



**10TH NALSAR JUSTICE B.R. SAWHNY MEMORIAL
MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016**

**NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERBAD
30TH SEPTEMBER – 2ND OCTOBER 2016**

MOOT RULES AND GUIDELINES



1. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

1.1. Administration

- The NALSAR B.R. Sawhny Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition (“**Competition**”) is held and administered by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad with the aid of the Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Trust.
- The Competition is to be held from the September 30, 2016 to October 2, 2016 at NALSAR University of Law, Justice City, Shameerpet, Hyderabad.
- Mr. Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, shall be the “National Coordinator” of the Moot Court Competition.

1.2. Language

- The Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

1.3. Structure of the Competition

- The Competition consists of National Rounds, the qualification for which is on First come-First serve basis. The National Rounds comprise of two Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds viz. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.

1.4. Interpretation of the Rules

- The National Coordinator shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of these rules.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Eligibility

- Students pursuing 3 years/ 5 years undergraduate LL.B. degree course are eligible to participate in this competition. No more than one team can participate from each institution.

2.2. Team Composition

- Each team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) members and a maximum of three (3) members. The substitution of any team member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with the written permission from the National 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.
- A team cannot have members from more than one institution.

3. REGISTRATION

- Teams must register by September 01, 2016 by sending an email to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com with the subject “Registration for NALSAR B.R. Sawhny Moot 2016”. On receiving the registrations, 32 teams will be allowed to participate in the Competition on First come-First serve basis. The same will be notified immediately to the respective teams through electronic mail.
- Selected teams must confirm their participation by September 03, 2016 by sending an email to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com. Each Team shall be allotted a Team Code upon confirmation of participation.
- Selected Teams shall need to send registration fee of Rs 5000/- via NEFT transfer and the said transfer should happen on or before September 5, 2016. Bank Account Details for NEFT Transfer:
 - Bank Name: Indian Bank
 - Branch name: Shameerpet
 - Account No: 418454214
 - IFSC Code: IDIB000S166
- Further, upon selected teams not having confirmed participation or made payment, the spot will go to the waitlisted team(s) and in such a case the team(s) will have to make the payment on or before September 8, 2016.
- The Registration Form, NEFT Transfer detail, and Travel detail should be sent to NALSAR, University of Law, Hyderabad to the following address on or before September 20, 2016:

*“Moot Court Committee,
NALSAR University of Law
Post Box No.1,
Justice City, Shameerpet, R.R. District,
Hyderabad - 500101, Telangana”*

4. MEMORIALS

4.1 Memorial Submission

- Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and one on behalf of the Respondent(s).
- Each Team must send a soft copy of their memorials for evaluation by September 26, 2016 before 11:59 P.M. to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com with the subject “Memorials for NALSAR B.R. Sawhny Moot 2016”. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall incur a liability of 3 points for the first day of delay, and 5 points each day for every subsequent day. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline. However, teams submitting soft copies of memorials any time after September 29, 2016 will be subject to immediate disqualification.
- Memorials submitted will be evaluated according to Rule. 4.4.
- Further each team has to submit 6 hard copies of the memorial for each side at the time of registration on September 30th, 2016. Non-compliance will entail a penalty of 1 point 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 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-point and 1.5 line spacing. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman 10-point and single line spacing.
- 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 points. Non-compliance of sub-rules (b) to (e) shall result in a penalty of 1 point per page detected.

4.3 Memorial Content

- The Memorials should contain the following sections:
 - Cover Page;

- Table of Contents;
 - Index of Authorities;
 - Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - Statement of Facts;
 - Statement of Issues;
 - Summary of Arguments;
 - Arguments;
 - Prayer.
- The Arguments should not exceed 20 pages. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 point 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 points per additional page.
 - The citation should be in compliance with the 19th edition of Bluebook. Speaking footnotes or Endnotes are not allowed. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 point per page detected.
 - The entire content of the soft copies and the hard copies of the Memorial shall have to be the same. Non-compliance with this rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.

4.4 Memorial Evaluation

- The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 points. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

Knowledge of Law and Facts:	25 Points
Proper and Articulate Analysis:	25 Points
Extent and Use of Research:	20 Points
Clarity and Organization:	20 Points
Grammar and Style:	10 Points

5. ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES

5.1 General Procedures

- There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter final, a semi-final and a final. If the number of teams participating is less than twelve, there shall be no quarter final round.
- The Applicants/ Petitioners/ Appellants shall submit their arguments first followed by the Respondents. Thereafter the Applicants/ Petitioners/ Appellants shall have the option of submitting rebuttals. Sur-rebuttals are not permitted, though the Judge's discretion is final.
- The teams shall be seeded into four groups on the basis of the Cumulative Memorial Scores during the Preliminary Rounds. The division of teams shall be done marks wise to ensure that each Group is equally weighed against others. (Hence Team ranked 1-4 shall be divided into Group A-D, Team ranked 5-8 in Group D-A, and so on). The match ups shall be fixed following the power seeding pattern.
- The memorials shall be exchanged after the Inaugural Ceremony and Registration on September 30, 2016.

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 (if permitted by the judge(s)).
- The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject with a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and not more than 15 minutes per speaker. Rebuttals can be assigned a time period of not more than 2 minutes.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
- The researcher may sit with the speakers during the orals.
- Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points 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.

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- The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

Knowledge of Law:	20 Points
Application of Law to Facts:	20 Points
Ingenuity and Ability to Answer to Questions:	20 Points
Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor :	20 Points
Time Management:	10 Points
Organization:	10 Points

5.3 Preliminary Round

- All the selected Teams will be participating 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

- In the event that there are more than 12 teams participating in the Competition, the Quarter Final Rounds shall be held.
- Two Teams from each Group of the Preliminary Rounds shall proceed for the Quarter Finals, which shall comprise of four matches.
- For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter Finals, the number of rounds won by the team shall be considered as first criteria. In case there is a tie, the winning difference of their respective rounds shall be taken into consideration. Further, in case of tie after taking winning scores into consideration, the decision shall be taken on the basis of draw of lots.
- In the Quarterfinal Rounds, the match shall be on the basis of power seeding.

5.5 Semi-Finals

- If Quarterfinal Rounds have been held, the winning Team in each of the four Quarterfinal Rounds shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds. In such Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows, with reference to the match numbers described in Rule 5.4: the winner of Match One versus the winner of Match Four; and the winner of Match Two versus the winner of Match Three.
- In the event that Quarter Finals have not been held, the Semi Finals shall be held between the four highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds. In such Semifinal Rounds, the

match ups shall be as follows: the fourth-ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team; and the second- ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team.

5.6 Finals

- The Winning Team from each of the two Semifinal 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 orals of another team, unless they have been officially knocked-out of the competition. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

7. AWARDS

- Winning Team Award: The winning team will receive a trophy and prize worth Rs. 30,000/-
- Runner Up Team Award: The runners up team will receive trophy and prize worth Rs. 20,000/-
- Best Oralist shall receive a trophy and prize worth Rs. 7,500/-
- Second Best Oralist shall receive prize worth Rs. 5,000/-
- The team with the Best Memorials will receive a trophy and prize worth Rs. 7,500/-
- The team with the Second Best Memorial will receive prize worth Rs. 5,000/-

8. ANONYMITY

- The student counsels may 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 course of their participation in the competition.
- 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 shall be provided to all teams by NALSAR University of Law from September 30, 2016 to October 2, 2016.
- Teams willing to stay beyond the dates of the moot, as specified, will have to pay Rs. 800/- per member per day.
- Teams should send their travel plans by September 20, 2016.

11. ANY CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM

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NOTE:

All clarifications regarding the Moot Problem should be sent to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com by September 04, 2016. A full list of clarifications shall be sent to all the teams through email by September 11, 2016, if required.