



1st AMITY VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2020

Amity Law School, Noida, Amity University Uttar Pradesh

RULES, PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES OF THE COMPETITION

I. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

- I.1. '*Competition*' shall refer to Amity Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2020.
- I.2. '*Competition Problem*' shall refer to the facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications and corrections.
- I.3. '*Competition Rules*' shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as amended from time to time.
- I.4. '*IST*' shall refer to Indian Standard Time.
- I.5. '*INR*' shall refer to Indian Rupee.
- I.6. '*Knock-out round*' shall refer to the Semi-finals and Final rounds of the Competition.
- I.7. '*Memorial*' shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the Competition Rules.
- I.8. '*Organizing Committee*' (hereinafter to be referred as O.C.) shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition including any other authorized persons, and of all events leading up to the Competition.
- I.9. '*Official Email*' shall refer to the official email id of the Amity Online Moot Court Competition, i.e. virtualmootalsn@gmail.com

II.GENERAL RULES

a) Eligibility

- II.a.1. All recognized law schools, universities and institutions in India or abroad with minimum three year of LL.B. courses shall be eligible to participate.
- II.a.2. Each participating team shall comprise of minimum of two (2) members and maximum of three (3), wherein two (2) members, shall be designated as Speakers and one (1) member as Researcher (optional).
- II.a.3. No team shall contradict the composition mentioned above. No faculty member, coach, or a designated observer will be allowed to join the video-conferencing or chat room during the session.
- II.a.4. The language of the competition will be English.

b) Registration

- II.b.1. Teams are supposed to complete their Registration by **3rd May, 2020 by 23:59 hours IST.**
- II.b.2. The Registration Fee is Rs. 1000. The Registration shall be done by filling up the Application form, available :
<https://forms.gle/R5afFpSvUvkEyRhM6>
- II.b.3. The number of participating teams is limited and hence, the registrations will be done on first come first serve basis.
- II.b.4. The Registration shall be deemed complete only when the Registration fee has been remitted successfully and the Application form is duly filled.
- II.b.5. Once the application form is filled, the OC shall send a confirmation mail to the teams [within 24 hours of registration], which shall consist of their Team Code and an app link through which they will be connecting for videoconferencing
- II.b.6 The teams shall quote this Team Code in all further communications with the OC.

Fee once paid is non refundable.

c) Memorandum

- II.c.1. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare a memorandum on behalf of the Prosecutor/Applicant and on the behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.
- II.c.2. Each team must send its memoranda via e-mail to the O.C. at virtualmootalsn@gmail.com latest by **6th May, 2020 by 23:59 hours IST**. Please note that NO HARD COPIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED.
- II.c.3. Any memorial submitted after the deadline shall be subject to penalty for late submission.
- II.c.4. The Memorial must contain the following parts only:
- 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; and
 - viii. Pleadings (including Conclusion/Prayer for Relief).

NOTE: The Table of Contents must be hyperlinked for the ready reference of the Judges.

Formatting Specifications

1. For Main Text:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 12
- d) Line spacing: 1.5
- e) Body of text: Justified

2. For Heading

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 14

3. For Cover Page

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 16

4. Team Code: The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. *The Written Submission shall nowhere mention any particulars of the team, except the Team Code. There must be no mention of Name, Contact number, Email id, University name etc.*

5. Length

The limitation on length must be kept in check on the bases of the following stipulations:

- i. The statement of facts, including section headings must be no longer than 2 pages
- ii. The summary of pleadings may not be longer than 2 pages.
- iii. The total length of the Pleadings, including the section headings, conclusion/prayer for relief, and any associated footnotes, must be no longer than 30 pages. (9500 words)

COMPENDIUM has to be submitted to the organizing committee through through e-mail at the time of memorial submission. The Compendium should only be one PDF file, for easy accessibility of the judges.

III. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall consist of three Rounds:

- i. The Preliminary Round;
- ii. The Semi Finals; and
- iii. The Final.

a) Preliminary Round - Individual Round

In the preliminary rounds, participants will have to send their pre-recorded video to the official email ID. Each speaker shall be allowed a maximum of 7 minutes to present their pleadings. Teams shall send their files named ***“TC-X Speaker-1” and “TC-X Speaker 2”*** (TC-X is the team code). The teams shall send the recorded pleadings on behalf of the Prosecutor/Applicant and on behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.

Last date of submission of the pre-recorded video is ***7th May,2020 by 23:00 hours IST.***

Note: Video should be recorded at once, no editing (cut-mix of two slides) should be done. It should be recorded in proper formal uniform.

The announcement of results of preliminary rounds will take place on **8th May, 2020 by 17:00 hours IST.**

The decision of the judges would be final and would not be questioned or changed in any circumstances.

b) Semi-Final Round- Virtual E-Moot

The Semi-Finals would be conducted on 9th May, 2020 via video-conferencing. The semi-final round of competition consists of eighty (80) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted forty (40) minutes. A maximum of five minutes shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

c) Final Round- Virtual E-Moot

The *Final Round* of competition consists of one hundred (100) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted fifty (50) minutes. A maximum of five minutes shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

DRAW OF LOTS-

Before the Semi-final and the Final rounds, the side on which the Team will be arguing will be decided by a draw of lots, the video of the same will be uploaded on the official Facebook page -

The Teams will be e-mailed the soft copy of their opponent's Written Submission prior to the oral rounds.

COURT ROOM COMMUNICATION-

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to electronic written communication among team members via "Chat-box" or "Conversation" feature on the app. No other verbal/non-verbal communication may take place.

IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

IV.a. Memorial

Following would be criteria for judging the Memoranda:

S. No.	PARAMETERS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2.	Interpretation of Law and Application to Facts	20
3.	Extent and use of research	20
4.	Clarity and Organization	20
5.	Adherence to the norms regarding Style, Grammar and Citation of Sources	20

IV.b. Speaker

The criterion for scoring of the Speakers has been given herein below:

S. No.	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of law	20
2.	Application of law to facts	20
3.	Ingenuity & ability to answer questions	20 (semi-finals and finals)
4.	Style, poise, courtesy, demeanor	15
5.	Time management	10
6.	Co-ordination & team work	10 (semi-finals and finals)
7.	Adequacy of the Prayer	05
TOTAL		100

Note: Point 3 and 6 of the above table will be excluded for the evaluation of Preliminary Round. Hence, the total score for Preliminary Round will be 100.

V. PENALTIES

S. No.	PARTICULARS	QUANTUM OF PENALTY
1.	Delay in submission of Memoranda	2 points per day
2.	Resubmission of Memoranda	5 points
3.	Formatting violations including: Use of incorrect font, Use of incorrect font-size Use of improper line spacing Use of improper block quote Use of endnotes	1 point per type of violation, up to a Maximum of 5 points
4.	Failure to include all parts of Memorandum or inclusion of an unremunerated part, Failure to include necessary and correct information on Memorandum cover page	2 points for each part
	Excessive length:	2 points (one-time penalty)
5.	Pleadings:	
	1-100 words over	3 points
	101-200 words over	6 points
	201-300 words over	9 points
	301-400 words over	12 points
	401+ words over	15 points
6.	Excessive length: Summary of Pleadings	2 points (one-time penalty)
7.	Excessive length: Statement of Facts	2 points (one-time penalty)
8.	Breach of Anonymity of Teams	2 points (one-time penalty)

**Kindly note that resubmission of the memorials shall be allowed only at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.*

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

VI.a. The O.C. reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage. The O.C. shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.

VI.b. If a team believes that violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) within half an hour after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint with the Grievance Cell which will be constituted specifically for such purpose. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.

VI.c. The Faculty Convenor's decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

VI.d. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss or slow Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a sound Internet Connection.

The O.C. on behalf of the Moot Court Society wishes you, Best of Luck!

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