



SAARCLAW - JLU MOOT COURT COMPETITION **2019**

(III edition of JLU Moot Court Competition)

— FEBRUARY 15th - 17th —

RULES & GUIDELINES

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1. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

The Competition will be structured as per the following format:

- a. Preliminary Rounds
- b. Quarter Final Rounds
- c. Semi Final Rounds
- d. Final Round

2. LANGUAGE

The language of the Competition shall be English.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- Students pursuing 3 years/ 5 years undergraduate LL.B. degree course are eligible to participate in this competition.
- Only one team can participate from each institution.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- The team composition, for the competition, shall comprise of either two members (being designated as Speakers) OR three members (two of them shall be designated as Speakers and one Researcher). A fourth or third team member can participate as Observer, subject to the payment of Registration fees for Observer. The Observer will not be permitted to argue as Speaker in any case whatsoever.
- The Researcher may be permitted to argue as Speaker in case of illness or any unforeseen event, but the permission of the Moot Court Convener in such case shall be mandatory.

5. DRESS CODE

The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

- a. Girls: White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes.
- b. Boys: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Note: The participating teams shall also adhere to the above mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.

6. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- Teams must register by January 15, 2019 by sending an email to mcc.sol@jlu.edu.in with the subject "Registration for SAARCLAW JLU Moot Court Competition 2019". On receiving the registrations, 40

teams will be allowed to participate in the Competition on First come-First serve basis. Out of these 40 teams, 10 shall be reserved for the SAARC nations. The same will be notified immediately to the respective teams through electronic mail. Selected teams must confirm their participation by January 18, 2019 by sending an email to mcc.sol@jlu.edu.in. Each Team shall be allotted a Team Code upon confirmation of participation.

- The duly filled in hard copies of the Registration Form along with a demand draft of **INR 6000/- (Indian Rupees Six Thousand Only) or US \$70(US Dollar seventy only for foreign teams)** must reach the Organizers latest by January 20, 2019. In case the team comprises of an observer also, the amount for the demand draft shall be **INR 7,500/- (Indian Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)**. The demand draft will have to be made in favour of 'Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal' payable at Bhopal.
- The participating teams must send their Registration Forms accompanied with demand draft and travel plan only through Speed Post. The teams shall solely be responsible for any kind of delay in receipt of Registration Form. The Registration form along with Demand Draft and Travel Plan should be sent to the following address:

*Prof. (Dr.) Yogendra Kumar Srivastava
S-643, Nehru Nagar,
Bhopal-462003 (M.P.) India*

7. MEMORIALS

- All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules of the Competition. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Written submission on behalf of Applicant(s) and one on behalf of the Respondent(s). Further each team has to submit 6 hard copies of their written submissions from each side. Non-compliance will entail a penalty of 1 point per copy not submitted.
- Applicant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover. The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification. A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team. The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.

- Each Team must send a soft copy of their memorials for evaluation by February 01, 2019 before 11:59 P.M. to mcc.sol@jlu.edu.in with the subject "Memorials for SAARCLAW JLU Moot Court Competition, 2019". Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall incur a liability of 3 points for the first day of delay, and 5 points each day for every subsequent day. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline. However, teams submitting soft copies of memorials any time after February 01, 2019 will be subject to immediate disqualification. Memorials shall be sent as an attachment with the mail in the form of single file for each side of memorial.

- **GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING:**

1. **Memorial Structure:** The memorial must have following pages only:
 - i. Cover Page – The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of competition, name of the Court and team Code on top right corner.
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. List of Abbreviations
 - iv. Index of Authorities
 - v. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - vi. Statement of Facts
 - vii. Issues Raised
 - viii. Summary of Arguments
 - ix. Pleadings /Arguments Advanced
 - x. Prayer
2. **Team Code:** The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page.
3. **Content Specifications: The following content specifications must be strictly adhered to:**
 - i. Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts
 - ii. Line Spacing (General) - 1.5 lines
 - iii. Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts
 - iv. Line Spacing (Footnotes) - Single line
 - v. Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides
 - vi. The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.
 - vii. The citation should be in compliance with the 20th edition of Bluebook.

- **MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS:**

Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
Evidence of Original Thought	20
Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Correct format and Citation	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
TOTAL MARKS	100

8. RULES FOR THE ORAL ROUNDS

Draw of Lots:

The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Draw of lots and Memorial Exchange shall take place on February 15, 2019 after the Inaugural Ceremony.

Preliminary Rounds

- The preliminary rounds will be held on February 15, 2019. The Preliminary rounds shall comprise of Two Rounds of oral arguments subject to the allotment of team codes. In the preliminary rounds, each team shall have to argue twice, once as a petitioner and the other as a respondent.
- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)). The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject with a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and not more than 15 minutes per speaker. Rebuttals can be assigned a time period of not more than 2 minutes.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. The researcher may sit with the speakers during the oral rounds. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 50 points per speaker per judge. The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms. No two Teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

- The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
Preparation and familiarity with facts	10
Structure of Legal Argument	10
Knowledge & Application of Law	10
Organization, Presentation, Speaking Ability	05
Responsiveness to Questions	05
Persuasiveness and Advocacy	05
Courtroom Etiquette	05
TOTAL MARKS	50

- The winners of the preliminary rounds shall, i.e. total eight teams (8 teams) shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter Finals, the number of rounds won by the team shall be considered as first criteria. In case there is a tie, the winning difference of their respective rounds shall be taken into consideration. Further, in case of tie after taking winning scores into consideration, the decision shall be taken on the basis of the Memorial marks.

Quarter Final Rounds

- The Quarter Final Rounds shall also take place on February 16, 2019. The Teams qualifying to the Quarter Finals shall be on the basis of Two Rounds of Oral arguments of the Preliminary Rounds.
- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)).
- The match up of teams in Quarter Final Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.

Semi Final Rounds:

The Semi Final rounds shall comprise of Four Teams. The Semi Final rounds shall take place on February 17, 2019. The winner of the Quarter Final rounds shall be declared qualified for the Semi Final Rounds.

The match up of teams in Semi Final Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)).

Final Rounds:

The Final Rounds shall also take place on February 17, 2019. The two teams who stand declared as winners of the Semi Final Rounds shall qualify for the Final Rounds. Each team will get a total of 60 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)). The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared Winner of the Competition.

General Rules:

- In case of evaluation of all the Rounds, the Memorial Marks shall not be included to decide the merit.
- But in case a tie takes place in the Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final Rounds, in that case, the marks of the Preliminary Rounds shall be the basis for deciding the winner.
- The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

Scouting

Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team, unless they have been officially knocked-out of the competition. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

Date & Venue

The SAARCLAW JLU Moot Court Competition will take place from 15th – 17th February, 2019 at JLU School of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal.

9. RESEARCHER'S TEST

The "Researcher's Test" shall take place on February 16, 2019. Only the Researcher, as indicated in the team registration form, shall be eligible to take the researcher test. The speaker can only take the Researcher's Test, if the team comprises of 2 speakers only.

10. COLLABORATIONS AND AWARDS

This edition is supported by the SAARCLAW, *South Asian Association for Regional Co - operation in Law, SAARCLAW*, is an association of the legal communities of the SAARC countries comprising judges, lawyers, academicians, law teachers, public officers and a host of other law related persons, duly registered with the SAARC Secretariat at Kathmandu and awarded the status of a **Regional Apex Body of SAARC**.

Awards include cash prizes to the meritorious participants, trophies and access to research resources.

The competition embraces following awards:

- Best Team: Rs.1,50,000 (through cheque)
- Best Memorial: Rs. 25,000 (through cheque)
- Best Researcher: Rs. 15,000 (through cheque)
- 1 Runners-Up: Rs.1,00,000 (through cheque)
- Best Speaker: Rs. 25,000 (through cheque)

11. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

- Accommodation and food shall be provided to all teams by the organisers from February 15 - 17, 2018.
- Teams willing to stay beyond or before the dates of the moot, as specified, will have to pay Rs. 2000/- per member per day.
- The interested students are required, to inform the Organizing Committee, through their Travel & Accommodation Form, so as to enable them to make necessary arrangements. Under no circumstances the Organizer shall provide accommodation to any other person accompanying the team.
- Teams should send their travel plans by January 25, 2019.

12. CLARIFICATIONS:

Any clarifications regarding the competition may be sought from

REGARDING MOOT PROCEDURE AND PROPOSITION:

- **Mr. Deevanshu Shrivastava**, Moot Court Convenor
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MISCELLANEOUS RULES:

- International teams are recommended to apply for the Indian visa at least 4-6 weeks before the competition dates. The Indian visa requirements will vary from country-to-country, thus it is advisable

to visit the Indian embassy's/consulate's website in your country for further details. India has recently started the TVOA facility (Tourist visa on arrival) for select countries. All foreign teams shall be issued an Invitation Letter by the Organizing Committee to facilitate the process of obtaining a visa. All foreign teams are required to write on **mcc.sol@jlu.edu.in**, for pursuance of the same.

- The Moot Court Committee, JLU School of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of these Rules.
- All clarifications regarding the Moot Problem should be sent to **mcc.sol@jlu.edu.in** by January 20, 2019. A full list of clarifications shall be sent to all the teams through email by January 25, 2019, if required.
- The Moot Court Committee reserves the right to modify any of the Competition Rules at any point of time. The Moot Court Committee shall communicate any changes made in the Competition Rules to the Teams.
- The Moot Court Committee reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the Moot Court Committee shall be final and binding.
- The Moot Court Committee reserves the right to interpret any of the Competition Rules. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- Penalty points may be deducted only by the Moot Court Committee. Under no circumstances shall the judges themselves deduct from the score of the Speakers any Penalty points. Judges shall score the Oral Rounds as if no violation occurred.
- Any team violating any of the specified rules will be penalized according to the following scheme:

Scheme of Deduction	Marks Deducted
Non-Compliance with Dress Code	2 Marks
Non-Compliance with Written submission of soft copy on time	2 Marks
Non-Compliance with Presentation of Written Submission	5 Marks
Non-Compliance with Formatting of Written Submission	3 Marks
Non-Compliance with Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations, Table of Authorities etc.	2 Marks
Non-Compliance with Uniform mode of Citation	2 Marks
Non-Compliance with Spiral Bound	5 Marks
Non-Compliance with Reveal of identification of teams	10 Marks