

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### 1) DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **Clarifications:** Clarifications refer to the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Proposition issued by the Organizing Committee as per the provisions of these Rules. They shall form part of the Moot Proposition.
- 1.2 **Memorial:** Memorial means the written arguments submitted, on behalf of both the Parties, according to these Rules by each Team.
- 1.3 **Memorial Evaluators:** It refers to the panel of experts entrusted by the Organizing Committee with the task of evaluating and marking the memorials.
- 1.4 **Oral Rounds:** It refers to a Team's arguments, comprising of both the speakers, submitted orally before the judges on behalf of one of the parties against another Team representing the opposing party.
- 1.5 **Organizing Committee (OC):** It means the Committee designated as such.
- 1.6 **Parties:** It refers to the parties to the dispute as identified by the moot proposition as Petitioners and Respondents.
- 1.7 **Researcher:** Researcher means, that member of a Team who is not a speaker.
- 1.8 **Rounds:** Rounds consist of Preliminary Round, Quarter Final Round, Semi Final Round and Final Round of the Competition.
- 1.9 **Rules:** Rules refers to this "Rules & Regulations of the Competition" framed and published by the OC.
- 1.10 **Speaker:** Speaker means the two participants designated as such in a Team.
- 1.11 **Team:** Team means the registered participants of any Law School/Law College/Institution/University Department participating in the Competition and shall include only those members as specified in Rule 4 of the Rules.
- 1.12 **Team code:** Team code refers to the unique code allotted to each participating Team by the OC for the purpose of this Competition.

### 2) TITLE, DATE AND VENUE

- 2.1 The title of the Competition shall be "Dr. V. Kesavankutty Memorial All India Moot Court Competition, 2019 for M.L Gupta ever rolling trophy".
- 2.2 The Oral Rounds of the Competition will be held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019 at Government Law College Kozhikode campus.

### 3) ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Competition is open to all regular students in Universities, Colleges and Institutions in India imparting Legal education leading to an undergraduate Degree in Law (5 year integrated LL.B/3 Year LL.B) recognized by the Bar Council of India.
- 3.2 Each Law School/Law College/University Department/Institution shall be represented by only one Team at the Competition.

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#### 4) TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1 The Team composition, for the competition, shall comprise either of two members (being designated as Speakers) OR three members (two of them shall be designated as Speakers and one Researcher).
- 4.2 At the time of online registration, the details of Team composition should be provided.
- 4.3 Only those members of the Team who are designated as speakers will be permitted to present oral arguments before the Judges in the Competition.
- 4.4 Team Coach or any other additional student accompanying a Team shall not be permitted to sit with or assist the Team during the Rounds.
- 4.5 A Team that has registered pursuant to Rule 5 of the “Rules” may change its composition only after informing the OC of such change by way of emailing the Change in Team Composition.
- 4.6 Any changes in the contact details of Team members must be notified to the OC at the earliest. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition, unless such a Team withdraws or is disqualified from the Competition.
- 4.7 The Researcher may be permitted to argue as Speaker in case of illness or any unforeseen contingency, but the permission of the OC in such a case shall be mandatory.

#### 5) REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Online Registration for “Dr. V. Kesavankutty Memorial All India Moot Court Competition, 2019 for M.L. Gupta ever rolling trophy” will open on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.
- 5.2 All Teams must register themselves by filling this [form](#).
- 5.3 The registration fee is ₹ 3000 (Rupees Three Thousand Only).
- 5.4 The Payment can be credited to the following account.

Account Details

ACCOUNT NO: **0839101041699**

IFSC: **CNRB0000839**

BANK AND BRANCH: **CANARA BANK, VELLIMADUKUNNU**

- 5.5 Payment receipt shall be sent to [glckallindiamoot2019@gmail.com](mailto:glckallindiamoot2019@gmail.com).
- 5.6 If a Team gives notice of withdrawal on or before 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, then the registration fee paid, if any, will be refunded to the Team, after deducting transaction costs. In case a Team fails to give notice within the stipulated time, such Team shall not be entitled to any refund.
- 5.7 Scanned copy of a certificate from the head of the institution stating that the participants are bona fide students of the institution shall also be sent to

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[glckallindiamoot2019@gmail.com](mailto:glckallindiamoot2019@gmail.com) with the subject of the email being “ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2019 – Certificates.” the hard copy of which is to be produced along with hard copies of Memorials.

5.8 The last date for registration shall be 11:59 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

5.9 Registration is restricted to first 16 teams only.

## 6) LANGUAGE

6.1 The language of the Competition shall be English.

## 7) ANONYMITY

7.1 Participating Teams shall not, in any manner, disclose during the Competition any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its participants, or the College/Institution/University represented by them.

7.2 Each Team will be provided with a Team Code, which shall be used throughout the competition, until the declaration of results.

7.3 Each Team member must at all rounds of the Competition represent themselves only by stating their Team Code, and designated category of participant. The name/Logo of the institution of the Team shall not be disclosed at any Round.

7.4 Any material, including books, notes, etc., carried into the courtroom for the Oral Rounds, whether presented to the Judges or not, shall be devoid of any identification marks/ seal of the Team or College/Institution/University represented. If any such mark/seal exists, the Team shall render the same unrecognizable to the satisfaction of the OC.

7.5 Violation of the above rules may result in immediate disqualification of the Team. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

## 8) MEMORIALS

8.1 Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of the Petitioner and another one on behalf of the Respondent.

8.2 The soft copy of the Memorials, in PDF format only, shall be sent to [glckallindiamoot2019@gmail.com](mailto:glckallindiamoot2019@gmail.com) with the subject of the mail being “ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2019 – MEMORIAL” by 11:59 p.m. on February 21, 2019.

8.3 It is the responsibility of each participating Team to ensure that the electronic copies of the memorials can be opened with Adobe Acrobat Reader (.pdf format).

8.4 Four hard copies of the Memorials for each side [four for the Petitioners and four for the Respondents] shall be submitted at the time of pre-competition orientation on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

8.5 The content of the soft copies of the Memorials earlier submitted must not be different from the content of the physical copies of the Memorials.

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- 8.6 Teams may carry hard copies of their Memorials for their personal use. No hard copies of Memorials submitted by a Team to the OC in accordance with this “Rules” shall be provided to such Team for their personal use.
- 8.7 Memorials once submitted will be considered as final, and cannot be revised.
- 8.8 All memorials submitted for purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the “Rules” of the Competition.
- 8.9 Memorials must be typed on A-4 size sheets on both sides with black ink and must be neatly bound. Paper binding/calico binding/staple binding can be used. Plastic front sheets/ separators must be avoided.
- 8.10 The Memorials (excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following specifications:
- (a) Font type: Times New Roman
  - (b) Font size: 12; For footnotes Font Size shall be 10
  - (c) Line spacing: 1.5; For footnotes Line spacing shall be 1
  - (d) Body of text: Justified
  - (e) Margin of 1 inch on each side of each page
  - (f) The citation should follow the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Blue Book
  - (g) Speaking Footnotes or Endnotes are not allowed
- 8.11 Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations, Table of Authorities, Section Headings and footnotes shall be typed Single-spaced.
- 8.12 Footnotes should be limited only to citations and must not contain extra information or arguments
- 8.13 The Memorial shall have the following mandatory heads:
- (a) Cover Page
  - (b) Table of Contents
  - (c) List of Abbreviations
  - (d) Index of Authorities
  - (e) Statement of Jurisdiction
  - (f) Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
  - (g) Issues Raised
  - (h) Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
  - (i) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 25 pages)
  - (j) Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
- 8.14 The Cover Page of each memorial must contain the following information only:
- (a) The following colour schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorials:
    - a. BLUE for Petitioners
    - b. RED for Respondents

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- (b) On the upper right-hand corner, the alphabet "P" for Petitioners' Memorial and "R" for Respondents' Memorial.
  - (c) The Title of the Competition
  - (d) The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted
  - (e) The parties to the Case
  - (f) The party for whom the memorial is prepared ("Memorial for Petitioners" and "Memorial for Respondents")
- 8.15 The OC reserves the right to disseminate and reproduce the memorials for the purpose of the Competition. Submission of memorials in this Moot will constitute the consent of the Teams to such dissemination and reproduction.
- 8.16 Memorials shall be evaluated by Memorial Evaluators on the basis of the following criteria:

Sl. No	Criteria	Maximum Marks
1	Knowledge of Facts and Law	25
2	Reasoning	25
3	Extent and Use of Research	20
4	Research Methodology	20
5	Style, Spelling, Grammar, Form etc	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## 9) DRESS CODE FOR PARTICIPANTS

9.1 The dress code for the participants during the court sessions shall be as follows:

- (a) Female participants: White Salwar Kameez and Black Coat; OR White Shirt, Black Pants and Black Coat.
- (b) Male participants: White Shirt and Black Pant with Black Coat and Black Tie.

9.2 Gowns and Bands are NOT permitted to be used by the participants.

9.3 The participants shall wear the badge provided by the OC throughout the days of the competition.

9.4 The participating teams shall also adhere to the above-mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.

## 10) THE ORAL ROUNDS

10.1 **General:**

- (a) The format of the competition will be as follows: (1) 8 winning Teams out of the 16 participating Teams from Preliminary Rounds would advance to

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Quarter Finals Round; (2) 4 winning teams from Quarter Finals Round would advance to Semi Finals Round; (3) 2 winning teams from Semi Finals Round would advance to Finals.

- (b) The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the Memorial.
- (c) In case any opponent Team fails to appear in an Oral Round, the Round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter Team had been present and arguing.
- (d) Team members may pass research materials, other written materials or notes to the Speaker who may be speaking, in a discrete manner, without disturbing the decorum of the court.
- (e) Before each Oral Round of a Team begins, the speakers of the Team shall inform the courtroom officer regarding the order of speaking as well as allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be. The Team shall not be allowed to change this allocation of time once it has been informed to the courtroom officer.
- (f) Participating Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of another Team, unless they have been officially eliminated from the Competition.
- (g) Any form of Scouting during the Competition is strictly prohibited and shall entail disqualification of the Team. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge
- (h) There shall be NO exchange of Memorials.
- (i) The memorial Marks will be added to the score of speaker only in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition.
- (j) In the matter of any disputes or complaints, the decision of the Appeal Committee chaired by the Competition Administrator shall be final.
- (k) The Oral Rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks
Familiarity with facts	20
Structure of Legal Argument	20
Knowledge & Application of Law	20
Clarity, Brevity, Ingenuity, Language and Style	10
Responsiveness to Questions	10
Persuasiveness and Skills of Advocacy	10
Courtroom Etiquette	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

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**10.2 Preliminary Round:**

- (a) The Preliminary Rounds will be held on March 9, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. onwards.
- (b) The fixture for the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots after the Inaugural Ceremony on March 8, 2019.
- (c) The Preliminary Rounds shall comprise of Two Rounds of oral arguments subject to the allotment of Team Codes. In the Preliminary Rounds, each Team shall have to argue twice, once for Petitioners and the other for Respondents. The Team that argues for the Petitioners in the first Preliminary Round shall argue for the Respondents in the second Preliminary Round, and vice-versa.
- (d) Each Team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the Judges). The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the Team subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and not more than 15 minutes per speaker. Rebuttals may be assigned a time period of not more than 2 minutes. The Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, shall be presented by only one speaker of the Team.
- (e) Judges may, at their discretion, extend oral arguments time up to a maximum of 5 minutes per Team.
- (f) The maximum marks that can be scored by a speaker in the Preliminary Round would be **100 Marks for the Oral Presentation** and **100 Marks for the Memorials**. The sum of the individual scores of both the speakers would be the Team score. The top 8 Teams would advance to the Quarter Final Round.
- (g) A tie will be resolved on the basis of the Memorial Scores of the Teams. In case the tie persists, it will be resolved by the toss of a coin.

**10.3 Quarter Final Round:**

- (a) The Quarter Final Rounds shall also take place on March 9, 2019.
- (b) The Quarter Final Rounds will be knockout Rounds.
- (c) Fixture for the Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.
- (d) Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judges).
- (e) Judges may, at their discretion, extend oral arguments time up to a maximum of 5 minutes per Team.
- (f) Each speaker has to argue for a minimum of 10 minutes but shall not use more than 15 minutes.

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- (g) The Memorial score will not be considered and the oral arguments of each speaker would be evaluated out of 100 marks (for his oral arguments) and the winning Teams from each round would advance to Semi Finals Round.

**10.4 Semi Final Round:**

- (a) The semi-final Rounds will again be knockout Rounds to be held on March 9, 2019.
- (b) The pairing of Teams for the Quarter Finals shall be done by draw of lots.
- (c) Each Team will get a total of 40 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judges).
- (d) Judges may, at their discretion, extend oral arguments time up to a maximum of 5 minutes per Team.
- (e) No Speaker of a Team shall speak for more than 20 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, but should argue for a minimum of 15 minutes.
- (f) No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.

**10.5 Final Round:**

- (a) The two Teams who stand declared as winners of the Semi Final Rounds shall qualify for the Final Rounds.
- (b) Final Round will be on March 10, 2019.
- (c) Each team will get a total of 60 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judges). No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.
- (d) Judges may, at their discretion, extend oral arguments time up to a maximum of 5 minutes per Team.
- (e) Winner of the Final will be decided based on Oral Arguments only.

**11) RESEARCHER INTERVIEW**

- 11.1 The "Researcher's Interview" shall take place on March 9, 2019.
- 11.2 Only the Researcher, as indicated in the team registration form, shall be eligible to take the researcher interview.
- 11.3 For deciding the Best and the Second-Best Researcher, the marks secured for the memorials shall be added to the marks secured during the interview by the Researcher.

**12) PRIZES AND AWARDS**

- 12.1 Members of all the teams will be awarded certificates of participation.
- 12.2 Other honours include trophies and cash prizes as follows:
- (a) Best Team
- (b) Second Best Team



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- (c) Best Student Advocate
- (d) Best Female Student Advocate
- (e) Second Best Female Student Advocate
- (f) Best Male Student Advocate
- (g) Second Best Male Student Advocate
- (h) Best Memorial
- (i) Second Best Memorial
- (j) Best Researcher
- (k) Second Best Researcher

### 13) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS

- 13.1 Teams are expected to behave with other team members and the Judges/ Organisers/ Volunteers in a dignified manner.
- 13.2 Teams should not attempt to influence Judges/ Organisers in any manner.
- 13.3 Participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the Competition and to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession
- 13.4 Participants should not indulge in the consumption/carrying of drugs/ alcohol/ arms or ammunitions/ immoral/ illegal activity or any other form(s) of taste/addiction during the course of the Competition.
- 13.5 Participants must adhere to Sexual Harassment Code.
- 13.6 A violation of the prescribed Code of Conduct will invite sanctions which will be decided by the Organizing Committee.
- 13.7 Green Protocol of the Government of Kerala will be strictly followed throughout the event. The participants shall strictly adhere to this protocol.

### 14) MISCELLANEOUS

- 14.1 Food and Accommodation will be provided to the participating teams from the morning of 8th to the morning of 11th of March, 2019. Lodging for female and male students will be separate. No accommodation will be provided for any persons other than the three team members. Participants requiring accommodation to be arranged by the organizers should indicate the same in the space provided for in the travel details and Registration Form.
- 14.2 Accommodation is arranged in a pastoral centre. Therefore, the rules and regulations of that centre will have to be followed. Time of breakfast is 8 a.m, supper 8 p.m. the light will be switched off at 10 p.m. Lunkie, Nighty, Bermuda, shorts etc. will not be permitted in public in the pastoral centre.
- 14.3 All questions seeking clarifications on any matter relating to the moot proposition shall be received by the Organizing Committee on or before 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.
- 14.4 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify any of the Competition Rules at any point of time. The OC shall communicate any changes made in the Rules to the Teams.

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- 14.5 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding.
- 14.6 Any audio or video recording of Oral Arguments by any team is prohibited.
- 14.7 If a Team believes that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, within half an hour after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, register a complaint with the Faculty Coordinator of the Competition. Team(s) shall not approach the Judging Panel with any complaints, under any circumstances whatsoever.
- 14.8 In case of any discrepancies or doubts regarding the Rules, the decision of the organizers shall be final and binding.

## 15) CONTACT DETAILS OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

### 15.1 FACULTY CO-ORDINATORS

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