

**1<sup>st</sup> AMITY NATIONAL MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION, 2019**

November 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

**RULES**

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## 1. TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY

**1.1** The competition is open for students of recognized Institutions /Universities /Organizations who are currently pursuing their Bachelors' Degree in Law i.e. 3-Year LL.B. or 5- Year LL.B. Integrated Programme in the academic year 2018– 2019.

**1.2** Any Institution shall be entitled to send only **1 (one) team** to the Competition.

**1.3** Each team shall consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated in a 3-member team while in case of a 2-member team, both the members shall be speakers. Teams shall identify the speakers and researcher during registration. No extra member or observer shall be allowed.

**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** Institution should register themselves latest by sending an e-mail to [alsmcc.rpr@gmail.com](mailto:alsmcc.rpr@gmail.com), latest by **October 25, 2019 (23:59 hours IST)** through registered mail addresses of their respective college/university.

**3.2** Institutions must complete their registration by filling up the provided **Google form** and sending a scanned copy of -

- the duly filled registration form and
- online transaction;

through e-mail to [alsmcc.rpr@gmail.com](mailto:alsmcc.rpr@gmail.com) latest by **November 5, 2019 (23:59 hours IST)**.

**3.3** Participants shall send the soft copies of registration form along with receipt of online Transaction and Travel Plan, latest by **November 5, 2019 (23:59 hours IST)**.

#### 4. REGISTRATION FEE

**4.1** The Registration Fee is **INR 6000** for teams. Teams must make the payment of such amount online.

**Account Holder Name: Amity University Chhattisgarh**

**Account Number: 1186104000030250**

**Bank Name: IDBI Bank Limited**

**Branch Name :Adsena, PS-Kharora, Raipur**

**IFSC Code: IBKL0001186**

#### 5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

**5.1** Clarifications and doubts will only be entertained through emails, sent to [alsmcc.rpr@gmail.com](mailto:alsmcc.rpr@gmail.com) latest by **October 15, 2019 (23:59 hours IST)**.

**5.2** A full list of clarifications shall be released by **October 21, 2019**.

#### 6. ANONYMITY

**6.1** Each participating team shall be allotted a team code upon Registration.

**6.2** 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.

**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 ALS Moot Court Organizing Committee in this regard shall be final.

## 7. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION

**7.1** Accommodation shall be provided to all teams by the Organizers from the **evening of November 14, 2019 to the morning of November 18, 2019**. Teams who intend 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.

**7.3** Registration Form and Travel Plans must be submitted together.

**7.4** Teams are **not permitted** to leave the premises prior to the specified date.

## 8. MEMORIAL

**8.1** Each team shall prepare a Petitioner and a Respondent Memorial.

**8.2** One soft copy (**in MS Word .doc/.docx & pdf format**) each must be emailed to [alsmcc.rpr@gmail.com](mailto:alsmcc.rpr@gmail.com) latest by **November 8, 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 10) 10P or 10R, ‘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.

**8.4** **The participants shall submit Six (6)** copies each of the memorials for Appellant & Respondent (excluding copies for use by the team) at the time of Registration for the Oral rounds.

**8.5** The hard copies must be identical to the soft copy. Violation of this rule would entail disqualification from the Competition.

### 8.6 Format of Memorials

**8.6.1** 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)

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

- a) The team code on the upper right-hand corner of the cover page
- b) The name and place of the forum
- c) The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
- d) Name of parties and their status
- e) Memorial Filed on Behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

**8.6.3** Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Bluebook 20th Edition. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.

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

- a) Font Type: Times New Roman
- b) Font Size: 12
- c) Line Spacing: 1.5
- d) Margins: 1 inch on each side

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font Size: 10
- c) Single Line Spacing

**8.6.5** The Memorials shall be **spiral bound**. The following color scheme shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorial:

- a) Petitioner: **Blue**
- b) Respondent: **Red**

### **8.6.6 Penalties**

Late Submission	1 mark per memorial every 12 hours after the deadline of submission; disqualification beyond 48 hours
Wrong File Name	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one file	1 mark per Memorial Exceeding page
Page limits	1 mark per exceeding page
Failure to include the required information on the cover page	1 mark per violation
Failure to comply with Bluebook 20th Edition for Footnotes	0.25 mark per footnote
Wrong Font Size	0.5 mark per page
Wrong Font Style	0.5 mark per page
Wrong Line Spacing	0.5 mark per page
Wrong Margins	0.5 marks per page
Failure to use correct color coding	2 marks per memorial
Failure to Spiral Bind the Memorial	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:

9.2.1 Knowledge of Law and Facts: 20 Marks

9.2.2 Proper and Articulate Analysis: 15 Marks

9.2.3 Depth and Use of Research: 15 Marks

9.2.4 Organization and presentation: 15 Marks

9.2.5 Grammar and Language: 10 Marks

9.2.6 Novelty of arguments: 15 Marks

9.2.7 Clarity of Thought and Originality: 10 Marks

## **10. EXCHANGE OF MEMORIAL**

**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 Competitions.

**10.2** The teams are prohibited from making any marks 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 Bailiffs of that Court Room.



## **11. ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

**11.1** The time split between the Speakers must be communicated to the Court Bailiff 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 can pass on compendium of the sources they cite in their Memorials if so, permitted by the Judges.

**11.4** Team scores shall not be disclosed after every round. Teams must not make any attempt together any such information, until notified by the Organizing Committee.

**11.5** 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.

**11.6** Evaluation shall be done on the basis of the following criteria:

11.6.1 Knowledge of Law: 20 Marks

11.6.2 Application of Law to Facts: 20 Marks

11.6.3 Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions: 20 Marks

11.6.4 Use of Authorities 15 Marks

11.6.5 Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanor: 10 Marks

11.6.6 Time Management and Organization: 10 Marks

11.6.7 Effective Rebuttals: 05 Marks

### **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. No Speaker may reserve more than twenty (20) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

11.7.3 No team shall be allowed more than 5 minutes for rebuttal

11.7.4 Only one (1) Speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebuttal.

### **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.

11.8.2 No Speaker may reserve more than twenty (20) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

11.8.3 Only one (1) Speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebuttal, as the case may be, subject to a maximum time limit of five (5) minutes.

### **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.

11.9.2 No Speaker can speak for more than twenty-five (25) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

11.9.3 No team shall be allowed more than five (5) minutes 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 twenty-five (25) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

11.10.3 No team shall be allowed more than five (5) 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., **November 16 and 17, 2019**. The Inaugural Function, Orientation Program and Researcher Test shall be held on **November 15, 2019**.

**12.2 RESEARCHER'S TEST:** The "Researcher Test" shall take place on **November 15, 2019**. Only the Researcher, as indicated in the team registration, shall take the Researcher test. A Speaker can only take the Researcher Test if the team comprises of two Speakers only.

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

### **12.4 Preliminary Rounds**

12.4.1 The Preliminary Rounds shall be held on **November 16, 2019**. In the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue twice, once as the Petitioner and once as the Respondent.

12.4.2 No team shall be provided with any information regarding the identity of their opponent team or any other team.

12.4.3 No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds

12.4.4 The top 8 teams based on their win/loss ratio and their scores 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:

12.4.5 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.

12.4.6 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, amongst the rest 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.

12.4.7 If there continues to be a tie, then the team with the higher Memorial scores shall qualify to the Quarter Final Rounds.

12.4.8 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.

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

## **12.5 Advanced Rounds**

12.5.1 All the advanced rounds will be knock- out rounds.

12.5.2 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.

12.5.3 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.

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

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

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

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

12.5.8 A similar procedure will be followed for the 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 is not permitted, and it 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;

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.

### **14. AWARDS**

**14.1 Winning Team:** Trophy, Cash Prize Rs. 51,000

**14.2 Runners Up:** Trophy, Cash Prize Rs. 30,000

**14.3 Best Memorial:** Trophy, Cash Prize Rs. 10,000

**14.4 Best Speaker:** Trophy, Cash Prize Rs. 10,000

**14.5 Best Researcher:** Trophy, Cash Prize Rs. 10,000

## 15. MISCELLANEOUS

**15.1** The final decision regarding Implementation and interpretation of Rules regarding Moot Court practice and procedures 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 -

- Male participants are required to wear a full suit - comprising of black formal jacket and trousers, full sleeved shirts, ties and formal footwear.
- Female participants are required to wear Western or Indian formals with appropriate formal footwear.

**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 with Amity Law School, Chhattisgarh. 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** Registration fee paid is non-refundable.

**15.7** 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

**15.8** The Chairman of the Organizing Committee of Amity Law School, Chhattisgarh 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.

**15.9** The Organizing Committee, as mentioned in these Rules, refers to the Moot Court Committee of the Amity Law School, Amity University Chhattisgarh.

**TIMELINE**

<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<i>RELEASE OF PROBLEM</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019</i>
<i>LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF INSTITUTION</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019</i>
<i>LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF REGISTRATION FORM, &amp; ONLINE TRANSACTION</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019</i>
<i>LAST DATE OF SEEKING CLARIFICATION, IF ANY</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019</i>
<i>RELEASE OF FINAL CLARIFICATIONS</i>	<i>21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2019</i>
<i>LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF MEMORIAL</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019</i>
<i>INAUGURATION CEREMONY</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019</i>
<i>ORAL ROUNDS</i>	<i>16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019</i>
<i>VALEDICTORY CEREMONY</i>	<i>17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019</i>