
1st AVTAR SINGH MEMORIAL INTER COLLEGIATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

1st -3rd NOVEMBER, 2018

RULEBOOK

Venue:

Faculty of Law
University of Lucknow
New Campus,
Jankipuram, Lucknow-226031

Organized by:

Lucknow University Moot Court Association
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GENERAL RULES

A.1 Date and Venue

The competition shall be held from November 1, 2018 to November 3, 2018 at the Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow, New Campus, Jankipuram Lucknow-226031.

A.2 Dress Code

Participants are required to adhere to the following dress code while present in any court room during the Competition.

- i. Female: White Salwar and Kurta or White shirt and black pant/black skirt along with black coat and black shoes.
- ii. Male: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

A.3 The competition shall be in the English language.

A.4 Eligibility

All '*bona fide*' students enrolled in either 3 year or 5-year law course from the institutions recognized by the Bar Council of India and **situated in Lucknow** are invited to participate.

A.5 Team Composition

1. Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members or maximum of three members. There shall be no circumstance whatsoever that a team consisting of more than 3 members be allowed to participate. No observer/additional member can be part of a team in any capacity.

- i. In case of a three-member team, there shall be two speakers and 1 researcher in the team.
- ii. In case of a two-member team, there shall be two speakers only who shall not be eligible for the researcher's test.

2. The teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration.

3. **All the institutions can send any number of teams.**

4. Teams shall not disclose their identity whatsoever, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution, except in the registration form. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

A.6 Registration

- **Provisional Registration Format and Deadline**

All the participating institutions have to confirm their participation by sending an email to lumootcourt18@gmail.com with the subject "Provisional Registration for Inter Collegiate Moot 2018" on or before 10th October 2018 (Wednesday) by 23:59hrs. The email should contain the Names and Year of Study of the participants and the name of the institution of the Participating Team.

- Online Registration Format and Deadline

Teams whose provisional registration is confirmed must register by 23:59 hrs. on 20th October 2018 (Saturday) by sending an email to lumootcourt18@gmail.com with the subject "Registration for Inter Collegiate Moot 2018". The e-mail should contain the duly filled in Registration Form along with the details of Payment (For payment see rule A.8)

- Formal registration of the teams shall be done on 1st November 2018 at the venue at 10:00 hrs. Any change in the team composition should be intimated to the Organizers before the Formal Registration.
- Participation will be on the basis of **first come first serve** basis only.

A.7 Team Code

Upon confirmation of participation, each team will be allotted a 'Team Code'. The teams shall refer to themselves during the competition using this code only. They shall otherwise not disclose their identity to anybody except when a member of the OC demands.

A.8 Registration Fee

- The registration fees will be Rs. 1500/- only
- No TA/DA will be provided by the host institution.
- Each team shall have to submit the hardcopy of the filled registration form along with the registration fees (in cash) on or before 20th October, 2018 at:

Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow, New Campus,
(LUMA Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.308),
Jankipuram Extension 226021.
Contact No. 8564880040, 7905389475

OR

Teams shall post the hard copies of the filled registration form at:
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and make an online payment of the registration fees on or before 20th October through paytm or tez (Paytm and Tez Mobile Number: 7275260631) and mail the screenshot of the same.

A.9 Decorum

All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court Room and in all ceremonies during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

COMPETITION ROUNDS

There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter final, a semifinal and a final round spreading over a period of 3 days.

B.1 PRILIMINARY ROUND

- 1) In preliminary rounds each team shall argue from both the sides (appellant and respondent).

- 2) No team shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- 3) Each team shall face a different bench in each round of arguments.
- 4) TOP EIGHT (8) teams shall move to the quarter finals on the basis of the Marks of the preliminary rounds.
- 5) The team shall be credited with a win in a preliminary round if their round total is more than opposing team.
- 6) The marks of the EACH preliminary round shall be the cumulative total of the marks of both the speakers and the marks of the Memorial of the side in which they are appearing.
- 7) The following criteria shall be observed in deciding teams which are to move in quarter finals.
 - a. The teams that have TWO wins in preliminary rounds shall proceed to the quarter final.
 - b. In case less than 8 teams are able to score two wins then teams that have 1:1 win loss ratio shall advance based on their aggregate score in the Preliminary Round
 - c. Teams that have TWO wins shall be given preference over those which have 1 win and 1 loss.
 - d. In case of a tie between two or more teams, the aggregate total of the score of oral submissions of the speakers shall be taken into consideration.
- 8) Each team will have **maximum of 15 minutes** (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal) to present their Oral Submissions during the Preliminary Rounds.

B.2 QUARTER FINAL ROUND

- (i) Eight (8) teams shall compete in quarter final. Criteria for qualifying to quarter finals have been mentioned in previous clauses.
- (ii) It shall be a knock out round. The winner of each round shall move to the semifinal. Four (4) teams shall move to semi- finals.
- (iii) The criteria of marking in this round are aggregate total of the marks of both the speakers.
- (iv) In case of tie between teams, in quarter finals, the aggregate total of the marks of memorials (appellant or respondent) of the teams shall be counted. Team with highest marks moves ahead.
- (v) Each team will have **maximum of 20 minutes** (including rebuttal) to present their Oral Submissions during the Quarter final Round.

B.3 SEMI FINAL / FINAL ROUND

- (i) Four (4) teams shall compete in semifinal. The criteria of qualifying in semifinal have been mentioned in previous clauses.
- (ii) It shall be a knock out round. The winner of each round shall move to the Final.
- (iii) The criteria of marking in this round are aggregate total of the marks of both the speakers.
- (iv) In case of tie between teams, in semifinal, the aggregate total of the marks of memorials (appellant or respondent) of the teams shall be counted. Team with highest marks moves ahead.
- (v) There shall be one (1) FINAL ROUND.
- (vi) The marking criteria in Final Round is same as that of semifinal (clause 3 (iii))
- (vii) Each team will have **maximum of 25 minutes** (including rebuttal) to present their Oral Submissions during the Semifinal Round.

- (viii) Each team will have **maximum of 30 minutes** (including rebuttal) to present their Oral Submissions during the Final Round

MEMORIAL RULES

C.1

- All teams shall submit Memorials for both the sides (Plaintiff and Defendant)
- The soft copy of the Memorials for the Plaintiff and the Defendant should be mailed to lumootcourt18@gmail.com on or before October 25, 2018. The file name should be the Team code followed by the letters 'P' or 'D' depending on which side the memorial is from.
- Six hard copy of the memorials (both Plaintiff and Defendant) is required to be sent to the host institution at the address provided in point number (A. 8) so as to reach on or before October 29, 2018.
- Late submission will be penalized by one point for every day of delay after the due date. No excuses in respect of delayed courier services will be entertained.
- Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.

C.2 MEMORIAL CONTENT

All teams must submit typed Memorials for both the sides fulfilling the following specifications: The Memorial must contain the following parts:

a. Cover Page: The cover page of the memorial must state the following:

- Team Code on upper Left-hand side corner.
- The Case Title
- Colour of the cover page must be:
 - Blue in case of Petitioner.
 - Red in case of Respondent.
- The Party for which the Memorial has been prepared.

b. Table of Contents.

c. Index of Authorities.

d. Statement of Jurisdiction.

e. Statement of Facts.

f. Issues Involved.

g. Summary of Arguments.

h. Body of Arguments/ Arguments Advanced.

i. Prayer.

C.3 MEMORIAL FORMAT

- All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document 2007 format or higher (.doc/.docx).
- All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size with an equal margin on each side.
- The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page and page numbers, must be in Times New Roman 12-point. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman 10-point.

- The spacing of the text of all parts of the Memorial must be 1.5. The footnotes must be separated with single line spacing.
- The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.
- The Memorial must be spiral bound ONLY.
- Teams shall cite authorities in their Memorials by way of Blue Book (19th Edition) Style of Citation.
- The maximum number of pages in each Memorial shall not exceed 35 pages including 20 maximum pages for Written Submissions/ Arguments Advanced.
- The Memorials shall not, in anyway, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Participating Team, its Members, or the Institution/College/University represented
- Memorials that do not comply with the abovementioned specifications will be penalized.

C.2 Marking criteria for the Memorials

Each Memorial will be marked out of a total of 100 marks. There will be separate marking for the Plaintiff and Defendant Memorials. The following will be the Marking criteria:

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks allocated
1.	Knowledge of Facts	15
2.	Knowledge of Law	15
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	10
4.	Evidence of Original Thought	10
6.	Correct Format and Citation	10
7.	Extent and Use of Research	20
8.	Clarity and Organization	20
	Total	100

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Memorials shall be given back to the court-officials after the completion of rounds.

ORAL SUBMISSIONS

D.1 Non-disclosure of identity

As specified hereinabove in Rule A. 5 each team shall comprise of two speakers who shall divide the oral submissions between themselves. Further, during the course of the Oral Submissions, no speaker shall reveal his or her identity. They shall only identify themselves by their Team Code (Rule A.7).

D.2.1 At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions, each team must notify the Court Official of the amount of time that team reserves for their arguments and rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. A maximum of 3 minutes can be reserved for the rebuttal in the Preliminary Rounds, 5 minutes in the Quarter Finals and the Semifinal and 7 minutes in the Finals.

D.2.2

No speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than 7 minutes in the Preliminary Rounds, 10 minutes in Quarter Finals, 12 minutes in Semi-Finals and 15 minutes in the Final Rounds.

D.3 Prohibition on the use of certain materials

Participants will not be permitted to make any audio/ visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops, tablets, phones or any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions. Such electronic devices cannot be carried into the courtroom by the teams.

D.4

All teams are expected to carry with them hard copies of any case law or authority which they intend to refer to which may be passed to the bench. Teams may also compile compendiums which may be passed to the Bench with its permission. However, such compendiums shall not be in violation of Rule D.3.

D.5 Oral Submissions

Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks per judge. The Round Total will be the aggregate of the total of the marks for oral submission of the two speakers.

D.6 SCOUTING

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

Note: The decision of the judges as to the marks allocated to any team shall be final (So as to ensure uniformity in the marking system all the judges will be provided with a marking guideline).

E. RESEARCHER TEST

- (a) The researcher's test shall be conducted on November 1, 2018.
- (b) The researcher shall take the researcher's test after the formal registration.
- (c) There shall be no such test for the teams comprising of only two members.
- (d) The test shall contain objective questions related to the moot proposition and the law applicable.
- (e) The Researcher Test will be evaluated by a panel of independent judges as decided by the Organizing Committee.

F. AWARDS

- Winning Team Award: The winning team will get a rolling trophy.
- Runners-Up Award: The 1st runners up will get a trophy.
- Best Student Advocate: Best student advocate will get a trophy.
- Best Memorial will get a trophy.
- Best Researcher will get a trophy.

- Certificate for participation will be given to all the participants and all the winners will receive 'Certificate of Merit' in addition to the 'Certificate of Participation'.
- All Certificates and awards will be presented to the participants only at the Valedictory Ceremony on November 3, 2018. The certificates will not be provided to any participant who is not present at the Valedictory Ceremony and the same shall not be sent by post/courier to participants under any circumstances whatsoever.

POWERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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The Organizing Committee has the power and sole discretion to:

- a) Enforce all the competition Rules;
- b) Provide a definitive & final interpretation of the Competition Rules;
- c) Resolve any dispute that may arise during the Competition;
- d) Change or supplement the competition Rules, if necessary. Changes or supplements will be duly communicated to all participating teams; and
- e) Take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct by any participant/participating teams.

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The decision of the Dean, Faculty of Law, Lucknow University shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF RESULTS

- The results of the Preliminary rounds shall be announced shortly after the completion of both the rounds.
- The results of the Quarter-final and Semi-final Round(s) shall be announced shortly after the completion of each of the rounds.
- The winners of the competition will be announced during the Awards ceremony on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

CONTACT DETAILS:

CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM:

Regarding Registration and Rules & Regulations:

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Gaurav Gupta 7275260631

Regarding Moot Proposition:

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Or mail their queries at lumootcourt18@gmail.com / mcc.lucknowuniv@gmail.com