



# 2<sup>ND</sup> Dr. R. U. SINGH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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# **RULE BOOK**

## **TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 1.1** Students pursuing the Three or Five Year courses of the LL.B. Degree or its equivalent in the academic year 2018 - 2019 from any recognized Law School/College/University in India are eligible to participate.
- 1.2** Any recognized Law School/College/University shall be entitled to send only 1 (one) team to the Competition.
- 1.3** The participating team shall comprise a minimum of two and a maximum of three members. In a team of two members, both the members shall be designated as Speakers. In a team of three members, two members shall be designated as Speakers and the third member of the team shall be designated as a Researcher.
- 1.4** No additional member or team coach is allowed to accompany the team.

## **2. LANGUAGE**

The official language of the competition shall be English.

## **3. REGISTRATION**

- 3.1** The registration process will start from 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. Institutions must complete their registration by sending an e-mail to [mcclucknowuniv@gmail.com](mailto:mcclucknowuniv@gmail.com), latest by **February 1, 2019 (23:59 Hrs IST)**. The e-mail should include a scanned copy of the duly filled registration form.

**Related Details for mode of submission of fess will released before 15<sup>Th</sup> December, 2019.**



#### **4. REGISTRATION FEE**

The Registration Fee is INR 4000 for teams.

#### **5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION**


- 5.1** Participating teams may request for clarifications to the official moot problem by sending an email to [mcclucknowuniv@gmail.com](mailto:mcclucknowuniv@gmail.com) latest by **February 10, 2019(23:59 hrs IST)**.
- 5.2** A full list of clarifications shall be released by **February 11, 2019**

#### **6. ANONYMITY**

- 6.1** The participating team shall be allotted a team code upon final registration.
- 6.2** The student counsels shall not state their names or the names of the institution to which they belong during the oral rounds, and instead must use the code allotted.
- 6.3** The team shall not disclose their identity anywhere in their written Memorials and instead should use the code allotted.
- 6.4** Non-compliance with the Rules 6.2 and 6.3 shall result in immediate disqualification of the participant/team.
- 6.5** The decision of the Organizing Committee in this regard shall be final.

#### **7. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION**

- 7.1** Accommodation shall be provided to all teams, except teams participating from Institutions situated in Lucknow, by the organizing committee from morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019 till evening of 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Teams who wish to arrive




prior to or leave after the specified dates are required to inform the organizing Committee in advance.

- 7.2** Food and Transportation to and from the venue shall be provided to all the teams for the aforementioned duration. Further information regarding it shall be provided to the teams before a reasonable period of time.
- 7.3** Teams are requested to send their itinerary as and when requested by the organizing committee, once the payment receipt has been submitted and the registration is completed.

## **8. MEMORIAL**

- 8.1** Each team shall prepare a Petitioner and a Respondent Memorial.
- 8.2** One (1) soft copy (only in MS Word .doc/.docx format) must be emailed to [mcclucknowuniv@gmail.com](mailto:mcclucknowuniv@gmail.com) latest by **February 15, 2019 (23:59 hours IST)** with the subject “**Memorials for Team Code\_\_**”. The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorials must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g. (for Team Code 13) 13P or 13R, “P” being for “Petitioner” Memorial and “R” for “Respondent” Memorial and so forth.
- 8.3** The Memorial for each side should be submitted as one single file and not in multiple files. Any violation of this rule shall invite penalty in accordance with rule 8.7.
- 8.4** Six (6) hard copies for each side of the Memorial must reach to the organizers by **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.
- 8.5** The hard copies must be identical to the soft copy. Violation of this rule would entail disqualification from the Competition.
- 8.6** The memorial must be **spiral bound** only.



## **8.7 Format of Memorials**

**8.7.1.** The Memorials shall necessarily consist of only and only the following sections:

- a) Cover Page
- b) Table of Contents
- c) List of Abbreviations
- d) Index of Authorities (with page number where the authority has been cited)
- e) Statement of Jurisdiction
- f) Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
- g) Statement of Issues
- h) Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
- i) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
- j) Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

**8.7.2.** Each Memorial shall have the following and only the following on its cover page:

1. The team code on the upper right hand corner of the cover page
2. The name and place of the forum
3. The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
4. Name of parties and their status

On whose behalf the memorial is filed



**8.7.3.** Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 19th Edition or **OSCOLA**. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.

**8.7.4.** The Memorial shall be printed on A4 size paper, with the following mandatory formatting specifications:

1. Font Type: Times New Roman
2. Font Size: 12
3. 1.5 line Spacing
4. Margins: 1 inch on each side.

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

1. Font type: Times New Roman
2. Font Size: 10
3. Single Line Spacing

**8.7.5.** The following colour scheme shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorial:

Petitioner: Blue and

Respondent: Red

## **8.8 Penalties**

Late Submission	1 mark per memorial every 12 hours after the deadline of submission; disqualification beyond 48 hours
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Wrong File Name	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one File	1 mark per Memorial
Exceeding page limits (Refer to Rule 8.7.1)	1 mark per exceeding page
Failure to include the sections in the Memorial (Refer to Rule 8.7.1)	3 marks per section
Failure to include the required information on the cover page (Refer to Rule 8.7.1)	1 mark per violation
Failure to use the correct colour	2 marks per Memorial

## **9. EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL**

**9.1** Every Memorial will be marked on scale of 100.

**9.2** The Memorial shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- a) Knowledge of Facts: 15 Marks
- b) Knowledge of Law: 15 Marks
- c) Proper and Articulate Analysis: 10 Marks
- d) Depth and Use of Research: 20 Marks
- e) Organisation and Clarity: 20 Marks
- f) Evidence of Original Thought: 10 Marks
- g) Correct Format and Citation :10 Marks





## **10. EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS**

- 10.1** There shall be an exchange of Memorials between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as determined by Seeding, prior to all the rounds of the Competition.
- 10.2** The teams are prohibited from making any marks or sign on the exchanged Memorials.
- 10.3** The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the Exchanged Memorials.
- 10.4** At the conclusion of their respective Rounds, the teams are required to return the exchanged Memorials to the Court Officials of that Court Room.

## **11. ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

- 11.1** The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the Court Officials prior to the commencement of each Round. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed.
- 11.2** Use of any electronic gadgets is not permitted during the course of oral proceedings.
- 11.3** Teams shall not disclose, in any manner whatsoever, for the entire duration of the Rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent, even if asked by the judges.
- 11.4** Teams can pass on compendium of the sources they cite in their Memorials if so permitted by the judges.
- 11.5** Team scores shall not be disclosed after every round. Teams must not make any attempt to gather any such information, until notified by the Organizing Committee.



**11.6** Delay in appearance for a round exceeding five (5) minutes will render disqualification of the team for that round. In such a case, their opponent shall make their oral submissions *ex parte*.

### **11.7 Preliminary Rounds**

**11.7.1** Each team will have the opportunity to argue from both the sides.

**11.7.2** Time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. No speaker may reserve more than fifteen (15) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

**11.7.3** No team shall be allowed more than 5 minutes for rebuttal or sur- rebuttal.

**11.7.4** The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the opponent team.

**11.7.5** Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.

### **11.8 Quarter Final Rounds**


**11.8.1** Time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

**11.8.2** The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the team.

**11.8.3** No speaker may reserve more than fifteen (15) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

**11.8.4** Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut, as the case may be, subject to a maximum time limit of five (5) minutes.

**11.8.5** No speaker can speak for more than 25 minutes.



**11.8.6** No team shall be allowed more than 05 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

## **11.9 Semi Final Rounds**

**11.9.1** Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty-five (45) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

## **11.10 The Final Round**

**11.10.1** Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty-five (45) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

**11.10.2** No speaker can speak for more than 25 minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

**11.10.3** No team shall be allowed more than 05 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

## **12. STRUCTURE OF THE ORAL ROUNDS**

**12.1** The Oral Rounds of the Competition shall be held over a period of two days i.e., **February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The Inaugural Function and the Orientation Programme shall be held on **February 22, 2019**.

**12.2** The Competition shall consist of four sets of rounds: the Preliminary Rounds, the Quarter Final Rounds, the Semi Final Rounds and the Final Round.



### **12.3 Preliminary Rounds**

- 12.3.1** The Preliminary Rounds shall be held on **February 23, 2019**. In the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue twice, once as the Applicant and once as the Respondent.
- 12.3.2** No team shall be provided with any information regarding the identity of their opponent team or any other team.
- 12.3.3** No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 12.3.4** The top 8 teams based on their win/loss ratio and Total Preliminary Score in the Preliminary Rounds, shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. Following shall be the system for determining the teams that advance to the Quarter Final Rounds:
- 12.3.5** If there are more than 8 teams that have a Win Loss ratio of 2:0, then out of such teams, the top 8 teams based on their Total Preliminary Score, shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.
- 12.3.6** If there are less than 8 teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0, then firstly, all such teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0 shall advance for the Quarter Finals Rounds. Secondly, Out of the teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 1:0, the remaining spots in the Quarter Final Rounds shall be filled, based on the Total Preliminary Score of such teams.
- 12.3.7** If there continues to be a tie, then the team with the higher Memorial scores shall qualify to the Quarter Final Rounds.
- 12.3.8** Total Preliminary Score is the total score obtained by both the speakers (including the rebuttal score) in both the Preliminary Rounds. Total Preliminary score does not include the memorial scores.



**12.3.9** Win Loss Ratio is the ratio of number of Wins versus the number of Loss in the Preliminary Rounds.

#### **12.4 Advanced Rounds**

**12.4.1** All the advanced rounds will be knock- out rounds.

**12.4.2** For deciding match-ups in case of Quarter Final Rounds, the teams shall be seeded again on the basis of their Win Loss Ratio and Total Preliminary Score.

**12.4.3** While seeding the teams for the Quarter Final Rounds, first preference shall be given to the teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0. Thereafter, the rankings shall be decided on the basis of Total Preliminary Score. If a tie still continues, then the team with higher memorial score shall be seeded higher.

**12.4.4** For the Semi Final Rounds, seeding shall be done on the basis of the Total Score obtained by team in the Quarter Final Rounds.

**12.4.5** The side a team will be arguing in Quarter Final Rounds will be decided by a draw of lots, with the Teams picking the lots.

**12.4.6** Team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Final Rounds if its total oral marks are higher than that of the Opponent Team. Memorial marks will not be considered in the Quarter Final Rounds as well.

**12.4.7** In case of a tie, the marks obtained in the Memorials will be considered. The Team with the higher score will win.

**12.4.8** A similar procedure will be followed for Semi Final Rounds and the Final Round, except in case of a tie in the Final Round, the ratio of the judgment delivered by the Bench shall be used to declare the winner.



## 13. SCOUTING


- 13.1** Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team is found:
- 13.1.1** Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. The oral submissions in a Round, except where the Round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; or
- 13.1.2** Reading a Memorial of a team except where: it is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or the Memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of Memorials prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.
- 13.2** Scouting shall lead to disqualification of team and participants from Competition.

## 14. AWARDS

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

Certificate of participation shall 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 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. 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.

## **15. MISCELLANEOUS**

**15.1** Implementation and interpretation of rules regarding Moot Court practice and procedures, the final decision lies with the Organizing Committee.

**15.2** If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.

**15.3** The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the Competition is:

Ladies: White Salwar and Kurta or White shirt and black pant/black skirt along with black coat and black shoes.

Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

**15.4** The Proposition is neither intended to nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The Proposition is a fictitious factual account prepared for the purposes of the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.

**15.5** The copyright in the Memorials submitted by the teams shall vest jointly with Lucknow University the acceptance of such vesting is a precondition to participation in the Competition. The Rules governing the conduct of the Competition should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties or disqualification at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.



- 15.6** The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period of time.
- 15.7** The Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of LU, Faculty of Law shall be the final arbiter for these Rules and any such decision made by him on any issue/dispute arising in relation to the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- 15.8** The Organizing Committee, as mentioned in these Rules, refers to the Moot Court Committee of the LU.

## **16. RESEARCHER TEST**

- 16.1** There shall be a researcher test on first day of the Competition i.e. **22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY.**
- 16.2** The **RESEARCHER** or the **2<sup>nd</sup> SPEAKER**, in case of team of two members, shall be allowed to give the test.
- 16.3** Time shall be **1Hour.**
- 16.4** There shall be **50 MCQ** carrying **2 marks** each.
- 16.5** Questions shall be related to the facts of the moot proposition and legal aspects of the same.





## 17. CONTACT DETAILS

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