



## **IV JUSTICE MURTAZA HUSAIN MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION-2017**

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(6 -8 October 2017)**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following rules shall be called the **IV JUSTICE MURTAZA HUSAIN MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES, 2017.**

Wherein,

- **Organizer** means the Unity Law and Degree College, Lucknow.
- **Competition** means the IV Justice Murtaza Husain Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2017.
- **Participating Team/ Institution** means the team that has registered itself for the competition as per the rules.
- **Venue** means Unity Law & Degree College, Sector B, Basant Kunj, IIM Road, Lucknow, 226101, Uttar Pradesh.
- The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The rules shall be strictly adhered to; any deviation from the same shall result in immediate disqualification, unless exempted by the organizer. All decisions made by the organizer in case of any dispute, doubt or other problems of such nature, shall be final and binding on the participating teams. The organizer further reserves the right to alter, amend or add rules herein at any point of time. Imposition of penalties is exclusively the right of the organizer, in case the rules are

not adhered to by the Participating Teams.

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. **Date:** The competition shall be held from 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 to 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at the **Unity Law & Degree College, Hardoi Road, Lucknow.**
2. **Dress Code:** Participants are required to adhere to the following dress code while present in any court room during the competition.
  - i. **Female:** White Salwar -Kurta or White shirt and black pant/black skirt, black coat and black shoes.
  - ii. **Male:** White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

**II. THEME:**

- The moot proposition for the Unity Law & Degree College IV Justice Murtaza Husain Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2017 is based on Constitutional Law.

- **LANGUAGE:**

The official language for the Competition shall be **English only.**

**III. ELIGIBILITY:**

1. The Competition shall be open for „*bonafide*’ students who are pursuing an integrated 5 year B.A. LL.B. programme or 3 year LL.B programme in India. The institution participating in the competition must be recognized by the Bar Council of India.
2. There is no restriction on the number of teams participating from the same institution i.e.; more than one team can participate.

**IV. TEAM COMPOSITION:**

1. Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members or maximum of three members. There shall be no circumstance whatsoever that a team consisting of more than 3 members be allowed to participate. No observer/additional member can be part of the team in any capacity.

- i. In case of a *three-member team*, there shall be two speakers and one researcher in the team.
  - ii. In case of a *two-member team*, there shall be two speakers only who shall not be eligible for the researcher's test.
2. The teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration.
  3. Teams shall not disclose their identity whatsoever, i.e. the name of their institution, city or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution, except in the registration form. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the organizer. Each team shall be allotted a team code.

**V. REGISTRATION:**

1. All participating institutions have to confirm participation by sending an email to unitymoot2017@gmail.com by **5-09-2017** latest by **11:59 pm**
2. Teams shall send the hard copies of the filled registration form along with registration fee of **Rs. 1500/-** by **10-09-2017** at the following address-

Mr. Abdul Hafiz Gandhi,  
HOD, Department of Law,  
Unity Law and Degree College,

3. Formal registration of the teams shall be done on 6<sup>th</sup> ~~October, 2017 at the venue~~ at 10:00 am.
4. Any change in the team composition shall be intimated to the organizer before the formal registration.
5. No forms received after the deadline shall be considered for registration.

**PAYMENT DETAILS –**

Payment can be made through –

- a. Demand Draft in favour of “ Unity Degree College” payable at „Lucknow“.
- b. Transfer in the following account –
  
- c. Cash payment shall be accepted at College Campus in the accounts office to Mr. Mohd. Bilal.

**VI. SUBMISSIONS :**

1. Each team shall be assigned a code upon registration.
2. There shall be three rounds: a quarter-final, a Semi- final and a final.

**VII. ORAL PLEADINGS :**

1. General Procedures
  - i. Each Oral Round of the Competition shall consist of sixty minutes of oral pleadings. Appellant and Respondent shall be allotted thirty minutes each.
  - ii. Two members, and not more than two members, from each Team shall make oral presentations during the round.
  - iii. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team shall indicate to the Court Clerk/Master how it wishes to allocate its 30 minutes among (a) its first Speaker, (b) its second Speaker and (c) rebuttal (for Appellant). No single speaker shall plead more than fifteen minutes, including rebuttal.
  - iv. *Extension of Time at Judges' discretion-* Judges may, at their discretion, extend total team’s oral argument time beyond the thirty minutes allocated time, up to an additional

five minutes per Team. Speakers asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, appear for more than the twenty-five minutes individual limit.

- v. Each Team may reserve up to five minutes for rebuttal.
- vi. *Ex Parte Procedure*- In extreme circumstances, such as when a Team fails to appear for a scheduled Oral Round, the CC, after waiting fifteen minutes, may allow the Oral Round to proceed ex parte. In an ex parte proceeding, the attending Team resents its oral pleading, which is scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent Team had been present and arguing. In such a case, the Team that fails to appear for the scheduled Round forfeits all six points of the Oral Round.
- vii. *Competition Communications*- Oral communications during the Oral Round shall be strictly limited to the following. Any Team, which engages in communications not listed in this Rule, shall be penalized.
  - Oral Courtroom Communication between Counsel and Judges -Each Speaker designated to present oral pleadings may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that Speaker, during the Speaker's allotted time. In addition, in extraordinary circumstances, the judges may communicate directly with either Team's counsel table (for example, to clarify the spelling of a Speaker's name or to request that a Team remain quiet during its opponent's oral presentation).
  - Oral Court room Communication and Activity at Counsel Table- Every courtesy shall be given to Speakers during oral argument. Communication at the counsel table shall be in writing to prevent disruption, and Teams shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behaviour, which distracts from the argument in progress. Any Penalties imposed under this Rule shall be deducted from the Oral Scores of both Speakers of the offending Team.
  - Written Courtroom Communication-Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to (a) written communication among a Team's members seated at the counsel table, and (b) a Team member at counsel table handing a document to an Speaker when that Speaker has been questioned about such document during the course of his or her argument

or (c) a written note to assist the Speaker in answering an issue raised by the judges. No other written communication may take place among the Speaker, Team members seated at counsel table, spectators or Team members not present at the counsel table. There is no prohibition on the teams handing over supporting documentation to the judges, but the same should be done through the clerk.

viii. *Anonymity of Teams in Courtrooms*- Teams shall be identified by Team Number and the side of the dispute they represent only. However, Team members may provide their individual names to judges for purposes of conducting courtroom discussions. Participants shall not disclose the identity of their Team through direct or indirect means, including statements to judges, name tags or other signifiers, the placement of folders, files, library books or other materials bearing the name or logo of the school on the counsel table, and the wearing of pins or clothing revealing the identity of their school.

2. Draw of lots

- i. The draw of lots shall take place after the inauguration on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.
- ii. To ensure unbiased selection, teams shall be subjected to drawing of lots for the Preliminary Rounds.
- iii. Half of the total number of participating teams shall be called upon to draw lots to select their opposition.
- iv. In no circumstance shall any change be entertained after such selection.

3. Preliminary Rounds

- i. The Preliminary Rounds are scheduled to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.
- ii. Teams shall be subjected to two preliminary rounds.
- iii. The teams shall be arguing on each side during the Preliminary Rounds.
- iv. The total of each round shall determine selection to the Quarter-final Rounds.
- v. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.

4. Quarter-final Rounds

- i. The quarter-final rounds are scheduled to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.
- ii. The top-eight scoring teams shall compete according to the draw of lots.

iii. The quarter-final rounds shall be in the nature of knock-outs, i.e., the team with the lesser score shall be evicted.

iv. The four teams that emerge victorious shall succeed to the semi-final rounds.

5. Semi-final Rounds

i. The semi-final rounds are scheduled to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

ii. The top four scoring teams shall compete according to the draw of lots.

iii. The semi-final rounds shall be in the nature of knock-outs, i.e., the team with the lesser score shall be evicted.

iv. The two teams that emerge victorious shall succeed to the Final rounds.

6. Final Rounds

i. The final rounds are scheduled to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

ii. The teams shall argue on the side decided by the draw of lots.

iii. The team obtaining a higher score shall be adjudged victorious.

7. Oral rounds

i. Oral rounds shall be judged as per the following criteria:

<u>S. NO.</u>	<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>MARKS</u>
01.	Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
02.	Application of law to facts	20
03.	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	15
04.	Presentation Skills	15
05.	Time Management and Organisation	10
06.	Court Etiquettes	10
07.	Logical coherency in Arguments	10
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>

**IX. RESEARCHER'S TEST:**

1. The researcher's test shall be conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

2. The researcher shall take the researcher's test during the formal registration.

3. There shall be no such test for the teams comprising of only two members.

4. The test shall contain questions related to the moot proposition and the law applicable.

#### **X.MEMORIALS:**

1. All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the organizer.
2. Each team shall prepare memorials for both the sides to the dispute. eg. Appellant and Respondent or as the case may be.
3. The soft copies of the memorial from each side shall reach the Organizer on 25-09-2017 in pdf or doc or docx format latest by before 1700 hrs.eg. Attachments shall be titled as [TEAM CODE] [A] for Appellant side and [TEAM CODE] [R] for Respondent side. e.g. 007A and 007R or as the case may be for plaintiff [P] or Defendant [D] as per the moot proposition at [unitymoot2017@gmail.com](mailto:unitymoot2017@gmail.com)
4. Submissions made after 11:59 pm shall entail a negative penalty of 2 marks from each side per day.
5. 3 hard copies of the memorial from each side should reach the organizer on this address by 03-10-2017, at the following address-

Mr. Abdul Hafiz Gandhi (HOD (LAW)),

Unity Degree College

Sector B, Basant kunj

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226101

#### 6. Format of Memorials.

i. *Cover Page*: The cover page of the memorial must state the following:

- Team Code on upper Left-hand side corner.
- The Case Title
- Colour of the cover page must be
  - Blue in case of Petitioner/Appellant
  - Red in case of Defendant/ Respondent
- The Party for which the Memorial has been prepared

ii. *The Table of Contents*

- iii. *List of Abbreviations*
- iv. *The Index of Authorities*
- v. *The Statement of Jurisdiction*
- vi. *The Statement of Facts*
- vii. *The Statement of Issues*
- viii. *The Summary of Arguments*
- ix. *The Arguments Advanced*
- x. *The Prayer*

- i. *Spacing:* 1.5 Line Spacing
  - ii. *Margins:* One-inch margin on all sides of each page.
  - iii. *Font:* The font for the body of the memorial shall be Times New Roman, Size 12.
  - iv. *The Font for the footnotes:* The font of the footnotes shall be Times New Roman, Size 10.
8. Memorials must be spiral bound only.
9. Page numbering should be at the bottom centre of each page.
10. The memorials must not contain annexure/photographs/sketches/exhibits/affidavits etc.
11. Teams shall cite authorities in their memorials by way of uniform style of citation. the maximum number of pages in each memorial shall not exceed 35 pages including 20 maximum pages for written submissions / arguments advanced .
12. The Memorials shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Participating Team, its Members, or the Institution/ College/ University represented.
13. Marking Scheme of the Memorials: Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks and the team memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides.

<u>S.NO.</u>	<u>MARKING SCHEME</u>	<u>MARKS ALLOTTED</u>
01.	Knowledge of Facts & Law	20 Marks
02.	Extent & Use of Research	20 Marks
03.	Drafting Skills	15 Marks
04.	Originality in Presentation	15 Marks
05.	Grammar, Style and Coherency	10 Marks
06.	Grammar and Style	10 Marks
07.	Original Thought	10 Marks
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>

**XI. SCOUTING:**

1. Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other teams whatsoever.
2. Scouting is strictly prohibited as per the rules of the competition.
3. Scouting by any of the teams shall entail instant disqualification.
4. Any team can file a written complaint to the organizer for the same. The organizer's decision regarding scouting shall be final.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS:**

1. The results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced shortly after the rounds.
2. The winners of the preliminary rounds for the quarter-final rounds shall be announced shortly after the conclusion of the rounds.
3. The winners of the quarter-final rounds shall be announced after the conclusion of the rounds.
4. The winners of the semi-final rounds shall be announced after the conclusion of the rounds.
5. The winners of the final round shall be announced during the valedictory ceremony.

**XIII. AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES :**

1. There shall be a rolling trophy and a cash prize of Rs 5000/- for winning team.

2. There shall be a rolling trophy and a cash prize of Rs 2000/- for runner –up team .
3. There shall be a rolling trophy and a cash prize of Rs 1000/- for best Mooter .
4. There shall be a rolling trophy and a cash prize of Rs 1000/- for best Memorial .
5. There shall be a rolling trophy and a cash prize of Rs 1000/- for best Researcher .
6. Certificates for participation will be given to all the participants.
7. Separate certificates will be provided to the semi-finalists.
8. **All Certificates and awards will be presented to the participants only at the Valedictory Ceremony on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017.** The certificates will not be provided to any participant who is not present at the Valedictory Ceremony and the same will not be sent by post/courier to participants under any circumstances whatsoever.

**XIV. COPYRIGHT:**

1. The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on the organizer. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials.
2. The organizer shall have the right to publicly display, distribute in any manner whatsoever and they shall not be responsible for any liability thereof.

**XV. DISCLAIMER:**

The proposition is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the authors of the proposition.

**XVI. CLARIFICATIONS:**

1. The moot proposition shall remain the way it is and no change shall be made whatsoever.
2. The organizer further reserve their right to alter, amend or add to the moot proposition and the same shall be intimated to the Registered Teams well in advance.
3. No queries or requests for clarifications regarding the moot proposition will be

entertained whatsoever.

4. Clarifications regarding matters other than the moot proposition may be sought from the organizer.

**XVII. ANONYMITY:**

1. The Speakers shall not state their names during the oral rounds, and must use the Team Code.
2. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner during the oral rounds.
3. Non-compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team.

**XVIII. FOOD & ACCOMODATION:**

1. Lunch will be provided to all the teams by the Organizer.
2. Lunch will be provided from 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 only.
3. Accommodation will not be provided to any of the participating teams.

**XIX. CONTACT DETAILS:**

In case any queries or clarifications regarding the competition, the teams may contact:

<b>Moot Court Convenor</b>	Mr. Abdul Hafiz Gandhi	8057959834
<b>Faculty</b>	Ms. Manjari Chandra	7755073482

<b>Student</b>	Shwetabh Singh	8005142030
	Moosa Naqvi	7080470446

Or mail their queries at [unitymoot2017@gmail.com](mailto:unitymoot2017@gmail.com)

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**SCHEDULE**

1.	LAST DATE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION BY EMAIL	5 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017
2.	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FORMS ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FEES	10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017
3.	LAST DATE FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (SOFT COPY)	25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017
4.	LAST DATE FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (HARD COPY)	3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2017
5.	JUSTICE MURTAZA HUSAIN MEMORIAL INTER COLLEGIATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017

