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“2nd Thiru. ISARI VELAN MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2020”

RULES & REGULATIONS

Date: 7th & 8th February, 2020

Venue: School of Law, VISTAS

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VELS UNIVERSITY

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RULES

1. TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These rules may be called as “Thiru. ISARI VELAN MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES, 2020” **IVMNMCM**.
- 1.2 The competition shall be held from 7th – 8th February, 2020.
- 1.3 All the teams must arrive in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on or before 6th February, 2020, and must be present at the University for **INAUGURATION PROGRAMME** next morning.

2. LANGUAGE

The language for the competition shall be English.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open for ‘bona fide’ students who are pursuing 5 year integrated law Programme or 3 year LL.B Programme in India. Such institution must be recognized by the Bar Council of India.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1.1 Each team shall consist of a *minimum of two members or maximum of three members*. There shall be no circumstance whatsoever that a team consisting of more than 3 members be allowed to participate.
- 4.1.2 In case of a *three-member team*, there shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher in the team.
- 4.2 Teams shall not disclose their identity whatsoever, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution, except in the registration form.

4.3 Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers. Each team shall be allotted a team code and each participant shall be given an individual code. Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city etc. Any such disclosure shall invite strict penalty including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizers.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 The Participating team shall duly fill the registration form provided in the “Rules” and send it with the **registration fee of Rs. 2,500/-**. The registration fee shall be paid through **Demand Draft, drawn in favour of “The Registrar, VISTAS”** payable at Pallavaram.

5.2 The last date for submitting the registration form (Hard Copy) with fee shall be **20th January, 2020**. The teams must send their “Provisional Registration” *Confirmation of their participation by way of Email* ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in on or before **10th January, 2020**.

5.3 Each team shall be allotted a “**Team Code**” on receipt of the registration form and fee.

5.4 **Spot registration will not be entertained.**

5.5 Formal registration of the teams shall be done on **7th February, 2020** at the venue at 08:30 AM.

5.6 Any change in the team composition should be intimated to the Organizers before the Formal Registration.

5.7 No forms received after the deadline shall be considered for registration.

6. STRUCTURE OF ROUNDS

The oral rounds shall comprise of:

6.1 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

6.1.1 There shall be only one preliminary round (Either Petitioner or Respondent).

6.1.2 Every team shall be given the opportunity to argue on the opted side in the preliminary rounds which shall be determined by way of draw of lots.

- 6.1.3 Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'sur-rebuttal'.
- 6.1.4 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for any one speaker.
- 6.1.5 Before the commencement of each round, each team shall indicate to the 'court officer' as to how they wish to allocate their 30 minutes.
- 6.1.6 The top 8 teams will be decided based on their total win points. In case of tie, the teams having **higher scores** in the oral rounds(**Excluding Memorandum Scores**) will proceed, and even after that the tie is still in existence, the team having highest **speaker score** will determine which team proceeds to the quarter finals.

6.2 **QUARTER-FINALS:**

- 6.2.1 The teams shall argue only for one side in the quarter finals. Selection for the next round will be on the **Knockout** basis.
- 6.2.2 The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- 6.2.3 Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case.
- 6.2.4 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for any one speaker.
(The Rules regarding time allocation is similar to the preliminary round.)

6.3 **SEMI-FINALS:**

- 6.3.1 The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots. Selection for the next round will be on the **Knockout** basis.
- 6.3.2 Each team shall get a total of 40 minutes to present their case.
- 6.3.3 This time will include 'rebuttal' and 'sur-rebuttal'.
- 6.3.4 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for any one speaker.
- 6.3.5 Each team shall indicate to the 'court officer' as to how it wishes to allocate its 40 minutes. On the basis of knock out, 2 (two) teams shall advance to the finals.

6.4 **FINALS:**

6.4.1 Each team shall get a total of 40 minutes to present their case. Winners will be decided on the **Knockout** basis.

6.4.2 The division of the time is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for any one speaker (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time).

7. **WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

7.1 All participating teams shall submit 4 sets of written memorials (4 for petitioner and 4 for respondent).

7.2 The cover page of the memorials for the petitioner shall be in Blue and the respondent shall be in Red.

7.3 The teams shall not indicate their names or the names of their College or University on the memorials.

7.4 The team code allotted to all teams shall be indicated at the top right corner of the memorials, which will be communicated by way of Email.

7.5 All participating teams must send a soft copy of their memorials to *Email* ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in in PDF format, for both sides by 23:55pm on or before **20th January 2020**.

7.6 Teams must submit the hard copies of the memorials (4 sets each for the petitioner and respondent) on **25th January 2020** via Courier/ Post to the following address

**The DEAN,
School of Law,
VISTAS,
Velan Nagar, P.V Vaithiyalingam Road, Pallavaram
Chennai- 600 117, Tamil Nadu**

7.7 The hard copies must be exact print outs of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail disqualification.

7.8 The written memorials shall conform to the set standards:

7.8.1 Written submissions shall be printed on white standard A4 size paper.

7.8.2 The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman, size 12 and footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10.

7.9 The text in all parts of each written submission shall be in '*1.5 Line Spacing*' except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced. Margins: One-inch margin on all sides of each page.

7.10 The maximum number of pages in each Memorial shall not exceed 40 pages including 30 maximum pages for Written Submissions / Arguments Advanced.

7.11 Memorials must be spiral bound only. Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.

7.12 Registration forms and the DD must be emailed to ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in on or before 10.01.2020 and the hard copy of the same must be sent to the below mentioned address on or before 20.01.2020.

7.13 Registration Fees/Forms are to be sent to:

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8. DISPUTES

Any dispute relating to 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. If any dispute arises with respect to any '*Round*', the decision of the judges of that particular round shall be final.

9. DRESS CODE:

9.1 The official Dress Code for the Competition is as below:

9.1.1 **Gentlemen:** Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie, and Black Formal shoes;

9.1.2 **Ladies:** Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, and Black Formal shoes / Salwars (White and Black) with Black Blazer.

10. AWARDS

- 10.1 **WINNER Trophy with Rs.5000/- Cash Prize**
- 10.2 **RUNNERS UP Trophy with Rs.3000/- Cash Prize**
- 10.3 **BEST MEMORIAL Trophy with Rs.2500/- Cash Prize**
- 10.4 **BEST SPEAKER Trophy with Rs.2500/- Cash Prize**
- 10.5 **BEST RESEARCHER Trophy with Rs. 2,500/- Cash Prize**

11. FORMAT OF MEMORIALS.

11.1 **Cover Page:** The cover page of the memorial must state the following:

- 11.1.1 Team Code on upper Left-hand side corner.
- 11.1.2 The Case Title
- 11.1.3 Colour of the cover page must be Blue in case of Petitioner/Appellant.
- 11.1.4 Red in case of Defendant/ Respondent.
- 11.1.5 The Party for which the Memorial has been prepared
- 11.1.6 The Table of Content.
- 11.1.7 The Index of Authorities
- 11.1.8 The Statement of Jurisdiction.
- 11.1.9 The Statement of Facts.
- 11.1.10 The Statement of Issues.
- 11.1.11 The Summary of Arguments.
- 11.1.12 The Arguments Advanced.
- 11.1.13 The Prayer.

12. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

- 12.1 Outstation participants shall be provided **Hostel accommodation** by the University for the duration of the competition.
- 12.2 Only the registered three member's team shall be provided accommodation. The team shall make their own arrangements for any extra members. All teams

shall be provided accommodation from 6th February, 2020 to 8th February, 2020.

12.3 Teams must send their travel details along with the registration form. **Teams shall make their own arrangements for Transportation.**

13. MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 Scouting shall lead to the instant disqualification of the team.

13.2 Any clarifications may be sought through Email ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in all participants shall maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to properly conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

14. COPYRIGHT

14.1 The copyright over the memorials submitted by the participants, shall vest completely with VELS School of Law, VELS University.

14.2 Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be an exclusive right of VELS School of Law, VELS University.

15. Organizing Committee Contact Details

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IVMMC' 20 - KEY DATES

Provisional Registration @ (ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in)	10th January 2020
Final Registration with Fee	20th January 2020
Submission of Memorials (soft copy)	20th January 2020
Submission of Memorials (Hard copy)	25th January 2020
Inauguration	7th February 2020
Preliminary & Quarterfinal Rounds	7th February 2020
Semifinal/Final & Valedictory Function	8th February 2020