

**8TH M. K. NAMBYAR MEMORIAL
NATIONAL LEVEL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2018**

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1. DATE OF COMPETITION

09th to 11th March, 2018.

2. LANGUAGE

The language of the Competition shall be English.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Law Schools/Colleges/ Institutes/ Universities, recognized by the Bar Council of India, are eligible to participate in the M. K. Nambyar Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2018. The participants should currently be pursuing their Bachelor's Degree in Law i.e., Three-Year or Five-Year Law Courses and must have studied Constitutional Law Paper in their course. Students studying in initial semesters who have not yet studied Constitutional Law as one of the subjects are not eligible.

4. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

Each team shall comprise of two Mooters and may also have a Researcher.

5. REGISTRATION

The Participating team shall duly fill the Registration Form provided and send it along with the Registration Fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only), which is not refundable. However, where an application is not accepted, the Registration Fee will be refunded. The Registration fees shall be sent through Demand Draft drawn in favor of "PRINCIPAL, R. L. LAW COLLEGE, BELAGAVI" PAYABLE AT BELAGAVI. **THE LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING THE REGISTRATION FORM WITH FEES IS 20TH FEBRUARY, 2018.**

Participants may transfer the Registration Fees via NEFT/RTGS to:

Account Name : The Principal, R.L.Law College.

Bank Name : Corporation Bank, KLS Branch, Tilakwadi, Belagavi

A/c No.: 520101210326782.

IFSC Code: CORP0002003

MICR Code: 590017006

E Mail UTR No. to: moot2018@rlc.in without fail

Spot registration will not be entertained. However, the Chairman, Moot Court Committee shall have discretion to entertain late application. The first 28 teams duly registered will be considered.

Each team shall be allotted a Team Code after Registration.

6. STRUCTURE OF ROUNDS

The oral rounds shall comprise of:

- a) Preliminary Rounds
- b) Quarter Final Rounds
- c) Semi Final Rounds and
- d) Final Round

a) PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

There shall be two Preliminary Rounds. Each team will be given the opportunity to argue on both sides (i.e. Petitioner and Respondent) in the Preliminary Rounds which shall be determined by way of drawing of lots. Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present its case. This time will include five minutes of rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for any one speaker. Before the commencement of arguments, each team shall inform to the Court Office as to how it wishes to allocate its 30 minutes.

The top 8 teams based on cumulative marks (written and oral submissions) shall qualify for the Quarter Final rounds. In case of a tie, memorial score will be considered to break the tie. If the memorial marks are equal, then the speaker scores will be considered to break the tie. If the tie is still not broken, then the team to advance to the Quarter final rounds will be decided by drawing of lots.

b) QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

In the Quarter Final round, each team shall argue for only one side, which shall be determined by drawing of lots. On the basis of knock-out, 4 (four) teams shall advance to the Semi Final rounds. The rules governing the preliminary rounds regarding time are applicable to Quarter Final rounds.

In case of tie, the speaker-scores scored at the Quarter Final rounds will be considered to determine team qualifying for the Semi Final rounds. If still tie is not broken, then the team advancing to the Semi Final rounds will be decided by drawing of lots.

c) SEMI FINAL ROUNDS

The rules governing the Quarter Final rounds shall be *mutatis mutandis* applicable to the Semi Final rounds. On the basis of knock-out, two teams shall advance to the final round.

d) FINAL ROUND

In final round also each team shall argue for only one side which shall be determined by way of drawing of lots. Each team shall get a total of 45 minutes to present its case. This time will include rebuttal. The division of the time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes for any one speaker (including rebuttal time).

In case of tie, the rules governing Quarter Final and Semi Final rounds shall be *mutatis mutandis* applicable to final round.

7. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Each team shall **submit 4 sets of written memorials** (4 Petitioner's and 4 Respondent's memorials) & carry **4 sets of memorials** with them. The Cover Pages of the memorials for the Petitioners shall be in blue and for the Respondents shall be in red.

The identity of the institution/team shall not be revealed, for any reason and in any form whatsoever, anywhere in the memorials. Name of the participant college/institution shall be on the page next to the cover page. The same will be removed once team code is given.

A soft copy shall be mailed to moot2018@rlc.in only in MS Word 2003 (DOC) or PDF format on or before 15th February, 2018.

The hard copies of the memorials shall be submitted on or before 25th February, 2018, failure of which may result in cancellation of registration of the team. The hard copies of the memorial shall be printed from the DOC or PDF

sent as soft copy. For evaluation of the memorial, either the hard copy or the soft copy may be used at the convenience of the organizers.

The written memorials shall conform to the set standards:

1. Written submissions shall be printed on one side of white standard A4 size paper, with margins of one inch (2.5 cms) on all sides except the left side where margin shall be of 1.5 inch (3.75 cms).
2. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in 12 point Times New Roman and footnotes shall be in 10 point Times New Roman.
3. The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5 line spacing except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced.
4. The comprehensive arguments with appropriate citations shall be contained in the Pleadings. The teams shall follow the 19th edition of the Bluebook mode of citation.

Contents of Written Submissions:

The written submission shall include the following:

- I. Cover Page;
- II. Table of Contents;
- III. Index of Authorities;
- IV. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- V. Questions Presented;
- VI. Statement of Facts;
- VII. Summary of Pleadings;
- VIII. Pleadings;
- IX. Prayer;
- X. Appendix (Optional);
- XI. Exhibits (Optional).

The Pleadings shall not exceed 20 pages.

MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS

- I. Knowledge of facts and law (10)
- II. Proper and articulate analysis (10)
- III. Extent and use of research (10)
- IV. Clarity & organization (10)
- V. Citation of sources (5)
- VI. Grammar and style (5)

MARKING CRITERIA FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- I. Knowledge of law (25)
- II. Application of law to facts (20)
- III. Ingenuity and ability to answer questions (25)
- IV. Style, poise, courtesy and demeanor (10)
- V. Time management and organization (10)
- VI. Language and Presentation (10)

8. DISPUTES

Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the Organizing Committee before commencement of next round of the competition. In all matters of complaints or disputes, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final.

9. DRESS CODE

The official Dress Code for the Competition is as below:

Gentlemen: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black Neck Tie and Black Formal Shoes.

Ladies: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer and Black Formal Shoes.

10. AWARDS

Trophies and cash prizes shall be awarded to the Winner Rs 30000, Runners Up Rs 20000, Best Memorial Rs. 10000 and two Best Speakers Rs. 10000 each, one male and one female. All participants will be awarded Certificates of Participation and the winners will receive Certificates of Merit.

11. ACCOMMODATION

Outstation participants will be provided with accommodation for the duration of the competition. Only the registered three (3) members' team shall be provided accommodation. Any extra member shall make his/her own arrangements for the same. Girls and boys shall be allotted separate accommodation. They have to maintain strict discipline and desist from causing any annoyance, disturbance or any other inconvenience to other guests staying in the lodging or the management of the lodging. Any violation of this rule by any member of the team will lead to disqualification of the team and they will have to arrange for their own accommodation. The

term "Lodging" means any lodging or all the lodgings where different teams participating in this moot court competition are accommodated.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- Scouting shall lead to the instant disqualification of the team.
- In case of an odd number of teams, the host institution shall constitute a team only for the Preliminary rounds so as to prevent *ex parte* proceedings in any Court.
- Moot problem, being the property of Raja Lakhmangouda Law College, Belagavi, shall not be used by any other college, institution, etc., save with the written permission of Raja Lakhmangouda Law College, Belagavi.
- The organizers will not defray the TA/DA of the participating teams. However, local hospitality will be provided to the participants.
- The organizers reserve the right to use the Memorials submitted to them, after the competition, as they deem appropriate.
- Any clarifications on the moot problem may be sought by sending email to moot2018@rlc.in /or by Calling: 09448149247.
- All participants shall maintain the decorum throughout the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession, whether in the Court Hall or outside.
- Use of mobile phone in any form during the competition is strictly forbidden. Violating team may lose marks or may be disqualified in extreme circumstances.
- Consumption of any tobacco related product and any intoxicating product is strictly forbidden.
- **The organizers reserve the right to alter, modify, amend, add to or change any of the rules mentioned above and also date of competition at any time without any prior notice.**