

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. The Oral Rounds of the K. K. Luthra Memorial Moot Court, 2014 [**“the Competition”**] will be held from the 17th to the 19th of January 2014 at the Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007.
2. To qualify for participation in the Oral Rounds, a team would have to score a minimum of 5 marks out of 20 in their total Memorial Score as marked in the Memorial Round. The rules for the Memorial Round are given below.
3. The top 60 teams with the top 60 memorial scores (subject to minimum qualifying mark of 5 marks out of 20 marks in the Memorial Round) will be entitled to participate in the Oral Rounds.
4. Each team shall consist only of two speakers and one researcher. The members of the team must be valid undergraduate students pursuing a recognized LL.B. (or international equivalent) programme. The Organizers will assign a team code to each team and its members. If a fourth member is brought by the teams, s/he shall not be permitted to sit with or assist the teams during the rounds and would be provided accommodation at the cost of the participating team.
5. Two team prizes, one prize for the best memorial and individual prizes for the Best speaker and 2nd Best Speaker will be awarded. The two speakers and the researcher will be awarded certificates of participation.
6. During the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue once for the Applicant and once for the Respondent.
7. The teams will have to register themselves on <http://www.kkluthramoot.org> by completing and submitting the Registration Form available on the website no later than 30.10.2013. There is no Registration Fee for registering for the competition.
8. The Registration Forms will have to be completed and submitted with all material particulars by the teams. Please note that incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted. Upon successful completion of the Registration Form, the teams will receive an email from the Organizers within 07 (seven) days informing them of their successful Registration.
9. The teams successfully registering as aforesaid will be provided a Unique Registration Number [**“URN”**] which will be mentioned in the email informing the team of their registration. The email will be sent on the email address provided by the teams in the contact details forming part of the Registration Form.
10. Once the teams have been provided the URN, the said number will have to be mentioned by the teams in all future communication(s) with the Organizers. Please note that apart from the URN, **the names of the participants or their Colleges, Universities or Law Schools shall not be mentioned anywhere in any communication(s) addressed to the Organizers.**
11. Please note that only one team can register from a particular College or Law School for participation in the competition. If more than one team attempts to register for the competition, the team which applies first will be registered and all subsequent applications from the same College or Law School will not be registered.
12. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. 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. These Rules are not exhaustive.
13. Please note that Organizers shall provide the accommodation, food and local transport (from the place of accommodation to the venue for the competition) to the teams.
14. Memorials:

- Teams may raise grounds of challenge other than those indicated in the Statement of Facts.
- Each team must submit the **Memorial for the Applicant and the Respondent** in PDF Format, no later than 6:00pm [Indian Standard Time] on 15.11.2013 to info@kkluthramoot.org. The Organizers will not be responsible for the non receipt of the soft copies of the memorials. Teams are requested to ensure that soft copies vide email are sent well in time and that the attachments can be viewed.
- Memorials submitted after 9:00pm [IST] on 15.11.2013 will incur a deduction of ½ mark for each day of delay, with the first deduction being made at 9:01pm [IST] on 15.11.2013. It is made clear that such deduction would be made from both the Appellant and Respondent Memorial Scores.
- Memorials submitted after 9:00pm [Indian Standard Time] on 21.11.2013 shall not be accepted and the team shall stand disqualified.
- After the declaration of Memorial Results on 16.12.2013, the qualifying 60 teams shall be required to submit five hard copies each of the Memorial for the Appellant and the Respondent along with **ONE** copy of the Supplementary Volume by 24.12.2013 to Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon, Professor-in-Charge, Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi 110007.
- The teams shall mention their URN in the email by which the Memorials are sent to the Organizers. The names of the participants or their Colleges, Universities or Law Schools shall not be mentioned anywhere on the Email or 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 limitations as described below :
 - i) Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper with black ink and must be neatly bound. No plastic dividers/binding should be used in the memorials.
 - 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. A uniform method of citation of authorities must be followed.
 - iii) Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.
 - iv) The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages (not including the Cover Page) and shall at least consist of the following parts :
 - Cover Page – [coloured blue for Applicant, and red for Respondent]
 - Table of Contents
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Issues
 - Written Pleadings
 - Prayer
 - v) There will be a deduction of 1.0 mark for each page exceeding the 25 page limit, and a deduction of 0.25 marks for each 'objective' error, i.e., non-adherence to the rules set out hereinabove. This negative marking (along with the negative marking for delayed submission) shall be deducted once from the total memorial score obtained by a team.

15. Relevant articles/materials/case law may be provided as 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 Memorial, and must not contain any reference to the names of the participants or Colleges or Universities or Law Schools. The supplementary volume cannot exceed 300 pages. Copies of articles/materials/case-laws which are not appended to the memorials or referred to in the memorials may not be relied upon at the time of oral arguments. No team would be allowed to pass any additional material to the judges while presenting their oral arguments. Teams will NOT be marked on the supplementary volume, if any, while judging their Memorials.

16. Scoring of Memorials

- The memorials shall be checked by a panel of three judges. Each judge shall score each memorial out of 20 marks, and the average of 3 scores shall be announced by the Organizers by 16.12.2013 and the same shall be put up on the Website. The ranking of teams shall be on the basis of the average of their scores for the Appellant and Respondent Memorials (after appropriate deductions, if any).

- The scoring criteria for memorials shall be as follows:

Application of Facts	25%
Reasoning	25%
Use of Authorities and Precedent	25%
Understanding Law and Procedure	15%
Presentation	10%

17. All queries relating to the problem / marks etc. may be directed vide email to info@kkduthramoot.org.

18. 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 10 minutes per team.
- Rebuttal would be allowed only to the Applicant. The Applicant will have to specify the length of time they want to set aside for rebuttal, before beginning their oral arguments.

19. Comprehensive Scoring Criteria for:

Memorial	20%
Response to questions and Articulation	20%
Use of Authorities and Precedents	20%
Reasoning in the Application of Principles	20%

Application of Facts	10%
Advocacy skills, Court Craft and Demeanour	10%

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.

20. Teams with two wins in the Preliminary Rounds will go to the Octafinal Round. If there are more than 16 teams having two wins each, the teams with two wins each will be ranked according to their Memorial scores and the top sixteen teams so ranked will go to the Octafinal Round. 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 sixteen teams having two wins each, the teams having two wins each will go through to the Octafinal Round. For the remaining places, 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 sixteen teams thus ranked will be sent to the Octafinal Round. The Octafinal Round shall be a knock out round.
21. The Octafinal Round shall be succeeded by the Quarterfinal Round, the Semifinal Round and the Final Round.
22. The Octafinal Rounds shall be conducted at the discretion of the Organizers dependent on the number of teams qualifying for the Oral Rounds. In the absence of the Octafinals, the procedure prescribed in Rule 14, shall be followed for the Quarter Finals, with the exception that the number of teams will be 8 instead of 16.
23. 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.
24. Participants shall use only their URN numbers for identification purposes. No electronic device, including (but not limited to), laptops, tablet computers, mobile phones etc. may be used by any member of the teams during the course of the round, including when the opposite team is addressing arguments. Teams are therefore advised to ensure that the delivery of their oral arguments is not dependent on electronic devices.
25. 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.
26. Any reference to identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial may lead to disqualification of the team.
