

# 4<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL LEVEL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2019

## Rules and Regulations

### 1. Date and Venue

- ❖ March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at SMT. K. G. SHAH LAW SCHOOL , MUMBAI
- ❖ Participants should reach early morning before 7.a.m.on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018.

### 2. Team composition and eligibility criteria

- Each team shall comprise of three (3) members ONLY out of which two (2) will be speakers and one (1) researcher.
- Arguments shall be in English only.
- The competition is open for bonafide students pursuing five year or three years LL.B course.
- Each Law College/ University shall send only one team. Team shall not disclose the identity of their institution in the course of moot court proceedings in the court rooms & any such disclosure shall invite disqualification.
- Participating teams must carry with them their required study material or reference material/books for their own use during the oral rounds of competition, the organizers are not bound to provide any study material, printouts and reference materials/books to the participants.
- Participating teams are expected to maintain proper decorum of the courtroom during the moot proceedings and they shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- Each team shall be provided with a team code by draw of lots, followed by exchange of memorials.

### **3. Dress Code**

Inside the moot court room, the participant shall follow the below mentioned dress code.

- **Females:** White Kurta and Black Salwar & Black Dupatta or White Shirt & Black Trousers Along With Black Coat and Black Tie.
- **Males:** White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie Along With Black Coat & Black Shoes.

### **4. Competition Rounds**

There will be two preliminary rounds, semi- final and a final round spread over a period of 2 days.

### **5. Memorial**

- i. There will be four rounds of the competition
- ii. The selection will be arranged on the basis of lots drawn and grouped in pairs for determining the contesting teams.
- iii. All teams shall submit Memorials/ Written Submissions for both sides before **20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019.**
- iv. All teams shall submit typed Memorials for both sides and the Memorials must fulfill all the following specifications:
  - Cover page with Cause title.
  - Index.
  - Index of Authorities.
  - Statement of Jurisdiction.
  - Synopsis of Facts.
  - Summary of Arguments.
  - Arguments / Pleadings.
  - Reliefs / Prayer.
- v. The memorial shall not be of more than forty (40) pages and the arguments shall not exceed more than twenty five (25) pages.

- vi. The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size page :
- Main content
    - Font type: Times New Roman,
    - Font size : 12,
    - line spacing :1:5
    - Margin: 1 inch margin on each side
  - Foot note :
    - Font type: Times New Roman
    - Font size : 10
- vii. The Cover Page of the Memorial shall be as follows:
- Cover & last page shall be **Blue** for the Applicant/Petitioner and
  - Cover & last Page shall be **Red** for the Respondent.
- viii. The Memorial shall be **spirally bound ONLY**.
- ix. (The Memorial shall not contain any Affidavits)
- x. Four hard copies from each side (appellant and respondent)for the hypothetical problems shall be submitted by the teams
- xi. Identification mark of any type on the memorials shall attract disqualification.
- xii. Arguments shall be in English only.
- xiii. Smt. K. G. Shah Law School reserves the right to modify amendment or alter the rules & regulations if found necessary in their opinion and they shall be binding on all the teams.

## **6. Oral Submissions**

- i. Each team shall comprise of (2) two speakers, 1 researcher, as has been specified earlier.
- ii. Court language shall be English only

- iii. Each team will be given maximum of (20) twenty minutes to present their Oral Submissions in Preliminary Rounds. No speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than twelve (12) twelve minutes.
- iv. The maximum time allotted in, semi-finals shall be (30) thirty minutes for each team. No individual speaker shall be allowed to address the court for more than (18) eighteen minutes.
- v. At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions, each team must notify the Court Officer of the amount of time that the team reserves for their rejoinder/sur-rejoinder. A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved for the rejoinder/sur-rejoinder.
- vi. At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions each team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers (team members).
- vii. If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, he/she shall entail to a negative marking at the discretion of the judges.
- viii. The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rejoinder/sur-rejoinder will be that of the Judge(s).
- ix. During the course of oral submissions the participants cannot submit to the court any material/document containing pictorial representation whatsoever. Further, the participants shall not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions.
- x. If at any instance a submission is made with any material/document in violation to the above clause, the teams shall be disqualified from the competition forthwith.
- xi. During the course of the Oral Submissions, no speaker shall reveal his/her identify or the identity of their University / College by any means whatsoever.

## **7. Marking Criteria for Memorials**

- (i) Memorial from each side shall carry total of (100) hundred marks.
- (ii) The following shall be the criteria for marking the memorials:

<b>(Sr. No.)</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks allocated</b>
1.	Knowledge of Facts	10
2.	Knowledge of Law	10
3.	Articulation	15
4.	Innovative idea/s	05
5.	Grammar and Style	10
6.	Correct Format and Citation	20
7.	Extent and Use of Research	20
8.	Clarity and Organization	10
<b>TOTAL :</b>		<b>100</b>

## **8. Marking Criteria for the Arguments:**

- (i) Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge.
- (ii) The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks allocated to each Speaker by each Judge in a Round

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks allocated</b>
1.	Presentation skills	20
2.	Identification and Articulation of Issues.	10
3.	Application of legal principles.	10
4.	Use of authorities and precedents	10
5.	Response to questions	10
6.	Appreciation and Application of Facts.	10
7.	Clarity of thoughts and logical structure of arguments	10
8.	Poise and Demeanor	10
9.	Strategy	05
10.	Ingenuity	05
<b>TOTAL :</b>		<b>100</b>

(iii) The decision of the judges as to the Marks allocated to any team and /individual shall be final.

### **9. Clarification for the Awards**

- **BEST RESEARCHER** will be given on the basis of the Case laws argued during the preliminary rounds and separate test for the researcher test.
- **BEST MOOTER AND RUNNER UP MOOTER** will be given on the basis of oral arguments by each mooter in the preliminary rounds only.

## **10. Miscellaneous**

- ❖ No team or any of its members or anyone connected with any team shall be permitted to sit or hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams while that team is competing in the competition. For the violation of this rule, strict action may be taken against the team, including disqualification of the team from the competition.
- ❖ If there is any dispute with regard to the interpretations of the rules & regulations or with respect to any matter related to the competition which is not contemplated &/or provided in the rules & regulations, the decision of the Organizers viz. Smt. K. G Shah Law School shall be final and binding.
- ❖ There will be prizes for the Best Team, Runner-up Team, Best Mooter, Runner-up Mooter and Best Researcher only, however all the participants shall get a certificate of participation.
- ❖ The necessary travel and other incidental and/ or contingent expenses will have to be paid by the respective participating students or their institution/University.
- ❖ All participants should bring their institution/ university identity, certificates with their signatures duly attested by the Principal/ Dean / University authority.
- ❖ The merit list of selected team for semi- final will be declared on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 at 9.00 a.m.
- ❖ **It is mandatory for the participants to be present for the valedictory round. Smt. K. G. Shah Law School reserves the rights to withhold the awards and certificates if the team fails to abide by the rule**

## **REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION:**

Request for Registration should reach Prin. Shri. T.M. Jethani, Smt. Kamlaben Gambhirchand Shah Law School, Tel (022) 24024584, Mobile 09869370430 in the enclosed form/format along with **Demand Draft payable at Mumbai in favour of ‘ Smt. K.G. Shah Law School’ payable at Mumbai.**

The Registration fees shall be sent **on or before 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019.** The participants must register their names with the organizer of the Moot Court Competition on or **before 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 along with the scanned copy of travel plan, registration form and DEMAND DRAFT.**

**Additional person will be charged.**

\* The accommodation will be provided by the college with necessary payment of accommodation charges before 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 otherwise participants can arrange their own accommodation.

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## Dates for compliance

<b>Submission of memorials</b>	<b>: 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019</b>
<b>Online Registration of the team</b>	<b>: 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2019</b>
<b>Date of competition</b>	<b>: 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019</b>