



SAMAR KUMAR BASU NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Information

Samar Kumar National Moot Court Competition, 2023 shall be organized by Dream Law, in collaboration with City Group of Colleges, through online mode. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with these rules, and all the participants shall be presumed to have read and understood the rules.

1.2 Important Dates

- Last date of registration- 10th July 2023
- Memorial submission - 18th July 2023
- Clarification (Moot problem and rules) session - 15-16th July 2023
- Competition dates- 28-30th July 2023

1.3 Venue

The competition will be held in a virtual mode through the application called as **JITSY MEET** which the participants have to download in order to participate.

INTRODUCTION

1.4 Definitions

The definitions placed below by the Organising Committee shall be final and the decision of the Organising Committee regarding the applicability of these rules will be final.

1) 'Bench' refers to the members duly invited by the organizing committee, to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively. Bench may be a bench of any number of judges as the Organizing committee may decide .'

2) 'Clarifications' means any questions, queries, or doubts sent by the registered teams to the organisers, within the given deadline.

3) 'Penalty' refers to the deductions imposed scores of a participating team for violation of rules of the competition.

4) 'Participating Team' means the team which has registered itself for the competition within the time limit prescribed as per the rules for registration.

5) 'Rejoinder' refer to those arguments /questions that the Complainant may raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Speakers.

6) 'Sur-Rejoinder' refers to the defense presented by the Respondent to the Rejoinder. Allowing Sur-Rejoinder shall strictly be upon discretion of the judges.

7) 'Court Room' shall refer to the online platform where the orals will take place.

8) 'Scouting' means a person observing the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with.

GENERAL RULES

2.1 Team Composition and Eligibility

ELIGIBILITY

Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law courses may apply to participate in the given competition. Students enrolled in post graduation diploma or short term certification courses are not eligible to apply.

The team members should be from the same University/College.

TEAM COMPOSITION

The team composition of the given competition shall comprise of the following members which should be there:

- (A) 2 speakers OR
- (B) 2 speakers and 1 Researcher

2.2 Languages

The official language of the competition shall be **ENGLISH** only.

GENERAL RULES

2.3 Dress Code

The participating teams must adhere to the following dress code during the competition.

Male- White shirt, black trousers, black tie or white band, black coat, and black shoes.

Female- White salwar and kurta along with white band or white shirt and black trousers along with black tie , a black coat and black shoes.

2.4 Registration

Online registrations are open from 1st June,2023. The teams must register online by 10th July, 2023.

The registration shall be done by filling up the registration form available in the official Brochure. The registration shall be considered complete only when the 'Registration Fee' has been paid successfully and the registration Form is duly filled with all the credentials. The participants will receive an official approval mail from organising committee within 48 hours of their registration. The organizing committee shall communicate the unique team codes to each team through mail which shall be quoted by the teams for further communications with the organising committee.

Registration fee once paid is non-refundable.

MEMORIAL

3.1 Memorial Submission

1) All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall firmly comply with the rules of the competition. Each participating team must prepare two written submissions, one for each Petitioner/Appellant as well as Respondent side. Petitioner/Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent(s) memorials are required to have Red cover. Only soft copies of memorials shall be submitted in both .pdf and .doc/.docx format latest by 11:59:59 PM on 17th July 2023.

2) Late submissions shall be penalized (5 marks per day) and no memorial shall be accepted after 11:59:59 pm on 18th July 2023. The soft copy of mememorial shall be submitted only by email dlmootcourt@gmail.com only . No other mode of submission shall be considered valid.

MEMORIAL

3.2 Memorial Content

Cover Page – The cover page shall contain the Case Title, Side of the Memorial, Year of the Competition, Name of the Court, and Team Code on the top right corner.

Table of Contents

Index of Authorities

Statement of Jurisdiction

Statement of Facts

Issues Raised

Summary of Arguments Pleadings

Arguments Advanced

Prayer

The Memorial shall not exceed 35 Pages in total and Arguments Advanced shall not exceed 20 Pages .

MEMORIAL

3.3 Formatting Guidelines

The memorial shall be typed on an A4 size page and all the pages of the memorial should have a page number at the bottom.

Font and Size (General) – Times New Roman, 12 pts.

Line Spacing (General) – 1.5 lines.

Font and Size (Footnotes) – Times New Roman, 10 pts.

Line Spacing (Footnotes) – Single lines.

Page Margins – 1 inch on all sides.

All the citations and footnotes must be in compliance with the 20th Edition of Bluebook.

MEMORIAL

3.4 Marking Criteria

MARKING CRITERIA	TOTAL MARKS
Precise Drafting	10
Knowledge of Laws and Facts	10
Quality of Research	10
Creative approach in appreciation of facts and evidences	10
Grammar and Formatting	10
TOTAL	50

ORAL ROUNDS

4.1 Preliminary Round

The Preliminary rounds shall consist of 2 Rounds . Preliminary 1 & Preliminary 2 . Each team shall argue for both the sides i.e. Appellant and Respondent both during preliminary round.

Explanation – If a team has argued for the Appellant side in Preliminary – 1, it shall argue for the Respondent side in Preliminary – 2 and vice versa. Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time [if permitted by the judge(s)]. Extension of time may be permissible at the discretion of judges. No speaker shall speak for more than 12 minutes subjected to maximum time limit of 20 minutes for the team.

The top 8 teams of teams winning both Preliminary rounds shall qualify for Quarter Finals . If less than 8 teams win both rounds of Preliminary round , then all the teams winning both rounds of Preliminary rounds and top scoring teams in the remaining space shall qualify for Quarter Finals . In case of a tie in scores calculated, the team with the higher score in the Written Submission (Memorials) shall proceed to the next round

ORAL ROUNDS

4.2 Quater Final Round

Quarter Finals shall consist of only one round. Each team shall strictly get a total time of 30 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time [if permitted by the judge(s)]. No speaker can speak for more than 18 minutes subjected to maximum time limit of 30 minutes for the team. Extension of time may be permissible at the discretion of judges. The winning teams of the Quarter Final Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.

4.3 Semi Final Round

Each team shall get a total time of 35 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time [if permitted by the judge(s)]. No speaker shall speak for more than 20 minutes subject to maximum time limit of 35 minutes for the team. A time-extension may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge. The winning teams from the Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the final round.

4.4 Finals Round

Each team shall get a total time of 40 minutes which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time [if permitted by the judge(s)]. No speaker shall speak for more than 25 Minutes subjected to maximum time limit of 40 minutes for the team. A time-extension may be granted to Each team at the discretion of the Judge. The Team scoring maximum marks in Final Round shall be adjudged as winner of Samar Kumar Basu National Moot Court Competition.

ORAL ROUNDS

4.5 Marking Criteria

MARKING CRITERIA	TOTAL MARKS
Application of laws to facts	20
Use of Authorities	10
Responsiveness to judges questions	20
Style of Presentation	20
Effectiveness of Prayer	10
Court Mannerism	20
TOTAL	100

CALCULATION OF MARKS

Marks obtained in Oral Round + Marks obtained in Memorial

GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- The competition shall be conducted on a Virtual Platform (Zoom/Google Meet/Jitsi or other platform.) The description of platform shall be intimated to the teams 1 week prior of the competition.
- The teams must ensure that they have a strong internet connection (along with good audio and video facilities) for the smooth running of the Competition. In case any participant or team is logged out due to connection issues, reasonable time may be given to the respective participant or team to join in.
- The participants must ensure that no background disturbance is Impeding the flow of moot court competition. Hence, it is recommended for the participants to be seated/situated in a quiet room.
- Entering/indulging in any kind of misconduct, or violating the aforementioned rules and regulations Shall lead to immediate disqualification.
- In case of tie in any round, the team scoring higher marks in memorial shall the adjudged winner. The decision of the judges with regards to the oral rounds shall be final.
- Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition. The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name, etc. of the University represented.

GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- Scouting is strictly prohibited . Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.
- Any violation of the rules mentioned, will attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the organising committee .

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage.
- The Organising Committee shall convey any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.
- If a team is of the perspective that violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team (s) shall inform within half an hour after the completion of the round to the Organising Committee.
- Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.
- The Organisers shall not be responsible for any loss or slow or unstable Internet Connection during the Competition.

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