

GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE MOOT COURT SOCIETY

BARTON HILL, VANCHIYOOR.P.O, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM – 35,
KERALA

13th ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION – 2018

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. DATE AND VENUE

The 13th All India Moot Court Competition under the auspices of Government law college, Thiruvananthapuram will be held from **8th March 2018 to 10th March 2018** at Government Law College Campus in Barton Hill, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

II. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to all Law Colleges and Faculties/ Departments of Law in India, recognized by Bar Council of India. The participation is limited to the LL.B/B.L students in both three year and five year schemes. Students pursuing post graduation in law and students undergoing non-professional/ correspondence course are not eligible to participate in the competition.

III. TEAM COMPOSITION

Each institution participating in the competition can send a team comprising of a minimum of **two** or a maximum of **three** students. There can be two speakers and one researcher designated in each team. Teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration.

IV. REGISTRATION

- a. Provisional registration shall be effected before 15th February (Thursday) by emailing scanned copies of the duly filled registration forms to glctvpmootcourt@gmail.com.
- b. The participating teams will have to register themselves on their arrival by paying a fee of **Rs.3000**.
- c. A **code number** will be awarded to each team and that number alone shall be marked on the memorial and no indication shall be made for identifying the institution of the participants.
- d. The participants shall wear the badge provided by the society throughout the days of the competition.

V. COMPETITION FORMAT

- a. The language of the Court shall be **English**.
- b. The orientation and drawing of lots will be held on **8th March** (Thursday).
- c. There will be two Preliminary Rounds of argument, Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and a Final round.
- d. Preliminary rounds will be held on **9th March** (Friday). Top Eight teams will be qualified for the Quarter-Finals which would be held on **9th March** Evening (Friday).
- e. The Quarter -Finals will be a knock – out round.
- f. The qualification to the Quarter-Finals will be based on **double wins or highest aggregate** of score in the preliminaries (inclusive of memorial marks).
- g. The Semi-Finals will be a knock – out round and will be held on **10th March** Forenoon (Saturday).
- h. The Finals will be held on **10th March** Afternoon (Saturday).
- i. Each team is expected to be ready with written briefs and oral arguments to argue for either side of the case. The Court will follow the procedure within accepted norms of judicial practice and in case of doubt or dispute in the matter of procedure or facts; the decision of the presiding member of the committee of judges in each court shall be final.
- j. The participants will have to bring along with them necessary books, Reports, Journals etc. True copies will be accepted. The Library of Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram can be utilized for reference.
- k. The dress code for the participants during the court session shall be as follows:-
 - Female participants :- White Saree and Black blouse/ White Salwar with Black over coat/ Black suit
 - Male participants :- White or Black pants and white Shirt with Tie/ Black Suit
- l. **Each team will be given 35 minutes to advance their arguments including rebuttal. The team members can divide the time among**

themselves, which in any case shall not be less than 10 minutes or more than 20 minutes for each speaker.

- m. The best researcher will be selected on the basis of an interview conducted on **9th March** (Friday) by a panel of eminent lawyers and academicians.

VI. MEMORIALS

- a. Each team must prepare memorandum dealing with jurisdiction, issues involved in the problem, summary of arguments and arguments supported by authorities, conclusion and prayer for both the Petitioner's side and Respondent's side. Memorandums must be in English. The body of the Memorandum shall not exceed **25 typed** pages. The cover page, table of contents, index of authorities, jurisdiction, and statement of facts, annexure, appendices and back cover are not included in these 25 pages. However these 25 pages include questions presented, summary of pleadings, conclusions and foot notes. Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the Memorandum shall not be permitted to be raised in the Court.
- b. Four copies of the memorials for the Petitioner and four copies of the memorials for the Respondent shall be submitted to the General Convenor of the society at the time of registration. The memorials will be handed over to the committee of judges for the award of marks.
- c. The teams shall submit soft copies of their written memorials by email on or before **5th March** (Monday). **EVERYDAY OF DELAY SHALL ENTAIL A PENALTY OF 1 MARK EACH.**
- d. The teams shall submit their hard copies during desk registration on **8th March**.
- e. The identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial
Memorial's rule as to colour:- Petitioner – Blue cover
Respondent – White cover

VIII. JUDGING CRITERIA

There shall be a committee of judges selected for each court from among a panel of judges constituted for this purpose including eminent judges, lawyers and academicians from all over India. The Finals will be presided over by a full bench of Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Kerala. Each court will award marks for oral arguments to each individual participant and team. Each individual's marks for oral arguments will be added with the memorandum marks to make the individual's marks out of 100. Out of **100 marks** the division of marks for each individual participant is as follows:-

1. Written Memorandum - 20 Marks
2. Oral Arguments - 80 Marks

The distribution of marks for oral arguments is as follows:

1.	Correct articulation of facts, factual analysis and use of evidence	5
2.	Correct articulation of legal issues and analysis of issues	5
3.	Knowledge of law and its interpretation	5
4.	Skill of advocacy and persuasiveness	5
5.	Response to questions	5
6.	Use of authorities and citations	5
7.	Court manners, Clarity, brevity and ingenuity	5
8.	Language, style and General impression	5
		Total (Out of 40 marks)
Total (Out of 40 marks) x 2 = Marks out of 80 for Oral Arguments		

Marks are awarded on agreed criteria by the Committee of Judges and the factors constituting the criteria are “EXCELLENT” (5 marks), VERY GOOD (4 marks), “GOOD” (3 marks), “AVERAGE” (2 marks), and “POOR”(1 mark), based on the performance of the participants. The decision of the Committee of Judges shall be final.

- a The individual prizes will be awarded on the basis of total marks secured by each participant in his performance adjudged separately. In cases where the same person participates in more than one round of competition his average marks shall be taken for adjudging his position. Marks will be awarded by the presiding officers themselves and their decision shall be final.
- b Fabulous trophies and cash prizes are awaiting the winners in various categories.
- c For the best researcher, the judging criteria shall be inclusive of marks secured for memorials added to the average marks provided by the expert panellists.
- d Any dispute regarding the conduct of the competition will be referred to APPELATE committee consisting of the **Principal/Chairperson and three faculty members** and their decision shall be **final**.

ANNEXURE

I. RECEPTION

The teams will be received from **8th March** (Thursday) onwards at Airport/ Railway/ Bus station if the time of arrival is intimated in advance or else the teams can report at the Reception committee office, Government Law College campus, Barton Hill, Thiruvananthapuram - 695037(5km from Railway Station) on **8th March** (Thursday). **The travel plan shall be emailed on or before 3rd March** (Saturday).

II. HOSPITALITY

Food and separate accommodation for boys and girls will be provided free of cost by the society from **8th March** Afternoon (Thursday) to **11th March** Morning (Sunday). This will include the dinners hosted by the society.

III. CONTACT

For further clarification please contact:-

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Last date for confirmation	-	15-02-2018(Thursday)
Last date for receipt of memorials (soft copy)	-	05-03-2018(Thursday)
Registration and Memorial Submission (hard copy)	-	2.00 pm 08-03-2018(Thursday)
Inaugural function	-	3.30 pm 08-03-2018(Thursday)
Orientation & Drawing of lots	-	5.00 pm 08-03-2018(Thursday)
Preliminary Rounds	-	8.00 am 09-03-2018(Friday)
Quarter Finals	-	5.00 pm 09-03-2018(Friday)
Semi-Finals	-	9.00 am 10-03-2018(Saturday)

Finals - 2.30 pm 10-03-2018(Saturday)
Valedictory Function and Prize Distribution - 5.00 pm 10-03-2018(Saturday)

Sd/-
Convenor

Principal / Chairperson.
Dr. R. Bijukumar

General Convenor
Dr. Hameema M

Co ordinaters
Prof. A. Manoj Krishna
Prof. Viji S

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