

## INTER CLASS MOOT COURT COMPETITION - 2017

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### **I. Date and Venue:**

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 at B.M.S. College of Law, # 97, Kavi Laksmisha Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru - 560 004.

#### **II. Dress Code:**

The official Dress Code for the Competition is as follows:

**Ladies:** Black trousers, White shirt, Black blazer and Black formal shoes.

**Men:** Black trousers, White shirt, Black tie with Black blazer and formal Black shoes.

#### **III. Language:**

The entire proceedings in the competition, written as well as oral, shall be in English.

#### **IV. Eligibility:**

The competition is open for law students currently pursuing their Bachelor's Degree in Law i.e. 3 Year LL.B. or 5 Year LL.B. Programme.

#### **V. Team Composition:**

Each team shall consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. Each team shall include two orators, who will be accompanied by one researcher, all of whom shall have to be accordingly designated during the registration process. Each team will be allotted a team code. Teams shall not disclose their identity or of their institution or city during any time of the competition; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the organizers.

#### **VI. Registration:**

1. The registration form shall contain the details of the participants, signature and seal of the Faculty in charge of Moot Court Club/Society. The Registration form is enclosed herewith.

#### **VII. Memorandum of Written Submissions:**

1. The following requirements must be strictly followed with respect to submission of Memorandum of Written Submissions. Non-conformities will be liable to penalties while awarding marks thereon.
  - a. Each team must prepare Memorandum of Written Submissions for both sides to the dispute (Petitioner and Respondent).
  - b. Once the Memorandum of Written Submissions have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed, however, teams may carry annexure along with and can submit them in the beginning of each round.
  - d. All participating teams shall submit 4 sets of written memorials (four sets i.e., 4 for Petitioner and 4 for Respondent - totally 8 copies) must reach the

organizers latest by 24 September, 2017. Participants are advised to carry copies of Memorandum of Written Submissions during the competition for their own perusal.

- e. Not adhering to the rules and late submission of Memorandum of Written Submissions will lead to deduction of 3 Marks and 5 Marks for each day of delay respectively.

Any revisions, supplements or additions to the Memorandum of Written Submissions after submission shall not be allowed.

- f. The Memorandum of Written Submissions have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:

- Team code on top right corner of 1<sup>st</sup> page
- Cause Title (Identity of the College/ Participant should not be disclosed)
- The Table of Contents
- The Index of Authorities
- The Statement of Jurisdiction
- The Statement of Facts (1 page only)
- The Statement of Issues
- The Summary of Arguments (3 page only)
- Arguments Advanced (15 pages)
- Prayer
- Appendix (Optional)
- Exhibits (Optional)

**Total No. of 30 pages(maximum)**

## **2. Format Requirements:**

The written Memorials shall conform to the below mentioned standards:

**Font:** Times New Roman

**Font size:** 12 and for footnotes, 10

**Line Spacing:** 1.5, Margin: 1 inch

Memorandum of Written Submissions should be spiral bound and not stapled.

Cover page must be placed on written Memorials as follows:

**Petitioner** - Blue Colour

**Respondent**- Red Colour.

### **Evaluation of Written Submissions:**

The Memorials submitted by the teams will be evaluated by a team of experts and marks will be notified before the commencement of the competition and memorial marks will be carried forward in each round of the competition. (i.e. from Preliminary round to Final round of the Competition). Since the arguments put forth by the competitors are based on memorials submitted, the memorial marks become an essential element in every round of the competition. A total of 100 Marks will be awarded for each side of the Memorandum of Written Submissions.

### **Parameters for Marking Memorandum of Written Submissions shall be:**

- a) Logical progression of ideas.
- b) Originality in analysis and arguments.
- c) Understanding essential legal issues presented.
- d) Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style.
- e) Forceful and persuasive presentation.

- f) Integration of facts into legal arguments.
- g) Understanding and analysis of authority.
- h) Proper use of citations and citation form.
- I) Effective use of authority to support arguments.
- j) Neatness, legibility, no typos or format errors.

## VIII. Structure of Oral Rounds.

The oral round shall comprise of one Preliminary Rounds, quarter- finals, semi-finals and a final round.

### 1. Preliminary Rounds:

1. There shall be one preliminary round. Every team shall be given the opportunity to argue each side in the preliminary Round which shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
  2. There shall be one preliminary round for 30 minutes each. Every team will get a total of 15 minutes to present their case. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members subject to the maximum of fifteen minutes for any one speaker and allocation of time must be communicated to the Court-clerk. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.
- b. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 10 minutes, including the time reserved for rebuttals.
  - c. No team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.
  - d. No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.
  - e. **Top eight teams on their cumulative marks scored in oral presentation as well as in the written submission shall be qualified for the Quarter-Final Rounds.** In case of a tie, the teams shall advance to the next round on the basis of highest memorial score. If the tie is still not broken, then the highest speaker score will determine which team advances to the Quarter-finals.

### 2. Quarter Final Rounds:

Qualifying teams shall argue on only one side in the Quarter Finals and the side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots. Each team shall get a total of 20 minutes to present their case. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members subject to the maximum of twelve minutes for any one speaker.

**In determining the winner in the Quarter-final rounds, Memorial scores of the respective side will be added to the oral scores. Top four teams of the Quarter-final round shall advance to the semi-finals.**

### 3. Semi Final Rounds:

Qualifying teams shall argue only on one side in the Semi- Finals and the side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots. Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. The time includes

rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members subject to the maximum of Fifteen minutes for any one speaker. Each qualifying team shall communicate to the court-clerk about their allocation of 30 minutes.

**In determining the winner in the Semi-final rounds, Memorial scores of the respective side will be added to the oral scores. Top two teams of the Semi-final rounds shall advance to the Final round of the Competition.**

#### **4. Final Round:**

Each team shall get a time of 30 minutes to present their case. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members subject to the maximum of twenty-five minutes for any one speaker. Each qualifying team shall communicate to the court-clerk about their allocation of 30 minutes.

- a) No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 20 minutes, including the time reserved for Rebuttals.
- b) No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.
- c) No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.
- d) In determining the winners in the Final round, Memorial scores of the respective side will be added to the oral scores.

#### **5. Test for Researchers:**

A separate test will be conducted for the researchers of the all teams to decide the Best Researcher.

**Note: The Memorial Scores of the teams shall be taken into consideration along with oral marks in each rounds of the Competition. The equation is explained below:**

**Preliminary Round: Oral Scores (to qualify for the quarter-final rounds).**

**Quarter-finals: Oral Scores (to qualify for the semi-final rounds).**

**Semi-finals: Oral Scores (to qualify for the final round).**

**Final Round: Oral Scores (to decide winners).**

**In case of a tie between two teams in any of the rounds, memorial scores will be taken in to consideration to break the tie.**

#### **Parameters for judging orals shall be:**

1. Knowledge of facts and law.
2. Logical reasoning, Organization and Clarity.
3. Persuasiveness and Deference to the Court

4. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
5. Ability to explain legal principles clearly.

**IX. Awards:**

- A) Winner
- B) Runners-Up
- C) Best Memorial
- D) Best Mooter (Male and Female)
- E) Best Researcher

**X. Code of Conduct:**

All the participants must behave in a dignified manner and not cause any inconvenience to the organizers. Any participant found misbehaving with other participants or volunteers will be disqualified immediately. Deference to the Judges of the moot court competition must be maintained inside and outside the Court Hall.

**XI. Miscellaneous:**

The organizers' decision with regard to the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizers' decision on the same will be final and binding. The organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

