

Adv. B. P. Apte Memorial Inter-Collegiate Mock Trial & Judgment Writing Competition 2014

Rules and Regulations

PES Law College will host an Inter-collegiate 'Mock Trial Competition' at the state level, on 26th, 27th & 28th September, 2014 at PES Law College, Dadar (West).

1. **LANGUAGE:**

- The competition shall be in English.

2. **DRESS CODE:**

- The dress code shall be Advocate's attire (black and white formals for gentlemen and black and white Western or Indian formals for ladies). Participants shall make their own provisions to comply with the dress code.

3. **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Bonafide LL.B students pursuing 3 or 5 years degree courses during the academic year 2014-2015 are eligible to participate. The students must be deputed by their respective colleges. Only students below the age of 30 years shall be allowed to participate.

4. **TEAM COMPOSITION:**

- Each participating college/ university shall send only one team.
- Each team shall consist of a maximum of two members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

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- Each team will be provided with a unique team code by draw of lots during the orientation on Friday, 26th September, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The Team shall not disclose their identity at any stage. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the judges and organizers.
- The students taking part in the events must remain present for all the three days of the competition and must carry their college identity cards with them.

5. REGISTRATION:

- The Registration Form is attached herewith. The participants shall register their entries by emailing the duly filled Registration Form on or before **1st September, 2014**, from their college email-id to peslawcollege@gmail.com .
- The registration fees shall be Rs. 750/- payable by Demand Draft in favor of **“People’s Education Society’s Law College”**.
- A scanned copy of the Registration Form duly signed by the Principal/ Prof. In-Charge, along with the demand draft should reach **PES Law College, Prin. N. M. Kale Marg, Gokhale Road (S.), Dadar (W.), Mumbai 400 028**, by post on or before **10th September, 2014**.
- No change in the names of participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the organizers.
- Teams should clearly mention the participants’ names, contact number and year of study.
- PES Law College shall not provide travelling expenses to the participants. However, breakfast, lunch and tea shall be provided to the participants.

6. ACCOMMODATION:

- Organizers shall provide lodging and boarding facilities to participants only from 26th September, 2014 (check in at 6:00 p.m.) to 28th September, 2014 (check out at 8:00 a.m.). If participants wish to stay on the night of 28th September, then they should do so at their own costs.

- Participants requiring accommodation should fill the ‘Accommodation’ section provided in the ‘Registration Form’ attached herewith.
- An additional fee of Rs. 750/- shall be payable by Demand Draft in the name of **“People’s Education Society’s Law College”** by participants requiring accommodation. This amount is inclusive of the stay, all meals and transport to and from the place of accommodation and venue of competition.
- Separate accommodation shall be provided for male and female participants.
- Any misconduct or misbehavior of any participant shall be strictly dealt with and may lead to disqualification.

7. COMPETITION ROUNDS:

There shall be three rounds of the mock trial competition, viz. two preliminary rounds and a final round and a judgment writing competition. Candidates will be judged on the basis of their knowledge of law and evidence, persuasiveness, logic and reasoning, clarity, articulation and examination skills.

Preliminary Round:

- i. The preliminary rounds will be held on Saturday, 27th September, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. onwards.
- ii. Each team shall be examining for the prosecution and for the defense. The opposing teams shall be decided by draw of lots on the day of the Orientation, i.e. on Friday, 26th September, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
- iii. No team shall face each other more than once in the preliminary round.
- iv. The prosecution shall be provided with fifteen minutes to brief their witnesses, before beginning of the trial.
- v. The time provided to each participant shall be maximum 10 minutes for examination – in – chief and maximum 15 minutes for cross-examination.

However the timing may be increased at the sole discretion of the judges and organizers.

- vi. Marks of EACH **PRELIMINARY ROUND** shall be the cumulative total of the marks awarded to both the participants of a team.

- **Final Round:**

- i. The teams securing highest marks in the two preliminary rounds shall qualify for the final round. The code numbers of the teams qualifying for the finals shall be declared on Saturday, 27th September, 2014 after the preliminary rounds.
- ii. The final round will be held on Sunday, 28th September, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. onwards.
- iii. Each qualifying team shall be examining for the prosecution and for the defense.
- iv. Each team shall be provided with fifteen minutes to brief their witnesses, before the beginning of the trial.
- v. The time provided to each participant shall be as follows;
 - Opening statement by prosecution – 5 minutes
 - Opening statement by defense – 5 minutes
 - Examination – in – chief by prosecution – 15 minutes
 - Cross-examination by defense - 30 minutes
 - Examination – in – chief by prosecution – 15 minutes
 - Cross-examination by defense – 30 minutes
 - Closing statement by prosecution – 10 minutes
 - Closing statement by defense – 10 minutesThe timing may be increased at the discretion of the judges and organizers.

- **JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION:**

- i. The judgment writing competition shall be a part of the Adv. B. P. Apte Memorial Mock Trial & Judgment Writing Competition, 2014.

- ii. All rules of the Adv. B. P. Apte Memorial Mock Trial & Judgment Writing Competition, 2014, along with the following rules shall be applicable.
- iii. The Judgment Writing competition shall be conducted on Sunday, 28th September, 2014 post lunch.
- iv. Only one of the two participants shall participate in the Judgment Writing Competition.
- v. Judgment shall be based on the Mock Trial conducted and shall reflect the forum/court in which the trial is set and argued.
- vi. Participants shall be provided one hour to prepare the judgment.
- vii. The judgment shall not exceed 1,500 words.

8. WITNESSES:

- Four witnesses will be provided by the organizers – The accused, one informant, one Panch witness and one Investigating Officer.
- The prosecution shall be provided with fifteen minutes to brief their witnesses, before the beginning of the trial.
- Each witness is bound by the facts contained in his/her own witness statement, the Statement of Facts and/or any necessary documentation relevant to his/her testimony. Fair extrapolations may be allowed, provided reasonable inference may be made from the witness's statement. If, during examination, a participant asks a question which calls for extrapolated information pivotal to the facts at issue, the information is subject to objection under “unfair extrapolation.”
- A witness is not bound by facts contained in other witness statements.

9. AWARDS:

- Best Team – Winning Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-
- Runner Up Team – Runner Up Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-
- Best Speaker – Winning Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 3,000/-

- Best Judgment Writing - Winning Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 2,000/-
- Teams qualifying for the final rounds would be presented with a memento.
- All participants will be presented with participating certificates.

10. MISCELLANEOUS:

- Decisions of the judges shall be final and binding.
- Decisions regarding interpretation of any of the rules shall be taken by the organizers. This decision shall be final and binding on the participants.
- Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract disqualification.
- Teams shall not be allowed to observe the examinations of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited and shall result in disqualification.
- The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.
- The organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances.
- Any reference to the identity of the participants or colleges can lead to disqualification of the participant/team.
- Participants must carry their College ID cards along with them to the competition.
- Video recording or taking photographs during trial is strictly prohibited.
- These Rules are not exhaustive and the college reserves its right to amend rules as may be necessary from time to time.
- Participants must report at PESLC at 4.00 p.m. on 26th September, 2014.
- All future communication in respect of the competition may be addressed to;
 - i. Professor Sunil George (**Professor In-Charge**)
 - ii. Akshay Pai +91 9920148383/9920648383
 - iii. Sebin Michael +91 9820288369
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