

## RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. The K.K. Luthra Memorial Moot Court, 2012 [“the Competition”] will be held from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2012 at the Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007.
2. Each team shall consist only of two speakers and one researcher. Each team and team members will be assigned a team code by the Organizers. In the event that a fourth member is brought by the teams, s/he shall not be permitted to sit with the teams during the rounds or assist during the rounds and would be provided accommodation at the cost of the participating team.
3. Two team prizes, one prize for the best memorial and an individual prize for the Best speaker and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Speaker will be awarded. The two speakers and the researcher will be awarded certificates of participation. The fourth team member shall not receive a certificate.
4. During the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue once for the Petitioner and once for the Respondent.
5. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules.
6. The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final.
7. These Rules are not exhaustive.
8. Memorials:
  - Teams may raise grounds other than those indicated in the Statement of Facts.
  - Each team must submit eight copies of the **Written Memorial** for the Petitioner and eight copies of **Written Memorial** for the Respondent, no later than 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 to Dr. Alka Chavla, Moot Court Convenor at **Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007**. Memorials submitted after this date will not be marked.
  - **The names of the participants or Colleges or Universities or Law Schools shall not be mentioned anywhere on the memorial.**
  - It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that the correct number of copies of the memorials are submitted to the Organizers and acknowledgement obtained.
  - All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements and a team will attract negative marking for failure to keep within the limitation as described below :
    - i) Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper with black ink and must be neatly bound.
    - ii) The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font-size of footnotes/endnotes, if any, must not be less than size 10.
    - iii) Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.
    - iv) The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages and shall consist of the following parts :
      - Cover Page – [coloured blue for Petitioner, and red for Respondent]
      - Table of Contents

- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- Written Pleadings
- Prayer

v) 1.5 marks shall be deducted for each page exceeded and for each page which contains text/margins which do not adhere to the rules set out hereinabove.

9. Relevant articles/materials/case law is to be provided in a supplementary volume to the Memorial, which must also be submitted with the Memorial. The supplementary volume, if any, must also be neatly bound and colour coded, like the main Memorial, and must not contain any reference to the names of the participants or Colleges or Universities or Law Schools. **Copies of articles/materials/case-laws which are not appended to the memorials may not be relied upon at the time of oral argument, and such reliance shall lead to disqualification.** No team would be allowed to pass any material to the judges while presenting their oral arguments. Teams will NOT be marked on the supplementary volume, if any, while judging their Memorials.

#### 10. Oral Arguments:

- The language of the Court shall be English
- Each team would be given **30 minutes** to present their oral arguments, subject to a maximum of **20 minutes** per Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds. This shall include the pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable. For the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final Rounds, each team would get **40 minutes** each, subject to a maximum of **25 minutes** per Speaker.
- Judges may, at their discretion, extend oral argument time upto a maximum of 15 minutes.
- Rebuttal would be allowed only to the Petitioner. The Petitioner will have to specify the length of time they want to set aside for rebuttal, before beginning their oral arguments.

#### 11. Scoring Criteria :

Memorial	-	20 marks
Application of Facts	-	10 marks
Understanding of Law and Procedure	-	10 marks
Reasoning in the Application of Principles	-	10 marks
Use of Authorities and Precedents	-	10 marks
Response to questions and articulation	-	20 marks
Advocacy skills, Court Craft and Demeanour	-	20 marks

NOTE: The marks allotted for "Reasoning in the Application of Principles" shall be awarded to teams which demonstrate as to why a principle of law derived from precedent or otherwise is well-founded and desirable. Example: If the problem involves an issue regarding the inadmissibility of hearsay evidence, marks allotted for "Reasoning in the Application of Principles" shall not be awarded for citing precedent regarding the exclusion of hearsay evidence, but for providing cogent reasoning as to why such hearsay evidence is unreliable and hence, inadmissible.

12. Teams with two or more wins in the Preliminary Rounds will go to the Quarter Final Rounds. If there are **more than eight teams** having two wins each, the teams with two wins each will be ranked according to their Memorial scores and the top eight teams so ranked will go to the Quarter Final Rounds. If after ranking of the memorial scores, teams are still tied, the teams so tied will be ranked according to their total scores (excluding memorial scores). If there are **less than eight teams** having two wins each, the teams having two wins each will go through to the Quarter Final Rounds. For the remaining places, the teams having less than two wins each will be ranked according to the sum of their highest scores in both the Preliminary Rounds (excluding their Memorial scores), and the top eight teams thus ranked will be sent to the Quarter Final Rounds.

13. The Memorial scores of all the teams will be released on the evening before the Preliminary Rounds.
14. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.
15. Participants shall use only their official numbers for identification purposes.
16. Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the organizers immediately, without disturbing the round in progress. Any team found scouting will be disqualified.
17. Any reference to identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial can lead to disqualification of the team.

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