

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PART 1: DEFINITIONS

- **“Appellant”** means the party which is in appeal before the Court.
- **“Competition”** means JUSTIFIED 2018 - 3rd National Moot Court Competition.
- **“Court Master”** refers to the student volunteer who shall be entrusted with duties such as maintenance of order in a courtroom during a round and letting speakers know the time duration for which they’ve spoken.
- **“Knock out rounds”** means the Quarter-Final, the Semi-final and the Final rounds of the Competition.
- **“Memorial”** means the written arguments submitted, on behalf of both the appellant and respondents, according to the official competition rules by each Team. Memorials are also referred to as written pleadings.
- **“OC”** means the Organising Committee as constituted by the management of Law Centre II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.
- **“Participants”** means those persons eligible to participate and registered under below rules.
- **“Researcher”** means the team member whose role is confined to preparation of the Memorial and is not allowed to speak in the oral rounds.
- **“Respondent”** means the party against whom appellant is in appeal before the Court.
- **“Rules”** means these official Competition Rules and any applicable supplements to these Rules published by the Organizing Committee.
- **“Speaker”** refers to the members of the team who will be pleading before the Judges in the oral rounds.
- **“Valedictory Ceremony”** refers to the closing ceremony of the JUSTIFIED 2018 - 3rd National Moot Court Competition, wherein the distribution of prizes shall also take place.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- All Law Colleges and Law Schools recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the competition.
- Students enrolled in 3 Year or 5 Year law programme at the time of the competition are eligible to compete in the competition. Students pursuing Master's Degree in Law or any post graduate degree in Law are not eligible to be team members.
- Only ONE team from each Law College/School shall be permitted to register

TEAM COMPOSITION

- The team shall comprise of two speakers and one researcher, all of whom shall be regular bonafide students of the Law Schools recognized by the Bar Council of India.
- Any changes in the composition of team shall be informed and addressed to Mr. Ankush Bhardwaj, Moot Court Convener (+919990332052) or can be addressed through sending an email at justifiedmoot2018@gmail.com, latest by February 28th, 2018.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- Thirty Six (36) teams only shall participate in the Competition, on first come first serve basis.
- In case there is an odd number of participating teams, organizers will nominate a non-competing dummy team that will not proceed beyond preliminary rounds.
- Team members must carry current identity-cards issued to them by their institution. Team members will not reveal their identity or of their college during the progress of the competition, in the memorials, and even if requested by judges, failing which the team will face disqualification.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- The official language of the Competition shall be English.
- All Competition Rounds including the written submissions (Memorials) will be in English.

DRESS CODE

- The teams are expected to follow a strict dress code of western or Indian formals.
- Men are required to wear a Black suit with a white shirt and a black tie. Women are required to wear a white shirt, Black trousers/skirt and a black blazer or Salwar kameez and black blazer. Advocate's gown and white band are not allowed.

CLARIFICATIONS TO THE COMPETITION MODULE

- Teams may submit written requests for clarifications regarding the moot proposition and rules. Teams may submit requests for clarifications by email at : justifiedmoot2018@gmail.com
- Requests for Clarifications must be received by us by February 15th, 2018. All clarifications will be issued on February 20th , 2018.

ACCOMMODATION

- Accommodation will be provided only to participants (not more than three) and shall be for the duration of the competition only i.e. from 23rd - March to 25th March, 2018. Students shall have to make their own arrangements after 25th March 2018. No accommodation will be provided for teams from colleges in Delhi and NCR.
- Food and Transportation to and from the venue shall be provided to all the teams for the aforementioned duration.
- The teams are requested to inform the organizers in advance of their arrival details by filling up the travel form annexed herewith as so as to enable them to make the necessary arrangements.

**PART 3:
REGISTRATIONS**

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- The last date for registration for the competition is **25/02/2018**.
- Soft copy of the duly completed registration form completely filled and duly signed by the Head of the participating college along with scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be submitted by email to justifiedmoot2018@gmail.com.
- All teams shall be given a “Team Code” by the OC on validation of their Registration Form and Demand Draft. Thereafter the teams shall use their designated “Team Code” for all correspondence with the Organizers.

REGISTRATION FEE

- Registration fee for participation in the Competition is **INR 4500/-** (Rupees Four Thousand Five Hundred Only).
- Registration fee is to be paid by Demand Draft drawn in favour of “Registrar, University of Delhi” payable at New Delhi.
- Scanned copy of the draft must be submitted by email to justifiedmoot2018@gmail.com by February 25th, 2018.
- Hard Copy of the draft along with the registration form and travel form must reach the following address by February 28th, 2018:

**Dr. V.K. Ahuja,
In-Charge, Law Centre-II,
Faculty of Law, University of Delhi,
New Building, UmangBhawan, ChattraMarg Delhi- 110007.**

Ph. – 011-24111491, 27667052

SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS

- All memorial submissions must conform to the following general criteria. Teams will be penalized for failure to abide by these requirements.
- Soft copy of Memorials for both sides has to be submitted by March 15th, 2018 by email to justifiedmoot2018@gmail.com.
- All teams have to submit 5 hard copies of Written Memorials for each side which shall reach the office at the address above mentioned, either by post or by hand latest by March 20th, 2018. The cover page of the memorials for the Appellant shall be in Blue and for Respondent shall be in Red.
- Delay in the submission of memorials will attract a penalty of 2 marks per day up-till a period of one week (7 days). A delay beyond the stipulated 7 days, will make the team ineligible for the “Best Memorial” award.
- Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed

CONTENTS OF MEMORIALS

Memorials must contain the following:

- i. Cover page stating Title of the Competition, Name of the Court, Name of the Case, Title of the document (viz. “Memorial for the ___”) and Team Code should be mentioned on top corner of right hand side in a square box.
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Index of Authorities
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
- v. Statement of Facts
- vi. Statement of Issues
- vii. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 1 page)
- viii. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
- ix. Prayer

FORMAT OF MEMORIALS

Memorials shall be made and submitted as follows:

- i.** Microsoft Word document (compatible with Windows)
- ii.** Cover: Do not use plastic, leather bound or hard bound material. Use ordinary card paper.
- iii.** Cover Page: Blue cover for Appellant; Red cover for Respondent.
- iv.** Total number of pages of memorial should not exceed 35;
- v.** Summary of Argument should not exceed one page;
- vi.** Argument advanced should not exceed 20 pages;
- vi.** Numbered: Bottom-Centre.
- vii.** Font size and spacing: A memorial shall be printed on one side of the A4 size page only. The text font for the main body shall be 12, Times New Roman with line spacing of 1.5 and text font for the footnotes shall be 10, Times New Roman with font spacing of 1.0. Font size for the cover page may be 14 or 12. The memorials should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. The character spacing should be normal and neither expanded nor condensed.
- viii.** The participating teams should include Header and Footer in their memorials to the effect that the Header should mention the full Name of Competition and the Footer should mention the side on whose behalf memorial is submitted along with Page Number at Bottom Center of the Page.
- ix.** Para Spacing: 2 for text, 1.5 for footnotes.
- x.** Mode of Citation: Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA), 4th Edition. Link to Free PDF of OSCOLA: http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/published/OSCOLA_4th_edn_Hart_2012.pdf
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<http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php>
- xi.** Soft copies: Memorial for each side shall be a single document. The document file shall be named: “TEAM CODE_ Memorial for Appellant” and “TEAM CODE_ Memorial for Respondents”. The subject of the mail submitting memorials shall be: “Memorial – Name of the college”; e.g.: “Memorial – ABC College”.

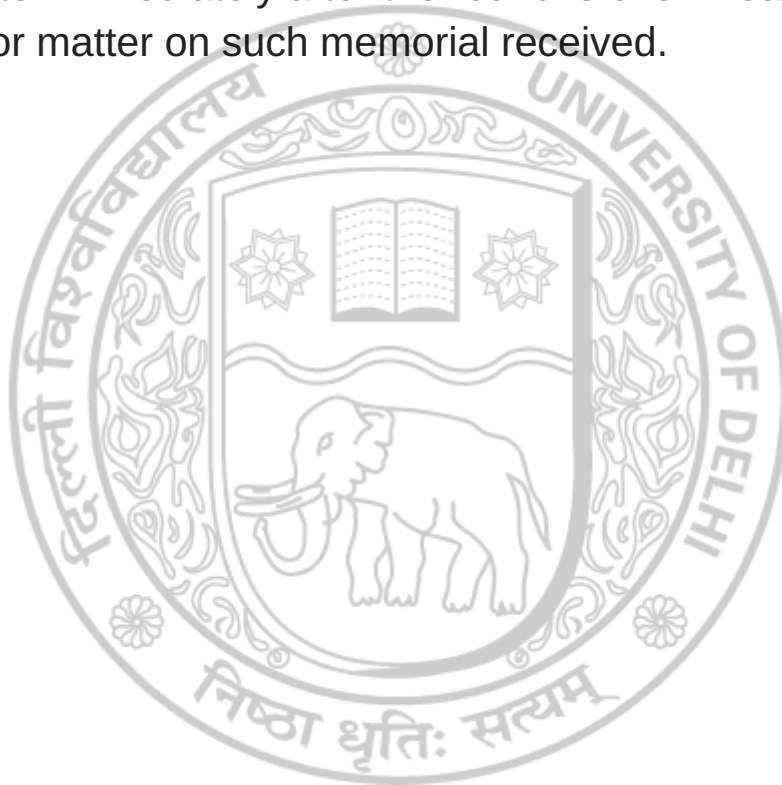
PART 4: MEMORIALS

xii. The memorials should not contain the name of the participating college in any part thereof. Also, no logo or any mark of identification should be made in the memorials. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to immediate disqualification.

ADHERENCE OF MEMORIAL TO PRESCRIBED FORM & CONTENT

- Memorials that do not comply with above specifications will suffer penalty points.

- Memorials of other team received during a round shall be returned to the Court master immediately after the round is over. Teams shall not put any mark or matter on such memorial received.



**PART 5:
FORMAT OF THE
COMPETITION**

**Team Registration
Inauguration Ceremony
Memorial exchange**

: 23rd March (Day 1)

24th March (Day 2) :

**Preliminary rounds
Quarter Finals
Researcher's Test**

**Semi Final
Final
Valedictory Ceremony**

: 25th March (Day 3)

**PART 5:
FORMAT OF THE
COMPETITION**

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- Preliminary rounds will be held on 24th March, 2018.
- There will be two preliminary rounds of argument per team, once as Appellant and the other as Respondent.
- No team will face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- Each team will face a different Bench in their second round of Arguments.
- Teams will be provided with their opponent team's memorials after the conclusion of the draw of lots.
- Top eight (8) teams will qualify for the quarter-final rounds. The qualification to the quarterfinals will be based on oral score of preliminary rounds and Memorial scores of the teams.
- The teams are required to submit the opposite side memorials to the court master after the conclusion of each round.
- The Best Advocate will be decided on the basis of the scores of the Preliminary rounds only.

QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

- The Quarter Final rounds will be held on 24th March, 2018 and shall be a knockout round.
- The teams will be provided with their opponent's memorial after declaration of preliminary results and the draw of lots for the Quarter Final Rounds.

SEMI FINAL ROUNDS AND FINAL ROUND

The Semi-Final Rounds and Final Round will be held on 25th March, 2018 and shall be knockout rounds.

RESEARCHER TEST

Researcher Test of 1 hour will be held on 24th March, 2018 for Best Researcher. The test will comprise of questions relating to the Problem, both legal and factual. The questions may also test the knowledge of the Researcher in basic areas of laws pertaining to the problem.

**PART 5:
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COMPETITION**

TIME AND MARKING SCHEME FOR ORAL ROUNDS

- i.** Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case in preliminary rounds and each speaker should speak for a minimum of 10 minutes. While for the Semi-final and Final rounds, each team will be permitted a total time of 45 minutes and a speaker shall not use more than 25 minutes of the total time.
- ii.** The time includes questioning by judges. Rebuttal would be allowed only to the petitioner. Sur rebuttal would be allowed at the discretion of judges but shall not be allowed in preliminary rounds.
- iii.** The oral arguments have to be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- iv.** The maximum time taken for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal shall be 5 minutes.
- v.** Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher will be allowed through court masters.
- vi.** Teams would not be allowed to use any electronic devices like Laptops, LCD Projector and Video camera during oral pleadings.
- vii.** At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court master as to the division of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal).
- viii.** Judges' decision on conduct of proceedings will be final in their court.

**PART 6:
ADJUDICATION**

MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS IS AS FOLLOWS:

S.No	CRITERION	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Proper cause title, statement of jurisdiction and presentation of questions.	5+5+10
2.	Interpretation of facts	10
3.	Understanding and ability to explain the legal principles clearly and application thereof	20
4.	Coherent and logical written arguments advanced and Logical use of case law	20
5.	Formatting and citation	10
6.	Grammar and Style	10
7.	Legality of Reliefs prayed for	10
	TOTAL	100

NOTE: Each memorial will be marked as given above.

**PART 6:
ADJUDICATION**

MARKING CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS:

S.no	CRITERION	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of facts and identifying issues	5
2.	Knowledge, statement and understanding of legal provisions and principles	10
3.	Logical coherency in Arguments	10
4.	Logical reasoning, clarity, brevity and ingenuity of response to the judge's query	15
5.	Time Management and organisation	5
6.	Court Etiquettes, Advocacy skills and Presentation skills	5
	TOTAL	50
	GRAND TOTAL FOR TEAM (50 Marks Each Speaker)	100

**PART 7:
AWARDS**

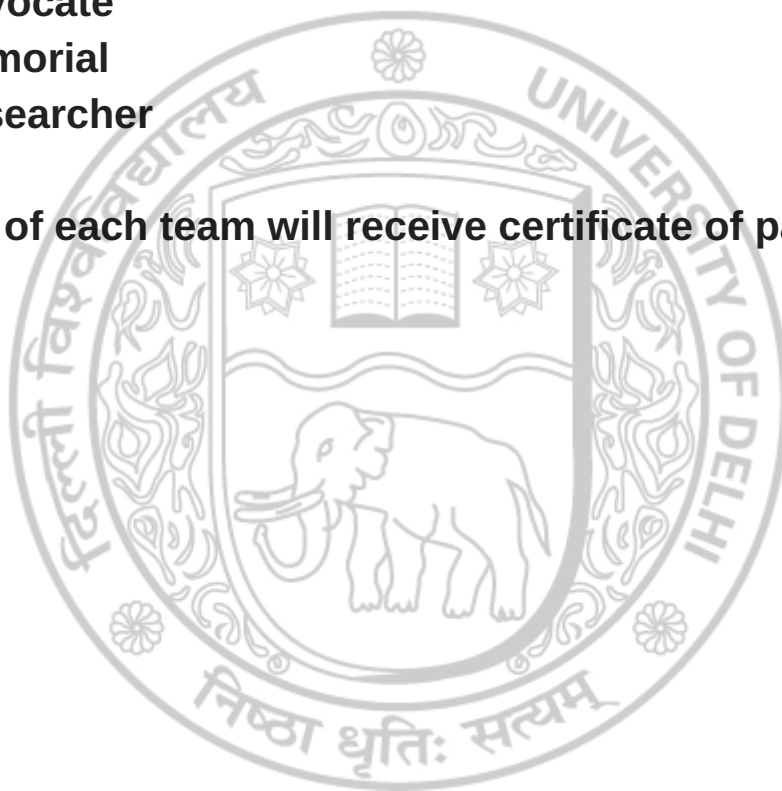
Prizes for the competition are as follows:

1. Trophies for the Winners, Runner up, Best Advocate, Best Researcher and Best Memorial

2. Cash Prizes:

- Best Team
- Runner up
- Best Advocate
- Best Memorial
- Best Researcher

3. Member of each team will receive certificate of participation.



CONFORMATION OF TRAVEL ITINERARY

Participating Teams must confirm their travel itinerary by February 25th, 2018 and communicate the same to the OC by email at justifiedmoot2018@gmail.com.

ORGANIZERS' EXTRA-ORDINARY POWER

- All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession. The OC reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- The OC decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding.
- If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the OC decision on the same shall be final and binding.
- The OC reserves the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.
- Any issue or matter concerning the Competition will be decided by the OC . Any grievance may be addressed to the Professor-In-Charge, Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law whose decision will be final.

SCOUTING

- Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other team till the time the team is declared to have advanced to the next round. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- Any team can file a written complaint with the OC, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the OC will be final.

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- Upon completion of the competition, the OC reserves the exclusive right to use the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in Law Centre- II, Delhi. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
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DISCLAIMER

- The material in the moot proposition is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead and is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely co-incidental.
- Participating teams should carry with them ID card issued by the college and required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of competition.