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MOOT COURT COMPETITION

24th July, 2019



# RULES & REGULATIONS

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ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF JURICAL SCIENCE



## **1. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:**

The Competition will be structured as per the following format:

- a. Preliminary Round
- b. Semi Final Round
- c. 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.
- Maximum two teams 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).
- 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 **JUNE 20, 2019** by sending an email to [jisuniversitymootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:jisuniversitymootcourt@gmail.com) with the subject "Registration for JIS UNIVERSITY Moot Court Competition". On receiving the registrations, 10 teams will be allowed to participate in the Competition on First come-First serve basis. The same will be notified immediately to the respective teams through electronic mail. Team shall be allotted a Team Code upon confirmation of participation.
- The duly filled in hard copies of the Registration Form along with cash 500/- (Indian Rupees Five Hundred Only) must reach the Organizers by **July 2, 2019**. In case the team comprises of an observers also, the amount for their registration will be 200/- (Indian Rupees Two Hundred Only) in the Campus of **JIS University , 81, Nilgunj Rd, Jagarata Pally, Deshpriya Nagar, Agarpara, Kolkata, West Bengal 700109** on the college working days\*.

\*contact the convener for further enquiry

## 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 Memorial on behalf of Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and one on behalf of the Respondent(s). Further each team has to submit 6 hard copies of the Memorials from each side. Non-compliance will entail a penalty of 1 point per copy not submitted.
- Appellant 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, in PDF format only, for evaluation by **July 14, 2019 before 11:59 P.M.** to [jisuniversitymootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:jisuniversitymootcourt@gmail.com) with the subject "Memorials for JIS University Moot Court Competition". 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 July 20, 2017 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. Speaking footnotes or Endnotes are not allowed.

■ **MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS:**

<b>MARKING CRITERIA</b>	<b>MARKS ALLOTTED</b>
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
<b>TOTAL MARKS</b>	<b>100</b>

## 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 JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 after the Inaugural Ceremony.

### Preliminary Rounds

- The Preliminary rounds shall comprise of One Round of oral argument subject to the allotment of team codes. In the preliminary rounds, each team shall have to argue once, either as a petitioner or as a respondent.
- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sub-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. 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.
- The Preliminary round and Semi Final round will have one moot problem i.e. Moot Problem 1 and the Final round will have different moot problem i.e. Moot Problem 2. All the three rounds are in one day.



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

<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>
Preparation and familiarity with facts	10
Structure of Legal Argument	10
Knowledge & Application of Law	10
Organization, Presentation, Speaking Ability	5
Responsiveness to Questions	5
Persuasiveness and Advocacy	5
Courtroom Etiquette	5
<b>TOTAL MARKS</b>	<b>50</b>

- The winners of the preliminary rounds shall, i.e. total eight teams (4 teams) shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds. 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.
- 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 30 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sub-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)).

#### Final Rounds:

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 40 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sub-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 Semi Final or Final Rounds, in that case, the marks of the Preliminary Round 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.

## **10. AWARDS**

The competition embraces following awards:

- Best Team : Rs. 6000, Trophy and Certificate
- I Runners-Up : Rs. 4000, Medal and Certificate
- II Runners-Up : Medal and Certificate
- Best Memorial : Medal and Certificate
- Best Speaker : Medal and Certificate
- Best Researcher : Medal and Certificate

The registered observers will be given certificates also.

## **11. FOOD**

The team members and the registered observers will be provide lunch.

## 12. CLARIFICATIONS:

Any clarifications regarding the competition may be sought from

Regarding Moot Procedure and Proposition:

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