

9th ULC-RANKA STATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2020

Rules and Regulations

1. Aim and purpose

- (i) To give exposure to students pursuing the law course to the milieu of the court system in India and to develop their advocacy skills.
- (ii) To provide a real life experience cum training in doing cutting edge research, presenting ground breaking arguments and contributing to the development of jurisprudence in upcoming legal / social issues in the country.

2. Date and Venue

23rd and 24th February, 2020 at University Law College, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

3. Team composition and eligibility criteria

- (i) Each team shall comprise of three (03) members ONLY out of which two (02) will be speakers and one (01) will be researcher.
- (ii) Arguments may be in English or in Hindi (Devnagri Script).
- (iii) The competition is open for bonafide students pursuing three years LL.B course in the State of Rajasthan.
- (iv) Each Law College/ University shall be eligible to send ONE TEAM ONLY. Team should not disclose the identity of their institution in course of proceedings in the Courtrooms; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification.
- (v) Each team shall be provided with the team code by draw of lots followed by exchange of memorials.

4. Registration

- (i) The Registration form completed with all Team Details must be submitted to the **Principal, University Law College, Jaipur** on or before 15/02/2020.
- (ii) A registration fee of Rs. 1100/- is to be sent by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of **Principal, University Law College, Jaipur** payable at Jaipur, along with the registration form. The Registration fees shall be non-refundable.
- (iii) No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organizers.
- (iv) Teams should clearly mention the participants' name, contact number, including year/semester of study. E-mail address of the participants shall be highly appreciable but if email is not furnished, it will not have any adverse impression/impact.

5. Dress Code

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

- (i) **Females:** white Salwar, Kurta & Dupatta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and tie.
- (ii) **Males:** white shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes. The dress code for all the functions at the competition shall be western formals for gentlemen and western or Indian formals for ladies.

6. Competition Rounds

There shall be two preliminary rounds, semi finals and a final round spreading over a period of two days.

i. Preliminary Rounds -

- (i) In preliminary rounds each team shall argue from both the sides (appellant and respondent).
- (ii) The team shall be credited with a win in a preliminary round if their round total is more than opposing team.
- (iii) The marks of the EACH preliminary round shall be the cumulative total of the marks of both the speakers and the marks of the memorial of the side in which they are appearing.
- (v) No team shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- (vi) Each team shall face a different bench in their each round of arguments.
- (vii) TOP FOUR (04) teams shall move to the semi finals on the basis of the marks of the preliminary rounds.
- (viii) The following criteria shall be observed in deciding teams which are to move in semi finals -
 - a. The teams that have TWO wins in preliminary rounds shall proceed to the semi final.
 - b. In case less than 04 teams are able to score two wins then teams that have 1:1 win loss ratio shall advance based on their aggregate score in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - c. Teams that have TWO wins shall be given preference over those which have 1 win and 1 loss.
- (ix) In case of a tie between two or more teams, the aggregate total of the score of oral submissions of the speakers shall be taken into consideration as mentioned in marking criteria. (See hereinafter).

ii. Semi Finals / Final

- (i) Four (4) teams shall compete in semi finals. The criteria of qualifying in semi finals have been mentioned in previous clauses.
- (ii) It shall be a knock out round. The winner of each round shall move to the Final.

- (iii) The criteria of marking in this round are aggregate total of the marks of both the speakers.
- (iv) In case of tie between teams, in semi finals, the aggregate total of the marks of memorials (appellant and respondent) of the teams shall be counted. Team with highest marks moves ahead.
- (v) There shall be one (01) **FINAL ROUND**.
- (vi) The marking criteria in Final Round is same as that of semi finals as aforementioned.

7. Memorial

- (i) All teams must submit Memorials / Written Submissions for both sides. (Appellant/ Respondent).
- (ii) Participants are allowed to frame additional issues other than those provided in the moot proposition, if desired.
- (iii) Memorials must contain the following:
 - (a) Cover page / Cause title.
 - (b) Table of Contents/Index.
 - (c) Index of Authorities.
 - (d) Statement of Jurisdiction.
 - (e) Summary of Facts.
 - (f) Issues for Consideration.
 - (g) Summary of Arguments.
 - (h) Arguments / Pleadings.
 - (i) Conclusion / Prayer.
- (iv) Memorial may be prepared in English or Hindi (Devnagri Script) containing the above contents.
- (v) The memorial shall not be of more than twenty (20) pages and the Arguments shall not exceed more than fifteen (15) pages.
- (vi) The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size page in Font type : Times New Roman, Font size : 12, 1.5 line spacing & 1 inch margin on each side.
- (vii) The Cover Page of the Memorial must follow the following colour scheme, **Blue** for the Applicant Cover Page and **Red** for the Respondent Cover Page.
- (viii) The Memorial must be spiral bound ONLY.
- (ix) The Memorial must not contain any Annexure / Photographs / Sketches / Exhibits / Affidavits etc.
- (x) Memorials that do not comply with the above mentioned specifications will be penalized.

- (xi) Two (02) hard copies and one soft (copy on CD) for each side (appellant and respondent) must reach the organizers latest by **18/02/2020**. In any case, no memorials shall be accepted after the stipulated date.
- (xii) Eight (08) hard copies from each side (appellant and respondent) shall be submitted by the teams on reaching at the venue of the Moot Court.
- (xiii) Disclosure of Identification in any form shall attract severe penalty and may also lead to disqualification.

8. Marking criteria for memorials

- (i) Memorial from each side shall carry total of hundred (100) marks.
- (ii) The following shall be the criteria for marking the memorials:

| Marking Criteria | Marks allocated |
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| 1. Knowledge of Facts | -10 Marks |
| 2. Knowledge of Law | -10 Marks |
| 3. Proper and Articulate Analysis of the problem | -10 Marks |
| 4. Evidence of Original Thought | -10 Marks |
| 5. Grammar and Style | -10 Marks |
| 6. Correct Format and Citation | -10 Marks |
| 7. Extent and Use of Research | -20 Marks |
| 8. Clarity and Organization | -20 Marks |
| TOTAL : 100 Marks | |

9. Oral Submissions

- (i) Each team shall comprise of two (2) speakers, as has been specified earlier.
- (ii) Court language shall be English or Hindi.
- (iii) Each team will have a maximum of thirty (30) minutes to present their Oral Submissions in Preliminary Rounds. No speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than seventeen (17) minutes). This includes the time the speaker addresses the Court during the rebuttal/sub-rebuttal. The maximum time for rebuttal/sub-rebuttal is five (05) minutes.
- (iv) The maximum time allotted in semi finals and final shall be forty five (45) minutes for each team. No speaker shall be allowed to address the court for more than twenty five (25) minutes. This includes the time the speaker addresses the court during rejoinder/sub-rejoinder.
- (v) At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions each team must notify the Court Officer of the amount of time that the team reserves for their rejoinder/sub rejoinder.
A maximum of 05 minutes can be reserved for the rejoinder/sub-rejoinder.
- (vi) At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions each team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers.
- (vii) If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, he/she shall entail penalty which shall be upon the discretion of the judges.

- (viii) The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rejoinder/sub-rejoinder will be that of the Bench Judges.
- (ix) During the course of oral submissions the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever.

Further the participants will not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions.

- (x) Speakers shall not be allowed to pass annexure to the judges; instead the teams may make a compendium of annexure that shall be given to the judges before the start of proceedings.
- (xi) If at any instance a submission is made with any material in violation to the above clause and if any picture, sketches, photos, cartoons, caricatures, audio film, video film, projector-slide or a computer generated image is submitted or presented to court, the teams shall be disqualified from the competition forthwith.
- (xii) During the course of the Oral Submissions no speaker shall neither reveal his/her identify nor the identity of their University / College by any means whatsoever.

10. Marking Criteria for the Arguments

- (i) Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge.
- (ii) The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks allocated to each Speaker by each Judge in the Round:

| Marking Criteria | Marks allocated |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. Appreciation and Application of Facts | -10 Marks |
| 2. Identification and Articulation of Issues | -10 Marks |
| 3. Application of legal principles | -10 Marks |
| 4. Use of authorities and precedents | -10 Marks |
| 5. Response to questions | -10 Marks |
| 6. Presentation skills * | -10 Marks |
| 7. Clarity of thoughts and logical structure of arguments | -10 Marks |
| 8. Poise & Demeanor | -10 Marks |
| 9. Strategy | -10 Marks |
| 10. Overall Performance | -10 Marks |

TOTAL : 100 Marks

** A maximum of two additional marks are reserved at the sole discretion of the Judges in case of tie between two different teams on the basis of their overall oral presentation.*

- (iii) The decision of the judges as to the Marks allocated to any team shall be final and binding on the participating teams.

11. Awards

Winning Team Award:

- The winning team will receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5100/-.

Runners-Up Award:

- The 1st runners up will get a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 3100/-.

Best Student Speaker (Mooter) for Appellant:

- Best student mooter will get a cash prize of Rs. 1100/-.

Best Student Speaker (Mooter) for Respondent:

- Best student mooter will get a cash prize of Rs. 1100/-.

Best Memorial award:

- Best Memorial will get a cash prize of Rs. 1100/-.

Best Researcher Award:

- Best student researcher will get a cash prize of Rs. 1100/-.

Certificate for participation will be given to all the participants.

12. Miscellaneous

- During the competition, only the participating team shall be allowed in the Courtroom. For the violation of this rule strict action may be taken against the team, leading to the disqualification and debarring of the team from the competition.
- If there is any dispute in regard to the interpretations of the rules or with respect to any matter related to the competition which is not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the Organizers [Principal, University Law College] shall be binding and final.
- Books/Journals or any other academic materials likewise will NOT be provided by the Organizers. Therefore, the teams are hereby advised to bring their own material/books etc.
- USE OF AUTHORITIES-** No Limitations apply to Academic Literature available in Public Domain.
- If any discrepancy is found in English / Hindi version of the Moot proposition, the English version shall prevail.

13. Disclaimer

The moot court proposition is a hypothetical problem and is not reflection of or dealing with any person, situation, organization or in any case that has appeared in India in any manner and this Moot Proposition has been framed purely for academic purpose(s).

Note:

- (i) Organizers will provide lodging and boarding facilities only from the evening of 22nd February to the evening of 24th February, 2020.
- (ii) Memorials must reach by **18/02/2020** positively.
- (iii) The organizers shall not be providing any material apart from the Moot Proposition and enclosed documents in this envelop.
- (iv) The participating teams may be accompanied by a faculty member of the respective institution. The organizers will not provide any lodging and boarding facilities for him/her.
- (v) No Travelling allowance will be provided by the organizers the participants and accompanying faculty member.
- (vi) Address for correspondence for sending Registration form, D.D. and memorials shall be:

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Jaipur-302 004 (Raj.)**

Dates to Remember:

- Date of the Event: **23rd and 24th February, 2020**
- Last Date for Registration: **15th February, 2020**
- Last Date for submission of Memorials: **18th February, 2020**

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