

**SEVENTEENTH ALL INDIA MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION, 2017**

FOR  
**T. S. VENKATESWARA IYER MEMORIAL  
EVER ROLLING TROPHY**

From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA'S GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE**

Park Avenue Road, Ernakulam, Kerala- 682011

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. DATE AND VENUE**

1.1 The Seventeenth All India Moot Court Competition for **Justice T. S. Venkateswara Iyer Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy** under the auspices of **His Highness Maharajas Government Law College Ernakulam Moot Club** will be held **from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017** at the **His Highness Maharajas Government Law College Ernakulam campus.**

### **2. TEAM COMPOSITION**

2.1 The competition will be open to the Law colleges, Law schools and Law Departments recognized by the Bar Council of India. **The participation is limited to under graduate students in law, both in the 3-year and 5 year schemes undergoing regular courses.**

2.2 The **institutions** can send a team comprising of three students, which include two speakers and a researcher and **their traveling expenses, shall be borne by the respective institutions.**

### **3. REGISTRATION**

3.1 The last date for **confirmation of participation** is **30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017** and the entry is **limited to 30 teams.**

3.2 The **Registration forms** shall be filled with the photos of team members and signature of the Head of the Institution and a scanned copy of the same should be mailed to [mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com](mailto:mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com) on or before **1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2017.**

3.3 Each team shall remit a sum of **Three Thousand Rupees (Rs. 3000/-)** towards registration. The remittance of the same shall be done by DD/ Cheque drawn in favour of **Treasurer, Moot Club, Government Law College, Ernakulam.**

3.4 The scanned copy of DD/ Cheque along with the soft copy of the registration forms should be sent by email to [mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com](mailto:mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com) on or before **5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017.**

3.5 The hardcopy of the same should be sent by post/ courier to **The Convenor, Moot Club, Government Law College, Ernakulam, Pin: 682011** and it should reach latest by **10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

3.6 The teams shall report at the venue **before 2 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**.

#### 4. DRESS CODE

4.1 The **dress code** for the participants during the court sessions shall be as follows:

Female participants	: White Salwar Kameez and Black Coat OR White Shirt, Black Pants and Black Coat.
Male participants	: White Shirt and Black Pant with Black Coat and Black Tie.

Gowns and Bands are **NOT** permitted to be worn by the Participants in the Competition

#### 5. MEMORIALS

5.1 The memorials must be typed in English and must be in Times New Roman font having font size 12 and 1.5 space (this size restriction does not apply to foot notes, which shall be in size 10 and line space 'single') with 1 inch margin on all sides printed on one side of **A4** size paper. Memorials dealing with *jurisdiction, issues involved, summary of arguments, pleadings, conclusion and prayer* shall be prepared by each team for both the sides. **Issues or pleadings not discussed within the body of the memorial shall neither be included in any other part of the same or be raised before the court.**

5.2 The body of the memorial **shall not exceed 25 pages** and the same would include *jurisdiction, questions presented, summary of pleadings, pleadings, conclusion and prayer, annexure, appendices and footnotes*. The *cover page, table of contents, bibliography, index of authorities, statement of facts, title page and back cover* are not included in these 25 pages.

5.3 The memorials shall not contain any information that will reveal the identity of the participating team and violation of the same if any shall attract penalties including disqualification from the competition.

5.4 The memorial for the Petitioner should be in **Blue cover** and that of Respondent in **White cover**. The memorials should be paper bound/ staple bound. Comb/ spiral or any other form of binding will be considered as improper binding. Please avoid plastic front sheets/ separators.

5.5 Cover page of the memorial must state the following

The cause title

Identity of the brief as Petitioner Or Respondent

5.6 The soft copy of the Memorials should be sent to [mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com](mailto:mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com) on or before **28<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. Six hard copies of the memorials shall be submitted to **The Convenor, Moot Club, Government Law College, Ernakulam at the time of reporting at the venue. Late submission would result in deduction of marks.**

5.7 There should not be any disparity between the soft copy and the hard copy. Any violations would attract penalty. All Hard copies and soft copies of the memorials in the competition shall become the property of the Government Law College Ernakulam Moot Club.

5.8 There will **NOT** be any exchange of memorials.

5.9 **The memorial Marks will be computed to the score of speaker only in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition.**

## 6. ORAL ROUNDS

6.1 The participants shall only be identified by their respective **Code Numbers** given at the time of their registration and shall refrain from any act which reveals the identity of themselves or their institutions. The participants shall wear the badge provided by the organizers throughout the days of the competition.

6.2 The format of the competition will be as follows :

COMPETITION ROUNDS	BASIS	CRITERIA
Preliminary rounds	League	Maximum Wins
Quarter Final (subject to number of participants)	Knock out	
Semi Final	Knock out	
Final		

6.3 Fixture of the competition will be decided by the Organizers before commencement of the sessions. The Moot Club reserves the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams in case it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/teams at the far end or if the competing teams have had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem. In the matter of disputes or complaints, the decision of the Appeal Committee chaired by the Principal, Government Law College, Ernakulam will be final.

### 6.4 Preliminary Round/ Quarter Finals

6.4.1 Each side will have a maximum of 35 minutes to present their case. This would include the time reserved for rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal. The duration of each session will not exceed **one hour ten minutes**.

The team should allocate equitably the time available to the two individual speakers.

### 6.5 Semi Finals / Finals

6.5.1 Each side will have a maximum of 45 minutes to present their case. This would include the time reserved for rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal. The duration of the **Semi Final Round(s) and Final shall be of One hour 30 minutes which shall include argumentation, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.**

6.6 The Organizers reserve the right to bring alterations in the duration of the Semi Final and the Final Round. The participants can apportion the time between themselves, but each participant has to argue for a minimum of ten minutes in the preliminary and quarter final rounds and for a minimum of 15 minutes in the semi-final and final rounds.

6.7 **Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal:** The maximum time provided would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court Officer as to the apportioning of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal). In case any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional time that was used, will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allocated for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, as the case may be. The teams can reserve maximum of 5 minutes for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/sur-rebuttal shall vest with the Judges.

6.8 The language of the court shall be English. Each team shall be ready with their written briefs and oral arguments for both sides. During the oral rounds, the team shall not be allowed to use any type of electronic devices such as laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc.

## 7. EVALUATION

7.1 A bench comprising of Three Judges selected from a panel of judges drawn from an array of judicial officers, advocates and academicians will preside over each of the court session. The Final round will be presided over by Three judges of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

7.2 Each court will assign marks to both individual participant and the team.

7.3 An individual participant will be evaluated to a maximum of 100 marks by each judge. Division of marks will be as follows:

1	Written Submissions (Memorials) (Only for Preliminary Rounds)	20 marks
2	Oral arguments	80 Marks

7.4 Marks for oral arguments will be awarded on the following criteria.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Max Marks
1	Substance in arguments, articulation of factual issues, factual analysis and use of evidence	20 marks
2	Knowledge of law, interpretation, articulation of legal issues and legal analysis	15 marks
3	Use of authorities and citations	10 marks
4	Skills of advocacy, persuasiveness and response to questions	15 marks
5	Clarity, brevity, ingenuity, language and style	10 marks
6	Court manners and general impression	10 marks

7.5. The aggregate marks for oral rounds in quarter finals, Semi- finals and Finals shall be out of 100 and apportionment of the same will be informed during the briefing.

7.6. To bring rationalization in the matter of awarding marks and for judicious evaluation, performances are catalogued into **Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average** and the range of marks to be awarded in each category will be forwarded to the judges.

## 8. RESEARCHER INTERVIEW

8.1 There will be an interview to select the best and second best researcher of the moot court competition.

8.2 For the Best and Second Best Researcher, the judging criteria shall be inclusive of the marks secured for the memorials added to the average of marks they secure during the interview.

## 9. PRIZES AND AWARDS

9.1 Every participant and researcher will be awarded certificate of participation.

9.2 Honours in this competition include

- i. Best Team
- ii. Second Best Team
- iii. Best Student Advocate
- iv. Best Female Student Advocate
- v. Best Male Student Advocate
- vi. Best Memorial
- vii. Second Best Memorial
- viii. Best Researcher



**SCHEDULE OF THE PROGRAMME**

Reporting at the Venue	:	9:00 am – 2:00 p.m. on 03.03.2017(Friday)
Inauguration	:	4.30 p.m. on 03.03.2017 (Friday)
Preliminary Rounds	:	8.30 a.m. on 04.03.2017 (Saturday)
Quarter final rounds	:	4.30 p.m. on 05.03.2017 (Saturday)
Semi final Rounds	:	8.30 a.m. on 05.03.2017 (Sunday)
Finals	:	2 p.m. on 05.03.2017 (Sunday)
Valedictory Function and Prize Distribution	:	4 p.m. on 05.03.2017 (Sunday)

**DATES TO BE RECKONED**

<b>Last date for Provisional Registration</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>
<b>Last Date for Soft Copy of Registration forms and DD/ Cheque</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2017</b>
<b>Last Date for submitting the Hard Copy of Registration Forms and DD/ Cheque</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>
<b>Submission of Soft copy of Memorials</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>
<b>Last Date for sending Travel Plans (Both Soft copy and Hard Copy)</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.</b>
<b>Reporting at the venue</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017, before 2.00 PM</b>

**BEST WISHES**Sd/-  
Convenor

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### PROFORMA FOR REGISTRATION

Passport Size  
Photograph of the  
participant to be  
affixed here

1. Name of the Participant:

Speaker / Researcher

2. Name of the College/ Department:

3. Age:

Date of birth:

Male/ Female

4. Class:

Course:

5. Address to which communications are to be sent:

E-mail:

Phone:

Permanent Address:

Phone:

7. Proficiency in Moot Court Competitions

8. Food preference : Vegetarian/ Non-Vegetarian

9. Signature of the Participant

10. Smt./Sri..... is a bonfide student of this  
College / Department and he/she is undergoing regular course in Undergraduate Study in  
Law.

Place:

Date:

(Seal)

Signature of the Principal/ H.O.D

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**TRAVEL PLAN**

(Please fill in Capital Letters)

**Details of Arrival**

Mode of Transportation :  
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Flight/ Train/ Bus Name :  
and No.

Date and Time of :  
Arrival at Ernakulam

**Details Of Departure**

Mode of Transportation :  
(Air/ Rail/ Road)

Flight/ Train/ Bus Name :  
and No.

Date and Time of :  
Departure from Ernakulam

*(Please make sure that the **Travel Plan** is sent to the organizers before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017. In case of ANY CHANGE in the travel details, kindly notify us through phone immediately)*

Place :

Date :

*Seal & Signature of the Head of Institution*