

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

To moot means to bring something to a discussion. In a figurative sense, Moot Court means "Hypothetical case or hearing/ trial". The aim of Moot Court activity is to groom the budding lawyers. It trains the students of law to create links between theory and practice. Moot court competition provides a platform to the law students to show case their mooting talent. The judges for the preliminary, quarter- final, semi-final and Final rounds of the competitions will be eminent practicing lawyers, academicians and Judges.

RULES:

1. Number of teams:

Maximum of 22 teams will be accommodated for the competition. Selection of the teams will be done on the first come first serve basis.

2. Team Composition:

Each team shall comprise of minimum of two members and maximum of three member (one member shall be designated as researcher).

3. Dress Code:

Inside the court room the participant shall follow the below mentioned dress code:

Female: White Kurta, Black Salwar and Black Dupatta or White Formal Shirt and Black formal Trousers/skirt along with Black Blazer and Black tie.

Male: White shirt, Black trousers, Black tie along with Black Blazer and Black shoes.

Note- Disclosure of identity through uniform or in any other is strictly prohibited.

4. Rounds:

- a. The Moot Court Competition shall comprise of the following four rounds:
 - i. Two Preliminary Round divided into I-A & I-B on 6TH MARCH 2020.
 - ii. Quarter-final round on 6TH MARCH 2020
 - iii. Semi-Final Round on 7TH MARCH 2020
 - iv. Final Round on 7TH MARCH 2020.
- b. Each team will have to argue from both sides in the Preliminary Round (Comprising of I-A & I B). This order will be decided by draw of lots at the time of orientation on 5TH MARCH 2020.
- c. The teams who will score highest aggregate marks in their both Preliminary Rounds will be eligible for qualification in the Quarter-final Round which shall consist of 8 teams. In case of a tie in the above procedure, the marks scored for the memorials shall be the deciding factor. In case of any doubt, decision of the organizers will be final.
- d. The Sides for the Quarter-Final round will be decided by draw of lots immediately after the results of Preliminary Rounds. Quarter Finals will be decided on knockout basis.
- e. The Qualifying teams shall then argue the case in the Semi-Final Round on 7TH MARCH 2020. Semi Finals will be decided on knockout basis.
- f. The Qualifying teams shall then argue the case in the Final round on 7TH MARCH 2020.

5. Memorials:

- i) The memorial shall necessarily consist of the following:
 - (a) Cover Page
 - (b) Table of Contents

- (c) List of Abbreviations
- (d) Index of Authorities
- (e) Statement of Jurisdiction
- (f) Statement of Facts (not more than two pages)
- (g) Issues Raised
- (h) Summary of Arguments
- (i) Advance Arguments
- (j) Prayer

ii). All the teams shall submit five copies of the memorials of each side (i.e. 5 copies from petitioner's sides and 5 copies from the Respondent's side), which makes a total of 10 memorials:

By the registered post to the address mentioned-

SHIVAM SHARMA

House No.- 353, Street-2, Near Kali Mata Mandir,
Chander Nagar, Civil City, Ludhiana, 141001
Phone No.- 7986419695

Soft copy of memorial to be sent on the mentioned email id – Nmccpunc2020@gmail.com

- iii). The memorial should not exceed 35 pages.
- iv). The memorials, however, should not contain any kind of identification whatsoever; else they may be 'subject to disqualification'.
- v) The Petitioner memorials MUST have Blue paper covers while the Respondent MUST have Red paper cover's.
- vi) All memorials submitted must conform to the following general rules:
 - a) Memorials must be printed on white A4 size paper with black ink only.
 - b) The font used must be Times New Roman, size 12.
 - c) The **Harvard Blue Book style** of footnoting must be followed as far as practicable.
 - d) The font of footnotes must be Times New Roman, Size 10, single line spacing.
 - e) Each page of the memorial must have a margin of one inch on all sides, excluding its page number.
 - f) Page numbers must be given on the top right hand corner.

6. Oral Submissions:

- a) Each team should have two speakers who shall divide the oral submissions between them. Rebuttals are permitted. Sur- rebuttals are at the discretion of the judges.
- b) For the **preliminary round each team shall have a maximum of 15 minutes to present their oral submissions**. In the **quarter-final round** each team shall have a maximum of **25 minutes** to present their oral submissions. For the **Semi-final round**, a maximum time of **30 minutes** shall be given to each team. For the **Final round**, a maximum time of **45 minutes** shall be given to each team. However, granting more time will be at the discretion of the Judges and no complaints/appeals regarding the same will be entertained. The division of time between the two mooters shall be at their discretion. The aforesaid time would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttals.
- c) No speaker shall be permitted to address the court for more than 10 minutes in the preliminary round, for more than 15 minutes in the Quarter-final round as well as semi – final round and for more than 25 minutes in the final rounds.

d) At the commencement of each session of the oral submissions each team shall notify time of speaker 1 and speaker 2 to the court clerks.

7. Marking Criteria:

Following shall be the marking criteria and the marks allotted per Mooter.

- Each mooter shall be marked out of 100. The preliminary rounds shall be before a two Judges bench. Thus, the total team marks, per Judge, will be out of 200. and the eight top scoring teams shall move forward to quarter- final round.
- In quarter- final, semi- final and final rounds, whichever team secures more marks as against its opponent, shall be considered as having won the round. The decision of the Judges shall be final and binding. So as to ensure uniformity in the marking system all the Judges shall be provided with marking guidelines.

| Sr. No | Marking Criteria | Marks |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Perusal Of Facts | 20 |
| 2. | Knowledge And Application Of Law | 20 |
| 3. | Response To The Court Questions | 20 |
| 4. | Advocacy Skills And Presentation | 20 |
| 5. | Case Laws | 20 |
| | Total | 100 |

8. Researcher's Test:

- i) The Researcher's Test shall be of 30 minutes and objective in nature and shall be general in nature.
- ii) The Researcher of every participating team shall attempt this test.
- Scouting: Scouting by the student counsel, researcher or any one affiliated with the team will lead to the disqualification of the team.
- Clarifications: The clarifications regarding the moot problem may be sought before 15th February 2020 at Nmccpure2020@gmail.com

9. Accommodation And Food (Only for students opting Accommodation)

Accommodation and food to the participating team will be provided by the organizing team only from 5th march 2020 to 7th march 2020. The teams must bring along a maximum of three members. Any additional member shall not be entertained during the competition.

10. Eligibility

All law colleges/institutions/universities across the country recognized by the bar council of India are eligible to take part in the competition.

All participants must be currently pursuing their bachelor's degree in law, i.e. either 3 year or 5 year courses.

AWARDS:

1. Winner-Awarded with Trophy, Cash Prize of Rs. 15,000/- and Certificate.
2. Runner-up-Awarded with Trophy, Cash Prize of Rs. 9,000/- and Certificate.
3. Best Speaker -Awarded with Trophy, Cash Prize of Rs. 4,000/- and Certificate.

4. Best Researcher-Awarded with Trophy, Cash Prize of Rs. 3000/- and Certificate.
5. Best Memorial- Awarded with Trophy, Cash Prize of Rs. 3000/- and Certificate.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last date for final online registration- 11th February, 2020.

Last date of fee payment- 13th February, 2020

Last date of submission of clarifications- 15th February, 2020

Release of clarification- 17th February, 2020

Last date for submission of memorials (soft copy) – 28th February 2020.

Last date for submission of memorials (hard copy) – 2nd March 2020.

Note: The participants shall bring extra hard copy of the memorials for themselves.

REGISTRATION FEES:

- I. Only one team is allowed from one College/Institution.
- II. The last date for the online registration is 11th Feb, 2020 by an e-mail containing the details of the participating college, the team members (including the number of male and female students), their contact numbers.
- III. The registration fees for each team will be Rs 4000/- without accommodation if accommodation is to be availed Rs. 1500/- will be charged extra maybe paid through a cheque or demand draft drawn or online transfer. The account details will be provided once the soft copy of registration reaches the organizing committee.

Note: Participants have to bring their Registration Form along with them on 5th March 2020.

CONTACT:

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Decision Of Organizing Committee In Any Matter Shall Be Considered Final.