marks
- Advocacy skills, Court Craft and Demeanour – 10 Marks

9. Dress – Code:

9.1. All participants are expected to dress in Formal Attire as prescribed by the Advocates Act, 1961.

9.2. Ladies may be dressed in Formal Attire i.e. White Shirt, Black Trousers and Black Blazer or in a Formal Indian Attire, i.e. White Kurti, Black leggings and Black Blazer.

9.3. Gentlemen shall be dressed in Formal Attire i.e. White Shirt, Black Trousers and Black Blazer.

9.4. Using the Advocates Band and Gown by the participants is prohibited.

10. Food, Accommodation and Travel:

10.1. Breakfast, Lunch and Tea shall be provided on the 9th and 10th March, 2018. All other food expenses shall be borne by the participants.

10.2. Accommodation shall be provided for students from outside Pune. Along with the acknowledgement e-mail of the receipt of the Soft Copy of the memorials, a Travel Form shall be sent to the participants. Accommodation shall be provided only for those participants, who provide us with a detailed travel plan on or before 5th March, 2018.

10.3. Accommodation shall be provided only for the 9th and 10th March, 2018.

10.4. Expenses for accommodation for any other dates prior to or after the aforementioned dates shall be borne by the participants.

10.5. All travelling expenses shall be borne by the participants. The Organisers shall only provide for conveyance to and from the accommodation and venue of the competition on the 9th and 10th March, 2018.

11. Prizes:

- 11.1. Winners – Rs. 10,000/- , Trophy & Certificates.
- 11.2. Runners Up – Rs. 8,000/-, Trophy & Certificates.
- 11.3. Best Memorial – Rs. 3,000/-, Trophy & Certificate.
- 11.4. Best Advocate – Rs. 3,000/-, Trophy & Certificate.

12. Miscellaneous:

- 12.1. All queries regarding the problem / marks etc. may be directed vide e-mail to deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com on or before 27th February, 2018. All clarifications shall be sent to the participants on or before 1st March, 2018.
- 12.2. Scouting by any person (member of the team or any person affiliated with the team) shall lead to disqualification of the team.
- 12.3. All participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court while the arguments are in progress.
- 12.4. The Organisers reserve the right to take action against any participant(s) for any unethical and unprofessional conduct.
- 12.5. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The Organisers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organisers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts / grievances. The decision taken by the Organisers shall be final.
- 12.6. These Rules are not exhaustive and Organisers reserve the right to alter / amend the Rules at any given time. Such alteration / amendment, if any, shall be duly informed to the participants.

13. Important Dates:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Last Date for Online Registration.	25 th February, 2018.
2.	Last Date for submitting queries for Clarification.	27 th February, 2018.

3.	Declaration of Clarifications.	1 st March, 2018.
4.	Last Date for Receipt of Hard Copies of Registration Form, Demand Draft by college.	2 nd March, 2018.
5.	Last Date for Submission of Soft Copies of Memorials.	3 rd March, 2018.
6.	Last Date for submission of detailed Travel Form.	5 th March, 2018.
7.	Last Date for receipt of Hard Copies of Memorials by college.	7 th March, 2018.
8.	Preliminary Rounds.	9 th March, 2018.
9.	Semi-Final and Final Rounds.	10 th March, 2018.
10.	Valedictory Ceremony.	10 th March, 2018.

14. Contact Details:

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