



**DECCAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S  
SHRI NAVALMAL FIRODIA LAW COLLEGE, PUNE**

**MOOT COURT SOCIETY  
ORGANISES**

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**LOKMANYA TILAK NATIONAL APPELLATE  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**(11<sup>TH</sup> EDITION)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019.**

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**RULES**

**1. Docket:**

- 1.1. The Docket contains the Paper Book for Civil Appeal, Invitation Card and the Registration Form. There is no separate factsheet. The facts of the case are to be ascertained from the Paper Book which contains the all required documents of the case.
- 1.2. On the basis of the documents provided in the Paper Book, participants shall prepare an Appeal Memorial (for the Appellant) and a Reply Memorial (for the Respondent).

**2. Eligibility for participation:**

- 2.1. Students pursuing the 3-year LL.B. course or the 5-year integrated law course from any recognized law school/college/university within India in the academic year 2018-19 shall be eligible to participate.

### **3. Registration and fees:**

- 3.1. A scanned copy of a duly filled Registration Form must be sent via e-mail to [deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com) and a hard copy of the same must be posted to the following postal address: **Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, Fergusson College Road, Pune – 411 004.**
- 3.2. Only one team is allowed to participate on behalf of any one law school/college/university. In the event that more than one team registers on behalf of one law school/college/university, the team which submits a letter from the Dean/Head or the authorized signatory thereof of the concerned institution shall be registered for the competition on behalf of that particular institution.
- 3.3. Last date for registration is **10<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.**
- 3.4. Registration fees of Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) is to be paid by every participating team, by Demand Draft drawn in favour of “**Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College**”, or by cash on the day of the competition. The said registration fees, once paid, shall not be refunded under any circumstances.
- 3.5. All teams must send hard copies of their signed and stamped registration form along with the Demand Draft or cash, as the case may be, on or before **15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.**
- 3.6. Upon successful online submission of the scanned copies of the duly filled Registration Form and the Demand Draft (if it is the chosen mode of payment), the participating team shall receive an acknowledgment mail from the Organizers notifying the participating team of a unique four-digit **Registration Code.**
- 3.7. After the said Registration Code has been allotted to a team, only the said code shall be used in all future communications between the team and the Organizers. Apart from the Registration Code, no names, logos, seals or any such symbolic or other representation which may reveal the identity of a law school/college/university are to be used in any communications with the Organizers.

### **4. Team Composition:**

- 4.1. Every team shall consist either of three members (two speakers and one researcher) or two members (both speakers).

- 4.2. Only the speakers shall be allowed to address the judges in their rounds. The researcher may speak only at the discretion of the judges.
- 4.3. If any fourth/non-participating member wishes to accompany the team, he/she shall not be permitted to assist the team in their preparation or their arguments under any circumstances or sit with them. The Organizers shall not provide for travelling/food/accommodation services for such fourth/non-participating member. Such member(s) shall bear their own expenses entirely.

## **5. Conduct of the Competition:**

- 5.1. The Competition shall be conducted in the premises of Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, Fergusson College Road, Pune – 411 004.
- 5.2. The Competition shall be conducted over the following rounds:
  - 5.2.1. Preliminary rounds (to be conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019);
  - 5.2.2. Semi-final rounds and Final round (to be conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019).
- 5.3. On the day of the competition, draw of lots shall be conducted, which shall ascribe to every team, one unique alphabetical **Team Code**, which shall be the identity of every participating team for the purpose of determining their sides and courtroom in the course of the competition.

### **Format of the rounds**

- 5.4. In the Preliminary rounds, each team shall argue twice; once for the Appellant and once for the Respondent. Each team shall be judged by a panel of two judges. A team earning the higher aggregate speaking score as against their opponents shall be deemed to have won that round. The teams earning two wins in the Preliminary rounds shall advance to the Semi-final round.
- 5.5. In the event that there are more than four teams each having two wins each, the teams with the top four aggregate speaking scores shall progress to the Semi-final rounds.
- 5.6. In the event that there are fewer than four teams each having two wins each, the teams with two wins shall automatically advance to the Semi-final rounds. The remaining slots shall be determined by the aggregate speaking scores of the teams with one win each.
- 5.7. If there is a tie between the aggregate scores of any two teams, the rank shall be decided by the memorial scores of the concerned teams.

- 5.8. The Semi-final and Final rounds shall be knockout rounds.
- 5.9. In the event of any confusion/conflict/dispute, the decision of the Organizers shall be final.

### **Oral rounds**

- 5.10. The language of the court shall be English.
- 5.11. For the Preliminary rounds, each team shall be given 20 minutes to advance their oral arguments. The two speakers may divide between themselves the said time period at their discretion, subject to a maximum of 13 minutes per speaker. Each team may reserve a maximum of 3 minutes for rebuttal, which shall be included in the main speaking time of 20 minutes.
- 5.12. For the Semi-final rounds, each team shall be given 30 minutes to advance their oral arguments. The two speakers may divide between themselves the said time period at their discretion, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker. Each team may reserve a maximum of 5 minutes for rebuttal, which shall be included in the main speaking time of 30 minutes.
- 5.13. For the Final round, each team shall be given 45 minutes to advance their oral arguments. The two speakers may divide between themselves the said time period at their discretion, subject to a minimum of 18 minutes per speaker. Each team may reserve a maximum of 5 minutes for rebuttal, which shall be included in the main speaking time of 45 minutes.
- 5.14. All teams shall notify the Court masters, before their round begins, of the amount of time which they intend to set aside for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, subject to the aforementioned limits.
- 5.15. The Appellants shall exercise their right of rebuttal only after the completion of the main arguments of the Respondents. The Respondents shall exercise their right of sur-rebuttal only after the completion of the rebuttal conducted by the Appellants.
- 5.16. Teams are expected to carry with themselves in printed form, all the authorities on which they intend to rely in the course of their arguments.
- 5.17. During the course of the oral rounds, no team shall be allowed to submit to the judges, any material containing a pictorial/audio/visual representation, except that material which forms part of the Paper Book for Civil Appeal.
- 5.18. No team shall be allowed to use laptops/tabs/mobile phones or any other electronic device for any kind of assistance in the course of the rounds.

5.19. No member of any team or any other person accompanying them shall enter any courtroom when and where their round is not scheduled to happen, under any circumstances. This is an action for which a penalty in the form of deduction of marks or disqualification from the competition can be attracted.

## **6. Memorials:**

- 6.1. Each team must submit the soft copies of the Memorials for Appellant and Respondent in PDF format (".pdf" file extension) and Microsoft Word format (".doc" or ".docx" file extension) by **18<sup>th</sup> February** by e-mail to [deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com). The Organizers shall not be responsible for non-receipt or non-compatibility of the soft copies sent by them. The Organizers shall acknowledge the receipt of those mails in which the attachments can be viewed.
- 6.2. Soft copies of memorials submitted after the deadline for submission shall incur a deduction of one mark per day.
- 6.3. Soft copies of memorials submitted after **20<sup>th</sup> February** shall not be taken in consideration for the Best Memorial award.
- 6.4. Each team must submit hard copies of their Memorials (6 copies of the Appellant Memorial and 6 copies of the Respondent Memorial, making a total of 12 copies) to **Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, Fergusson College Road, Pune – 411 004** on or before **20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss/damage/delay caused to the receipt of the Memorials. The teams are responsible for ensuring that the correct numbers of copies reach within time and an acknowledgement for the same has been obtained.
- 6.5. Teams shall adhere to the following requirements while submitting their Memorials (both soft and hard copies):
  - 6.5.1. The language of written pleadings in the Memorials shall be English.
  - 6.5.2. Memorials must be printed on A-4 size white paper (on one side) with blank ink and must be neatly paper bound.
  - 6.5.3. The text of the main body of the Memorial must be in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. The text of the footnotes (if any) must be in Times New Roman, font size 10, single line spacing. A uniform method of citation of authorities must be used.
  - 6.5.4. Each page must have a margin of 1 inch (2.54 cm) from all sides.

6.5.5. The total page count of the Memorials must not exceed 50 pages (including the cover page).

6.5.6. The cover page of every memorial should adhere to the following colour scheme: **Blue for Appellant Memorial** and **Red for Respondent Memorial**.

6.5.7. Every Memorial shall consist of the following pages:

➤ Cover Page:

- Registration Code in the upper-right corner with the first letter of the side to which that Memorial pertains. For example, if a team has been allotted Registration Code: 1111, their Memorials shall contain the marking “1111A” for their Appellant Memorial and “1111R” for their Respondent Memorial.
- The name and year of the competition.
- The case title, number and year of appeal.
- The party/side for which the Memorial has been prepared.
- The name of the Court/Tribunal hearing the appeal.

➤ Table of Contents.

➤ Index of Authorities.

➤ Statement of Jurisdiction.

➤ Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages).

➤ Statement of Issues.

➤ Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 3 pages).

➤ Arguments Advanced.

➤ Prayer.

6.5.8. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned Memorial pattern shall attract negative marking.

6.5.9. There shall be a deduction of one mark for every page exceeding the set limit of 50 pages.

6.5.10. The Memorials shall not contain any information concerning the names or display of logos of their colleges/universities/participating members etc.

## 7. Scoring:

### Memorials

7.1. Every Memorial shall be scored out of a total of 40 marks.

7.2. The Memorials shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 7.2.1. Research and analysis (10 marks)
- 7.2.2. Clear and persuasive writing (10 marks)
- 7.2.3. Use of authorities and precedents (10 marks)
- 7.2.4. Adherence to the given format (10 marks)

**Oral rounds**

7.3. Every Speaker shall be scored out of a total of 60 marks.

7.4. Every Speaker shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 7.4.1. Clarity of facts and procedure (20 marks)
- 7.4.2. Articulation, structure and content of argument (20 marks)
- 7.4.3. Use of authorities (10 marks)
- 7.4.4. Advocacy skills and court etiquette (10 marks)

**8. Dress Code:**

8.1. All participants must wear black and white formal attire prescribed as follows:

- 8.1.1. Men must be dressed in Western formal attire, i.e. white shirt, black trousers, black blazer and black tie.
- 8.1.2. Women must be dressed in Western formal attire, i.e. white shirt, black trousers and a black blazer, or Indian formal attire, i.e. white *kurti*, black leggings and a black blazer.

8.2. All participants are required to adhere to the aforementioned dress code while participating in or being audience to any round of the competition.

**9. Food, accommodation and travel:**

- 9.1. Breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner shall be provided by the Organizers on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019.
- 9.2. Breakfast shall be provided by the Organizers on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.
- 9.3. Accommodation shall be provided from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019.
- 9.4. Accommodation shall be provided only for colleges outside Pune. When an acknowledgement mail is sent in response to successful registration by a college outside Pune, a Travel Form shall be attached thereto. Accommodation shall be provided only to those colleges that send their duly filled Travel Forms on or before **10<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.**
- 9.5. The Organizers shall provide commutation to and from the place of accommodation

and the venue of the competition on **22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019.**

#### **10. Prizes:**

10.1. The following prizes along with their rewards form part of the competition:

10.1.1. **Winning Team** – Cash Prize of ₹10,000/-, Trophy and Certificates.

10.1.2. **Runners-up Team** – Cash Prize of ₹8,000/-, Trophy and Certificates.

10.1.3. **Best Advocate** – Cash Prize of ₹5,000/-, Trophy and Certificate.

10.1.4. **Best Memorial** – Cash Prize of ₹5,000/-, Trophy and Certificate.

#### **11. Miscellaneous:**

11.1. All queries regarding the competition or the Paper Book for Civil Appeal shall be sent to [deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:deslaw.mootcourt@gmail.com) on or before **31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019.**

11.2. All participants are expected to maintain decorum in the courtrooms and the premises at all times.

11.3. These rules shall be strictly adhered to and a punishment in the form of deduction in marks or disqualification from the competition can be attracted for any disobedience thereof.

11.4. These rules are not exhaustive and the Organizers reserve the right to modify/alter/repeal any rules contain herein, for which a prior notice shall be given to the participants.

#### **12. List of Important Dates:**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Particulars (Deadlines)</b>  | <b>Dates (all in 2019)</b> |
|----------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1.             | Online registration (with scanned copies of duly filled registration form and demand draft) | 10 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| 2.             | Submission of queries for clarification   | 31 <sup>st</sup> January   |
| 3.             | Hard copies of registration forms along with the Demand Draft or cash, as the case may be   | 15 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| 4.             | Soft copies of memorials  | 18 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| 5.             | Travel forms  | 10 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| 6.             | Hard copies of memorials  | 20 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| 7.             | Registration & Preliminary rounds   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> February  |
| 8.             | Semi-final rounds, Final round & Valedictory function                                       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> February  |

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