



AMITY LAW SCHOOL, DELHI

15th AMITY MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

PART I - DEFINITIONS

- a) 'The Competition' means the 15th Amity Moot Court Competition, to be held on 26th-28th February 2016.
- b) 'OC' means the Organising Committee as constituted by the management of Amity Law School, Delhi.
- c) 'Participants' means those persons eligible to participate under Rule A.1 and registered under Rule A.2.
- d) 'The college' means Amity Law School, Delhi.
- e) 'Knock out rounds' means the Quarter-Final, the Semi-Final and the Final rounds of the Competition.
- f) 'Aggregate Total' for the purpose of application of Rule B.3 means Oral Scores plus Memorial Marks.

PART II - GENERAL RULES

A.1. Eligibility & Team Composition

All teams shall consist of a maximum of three participants [two members designated as 'Speaker' and one member designated as Researcher], enrolled as full-time LL.B. [both 3 year and 5 year programme] students in the law school they represent at the time of the Competition. No person enrolled in a postgraduate law programme may act as a team member. A team must consist of at least two participants in which case both the members shall be designated as 'Speakers'.

A.2 Registration

All teams that desire to participate in the competition shall cause the Registration Form (Annexure I) to be filled. A scanned copy of the said form has to be e-mailed to alsdmcc@gmail.com on or before 23:59 hrs IST on **5th November, 2015**. Participation will be on **first come first served** basis only. The maximum number of entries would be restricted to 30. The **first 30** teams to be registered will be confirmed of their participation in the competition through email on or before **7th November, 2015**. The hard copy of the Registration Form along with Demand Draft of Rs. 3500/- of those colleges whose participation has been confirmed, has to reach the college by registered post (acknowledgement due) or speed post on or before **16th November, 2015**. No change of participants will be permitted after the Registration Form is received by us, except at the sole discretion of the OC.

A.3 Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided only to participants (not more than three) and shall be for the duration of the competition only i.e. from 26th February to 28th February 2015. The teams are requested to inform the organizers in advance of their arrival details by filling up the form annexed herewith as so as to enable them to make the necessary arrangements. The charges for the extra days (as and when informed) will have to be paid by the participants concerned, subject to availability of rooms. **No accommodation will be provided for teams from colleges in Delhi and NCR.**

A.4 Registration Fee

Each team shall submit a demand draft for Rs. 3500/- (Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Only) in favour of '**Amity Law School**' payable at Delhi as Registration Fee. This demand draft must reach the college along with the Registration Form via registered post (acknowledgement due) or speed post latest by **16th November, 2015**. If participation is denied on any ground, this amount will be refunded. **However the registration fee will not be refunded after the registration has been accepted by the OC.**

A.5 Team Codes

Upon confirmation of participation, each team will be allotted a 'Team Code'. The teams shall refer to themselves during the competition using this code only. They shall otherwise not disclose their identity to anybody except as and when a member of the OC demands.

A.6 Attire

Participants should be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. The dress code for all the functions at the competition will be Western formals for Gentlemen and Western or Indian formals for Ladies. Robes are not permitted. The teams should make their own provisions to comply with the dress code of the competition.

A.7 No Scouting

No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition. The OC may take appropriate action, including disqualification from the competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.

A.8 Decorum

All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the court room and in all ceremonies during the competition. They are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

A.9 Clarifications to the Problem

Any team wishing to make any clarification to the problem may do so by email, listing their questions in a '.doc' document. The email has to be sent to alsdmcc@gmail.com on or before **18:00 hours IST on 16th November, 2015**. The file name of the document containing the team's questions should be the Team code. A full list of clarifications shall be released latest by **22nd November, 2015**.

PART III - COMPETITION RULES

B.1 The competition rounds will be held over a period of two days (**27th and 28th February, 2015**). The Inaugural Function, the Orientation for the participants, Draw of Lots and the Written Test for the Best Researcher Award will be held a day prior to the competition rounds (**26th February, 2015**).

B.2 In the preliminary rounds, each team shall argue for both the sides in two separate rounds. Memorial scores will be added to the team's oral scores in the preliminary rounds for declaring the winner of each round. In case, after addition of the memorial scores, the scores remain tied, the round shall be declared a draw.

B.3 Qualification to the Quarter Final rounds will be based on number of 'Win Points'. For each win in the Preliminary Rounds, a team earns one Win Point and for each draw, 0.5 Win Point. Top 8 teams with the maximum Win Points will qualify for the quarter finals.

Note: In case of a tie in the Win Points-

- a) The teams' aggregate total from the Preliminary Rounds will serve as a tie breaker.
- b) If the tie still persists, then memorial scores will be considered.
- c) Should the tie remain unresolved, a coin toss will break the tie.

B.4 The Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals shall be knockout Rounds. The winner of these rounds will be decided solely on the basis of their oral scores in the respective rounds. The memorial scores will not be added during the knockout stages except for the application of Rule B.5.

B.5 In the knockout rounds, in case the Round Total of the two teams is the same, the team with higher memorial marks will be credited with a win. If the tie remains unresolved then a coin toss shall break the tie.

PART IV – MEMORIAL RULES

C.1.1 All teams shall submit Memorials for both sides (Applicant and Respondent).

C.1.2 Requirements of the Memorials

All teams must submit typed Memorials for both the sides fulfilling the following specifications: The Memorial must contain the following parts:

- a) Cover Page
- b) Table of Contents.
- c) Index of Authorities.
- d) Statement of Jurisdiction.
- e) Statement of Facts.
- f) Issues Involved.
- g) Summary of Arguments.
- h) Pleadings/Body of Arguments.
- i) Conclusion/Prayer.

C.1.3 Contents of Cover Page

The Cover Page of each memorial must contain the following information:

- a) The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner;
- b) The name of forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
- c) The year of the competition;
- d) The cause title (name of the case, inclusive of case number, name of parties, etc.)
- e) The title of the memorial (either “Memorial for Petitioner/Appellant” or “Memorial for Respondent”).

C.1.4 The Memorial Cover Page should follow the following color scheme - Blue for the Appellant and Red for the Respondent. Use of decorative cover pages will attract negative marking. The teams are advised to use as far as possible light shades for their cover pages. The Cover page should contain the team code (see Rule A.5) on the top right hand corner followed by the letter ‘A’ indicating an Applicant memorial or the letter ‘R’ indicating a Respondent memorial.

C.1.5 The Statement of Facts shall not be argumentative. Any argumentative Statement of Facts will attract negative marking. It may however seek to draw necessary inferences from the Facts provided. The Statement of Facts shall not contain any footnotes.

C.1.6 The Summary of the Arguments should consist of a substantive summary of the Arguments of the Memorial, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the Arguments. The Summary of Arguments should not contain footnotes.

C.1.7 Length of the Memorial

Each team must adhere to the following word limits:

- a) The Statement of Facts shall not be more than 1200 words including headings.
- b) The Summary of Arguments shall not be more than 1200 words including headings.
- c) The Body of Arguments/ Arguments Advanced shall not be more than 12000 words including all headings and footnotes.

C.1.8 The Memorials should be typed on ‘.doc’ documents compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 (or higher) only. The page size should be A4; Font shall be ‘Times New Roman’ throughout the document with font size 12 (including headings), 1.5 lines spacing & 1 Inch margin on each side; Footnotes shall be in ‘Times New Roman’ with Font Size 10 and 1.0 spacing. The Participants may use uniform page borders.

C.1.9 The Memorials shall use *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (19th Edition)*, for formatting of all cited authorities.

C.1.10 The Memorial should be spiral bound only. Any other form of binding will attract negative marking.

C.1.11 No amendment of the Memorials will be permitted after submission.

C.1.12 The identity of the team (except the Team Code) or the names of the participants shall not be disclosed in any part of memorials. Doing so will attract disqualification of the team.

C.2 Marking criteria for the Memorials

Each Memorial will be marked out of a total of 100 marks. There will be separate marking for the Applicant and Respondent Memorials.

Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
1. Use of Facts and Law	20
2. Proper and Articulate Analysis of Issues	20
3. Research	20

4. Formatting and Citation	20
5. Clarity and Organization of the Memorial	10
6. Grammar and Style	10

Total 100

C.3 Submission of Memorials

C.3.1 The teams should e-mail one copy of both Memorials (attached independently in the same email) to alsdmcc@gmail.com on or before **23:59 hours IST, 20th December, 2015**. The softcopy should be in '.doc' format only and should be compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 (or higher). The file name should be the Team code followed by the letters 'A' or 'R' depending on which side the memorial is from.

NOTE: There will be a deduction of one mark for every day of delay in submission of memorials. No memorials shall be accepted after 23:59 hours IST on 30th December, 2015

For e.g., if the memorial belongs to Team 1129 and is a Defendant memorial, the file name should be 1129R.

C.3.2 Six hard copies of each memorial shall be submitted to the college via courier or R.P.A.D on or before **20th January, 2016**.

C.4 Penalty Clause

The following penalties shall be levied in case of non-compliance with the rules:

RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
C.1.2	Missing or additional section	2 points per violation
C.1.2	Incorrect order of sections	2 points per violation
C.1.3	Missing or unnecessary information on cover page	1 point per violation
C.1.4	Incorrect colour of the cover page	2 points (one-time deduction)
C.1.7	Exceeding the word limit	2 points per violation
C.1.8	Incorrect font size of main text	2 points (one-time deduction)
C.1.8	Incorrect font size of footnotes	2 points (one-time deduction)
C.1.8	Incorrect spacing of main text	2 points (one-time deduction)
C.1.8	Incorrect spacing of footnotes	2 points (one-time deduction)

C.1.9	Incorrect citation style	1 point for 15 violations
C.1.12	Breach of memorial anonymity	7 points (one-time deduction)
C.3.1	Penalties for Late Submission	1 point for every day of delay

Note:

- a) Penalty for exceeding the word limit would apply even if a team exceeds the word limit by 1 word. For example, if the substantive section contains 12,001 words, a deduction of one will follow.
- b) Time penalties would apply even if the delay is of a minute after 23:59 hours IST on 20th December, 2015 and the memorial will be deemed to be submitted a day late.
- c) Irrespective of the actual penalties incurred, no more than 40 points will be deducted for each Memorial for non-compliance with procedural requirements.

PART V - ORAL SUBMISSIONS

D.1 Non-disclosure of identity

D.1.1 As specified hereinabove in Rule A.1, each team shall comprise of two speakers who shall divide the oral submissions between themselves. Further, during the course of the Oral Submissions, no speaker shall reveal his or her identity or the identity of their college/university by any means whatsoever. They shall only identify themselves by their Team Code (Rule A.5).

D.1.2 During the course of oral submissions the participants cannot submit to the Court any material containing pictorial representations. Further the participants will not be permitted to make any audio/ visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops, tablets, phones or any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions.

D.1.3 All teams are expected to carry with them hard copies of any case law or authority which they intend to refer to which may be passed to the bench. Teams may also compile compendiums, which maybe passed to the Bench with its permission. However such compendiums shall not be in violation of Rule D.1.2.

D.2 Distribution of time

Each team will have a maximum of 30 minutes to present their Oral Submissions during the Preliminary Rounds. They shall have a maximum of 45 minutes in the Quarter Final Rounds and the Semi Final Rounds. The teams shall be granted 60 minutes each in the Final Rounds. This will include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal /sur-rebuttal.

D.2.1 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 rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. A maximum of

5 minutes can be reserved for the rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal in the Preliminary Rounds, 7 minutes in the Quarter Finals and the Semi Finals and 10 minutes in the Finals.

D.2.2 No speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than 15 minutes in the Preliminary Rounds, 25 minutes in case of Quarter- Finals & Semi-Finals and 30 minutes in the Final Rounds.

D.2.3 If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional timewhich he/she speaks for will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allocated for the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, as the case may be. Granting of additional time would be at the sole discretion of the Bench. Participants are however advised to strictly adhere to the time limit as **the judges would be briefed not to allow time extensions** except in rare circumstances.

D.3 Prohibition on the use of certain materials

During the course of oral submissions the participants cannot submit to the Court any material containing pictorial representations. Further the participants will not be permitted to make any audio/ visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops, tablets, phones or any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions. Such electronic devices cannot be carried into the courtroom by the teams.

D.4 All teams are expected to carry with them hard copies of any case law or authority which they intend to refer to which may be passed to the bench. Teams may also compile compendiums, which maybe passed to the Bench with its permission. However such compendiums shall not be in violation of Rule D.3.

D.5 Prohibition on Communication during Oral Submissions

Participating teams shall not be permitted to communicate with the speakers during their oral submissions through chit passing or any other means.

D.6 Oral Submissions

Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks per judge. The Round Total will be the aggregate of the total marks for oral submission of the two speakers.

Note: The decision of the judges as to the marks allocated to any team shall be final (So as to ensure uniformity in the marking system all the judges will be provided with a marking guideline).

PART VI - RESEARCHER TEST

E.1 Conduct of the Researcher test

A Researcher Test will be held on **26thFebruary, 2016** to determine the best researcher. Only the Researcher specified in Rule A.1 will be allowed to sit for the above test.

E.2 Content of the Researcher test

The test will comprise of questions relating to the Problem, both legal and factual. The questions may also test the knowledge of the Researcher in basic areas of laws pertaining to the problem. The test would be for duration of an hour and will comprise of a total of fifty marks.

E.3 Evaluation

The Researcher Test will be evaluated by a panel of independent judges as decided by the OC.

PART VII - AWARDS

F.1 There shall be a Rolling Trophy and a cash prize for the Winning and Runner-Up team.

F.2 There shall be a Trophy/ Award for the Best Memorial.

F.3 There shall be a Trophy/ Award for the Best Speaker.

Note: The Best Speaker Award will be determined by the points scored by the Participant from the preliminary rounds only.

F.4 There will be a Trophy/ Award for the Best Researcher to be determined in accordance with the Researcher Test. The researcher securing the highest marks in the Researcher Test will be awarded the Best Researcher Award.

F.5 All participants will be awarded 'Certificate of Participation' and all the winners of awards specified in F.1 to F.4 will receive 'Certificate of Merit' in addition to the 'Certificate of Participation'.

PART VIII - POWERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

G.1 The Organising Committee has the power and sole discretion to

- a) Enforce all the competition Rules;
- b) Provide a definitive & final interpretation of the Competition Rules;
- c) Resolve any dispute that may arise during the Competition;
- d) Change or supplement the competition Rules, if necessary. Changes or supplements will be duly communicated to all participating teams; and
- e) Take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct by any participant/ participating teams.

G.2 The decision of the Director of Amity Law School, Delhi shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

The complete Postal Address of the host institution for all communications and the venue of the competition is:

Amity Law School, Delhi
F-1 Block, Amity University Campus,
Sector 125, Noida 201303,
Uttar Pradesh, India.

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ANNEXURE I

AMITY LAW SCHOOL, DELHI

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REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION

NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

FACULTY-IN-CHARGE : _____ POSITION : _____

MOBILE NO. : _____ EMAIL ID : _____

TEAM MEMBERS

SPEAKER 1: _____

YEAR and PROGRAMME: _____

MOBILE NO. : _____

EMAIL ID: _____

Please affix a self-
attested
photograph

SPEAKER 2 : _____

YEAR and PROGRAMME: _____

MOBILE NO. : _____

EMAIL ID: _____

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RESEARCHER : _____

YEAR and PROGRAMME: _____

MOBILE NO. : _____

EMAIL ID: _____

Please affix a self-
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photograph

PAYMENT DETAILS

(DEMAND DRAFT IN FAVOUR OF 'AMITY LAW SCHOOL, DELHI'
PAYABLE AT NEW DELHI)

BANK: _____

BRANCH: _____ DEMAND DRAFT NO: _____

DATE: _____ AMOUNT: _____ /- only

DECLARATION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARE THAT THE INSTITUTION AND ITS TEAM MEMBERS WILL ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION SET OUT IN THE OFFICIAL RULES AND AS NOTIFIED TO US FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF THE COMPETITION. WE ALSO DECLARE AND CONFIRM THAT ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE REGISTRATION FORM IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

SPEAKER 1: _____ SPEAKER 2: _____

RESEARCHER: _____

FACULTY-IN-CHARGE : _____
(SIGNATURE WITH INSTITUTION SEAL)

DEAN OF SCHOOL: _____
(SIGNATURE WITH INSTITUTION SEAL)

KINDLY SEND A SCANNED COPY OF THE FILLED IN FORM TO ALSDMCC@GMAIL.COM ON OR BEFORE 5TH NOVEMBER, 2015.

THE HARD COPY MUST BE SENT ALONG WITH THE DEMAND DRAFT, LATEST BY 16TH NOVEMBER, 2015, AND SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO:

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