



# Rizvi Law College

<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot  
Court Competition

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

## MOOT RULES AND GUIDELINES

## 1. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

### 1. Administration

- The 10<sup>th</sup> **RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition** (“Competition”) is held and administered by Rizvi Law College, Mumbai with the aid of the **Students’ Bar Forum** and the **Moots and Academics Committee** (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”).
- The Competition is to be held from 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 Friday till 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 Sunday at the campus of **Rizvi Law College**, Mumbai.

### 2. Language

- The Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

### 3. Structure of the Competition

- The Competition consists of National Rounds, the qualification for which is on First Come-First serve basis. The National Rounds comprise of two Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds viz. Semi Finals and Finals.

### 4. Interpretation of the Rules

- The National Coordinator shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of these rules.

## 2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

### 1. Eligibility

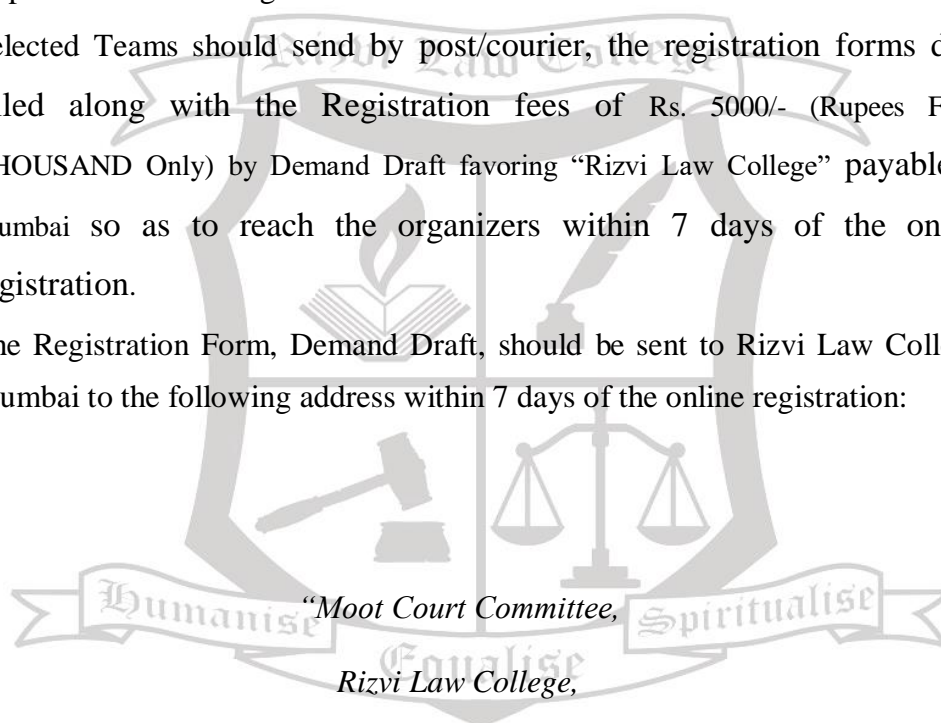
- Students pursuing 3 years/ 5 years undergraduate LL.B. degree course from any recognized University in India is eligible to participate in this competition. No more than one team can participate from each institution.

### 2. Team Composition

- Each team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) members and a maximum of three (3) members. The substitution of any team member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with the written permission from the Organizing Committee.
- Every team shall consist of two speakers. Teams shall have only one researcher.

### 3. REGISTRATION

- The scanned copy of the Registration form, duly filled, with all Team Details must be submitted on email i.e. **mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in** on or before 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with the subject “Registration for RIZVI LAW COLLEGE MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2020”.
- On receiving the registrations, 18 teams will be allowed to participate in the Competition on *First Come – First serve basis*. The same will be notified to the respective teams through electronic mail.
- Selected Teams should send by post/courier, the registration forms duly filled along with the Registration fees of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees FIVE THOUSAND Only) by Demand Draft favoring “Rizvi Law College” payable at Mumbai so as to reach the organizers within 7 days of the online registration.
- The Registration Form, Demand Draft, should be sent to Rizvi Law College, Mumbai to the following address within 7 days of the online registration:



*“Moot Court Committee,  
Rizvi Law College,  
Rizvi Educational Complex,  
Sherly Rajan Road Off. Carter Road,  
Bandra, Mumbai-400050.”*

#### 4. DRESSCODE

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

- Females: White Salwar Kurta & Dupatta or White Shirt and Black Trousers along with Black Coat and Formal Tie.
- Males: White shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Coat and Black shoes.

1. The dress code for the competition shall be western formals for gentlemen and western or Indian formals for ladies.

#### 5. MEMORIALS

##### 1. Memorial Submission

- Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and one on behalf of the Respondent(s).
- Each Team must send a soft copy of their memorials for evaluation by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 before 11:59 P.M. to [mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in](mailto:mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in) with the subject “Memorials for Rizvi Law College Moot Court Competition 2020”. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall incur a liability of 3 marks for the first day of delay, and 5 marks each day for the subsequent days. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline. However, teams submitting soft copies of memorials any time after 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 will be subject to immediate disqualification.
- Memorials submitted will be evaluated according to Rule 5.4.
- Further each team has to submit 6 hard copies of the memorial for each side on or before 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

##### 2. Memorial Format

- All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Adobe PDF format & docx. Format.
- All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size with equal margin on each side.
- The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial must be in Times New Roman 12 - point and 1.5 line spacing. The Footnotes shall be in

TimesNewRoman 10 - point and single line spacing.

- The **Appellant's** memorial must have a **BLUE** cover page and the **Respondent's** Memorial shall have RED cover page.
- No part of the memorial should contain the name of the Law School/University or the team members.
- The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.
- The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
  - a. Team code (on the top right corner)
  - b. The cause title
  - c. Identify brief as Petitioners / Applicant /Appellants / Respondents as is applicable

### 3. Memorial Content

The Memorials should contain the following sections:

- Cover Page;
  - Table of Contents;
  - Index of Authorities;
  - Statement of Jurisdiction;
  - Statement of Facts;
  - Statement of Issues;
  - Summary of Arguments;
  - Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
  - Prayer.
- The Arguments Advanced/ Pleadings should not exceed 25 pages. Non-compliance with the same will result in a penalty of 1 mark per additional page.
  - The memorial as a whole should not exceed 40 pages including the cover page. Non-compliance with the same will result in a penalty of 3 marks per additional page.
  - The citation should be in compliance with the 19th edition of Bluebook. Speaking footnotes or Endnotes are not allowed. Non-compliance with the same will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page detected.

- The entire content of the soft copies and the hard copies of the Memorial shall be identical. Non-compliance with this rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.
- All participating teams will prepare their Memorials and oral arguments only on the basis of the material annexed to the moot problem.
- Teams will not be provided with a separate copy of the judgement /additional forensic reports/scientific evidence/etc.

#### 4. Memorial Evaluation

- The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

Knowledge of Law and Facts :	25 Marks
Proper and Articulate Analysis:	25 Marks
Extent and Use of Research:	20 Marks
Clarity and Organization:	20 Marks
Grammar and Style:	10 Marks

### 6. ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES

#### 1. General Procedures

- There shall be two Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Final and Final Round.
- The Applicants/ Petitioners/ Appellants shall submit their arguments first followed by the Respondents. Thereafter the Applicants/ Petitioners/ Appellants shall have the option of submitting rebuttals. Sur-rebuttals are not permitted, though the Judge's discretion is final.

- The memorials shall be exchanged after the Inaugural Ceremony and Registration on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- The preliminary round shall be conducted through **THE ROUND ROBIN** scheduling algorithm.

### 1. Procedures for Oral Submissions

- Oral arguments will be held in the premises of Rizvi Law College.
- Each team will be allowed the following time for argument in each round:

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS	20 MINUTES
SEMI – FINALS	40 MINUTES
FINALS	45 MINUTES

- Each team may use reasonable discretion in allocating the time between two speakers, with each speaker being allocated not less than 40% of the time allocated for the team. The team representing the petitioner (or appellant) may reserve up to five minutes of its time for rebuttal by addressing such request to the Court at the commencement of argument. Up to 3 minutes can be allocated for a sur-rebuttal also. However, a sur- rebuttal will be solely at the discretion of the Court. Decision of the Bench shall be final in this regard. Before commencement of the oral argument, each team must intimate the court clerk about allocation of time between its members. The Court may interrupt the arguments for questions and in its discretion may allow additional time.
- To ensure the smooth functioning of the Moot Court and to avoid any perception of bias during the competition, the organizing committee maintains anonymity of the college/university/institution names throughout the competition. To ensure this the **organizing committee will allocate a code number to each participating team** in the competition.



- The code would be the identity of the participating team during the event.

Knowledge of Law:	20 Marks
Application of Law to Facts:	20 Marks
Ingenuity and Ability to Answer to Questions:	20 Marks
Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor:	20 Marks
Time Management:	10 Marks
Organization:	10 Marks

- Advisors and other persons accompanying a team should not be present in a courtroom if their presence is likely to compromise the anonymity of one or both competing teams.
- During rounds, only the participating members of a team may sit at the counsel table.
- In each of the rounds, each speaker who argues will be scored on a scale of 100 marks.

## 2. Preliminary Round

- All the selected Teams will be participating in the Preliminary Rounds.
- The Bench constituted for the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of at least two Judges. No Teams shall face the same Bench more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Semi Finals, the sum total of marks of both the Preliminary Rounds will be the first criteria. In case of a tie, the decision shall be taken on the basis of marks of Memorial obtained by the teams.



- The teams qualifying through the Preliminary rounds will compete in the Semi-Final Rounds through Power Matching.

### **3. Semi-Finals**

- The winning Team the Preliminary Round shall advance to the Semi- final Rounds.
- For the purposes of qualification from the Semi-finals to the Finals, the winning Team in each of the two Semi-final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round.

### **4. Finals**

The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared Winner of the Competition

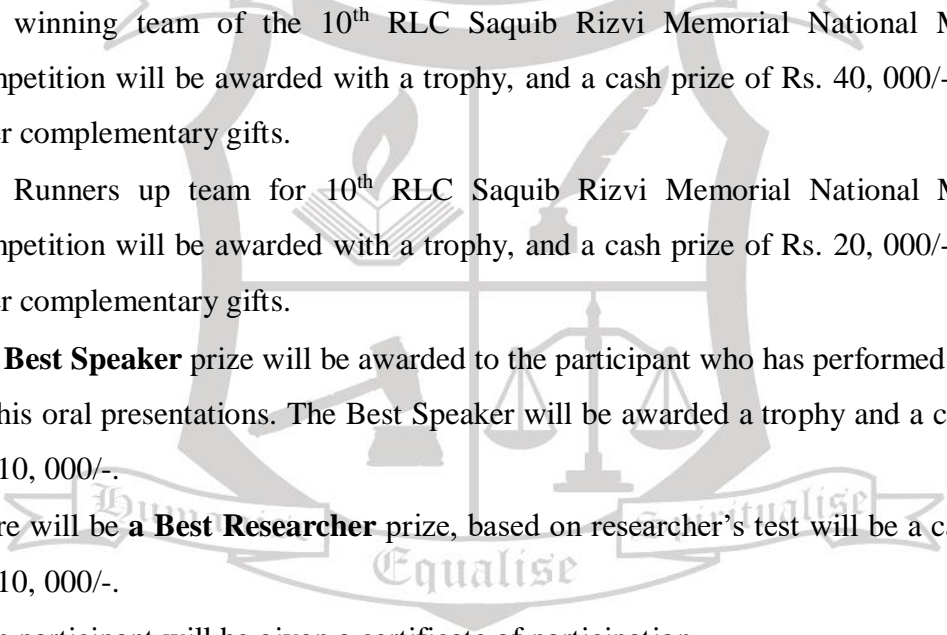
### **7. RESEARCHER'S TEST**

- The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, simultaneously during the Orientation Ceremony and draw of lots.
- In a team consisting of three members, the member designated as Researcher shall take part in the test. In a team consisting of two members, one of the two Speakers shall take part in the test.
- The Researcher's Test shall be in the format of Subjective and Objective questions with the questions based on the applicable law, precedents and facts pertaining to the Moot Proposition.
- No additional material such as the bare text of Acts, Memorandum, etc. apart from stationery shall be brought by the participant to the test and no such material shall be provided by the Organizing Committee.

## 8. SCOUTING

- Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team, unless they have been officially knocked-out of the competition. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

## 9. AWARDS

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- The winning team of the 10<sup>th</sup> RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition will be awarded with a trophy, and a cash prize of Rs. 40, 000/- along with other complementary gifts.
  - The Runners up team for 10<sup>th</sup> RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition will be awarded with a trophy, and a cash prize of Rs. 20, 000/- along with other complementary gifts.
  - The **Best Speaker** prize will be awarded to the participant who has performed best during her/his oral presentations. The Best Speaker will be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 10, 000/-.
  - There will be a **Best Researcher** prize, based on researcher's test will be a cash prize of Rs. 10, 000/-.
  - Each participant will be given a certificate of participation.
  - The coaches and advisors of the participating teams will not be entitled to receive any kind of certificate or award.

## 10. ANONYMITY

- All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the course of their participation in the competition.
- Non-compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team. The decision of the National Coordinator in this regard shall be final.

## 11. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

- The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

## 12. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

- The Organizers will provide meals and refreshments to all the members of the participating teams for the duration of the Competition. However, accommodation will be **provided to outstation participating team members only.**
- A photo ID issued by the Government must be carried by participants to avail accommodation during the event as per Government regulations.
- Teams should send their travel plans latest by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 via electronic mail.

## 13. GENERAL RELEASE

- Participation in this competition as a team member or in any other capacity constitutes consent to be recorded, including without limitation by audio, video, and still images. Participants are to understand that such recordings may be distributed by means of a variety of media, formats, and contexts, and that this may occur during the competition and thereafter. It is presumed that the participants waive all claims for any compensation and for any damages or other remedies in connection with such recordings and the use thereof.

#### 14. DATES TO REMEMBER

Event	Day	Date
Last Date for the Registration of Moot	Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Last Date for submission of Hard Copy of Registration Form and Demand Draft		Within 7 Days of Online Registration
Last Date for seeking Clarifications	Friday	07 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Last Date for Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Last Date for Memorial Submission (Hard Copy) & Travel Form	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Inauguration & Researchers Test	Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Preliminary Rounds & Semi-Final Rounds	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Final Round	Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Valedictory	Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

*Teams must note that upon selection for the further rounds of the 10<sup>th</sup> RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2020, any team that defaults in paying the registration fees by the given date shall be replaced by the team serially succeeding them in rank.*

**15. ANY CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM**

- Abdeali Kothawala, President, Moot Court  
Committee Ph. No.9699582298
- Anshika Yadav, Vice- President, Moot Court  
Committee Ph. No.8169588452
- Darshni Gala, Vice-President, Moot Court Committee  
Ph. No.9619260086
- Taniya Tuli, Operations Head, Moot Court  
Committee Ph.No. 7400252420

