

1ST VIRTUAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION, 2020

RULES

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RULES

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. **“Institution”** means any recognized law school/college or university.

1.2. **“Memorial”** means the written arguments submitted, on behalf of both the Petitioners and Respondents, according to the official Competition Rules by each Team. Memorials are also referred to as written pleadings.

1.3. **“Petitioner”** means the party which is presenting a petition to the court alleging the commission of a wrong.

1.4. **“Researcher”** means the team member whose role is confined to preparation of the Memorial and is not allowed to speak in the oral rounds.

1.5. **“Respondent”** means the party against whom the petition is filed.

1.6. **“Rules”** means these official Competition Rules and any applicable supplements to these Rules published by the Organizing Committee.

1.7. **“Speaker”** refers to the members of the team who will be pleading before the Judges in the oral rounds.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY:

- 1.All students pursuing the three or five year courses of the LL.B. degree or its equivalent from Institutions all over India are eligible to participate in the competition.
- 2.Only Pre-designated participants as Speakers will be permitted to put forth oral arguments in the moot court competition.
- 3.The participating team shall comprise three members: two speakers and one researcher. However, with the express written permission of the organising committee requirement of researcher can be dispensed.

3. LANGUAGE

The official language of the competition shall be **English**.

4. REGISTRATION

1. Students should provisionally register themselves by sending an e-mail to mootonline@anzlawz.com latest by **14th August, 2020 till 11:59 pm**. All the teams will receive confirmation mail latest by 17th August,2020.
- 2.Students must complete their registration by filling up the provided **Google form** and sending a scanned copy of -
 - the duly filled registration form and
 - screenshot of completed transaction;through e-mail to mootonline@anzlawz.com latest by **14th August,2020**.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

1. The Registration Fee is **Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only)** for teams. Teams must make the payment of such amount through **Paytm on 9717345345 or NEFT/RTGS** in account of

- **ANZLAWZLLP**
- **Account No:**920020051005864
- **IFSC Code:** UTIB0000055
- **Bank/Branch:** AXIS BANK PREET VIHAR

2.The teams shall be required to pay the Registration Fee only after they have received confirmation mail by **17th August, 2020**.

6. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

1. Clarifications and doubts will only be entertained through emails, sent to mootonline@anzlawz.com latest by **14.08.2020**.

7. ANONYMITY

1. Each participating team shall be allotted a team code upon Registration.

2.The team shall not disclose their identity anywhere in their written Memorials and instead should use the code allotted.

3. Non-compliance with the Rules 7.2 shall result in immediate disqualification of the participant/team.

4. The decision of Organizing Committee in this regard shall be final.

8. MEMORIAL:

1. Each team shall prepare from the side of the Petitioner as well as the Respondent.
2. One soft copy (in MS Word .doc/.docx & pdf format) each memorial must be emailed to **mootonline@anzlawz.com** latest by 29.08.2020 with the subject "Memorials for Team Code". The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorials must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g. (for Team Code 10) 10P or 10R, 'P' being for 'Petitioner' Memorial and 'R' for 'Respondent' Memorial and so forth.
3. The Memorial for each side either P or R should be submitted as one single file and not in multiple files. Any violation of this rule shall invite penalty in accordance with rule 9.6.

9. FORMAT OF MEMORIAL

1. The Memorials shall mandatorily comply with the requirement of the following:
 - a) Cover Page
 - b) Table of Contents
 - c) List of Abbreviations
 - d) Index of Authorities (with page number where the authority has been cited)
 - e) Statement of Jurisdiction
 - f) Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - g) Arguments Presented
 - h) Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - i) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 10 pages)

j) Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

2. Each Memorial shall have the following and only the following on its cover page:
 - a) The team code on the upper right hand corner of the cover page
 - b) The name and place of the forum
 - c) The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
 - d) Name of parties and their status
 - e) Memorial Filed on Behalf of Petitioner or Respondent
3. Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 19th Edition. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.
4. The Memorial shall be in A4 size paper, with the following mandatory formatting specifications:
 - a) Font Type: Bookman Old Style
 - b) Font Size: 13
 - c) Line Spacing: 1.5
 - d) Margins: Left & Top- 1.5, Right & Bottom- 1 (inch).

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
 - b) Font Size: 10
 - c) Single Line Spacing
5. The following colour scheme shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorial:
 - Petitioner: Blue
 - Respondent: Red

6. Penalties

Wrong File Name	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one file	1 mark per Memorial Exceeding page
limits (Refer to Rule 9.1)	1 mark per exceeding page
Failure to include the sections in the Memorial (Refer to Rule 9.1)	2 marks per section
Failure to include the required information on the cover page (Refer to Rule 9.1)	1 mark per violation
Wrong Font Size as per Rule 9.4	0.5 mark per page
Wrong Font Style as per Rule 9.4	0.5 mark per page
Wrong Line Spacing as per Rule 9.4	0.5 mark per page
Wrong Margins as per Rule 9.4	0.5 marks per page
Failure to use correct color coding	0.1 mark

10.EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL

1. Every Memorial will be marked on scale of 100.
2. The Memorial shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:
 - 2.1. Knowledge of Law and Facts: 20 Marks
 - 2.2. Proper and Articulate Analysis: 15 Marks
 - 2.3. Depth and Use of Research: 15 Marks
 - 2.4. Organization and presentation: 10 Marks
 - 2.5. Grammar and Language: 10 Marks
 - 2.6. Novelty, flow and clarity of arguments: 20 Marks
 - 2.7. Originality and ingeniousness: 10 Marks

11.ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- 11.1.The time split between the Speakers must be communicated to the Court Bailiff prior to the commencement of each Round. Once so informed, these timings shall be adhered.
- 11.2. Time for oral argument for a team should be 30 minutes.
- 11.3.Delay in appearance for a round exceeding five (5) minutes will render disqualification of the team for that round. In such a case, their opponent shall make their oral submissions ex parte.
- 11.4.Evaluation shall be done on the basis of the following criteria:
 - 11.4.1. Knowledge of Law: 20 Marks
 - 11.4.2. Application of Law to Facts: 20 Marks
 - 11.4.3.Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions: 20 Marks

11.4.4. Use of Authorities 15 Marks

11.4.5. Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanor: 10 Marks

11.4.6. Time Management and Organisation: 10 Marks

11.4.7. Effective Rebuttals: 05 Marks

11.5.Preliminary Rounds

11.5.1.Each team will have the opportunity to argue from both the sides.

11.5.2.Time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the Speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. No Speaker may reserve more than Twenty (20) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

11.5.3.No team shall be allowed more than 5 minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the opponent team.

11.5.4.11.5.4 Only one (1) Speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.

11.5.5.Any question related to research work can be asked by the researcher or the speaker.

11.6.Semi Final Rounds

11.6.1.Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty-five (45) minutes for each team. This shall include the oral arguments of both the Speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

11.6.2.No Speaker can speak for more than 25 minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

11.6.3.No team shall be allowed more than 05 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

11.7.The Final Round

11.7.1.Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty-five (45) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the Speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal

11.7.2.No Speaker can speak for more than 25 minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

11.7.3.No team shall be allowed more than 05 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

12.STRUCTURE OF THE ORAL ROUNDS

12.1.The Oral Rounds/ preliminary rounds of the Competition shall be held over a period of two days i.e.1st and 2nd September, 2020.

12.2.The Competition shall consist of three sets of rounds: two Preliminary Rounds, the Semi Final Rounds and the Final Round.

12.3.Preliminary Rounds

12.3.1.The Preliminary Rounds shall be held on **1st and 2nd September, 2020.**

12.3.2.No team shall be provided with any information regarding the identity of their opponent team or any other team.

12.3.3.No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

12.3.4.The side a team will be arguing in the Semi Final Rounds will be decided by a draw of lots, with the Teams picking the lots.

12.3.5.The top 4 teams based on their win/loss ratio and their scores in the

Preliminary Rounds, shall qualify for the Semi Final Round. Following shall be the system for determining the teams that advance to the Quarter Final Rounds:

12.3.6. In case of a tie, then the team with the higher oral argument scores shall qualify to the Semi Final Rounds.

12.3.7. Total Preliminary Score is the total score obtained by both the Speakers (including the rebuttal score) in oral argument in the Preliminary Rounds and the score the team obtained in the written memorial.

12.4. Advanced Rounds.

12.4.1. For the Semi Final Rounds, seeding shall be done on the basis of the Total Score obtained by team in the Preliminary Round.

12.4.2. The side a team will be arguing in the Semi Final Rounds will be decided by a draw of lots, with the Teams picking the lots.

12.4.3. Team will be credited with a win in the Preliminary Rounds if its total oral round marks are higher than that of the Opponent Team.

12.4.4. In case of a tie, the marks obtained in the oral arguments will be considered. The Team with the higher score will win.

12.4.5. A similar procedure will be followed for the Final Round, except in case of a tie in the Final Round, selections the winner on the basis of score of each judge and further judges may ask three question as a tie breaker to declare the winning team.

13. SCOUTING

1. Scouting is not permitted and it shall be deemed to have happened if the Speakers, Researcher or any other person affiliated with a team is found:

- 1.1. Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. The oral submissions in a Round, except where the Round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in;
- 1.2. Reading a Memorial of a team except where: it is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or the Memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of Memorials prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

14.AWARDS

1. **Winning Team:** Prize Money, Trophy and certificate.
2. **Runners Up:** Prize Money, Trophy and certificate.
3. **Best Memorial:** Trophy and certificate.
4. **Best Speaker:** Trophy and certificate.
5. **Best Researcher:** Trophy and certificate.

15.MISCELLANEOUS

1. The final decision regarding Implementation and interpretation of Rules regarding Moot Court practice and procedures lies with the Organizing Committee.
2. If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
3. The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the Competition is - Ladies: Black Western or Indian formals. Gentlemen: Black Western formals.

4. The Proposition is neither intended to nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The Proposition is a fictitious factual account prepared for the purposes of the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.
5. The copyright in the Memorials submitted by the teams shall vest with Anz-Lawz. The acceptance of such vesting is a precondition to participation in the Competition. The Rules governing the conduct of the Competition should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties or disqualification at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.
6. Final round will be conducted live on our Youtube Channel.
7. **Registration fee paid is non-refundable.**
8. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period of time
9. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee shall be the final arbiter for these Rules and any such decision made by him on any issue/dispute arising in relation to the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.
10. The Organizing Committee, as mentioned in these Rules, refers to the team of **ANZ LAWZ**.

TIMELINE

Release of Problem	17.08.2020
Last Date for Registration of team	14.08.2020
Last Date for seeking clarifications, if any.	13.08.2020
Submission of memorials	29.08.2020
Preliminary rounds	01.09.2020 & 02.09.2020
Semi- Final	03.09.2020
Finale & Valedictory Ceremony	04.09.2020
