

The 2nd RBUSL National Moot Court Competition, 2016

(26th March -27thMarch)

RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

1. PRELIMINARY

The University School of Law, Rayat-Bahra University (Mohali) announces its Second National Moot Court Competition, 2016. The competition has strict rules and regulations for the purpose and duration of this competition, the compliance of which is mandatory. The rules are as mentioned below.

2. GENERAL RULES

- 2.1 **DATE:** The RBUSL National Moot Court Competition, 2016 shall be held on 26th -27th March 2016.
- 2.2 **MEDIUM:** Medium of the competition shall be English.
- 2.3 **PARTICIPATION:** The competition is open to participation by teams of all the students pursuing an integrated 5 year LL.B Course in any law school in India, recognized by the Bar Council of India. There will be only one team participating from one institution.
A maximum of 20 teams in all will be allowed to participate.
Teams will be entertained on 'First come first basis'.
- 2.4 **TEAM COMPOSITION:** A team shall comprise of three members; consisting of two speakers and one researcher. The team amongst its members is required to identify speakers and researcher at the time of registration itself. This composition cannot be altered under any circumstances.
- 2.5 **DRESS CODE:** The dress code for the competition is advocate's uniform as per Advocates Act, 1961 without band and gown. Violation of the dress code will bar a contestant from appearing in the pleading rounds.
- 2.6 **COURT MANNERISMS:** All participants are required to conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner throughout the competition. All participants are required to act in a dignified manner and respect the Court. Members of a participating team must not communicate with the judge/s or opposite counsels in private, to the detriment of the competition.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 **Date of Registration:** All the participating institutions have to confirm team participation by sending an email to mootsociety.rbusl@gmail.com on or before **24th Feb, 2016 by 12:00 PM.**

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- 3.2 **Team Registration by Post:** The duly filled in hard copies of the Registration form along with the demand draft of INR 3,500/- (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Only) must reach the Organizers by **29th February, 2016**.
- 3.3 **Address for Post:** The hard copy of the Registration form shall be sent on following address **only through Speed Post**. The teams shall solely be responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of Registration Form.

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- 3.4 **Demand Draft:** The demand draft of INR 3,500/- (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Only) shall be drawn in favour of “Dean University School of Law, payable at Sahauran, Mohali”
- 3.5 **Allotment of Team Code:** Every team which has successfully completed the Registration requisites under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.
- 3.6 **Formal Registration:** The formal registration of the teams shall be done on 26th March, 2016 at the venue i.e. Moot Court Hall, University School of Law.
- 3.7 Any delay in the registration procedure or compliance with the registration formalities or partially complying after the expiry of the scheduled dates of registration, **WILL BE TERMED AS NO REGISTRATION**, therefore, no claim subsists for the team thereafter.

4. FORMAT OF THE MOOT COMPETITION

Rounds: The Competition is divided into following rounds –

- a. Preliminary Rounds,
- b. Quarter-Final Round
- b. Semi-Final Round; and
- c. Final Round.

Draw of Lots

There will be a draw of lots on the **26th March 2016** and exchange of memorials before the inauguration ceremony. The order of the competition including the days, if any and the side (appellant/respondent) for which each team appears will be made by draw of lots before the

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commencement of the competition. The entire scheme of the competition thus drawn out will be notified to the participating teams. In case, it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/s at the last moment or if the competing teams had no opportunity to argue the other side of the proposition, the organizers reserve the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams.

a) PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- There shall be **two** Preliminary Rounds. Each team shall be given the opportunity to argue each side in the Preliminary Rounds which shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- Each team shall get a total of 20 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 10 minutes per speaker. Each team shall indicate to the court - clerk as to how it decides to allocate its 20 minutes.
- The top 8 teams based on cumulative marks (written and oral submissions) shall qualify for the Quarter finals, which shall be held on the same day.
- In case of a tie, the teams shall advance to the next round on the basis of highest memorial score. If the tie is still not broken, then the highest speaker – score will determine which team advances to the semi- finals.

b) QUARTER-FINALS

- The teams shall argue only for one side in the quarter finals.
- The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- The time allotment for speakers will be same as that of Preliminary rounds.
- On the basis of knock out, 4 (four) teams shall advance to the finals.

c) SEMI-FINALS

- The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- The division of the time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time).
- Each team shall indicate to the court - clerk as to how it decides to allocate its 30 minutes.
- On the basis of knock out, 2 (two) teams shall advance to the finals.

d) FINALS

- Each team shall get a total of 40 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The division of the time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for any one speaker (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time).
- Each team shall indicate to the court - clerk as to how it decides to allocate its 40 minutes.

5. MEMORIAL GUIDELINES

All participating teams shall submit 6 sets of written memorials (6 appellant and 6 respondent memorials). The Cover Pages of the memorials for the Petitioners shall be in blue and the Respondents shall be in red.

The teams shall not indicate their names or the names of their College or University on the memorials. The Team Code allotted to all teams will have to be indicated at the top right corner of the memorials.

The soft copy of the Memorial shall be submitted on or before 12.00 P.M., 8th March, 2016.

The hardcopy of the Memorial shall be submitted on or before 12.00 P.M., 12th March 2015 after which, no Memorials shall be accepted.

No change in the hard and soft copy of the Memorial shall be accepted. It shall be a ground of disqualification.

The written memorials shall confirm to the set standards:

- 1) Written submissions shall be printed on white standard A4 size paper.
- 2) The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman 12-point and footnotes shall be in Times New Roman size 10.
- 3) The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5 lines spacing except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced.

The teams shall follow the 19th edition of the Bluebook mode of citation. Arguments Advanced must not exceed **25 pages** and the memorial in total must not exceed **40 pages**. Non-compliance with the same would entail penalty of 1 mark per extra page.

Contents of 'Written Submissions' shall include the following:

- I. Cover Page;
- II. Table of Contents;
- III. Index of Authorities;
- IV. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- V. Questions Presented;
- VI. Statement of Facts;
- VII. Summary of Pleadings;
- VIII. Pleadings
- IX. Prayer.

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6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Marking criteria for Memorials

S.No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Knowledge of facts and law	20
2.	Proper and articulate analysis	20
3.	Extent and use of research	20
4.	Clarity & Organization	20
5.	Correct format and citation	10
6.	Grammar and Style	10

Marking criteria for Oral Presentations

S.No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Knowledge of Law	30
2.	Application of Law to Facts	25
3.	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	30
4.	Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor	10
5.	Time Management and Organization	05

7. RESEARCHERS TEST

The Researcher Test will take place on 26th March, 2016 in order to determine the best researcher. The test will comprise of questions both legal and factual, relating to the moot proposition.

Rules for the Researcher Test:-

- The Researchers Test will be divided into three parts:
 - Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions
 - Part 2: One word answers
 - Part 3: Subjective question
- The test will be of 100 marks:-
 - 25 Multiple Choice Questions of 3 marks each.
 - 15 questions of one word answer of 1 mark each.
 - 1 Subjective question of 10 marks.

8. DRAFTING COMPETITION

Drafting Competition shall be held on 27th March, 2016 in order to determine the Best Drafter.

Rules for the Drafting Competition:-

- The draft must contain a minimum of 500 words.
- The drafts will be judged on the basis of legal language used, facts, issues, clarity and the overall drafting skills.
- The participants shall be given a maximum time of one hour.
- The participant should be a member from the team of three.

The Topics for the Drafting Competition-

- Plaint
- Application
- Complaint
- Petition
- Deed

9. PERSONALITY CONTEST

Every College shall be represented by any ONE member of team, could be either male or female member.

Rules for the Personality Contest:-

- Round 1: Introduction Round. Every participant will be given 1 minute for selfintroduction.
- Round 2: Extempore Round. By draw of lots, topics will be given to every team member & an extempore speech will have to be given by each participant on the said topic for 1 minute.
- Round 3: In this round, a situation will be given to every team member and questions will be addressed thereon.
- Round 4: This will be the Judges Questions Round. The panel of judges will pose questions to the team members.

There will be elimination at the end of each round.

On the basis of cumulative performance in each round, Winner of the Personality Contest shall be adjudged.

10. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Accommodation and food shall be provided by USL from 25th March (evening) to 28th March (morning), 2016. The team of 3 participants shall be provided accommodation by the College for the duration of the competition only. The interested students are required, to inform the Organizing Committee, through their Registration Forms, so as to enable them to make necessary arrangements. Under no circumstances the Organizer shall provide accommodation to any coach or any other person accompanying the team.

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11. DISPUTES

Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the Organizing Committee before the end of the competition. In all matters of complaints or disputes, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final.

12. AWARDS

1. Winner Team (FIRST PRIZE) – Rs. 10000/-
2. Runner up Team (SECOND PRIZE) – Rs. 6000/-
3. Best Memorial – Rs. 3000/-
4. Best Mooter – Rs.2000/-
5. Best Researcher- Rs.2000/-
6. Best Drafter- Rs.2000/-

Trophies shall be awarded to the Winner, Runners Up, Best Memorial and Best Mooter. All participants shall be awarded Certificates of Participation and the winners shall receive Certificates of Merit.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

- Scouting shall lead to the instant disqualification of the team.
- All participants shall maintain the decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

14. SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

S.No	Details	Date
1.	Online Intimation by Institution	14 th Feb 2016
2.	Last date for online Registration for Participation	24 th Feb 2016
3.	Last date for sending DD with registration form	29 th Feb 2016
4.	Last date for sending the soft copies of the Memorials through e-mail	8 th March 2016
5.	Last date for sending hard copies of Memorials through speed post	12 th March 2016
6.	Registration on arrival, Inauguration Ceremony ,Preliminary and Quarter finals rounds	26 th March 2016
7.	Researcher Test	26 th March 2016
8.	Drafting Competition	27 th March, 2016
9.	Semifinals, Final and Valedictory	27 th March 2016

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