



# Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad

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2<sup>nd</sup> Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, National Moot Court Competition-2017

## Notification

**WHEREAS**, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, constituent of the Symbiosis International University, Pune has announced its '2<sup>nd</sup> Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, National Moot Court Competition – 2017', to be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 to enable law students from all across India to participate to showcase their majesty over law and legal principles;

**THEREFORE**, the Moot Court Association of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, hereby makes the following rules, namely:-



Chapter I

Preliminary

1. **(1) Short title and commencement:** These rules may be called 'NMCC Rules', 2017.

(2) They shall come in to force from the date of publication, on the official website of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad [www.slsh.edu.in](http://www.slsh.edu.in)

2. **(1) Definition:** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

- (a) 'Institution' means and include 'Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad', a constituent of Symbiosis International University, Pune;
- (b) 'Competition' means the '2<sup>nd</sup> Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, National Moot Court Competition - 2017';
- (c) 'Governing Council' means the student-faculty-staff body appointed for the administration and smooth conduct of the competition, including all other members conferred with powers on ad-hoc basis by the 'Ex-officio Chairperson' or 'Faculty In-charge' of the Moot Court Association of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad;
- (d) 'Team' means and includes only *bona fide* representatives of any University, may that be state or central or any other department recognized/authorized by the Bar Council of India to impart law degrees, and who have applied and registered for the competition by complying with the procedure prescribed in these present rules;
- (e) 'Team Code' means a unique code assigned by the institution to the applied and registered team;
- (f) 'Moot Problem' means a set of facts published by the institution for competition;
- (g) 'Bench' refers to the members duly invited by the institute, to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively;
- (h) 'Memorial Round' refers to the assessment of memorials, submitted by teams, on the predefined criterion, hereinafter mentioned in these rules;
- (i) 'Oral Round' refers to the oral pleadings made by the teams before the bench during any of the rounds of assessment, including time given for rebuttal;
- (j) 'Clarifications' means explanation published by the institute on the moot problem, at any point of time of the competition or a query posed by any competing team within the given deadline (4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017) ;

(2) In these rules, except as otherwise indicated, a reference to a rule is reference to that rule in these rules, and a reference to a form is a reference to that form attached in annexure to these rules, as the case may be.

**Chapter II**  
**Registration Process and Fees Details**

**3. Eligibility. -**

- (1) Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 year or 3 years undergraduate law course may apply in a team of 3, that includes two orator and one researcher;
- (2) Students enrolled and pursuing post-graduate diploma or short term certificate courses in law are not eligible to apply;
- (3) Students from any University/Department/Institute not recognized by the Bar Council of India, to impart law degrees are not eligible to apply;
- (4) Any person, other than the 3 team members are not eligible to avail facilities reserved for the student participants.

**4. Registration Procedure. –**

- (1) (a) Each team shall provisionally register to the institute, by sending scanned copy of duly filled provisional registration form, in the prescribed manner (Refer Annexure - I) on or before 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, 05:00 pm.  
(b) Late submission shall not be entertained, under any of the circumstance;  
(c) No Demand Draft, either scanned or hard copy, shall be sent to the institute, along with provisional registration form;
- (2) On receipt of the duly filled provisional registration form, the institute shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt;
- (3) On completion of the timeline for provisional registration, as specified in clause (1)(a), the institute shall respond to each team with a unique team code, which shall be printed on the memorials in the specified place and also shall be used to identify teams during the competition;
- (4) Each registered team shall send soft copy and hard copy of memorial from both sides to the governing council at [mca.memorials@slsh.edu.in](mailto:mca.memorials@slsh.edu.in) on or before 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, before 05:00 pm.
- (5) The institute shall conduct memorial round subject to rule 6(1) to (8) and communicate result of the round to each team. Participation in this competition has been limited to only 30 teams selected in memorial round, purely on the basis of merit.
- (6) Only selected teams as per rule 6 (1) to (8) shall send soft copy of the registration form, travel form and the demand draft as well as a hard copy of registration form in prescribed manner (Refer Annexure - I), travel form and hard copy of Demand Draft on or before 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, 05:00 pm.
- (7) Registration to this competition is deemed to be confirmed only on completion of all formalities specified under clause (6), any failure, may be treated as deemed withdrawal from the competition and no claim of what so ever nature be entertained.

(8) On confirmation, any team may withdraw from the competition by sending a duly filled withdrawal form in a prescribed manner (Refer Annexure - II). No refund shall be given, in any circumstance whatsoever.

(9) Any team, intending to change the team composition shall intimate the Governing Council by sending a mail to [mca@slsh.edu.in](mailto:mca@slsh.edu.in). However, this change is allowed only once and before 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017.

(10) Clarifications can be sought on any part of the moot proposition. These clarifications are to be sent via mail on [mca@slsh.edu.in](mailto:mca@slsh.edu.in). It is in the discretion of the governing council on whether a clarification sought is valid and to be clarified. These clarification mails are to be sent before 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

## **5. Fees and Payment. –**

(1) The registration fees for the competition is Rs. 5,500/- (In words- Rupees Five Thousand Five Hundred Only), which includes accommodation for competition days, food, pickup from airport/railway station, library, Wi-Fi and any other facility provided by the institute, to its discretion.

(2) The registration fees as mentioned in clause (1) shall be paid only by Demand Draft to be drawn in favor of 'Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad' payable at Hyderabad.

(3) The Demand Draft shall only be the mode of payment; the registration fees in no other form shall be accepted.

(4) Fees shall only be paid on selection of team further to selection of memorial as per rule 6 (1)-(8)

(5) The hard copy of the Demand Draft submitted will not be returned in case of withdrawal of registration.



**Chapter III**  
**Memorial Round and Selection for Further Rounds**

**6. Written Submissions and Memorial Round. –**

(1) Each team shall research in to the domain of moot problem and subject to clause (2), rule 7 and rule 8, prepare memorial from both sides, namely, petitioner/appellant and respondent;

(2)The memorials shall have following heads, namely-

(a) Cover Page (It shall include the team code in upper right hand corner, name of the case, parties for which written submissions are made, name of the forum approached for dispute resolution, year.)

(b) Table of Contents

(c) List of Abbreviations

(d) Index of Authorities

(e) Statement of Jurisdiction

(f) Statement of Facts

(g) Issues Raised

(h) Summary of Arguments

(i) Arguments Advanced

(j) Prayer

(3)No team shall specify anything other than that mentioned under clause (2) to in order to maintain anonymity. Further rules regarding the same have been specified under rule 9.

(4) Each team shall submit a soft copy (one in .docx and the other in .pdf) as well as a hard copy of the memorials from both sides to be mailed to the institute at [mca.memorials@slsh.edu.in](mailto:mca.memorials@slsh.edu.in) / **Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, Survey Number 292, Off Bangalore Highway, Nandigama Mandal, Mamidipalli Village, Rangareddy District, Telangana – 509 217** respectively, on or before 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, 05:00 pm.

(5) The hard copy of the memorial i.e. one copy of each side, should reach Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad on or before 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, 05:00 pm. If submitted late, 2 marks shall be deducted for every 12 hours delayed and shall be further disqualified, should there be a delay of more than 48 hours altogether.

(6)The memorials shall be assessed out of 100 marks, by a team of experts on the predetermined criterion, as specified here under-

(a) Clarity of Facts (20 marks)

(b) Use of Law (20 marks)

(c) Use of Authorities/Precedents (20 marks)

(d) Argumentation and Clarity of thoughts (20 marks)

(e) Presentation (10 marks)

(f) Originality (10 marks)

(7)Participation to this competition is limited to the top 30 teams, selected on the basis of their memorial marks, out of those provisionally registered further to rule 4(1)(a), purely based on the marks obtained in the memorial round.

(8) Result of the memorial round shall be declared on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 and is final and non-reviewable on any of the grounds. The result so published shall include a list of the selected 30 team codes and a waiting list of 5 team

codes. The team codes published in the waiting list shall be allowed to participate only in the occasion of withdrawal of selected team from the competition. Such information shall be made to the notice of the wait-listed team by the Governing Council.

(9) The qualifying teams are requested to bring 5 hard-copies of their memorial from each side (total 10 copies) when they report for on-site registration on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017. They shall handover these copies while they register on site. The softcopy submitted for the memorial round and the hardcopy submitted during the registration have to be identical. Any discrepancies observed may lead to severe penalties that may include, but is not limited to the disqualification of the team.

## **7. Formatting and Citations. –**

(1) All written submissions shall be typed on A4 size paper, in Times New Roman (font type), in 12 points (font size), line spacing 1.5, both side Justified, and headings to be in the same font and size, but with bold.

(2) Written submission shall contain a border.

(3) Each page shall have 1 inch margin from each side.

(4) Cover page of the memorial on behalf of petitioner/appellant shall be in blue, and respondent shall be in red. The memorial shall be spiral bound only and shall not contain more than 25 pages, excluding cover page, table of content and indexes.

(5) All teams shall give footnotes by adhering to Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citations (19<sup>th</sup> Edition).

## **8. Plagiarism. –**

(1) Memorial or any other parts of the pleadings if found to be plagiarized, then governing council reserves the right to disqualify a team, at any stage of the competition.

## **9. Anonymity Of Teams.-**

(1) Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition.

(2) The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name etc. of the University represented.

(3) Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team. If any such mark/seal exists, it must be rendered unrecognizable.

(4) Any violation of Rule 6 (3) shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Governing Council. The decision of the Governing Council in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

(5) During the submission of the memorial, the email should have no reference to the name of the institution and should only contain the team code

**Chapter IV**  
**Oral Pleadings and Selection Criterion**

**10. Dress Code.–**

- (1) The participants shall adhere to the following dress code while in the court rooms:
  - a. Ladies: White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers or skirt along with black blazer and black shoes; and
  - b. Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black blazer and black shoes.
- (2) The above mentioned dress code extends to the Inaugural and Valedictory ceremonies as well.

**11. Structure of the Competition. –**

- (1) The competition will be held for three days 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Inauguration of the competition along with memorial exchange for the Preliminary Round shall be conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017.
- (2) The competition shall have two Preliminary Rounds, one Quarter Finals, one Semi-Finals and the Final Round.

**12. Scouting. –**

- (1) No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any courtroom in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is in the competition. The Governing Council shall take strict action, which may include but not be limited to the expulsion of the said team from the competition, if this rule is violated.

**13. Preliminary and Quarter Final Round. –**

- (1) Subject to rule 11 (1) and (2) there shall be Preliminary and Quarter final rounds held.
- (2) For Preliminary Rounds -
  - (a) Each team shall argue once from petitioner/appellant side and from respondent side in no particular order.
  - (b) No team shall argue against the another team more than once in preliminary rounds, nor will they argue before the same panel of judges and the same will be determined by a predetermined fixture by the governing council.
- (3) The Quarter final round consisting of 8 teams in total. It shall be a knock out round and teams are required to plead only once, side to be pleaded shall be based on draw of lots. The draw of lots for this round shall be determined by the following method:
  - In order to ensure a fair proceeding, the top four teams shall not be allowed to argue against each other.
  - The bottom four teams shall draw lots to decide their opponent, the opponent shall be a team that has secured one of the top four spots in the prelims.
  - After which the side that the teams plead shall also be determined by draw of lots.
- (4) In both rounds, each team will be given 20 minutes to present oral pleadings and additional 5 minutes shall be reserved for rebuttal.

- (5) Teams are required to exchange their memorials and shall return the same intact to the governing council on completion of their respective rounds.
- (6) Oral pleadings of the team would be adjudged by a panel of 2 judges, invited by the institution.
- (7) Extension of timings shall be at the discretion of the judges.
- (8) In no case researcher would be allowed to plead, however he is allowed to pass notes to the orator with the prior leave of the judges.
- (9) Case compendium or any other relevant material to be submitted to the judges shall be submitted only through court masters.
- (10) No team is allowed to carry Mobile inside the court room for research or any.
- (11) No team shall indulge themselves in any act of misconduct in or out of the court room undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition, if done it may lead to immediate disqualification.

**14. Semi-final Round. -**

- (1) Semi-final round shall be a knock out round consisting of 4 teams in total. Side and teams would be determined on the basis of draw of lots.
- (2) Each team will get minimum 40 minutes to argue from the allotted side, including 5 minutes time reserved for Rebuttals.
- (3) Other governing standards apply as mentioned in rule 13 (5) to (11).

**15. Final Round. –**

- (1) Final round shall be a knock out round consisting of 2 teams in total. Side would be determined on the basis of draw of lots.
- (2) Each team will get minimum 45 minutes to argue, including 5 minutes for Rebuttal. Side on which teams would be arguing is based on draw of lots.
- (3) Other governing standards apply as mentioned in rule 13 (5) to (11).

**16. Assessment Criterion for Oral Pleadings. –**

- (1) Team performance shall be judged in all rounds on the basis of following criterion\_
- (a) Knowledge of the Facts (20 marks)
  - (b) Application of Laws to the Fact and Interpretation (20 marks)
  - (c) Argumentative Skills (20 marks)
  - (d) Clarity of Thoughts and Expression (20 marks)
  - (e) Court Mannerism (10 marks)

(f) Response to Questions (10 marks)

**17. Qualifying rules. –**

(1) Each preliminary round shall be decided on the basis of allocation of a total of 100 marks; which includes 30 percent of the marks of memorial round and 70 percent of the marks of oral pleadings.

(a) Any team scoring the highest out of 100, in each round, will be declared as winner.

(b) Any team winning both rounds will qualify for Quarter Final Round. If there are more than 8 teams winning both rounds then the overall marks will be a decisive criterion, obtained in both preliminary rounds and if, less than 8 teams have won both rounds even then marks obtained would be a decisive criterion. If there is a tie, to be qualified for quarter final round then, the team which has obtained higher memorial marks shall qualify to the quarter finals.

(2) Quarter final round would be a knock out round, marks obtained only in oral pleadings out of 100 will be a decisive factor in determining which team will qualify semifinals. In case of tie in oral pleading marks, then the memorial marks will determine qualifying team. Even if tie persists then, a team with highest individual score will qualify for semifinals.

(3) Semi-final round would be a knock out round, marks obtained only in oral pleadings, out of 100, will be a decisive factor in determining which team will qualify finals. In case of tie in oral pleading marks, then the memorial marks will determine qualifying team. Even if tie persists then, a team with highest individual score will qualify for finals.

(4) In the Final Round average marks obtained only in oral pleadings out of 100 will be a decisive factor in determining whichever team has won the competition. In case of tie in oral pleading marks, then the marks obtained in memorial round will determine winner. If a tie persists, the team with highest individual score will be declared as winner of the competition.

**18. Awards and Certificates. –**

(1) Best team shall be awarded with a trophy, and certificate of merit.

(2) Runners up shall be awarded with a trophy, and a certificate of merit.

(3) Best speaker is determined on the basis of highest marks obtained in the preliminary round, and shall be awarded with a trophy, and a certificate of merit.

(4) Best memorial is determined on the basis of highest marks obtained in the memorial round, and shall be awarded with a trophy, and a certificate of merit.

(5) Every participating team shall have a 'Certificate of Participation'. No 'Certificate of Participation' shall be granted to those teams who have not qualified the memorial round.

(6) Gifts and other prizes given by sponsors, if any, shall be additional to what has been mentioned in clause (1) to (5).

## Chapter V

### Miscellaneous

#### **19. Miscellaneous Provisions.-**

- (1) Accommodation shall be provided to the participants only during the days of the Competition, inside the Symbiosis International University, Hyderabad campus hostels. Accommodation shall be provided to male and female contestants separately.
- (2) The governing council reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the Competition Rules and the same shall be communicated to teams.
- (3) All teams are bound to follow code of conduct and rules laid down by Symbiosis International University and its constituent departments.
- (4) Carrying, possess and consuming liquor, cigarettes or any other intoxicating material shall be dealt strictly.
- (5) Any behavior of indiscipline with governing council or any other staff member or student volunteer shall be dealt strictly.
- (6) No audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted.
- (7) No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of each round, however, at the end of all rounds member may talk to judges, with minimum inconvenience caused to them.
- (8) Any attempt to approach framer of the moot problem or judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be dealt strictly.
- (9) In case of any other conflict the decision of the Governing Council shall be final and binding.





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## REGISTRATION FORM

(To be filled in block letters)

### Institution Details:-

Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.- \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty-in-Charge - \_\_\_\_\_ Mob. No.- \_\_\_\_\_

Email id- \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Details:-

#### Speaker 1-

Name- \_\_\_\_\_

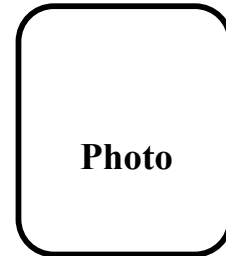
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Year/Semester- \_\_\_\_\_

Sign \_\_\_\_\_



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#### Speaker 2-

Name- \_\_\_\_\_

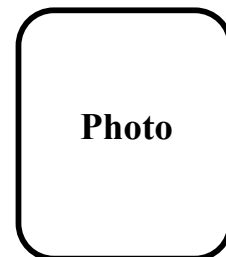
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Year/Semester- \_\_\_\_\_

Sign \_\_\_\_\_



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**Researcher-**

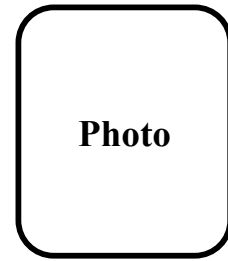
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Contact no- \_\_\_\_\_

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Year/Semester- \_\_\_\_\_



Sign \_\_\_\_\_

**DEMAND DRAFT DETAILS:**

(DEMAND DRAFT in favor of ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' payable at \_\_\_\_\_ )

BANK: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH: \_\_\_\_\_ DEMAND DRAFT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

We the undersigned confirm that, above mentioned 3 students are *bonafide* students of our institute and we have obtained permission from their parents to participate in Moot Court Competition hosted by Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad.

**Faculty In-Charge**

**Sign and Seal of**

**Head of Institution**

**Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEAL OF THE INSTITUTE**

**FOR OFFICE USE OF SLS-H ONLY**

**DD. with Number \_\_\_\_\_ of Bank \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_**

**Received on: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Code assigned: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Deposited in Bank on: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Receiver**

**Accountant**

**Administrative Officer**



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## TRAVEL PLAN

Date of Departure- \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival- \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of Transport- \_\_\_\_\_

Train/Flight No.- \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Arrival- \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Arrival- \_\_\_\_\_

Would you require transportation?

Yes

No

(From Place of Arrival to Campus)

Date of Departure from SLS-H- \_\_\_\_\_



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## WITHDRAWAL FORM

We the team members of TN - \_\_\_\_ would like to withdraw our team from the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, National Moot Court Competition- 2017 due to the following reason/s

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We are aware of the consequences of our actions and take back our claim to participate in the Competition.

Name & Signature:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty in Charge

College Seal