



ASGAR KHAN
ADVOCATE
NATIONAL
ONLINE MOOT
COURT
COMPETITION-
2020

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MOOT COURT COMPETITION

RULES



1. Rules of Oral Submissions:

(a) Language of Oral Submissions: All oral pleadings must be in English.

(b) Maximum Time: In the Preliminary Rounds, each team will get a maximum of 25 minutes to put up their arguments which would include the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. It is left to the discretion of the individual teams to divide the time among the members, which in any case shall not be less than five minutes or shall not be more than 15 minutes for an individual speaker. In the Quarter-final, Semifinal and a Final Rounds, each team will get a maximum of 30 minutes to forward their arguments which would include the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. The individual teams can divide the time among the members, which in any case shall not be less than five minutes or shall not be more than 15 minutes for an individual speaker.

(c) Online Mooting Etiquette: Only the respective team members, judges, bailiffs and members of the organizing Moot Court Committee may be present in the online Court rooms. No faculty designate or observer of participating Colleges/Institutions/Universities shall be allowed to join the virtual mooting sessions. In the Virtual Court Rooms, all participants shall keep their videos turned on until and unless they face serious network disruptions in which case they can turn off their videos till such time they face such disruptions. Their microphones must be in mute position till they are required to speak

2. Rules of Written Submissions:

(a) Language of Written Submissions: All written pleadings must be in English.

(b) Memorials: Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides, i.e. Petitioners and Respondents. Written memorials must be typed in A4 pages in Times New Roman font with 12 font size and with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font with 10 font size and with 1.0 line spacing. A page margin of one inch on all the sides must be maintained. The Memorials must comprise the following sections:

- Cover Page – The Cover Page must be coloured differently for the Petitioner(s) and Respondent(s) Red Cover – Petitioner, Blue Cover – Respondent
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Facts

- Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced; and
- Prayer Memorials for either the Petitioner(s) or the Respondent(s) shall not be less than 15 pages and shall not exceed 25 pages, including the cover page.

The 'Arguments Advanced' section shall not be less than five pages and shall not exceed 15 pages. Any standard citation method may be used in footnotes. Speaking footnotes in the memorial are not allowed.

Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the memorials must not be raised in the virtual Court(s).

c) Penalty:

The following are the penalty criteria.

SL NO.	PENALTY CRITERIA	PENALTY
1.	Late submission of the submission deadline -	.5 mark for each day
2.	Non-inclusion of any of the memorial sections -	1 mark for each section
3.	Non-conformity to the minimum and maximum number of pages -	5 marks
4.	Violation of the prescribed font, font size or line spacing. -	.5 mark per violation, subject to a maximum penalty of 5 marks.

d) Submission:

The registered teams shall submit soft copies of their memorials for both the sides based on Moot Problem by e-mail to asgarkhanadvocatemootcourt@gmail.com by **23.59 hours of 25 August 2020**. A delay of a day shall cause a penalty of .5 marks. The participating teams while submitting their memorials in MS-Word (with .doc or .docx extension) or pdf format via e-mail, must name their respective memorials as P for Petitioner or R for Respondent. The memorials shall nowhere mention any particulars, for example, the names, contact numbers, email addresses, etc., of the participants.

e) Format of the Competition:

(a) Team Composition: Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members which shall be designated as Mooters i.e Speakers. However, a team consisting of only two Mooters may be allowed.

(b) Identification Requirements: Since it is a virtual moot, all participants must bear with them at least one identity document for any probable verification during the Mooting sessions.

(c) Internet Requirements: Participants are advised to use a stable internet connection (a 4G or a WiFi) during the virtual mooting sessions. They are also advised to use Laptops/Desktops and not Mobile Phones during oral pleadings. The organizers shall not be held responsible for any glitches arising out of poor network or other technical issues. However, the organizers shall provide a reasonable time (about 10 to 15 minutes) to come back to a virtual courtroom if a participant is logged out because of poor network connectivity.

(d) Language for Communication: Communication for all official purposes of the online Moot Court Competition is English.

(e) Dress Code: The dress code for the participants during the online Moot Court sessions shall be formal wear.

(f) Rounds: There will be one Preliminary Round of arguments followed by the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and a Final Rounds. The Preliminary Rounds will be conducted on 28.08.2020 on a knock-out basis.

Out of the teams that qualify the Preliminary Rounds, eight teams would qualify for the Quarter-finals based on the aggregate score (memorial marks plus marks secured through oral pleadings) in the Preliminary Rounds. The Quarter-final, Semifinal will be held on 29.08.2020 and Final Rounds will be conducted on a knock-out basis on 30.08.2020. The decisions of the adjudicators regarding the outcome of any of the Rounds shall be final.

(f) Preliminary Rounds:

The teams will be arranged and grouped based on drawing of lots and each team will be informed about the team codes and who will contest against whom and for which side the respective teams would put up their oral arguments through mail. The cumulative results based on the aggregate score of the participating teams in the knock-out Preliminary Rounds will be declared on the evening of 28.08.2020. The eight teams that are in the top in the order of merit shall qualify for the Quarter-finals and shall be ranked accordingly and will be published on our official website <https://akact.in>

(g) Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds:

The Quarter-final and Semi Finals will be held on 29.08.2020, and Final Rounds will be conducted on 30.08.2020. The following fixture for the Quarterfinal Rounds shall be based on the ranks attained by the eight qualifying teams after the Preliminary Rounds.

- Team with Rank 1 versus Team with Rank 8
- Team with Rank 2 versus Team with Rank 7
- Team with Rank 3 versus Team with Rank 6
- Team with Rank 4 versus Team with Rank 5

Which team will argue for the petitioner and which for the respondent and petitioners shall be decided just prior to the beginning of the Quarterfinal Rounds and shall be informed accordingly.

The results of the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds that will be **based solely on oral pleadings** will be declared within a maximum of 2 hours from the time of completion of the respective Rounds.

(h) Marking and Evaluation: Each written memorial will be marked accordingly on the basis of the laid-down criteria. Oral arguments will be marked by each online Court for each participant and team. Each individual's marks for oral arguments will be added with the memorial marks. The marking and evaluation pattern is as follows:

(a) Memorial Evaluation:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	Marks (Out of)
1. Knowledge of facts and laws -	10 marks
2. Application of the relevant laws -	10 marks
3. Analysis and interpretation of the case in light of the facts and laws -	10 marks
4. Clarity and organization of thought and expression -	10 marks
5. Grammar and usage -	10 marks

(b) Evaluation of Oral Pleadings:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	Marks(Out of)
1. Demeanor -	10 marks
2. Ingenuity -	10 marks
3. Articulation and organization -	10marks
4. Humor and wit -	10marks
5. Argumentative skills -	10marks

(c) Marking Scheme:

For the Preliminary Rounds, 50% marks are allocated to Memorials and 50% to Oral Pleadings. For the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final 10 Rounds, 100% marks are allocated to oral submissions. In case marks received by two teams are equal (a tie) in the Preliminary Rounds, the higher marks attained in oral pleadings shall be considered to decide the winner. If the marks attained in written memorials and in oral pleadings are equal, the matter will be decided by tossing a coin. With regard to the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds, in case marks received by the teams through oral submissions are equal (a tie), the matter will be decided by tossing a coin.

(i) Prizes:

- (a) Winning Team: Rs. 5,100*/- (Five Thousand One Hundred Only) and E-certificates.
- (b) Runner Up: Rs. 2,500*/- (Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) and E-certificates.
- (c) Best Student Advocate: Rs. 1,500*/- (One Thousand Five Hundred Only) and E-certificate.
- (d) Best Memorial -Rs.1,100*/-(One Thousand and five Hundred Only)and E-Certificate.

*The Amount of Prizes are subject to increase on discretion of organisers.

(The Best Student Advocate would be adjudged based on his/her performance his/her oral pleadings in the Semifinal and Final rounds.)

All participants will receive e-certificates for their participation.

(j) Disqualification of Teams: The organizers of this online Moot Court Competition may disqualify any team if it is not found to adhere to the Rules of this Competition. It may also disqualify a team for any of its unethical or unprofessional conduct.

(k) Amendment of the Competition Rules: The organizers of this online Moot Court Competition may amend the Competition Rules. However, any such amendment shall be brought to the notice of the participating teams.

(l) Resolution of Disputes: Any disputes arising out of the said online Moot Court Competition shall be resolved by the Founder Trustee in consultation with the Managing Trustee and Convener(s), Moot Court Committee. The decision of the Board of Trustees shall be final and binding.

(m) 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 shall be binding and final.

Miscellaneous

- If at any instance a submission is made with 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.
- 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.
- The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/sur-rebuttal will be that of the Bench Judges.
- The Memorial must not contain any Annexure/Photographs/Sketches/Exhibits/Affidavits etc.