

6th Jamia National Moot Court Competition, 2016

1st – 3rd April, 2016

RULES

1. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

1.1. Administration

The 6th Jamia National Moot Court Competition is held and administered by The Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia. The Competition is to be held from 1st to 3rd April, 2016 at The Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia..

1.2. Language

The Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

1.3. Structure of the Competition

The Competition consists of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds viz. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.

1.4. Interpretation of the Rules

The Faculty Coordinator shall serve as the final authority of implementation and interpretation of these Rules.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Eligibility

- Each Institution offering an undergraduate LL.B. Degree Course is eligible to participate in the same. Each Institution may enter one Team. The Competition is only open for students in LL.B. Undergraduate Degree Courses.
- There shall be a cap on the number of teams participating in the Competition.

2.2. Team Composition

- Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with the written permission by the Coordinator.
- Every team shall consist of two speakers. Teams may have only one researcher.
- A researcher shall be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Court.

3. REGISTRATION

- Teams must confirm their participation by 19th Feb, 2016 by sending an email to **jmcc.jmi@gmail.com** with the subject “Confirmation for 6th Jamia National Moot Court Competition” with the attachment of the Registration Form and the demand draft of Rs.3000 in favour of “**The Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia**” payable at “**New Delhi.**”

The e-mail with the above-mentioned attachments along with the hard copy of the registration and the hard copy of the Demand Draft must reach the college by 19th Feb, 2016.

4. MEMORIALS

4.1. Memorial Submission

- Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of Petitioner and one on behalf of the Respondent.
- Each must send a soft copy of their memorials for evaluation by 15th March, 2016 before 11:59 P.M. to jmcc.jmi@gmail.com. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall not be evaluated. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline.
- Each Team further has to submit 4 hard copies of the memorial for each side by 21st March, 2016 to ‘**The Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025**’.

Non-compliance will entail a penalty of 1 mark per copy not submitted.

4.2 Memorial Format

- All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document 2003/2007 format (.doc/.docx).
- All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size with an equal margin on each side.
- The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page and page numbers, must be in Times New Roman 12-mark. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman 10-mark.
- The text of all parts of the Memorial must be double-spaced, except for the Cover Page, Table of Contents, Index of Authorities, headings, and footnotes. The footnotes can be separated with single line spacing.
- The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.
- Non-compliance with sub-rule (a) shall result in a penalty of 5 marks. Non-compliance of sub-rules (b) to (e) shall result in a penalty of 1 mark per page detected.

4.3 Memorial Content

The Memorials should contain the following sections:

- Cover Page Coloured differently for Petitioner and Respondent.
 - a. Blue Cover – Petitioner
 - b. Red Cover – Respondent
 - Table of Contents
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Issues
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Arguments Advanced; and
 - Prayer
- The Arguments Advanced should not exceed 20 pages. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per additional page.

- The memorial as a whole should not exceed 35 pages including the cover page. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 3 marks per additional page.
- The citation should be in compliance with the 19th edition of Bluebook. Noncompliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page detected.
- The entire content of the soft copies and the hard copies of the Memorial shall have to be the same. Noncompliance with this rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.

4.4 Memorial Evaluation

- The Memorials of Each Team shall be evaluated by a panel of two Judges.
 - The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - Understanding of Law and extent of research 25 Marks
 - Originality, Articulation and Clarity in Analysis 20 marks
 - Knowledge and Integration of Facts 20 Marks
 - Logical progression of Ideas and Use of Authorities 15 marks
 - Persuasiveness of presentation and correctness of citations 10 marks
 - Grammar 10 marks
- TOTAL = 100 Marks

5. ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES

5.1 General Procedures

- There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter final, a semi-final and a final.
- The Applicants shall submit their arguments first, followed by the Respondents. Thereafter the Applicant shall have the option of submitting rebuttals. Sur-rebuttals shall be allowed at the discretion of the presiding Judges.
- The match-up of teams shall be done on the basis of a 'Draw of Lots' to ensure fairness.

5.2 Procedures for Oral Submissions

- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the teams subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
- The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the orals.
- Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher is not allowed. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 marks per speaker per judge.
- The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms. It is to be noted that no loose sheets of papers are allowed to be passed on.
- The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:
 - Understanding of Law : 20 Marks
 - Application of Law to Facts : 20 Marks
 - Integrity, Logic, Reasoning, and Clarity : 20 Marks
 - Persuasiveness : 10 Marks
 - Organisation and Flow of Arguments : 10 Marks
 - Deference and Demeanour : 10 Marks
 - Time Management : 10 Marks

TOTAL = 100 Marks

5.3 Preliminary Round

- All the selected Teams will be participating in the Preliminary Rounds.
- Each Team shall have two Preliminary Rounds. Each team will once argue as the Applicant and Respondent each.
- No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- The Bench constituted for the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of at least two Judges. No Teams shall face the same Bench more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

5.4 Quarter-Finals

- The Quarter Finals shall comprise of four matches among the eight highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds.
- For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter Finals, the number of rounds won by the teams shall be considered as first criterion. In case, there are more than 8 teams having same number of wins, the Margin of Victory (MOV) of their respective rounds shall be taken into consideration. Further, in case of tie after taking winning scores into consideration, the memorial scores shall be considered.

5.5 Semi-Finals

The four winning Teams from each of the four Quarter-final Rounds shall advance to the Semi-final Rounds on a knock-out basis.

5.6 Finals

The winning teams from each of the two Semi-final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round. The winner of the Final Round shall be declared Winner of the Competition.

6. SCOUTING

- Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

7. AWARDS

- Winning Team Award: The winning team will receive a cash prize of Rs. 25,000.
- Runners-Up Team Award: The runners up team will receive a cash prize of Rs. 10,000.
- Best Male Advocate shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 5000.
- Best Female Advocate shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 5000.
- The team with the Best Memorials will receive a cash prize of Rs. 5000.

In addition to the above awards, Meritorious Certificates will be given to the winners. All participants will be awarded participation certificates.

8. ANONYMITY

- The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds, and must use the Team Code. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the oral rounds.
- Non-compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team. The decision of the National Coordinator in this regard shall be final.

9. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

10. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

- Accommodation and food for participating teams will be provided by Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia University on campus.
- Accommodation will be provided from 1st April 2016 (10:00 a.m.) to 4th April 2016 (10:00 a.m.).
- No Fourth Member is allowed in a team and hence no facility will be provided to any such person.
- The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transport/accommodation will be made available.

11. CLARIFICATIONS

ANY CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM

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NOTE: All clarifications regarding the Moot Problem should be sent to jmcc.jmi@gmail.com by 26th Feb, 2016.