

8TH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2017
15TH-17TH SEPTEMBER 2017.
SCHOOL of LAW, CHRIST UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU
OFFICIAL RULES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The administrator of the Competition shall be the Organizing Committee as constituted by the Moot Court Society.
- 1.2. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and all teams and participants will be presumed to have read all the rules.

2. PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

- 2.1 Law Schools/Colleges recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the 8th National Moot Court Competition. The participants should currently be pursuing their Bachelor's degree in Law i.e., three year or five year courses.

3. REGISTRATION FEES

- 3.1 A Registration fee of Rs.3500 (Rupees Three thousand and five hundred only) is payable along with the attached Registration Form for the teams qualifying to the competition. The Registration Fee must be in the form of a Demand Draft / NEFT / RTGS in the name of *Christ University* payable at *Bengaluru*.
- 3.2 The Registration Fee (Demand Draft) along with duly filled Registration Form must be sent to School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore latest by **10th August, 2017** at the following postal address.

Mr. Ranjeet Mathew Jacob
Faculty Coordinator, Moot Court Society
School of Law, Christ University
Hosur Road, Bangalore – 560029
India.

- 3.3 In addition, teams must also send a scanned copy of the Demand Draft / NEFT / RTGS transfer receipt along with the Registration Form via e-mail to moot@law.christuniversity.in

4. GENERAL

4.1 **Team Composition:** Each team shall comprise of three (3) members only, (2) speakers and one (1) researcher.

4.2 **Official Language:** The official language of the Competition is **English**. All competition rounds including the written submissions (memorials) will be in English.

4.3 Accommodation

4.3.1 Accommodation shall be provided for **15th to 17th September 2017** only. Kindly note that that accommodation shall be provided from **15th (Afternoon) to 17th (Evening)** .

4.3.2 Teams, which intend to arrive earlier, are requested to inform the organizing committee in advance so that arrangements can be made for the same. Kindly note that extra charges will have to be incurred by the team for additional days of stay.

4.3.3 Accommodation will only be provided to the registered members of the team. No fourth member will be provided accommodation.

4.3.4 **No accommodation** will be provided to teams from Colleges in **Bengaluru**.

4.4 Registration:

4.4.1 The last day for provisional registration for teams is **29th July, 2017**.

4.4.2 No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of Registration Form, except in certain exceptional cases at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

4.4.3 All teams will be given a “team code” by the Organizing Committee on validation of their registration form. Thereafter, the teams will use their designated team code for any communication with the organizing committee.

4.4.4 The same assigned team code must be used by the teams during the submission of their memorials and during all Rounds of the Competition.

4.5 **Dress Code:** The dress code for the participants during the Rounds of the Competition will be Western formals for gentlemen and Western or Indian Formals for ladies.

5. COMPETITION ROUNDS

5.1 The Competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds. Each team shall argue in two (2) Preliminary Rounds: once as Petitioner/Appellants and once as Respondent. The Advanced Rounds shall, unless otherwise specified, consist of four (4) **knock-out rounds** – the Octa-finals, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and the Final.

5.2 Preliminary Rounds:

5.2.1 There shall be two Preliminary Rounds. Every team will be given the opportunity to argue each side in the preliminary Rounds which will be determined by draw of lots.

5.2.2 Each team will face any team only once in the Preliminary Rounds.

5.3 Octa Rounds, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Rounds:

5.3.1 The Top sixteen (16) teams shall qualify for the Octa Rounds from the preliminary rounds and will meet each other in a knock out round. The winners of the Octa Rounds will qualify for the Quarter Finals and the winners of the same will qualify for the Semi-Finals. The winners of the Semi-final will qualify for the Finals.

5.3.2 The side to be represented by the teams for all the knock out rounds will be determined by a draw of lots.

6. COMPETITION SCORING:

6.1 Preliminary Rounds:

6.1.1. Each team will be given a total of 20 minutes to present their case which includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team, subject to a maximum of 12 minutes for any one speaker. Each team shall indicate the same to the Court Clerk.

6.1.2. The scoring and tabulation for the competition shall be based on a Round Points system. Each preliminary round will be decided on a scale of 9 Round Points, with 6 Round Points allocated to the oral round scores, and 3 Round Points allocated to the memorial scores.

6.1.3. Each Memorial will be marked on a scale of 0-100. Every memorial would carry 3 points for every prelim round the memorial scores of the side that the teams are arguing in that particular round shall be compared against each other. If the

difference in memorial scores of both the teams is greater than 7%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 3 point and the other team will be awarded 0 points. In case, if the difference is less than 7%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 2 points and the other team will be awarded 1 point. In case, the memorial scores are the same, each team will be awarded 1.5 points each.

6.1.4. Each Preliminary round will be judged by two judges, each of whom will mark every speaker on a score of 0-100. The team securing higher marks on a particular judges score sheet will be awarded points from that judge. If the difference in oral scores (Speaker 1+ Speaker 2) of both the teams is greater than 7%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 3 point and the lower scoring team will be awarded 0 points. In case, if the difference is less than 7%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 2 points and the lower scoring team will be awarded 1 point. In case, the oral scores are the same, each team will be awarded 1.5 points each that judge. The same will be followed for the second judges score sheet.

6.2 Criteria for qualification to Octa-Finals:

6.2.1 First, teams with wins in both the rounds will qualify to the Octa-Finals. In case if more than 16 teams have the same win-loss score, memorial scores will determine the top 16 teams.

6.2.2 Second, in case if less than 16 teams have 2 wins in the prelim rounds, the teams with the highest round points will qualify, and in case of a tie memorial scores will determine the ranks.

6.2.3 Third, in case there is a tie in the memorial scores cumulative speaker scores will be considered to determine the ranks.

6.2.4 Fourth, in the unexpected circumstance that the tie still persists, the rank will be decided by the toss of a coin.

6.3 Octa Finals:

6.3.1 Each team will be given a total of 25 minutes to present their case which includes time for both rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

6.3.2 Each Octa-Final round will be judged by two judges, each of whom will mark every speaker on a score of 0-100. The team securing higher marks on a particular judges score sheet will be awarded points from that judge. If the difference in oral scores (Speaker 1+ Speaker 2) of both the teams is greater than 5%, the higher scoring

team will be awarded 3 point and the lower scoring team will be awarded 0 points. In case, if the difference is less than 5%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 2 points and the lower scoring team will be awarded 1 point. In case, the oral scores are the same, each team will be awarded 1.5 points each that judge. The same will be followed for the second judges score sheet.

6.3.3 In order to decide the tie Memorial scores (Cumulative scores of both the sides) will be taken into consideration and the higher scoring team will be awarded 1 point.

6.4 **Quarter – Finals:**

6.4.1 Each team will be given a total of 30 minutes to present their case which includes time for both rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

6.4.2 Each Quarter-Final round will be judged by three judges, each of whom will mark every speaker on a score of 0-100. The team securing higher marks on a particular judges score sheet will be awarded points from that judge. If the difference in oral scores (Speaker 1+ Speaker 2) of both the teams is greater than 5%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 3 point and the lower scoring team will be awarded 0 points.

6.4.3 In case, if the difference is less than 5%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 2 points and the lower scoring team will be awarded 1 point. In case, the oral scores are the same, each team will be awarded 1.5 points each that judge. The same will be followed for the second judges and the third judges score sheet.

6.4.4 In order to decide the tie Memorial scores (of the side that the team is representing) will be taken into consideration and the higher scoring team will be awarded 1 point.

6.5 **Semi-Final:**

6.5.1 Each team in the semi-final will be given a total of 35 minutes to present their case which includes time for both rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

6.5.2 Each Semi-Final round will be judged by three judges, each of whom will mark every speaker on a score of 0-100. The team securing higher marks on a particular judges score sheet will be awarded points from that judge. If the difference in oral scores (Speaker 1+ Speaker 2) of both the teams is greater than 5%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 3 point and the lower scoring team will be awarded 0 points.

6.5.3 In case, if the difference is less than 5%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 2

points and the lower scoring team will be awarded 1 point. In case, the oral scores are the same, each team will be awarded 1.5 points each that judge. The same will be followed for the second judges and the third judges score sheet.

- 6.5.4 In order to decide the tie Memorial scores (of the side that the team is representing) will be taken into consideration and the higher scoring team will be awarded 1 point.

6.6 Finals:

- 6.6.1 Each time will be given a total of 45 minutes to present their case which includes time for both rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- 6.6.2 The Final round will be judged by five judges, each of whom will mark every speaker on a score of 0-100. The team securing higher marks on a particular judges score sheet will be awarded points from that judge. If the difference in oral scores (Speaker 1+ Speaker 2) of both the teams is greater than **5%**, the higher scoring team will be awarded 3 point and the lower scoring team will be awarded 0 points.
- 6.6.3 In case, if the difference is less than 5%, the higher scoring team will be awarded 2 points and the lower scoring team will be awarded 1 point. In case, the oral scores are the same, each team will be awarded 1.5 points each that judge.
- 6.6.4 In case of a tie, Memorial scores (of the side that the team is representing) will be taken into consideration and the highest scoring team will be awarded 1 point.

6.7 Criteria for qualification to Quarter Finals/ Semi Finals/ Finals:

- 6.7.1 First, the team securing the higher round points will qualify from that session.
- 6.7.2 Second, in case of a tie memorial score of the particular side that the team is representing will be considered.
- 6.7.3 Third, in case there is a tie in the memorial scores cumulative speaker scores will be considered to determine the ranks.
- 6.7.4 Fourth, in the unexpected circumstance that the tie still persists, the rank will be decided by the toss of a coin.

7. MEMORIALS

7.1 Format Specifications

All teams must submit typed Memorials fulfilling the following specifications.

7.1.1 Memorials shall contain the following

- i) Cover Page
- ii) Table of Contents
- iii) Table of Abbreviations
- iv) Index of Authorities
- v) Statement of Jurisdiction
- vi) Synopsis of Facts
- vii) Issues Raised
- viii) Summary of Arguments
- ix) Body of Arguments
- x) Prayer.

7.1.2 The Memorial shall not be more than forty (40) pages, including the Body of Arguments, which shall not be more than twenty (20) pages.

7.1.3 All memorials must have a soft cover and must be **stapled or stitched** only. Use of any sort of plastics may attract penalties.

7.1.4 The Cover page of the Memorial must follow the following color scheme: **Blue: Petitioner** cover page and **Red: Respondent** Cover Page.

7.1.5 The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size page in Font type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 and 1.5-line spacing and justified alignment.

7.1.6 Footnotes must be used to identify the source of statements made in the body of memorials. End notes are not permitted. Footnotes may not include any substantive pleadings, examples, or any other text other than the citation itself.

7.1.7 All footnotes must adhere to the 19th edition of Bluebook citation format. No other citation is permitted,

7.1.8 The Memorial must not contain any Annexure/ Photographs/ Sketches/ Exhibits/ Affidavits etc. Violation of the said provision will subject the team to disqualification.

7.1.9 Memorial not following any of the above specification will be penalized.

7.2 **Deadline for Submission of Memorials:**

7.2.1 All teams must send the hard copies of the Memorials for each side of the Moot Proposition by 5:00 PM IST by 4th September, 2017 to the following address:

Mr. Ranjeet Mathew Jacob

Faculty Coordinator, Moot Court Society
School of Law, Christ University
Hosur Road, Bangalore – 560029
India

7.2.2 All teams must also send an e-mail of their soft copy of their memorials, which must be in a 'pdf' file extension, by 11:59 PM IST by 2nd September, 2017 on moot@law.christuniversity.in. The subject of the email must be:

Memorial Round: Memorial for 'Mention Team Code'

Kindly note that the content of the email attachment should not differ from the content of the hard copies sent to the Organizing Committee

7.2.3 All teams must send a cover letter enclosed with the Memorials specifying the name of the College/University of the participating team.

7.3 Anonymity:

Identity of the team or the names of the participants must not be revealed in the Memorial in any manner whatsoever. Teams disclosing their identity through the Memorials in any form will be subject to disqualification.

8. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE MEMORIALS

8.1 The Memorials will be judged by a special panel of judges.

8.2 The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allotted to each category:

| <u>S. No</u> | <u>Marking Criteria</u> | <u>Marks Allotted</u> |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1. | Depth and Quality of Research | 30 |
| 2. | Proper and Articulate Analysis & Clarity and Organization | 20 |
| 3. | Knowledge and application of Facts | 15 |
| 4. | Grammar and Style | 15 |
| 5. | Referencing | 10 |

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| 6. | Presentation | 10 |
| | Total | 100 |

9. ORAL SUBMISSION

9.1 As specified above each team shall consist of two speakers who will divide the oral submission between themselves.

9.2 During the course of Oral submission, no speaker will reveal his/her identity of his/her college/university/ by any means whatsoever.

9.3 At the commencement of each session of Oral submission each team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the two speakers.

9.4 All teams are expected to carry with themselves any case law and authorities which they intend to refer to during the course of their Oral Submissions. Teams must note that they will not be permitted to submit any material to the Judges if such material bears the name of their College/ University.

10. MARKING CRITERIA FOR ORAL SUBMISSION

10.1 The Marking Criteria and Marks allotted to compute the total of oral rounds is as follow:

| S. NO. | Marking Criteria | Marks Allotted |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1. | Knowledge and Application of Relevant Law | 30 |
| 2. | Interpretation and Use of Facts | 25 |
| 3. | Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions | 30 |
| 4. | Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor | 10 |
| 5. | Time Management and Organisation | 5 |
| | Total | 100 |

10.2 The decision of the Judge as to the marks allotted to any team shall be final

11. AWARDS

- i)** Best Team
- ii)** 2nd Best Team
- iii)** Best Speaker
- iv)** Best Memorial

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.1 All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in Court during the rounds of the Competition and are expected to conduct themselves in manner befitting the legal profession.
- 12.2 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct of the participants.
- 12.3 If there is any situation which is not contemplated by the Rules, the Organizing Committee's decision will be final.
- 12.4 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to vary, alter, modify or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

13. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS:

- 13.1 All requests for clarifications of the Moot Proposition and rules of the Competition must be directed to the Faculty Coordinator, Moot Court Society,
- 13.2 The last date to sought for Clarifications regarding the same is 07th August, 2017. Such requests must be sent to moot@law.christuniversity.in and the subject of the mail must be read as "Request for Clarification".

14. CONTACT DETAILS:

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