



**S.K. PURI INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT -  
JUSTIFIED '20  
AT  
LAW CENTRE - II, FACULTY OF LAW,  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI,  
DELHI, INDIA**



**AMENDED RULES**

**DATE & VENUE OF THE COMPETITION**

The oral rounds of the S.K. Puri Memorial International Moot Court - JUSTIFIED'20 (hereinafter, "*the competition*") shall no longer be held on the campus of Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as scheduled.

In light of the Coronavirus pandemic, the oral rounds of the competition have been postponed and shall now be held from **15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 online via Live Video Conferencing.**

The competition shall be restricted to the teams that have already registered for the competition.

**I. ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

**A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- a) Prof. Mahavir Singh, In-charge, Law Centre - II, shall be the competition administrator.
- b) The members of the Organising Committee (OC) for the competition are as follows:
  - (i) Dr. Pinki Sharma (Head of OC)
  - (ii) Mr. Kumar Abhishek (Co-Convener, Moot Court Society, Law Centre - II)
  - (iii) Ms. Ruchika Bhatt (Co-Convener, Moot Court Society, Law Centre - II)
  - (iv) The Core and Executive Council Members, Moot Court Society, Law Centre - II

## **II. TEAM COMPOSITION**

- a) Once the competition commences on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, no changes in the members of the participating team shall be allowed without the permission of the OC.
- b) Once the competition commences on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, no interchangeability amongst/between the speakers and/or researcher shall be allowed at any point in the competition without the permission of the OC.

## **III. RULES REGARDING ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

### **A. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION**

The competition shall commence on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and conclude on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The competition will take place in the following format:

- a) The First Preliminary Round which will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- b) The Second Preliminary Round which will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- c) One Quarter Final Round & Semi-Final Round which will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- d) The Final Round which will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Valedictory Session will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The monetary prizes shall be transferred to the winners via RTGS or NEFT. E-certificates will also be sent directly to the participants.

### **B. RULES FOR THE ONLINE PLATFORM:**

- a) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to choose an online platform to conduct the competition.

- b) Technological Requirements:
- (i) Participants are to use a stable internet connection (4G or Wi-Fi) during the virtual mooting sessions.
  - (ii) Participants must use laptops or PCs for the oral rounds. The use of cell phones is prohibited.
  - (iii) Participants are advised to use headphones during the rounds for better sound reception.
  - (iv) The participants must ensure that any noise or audio other than their voice should not disturb the court proceedings.
  - (v) The participants should make necessary preparations before entering the meeting room i.e. downloading the required Application and ensuring that their device is compatible with the same.
  - (vi) The participants are prohibited from recording the Virtual Courtroom proceedings in any form or manner.
- c) The Invitation Link to the Virtual Courtroom shall be sent to the team on their registered e-mail ID, two hours prior to the rounds.
- d) The Teams will be e-mailed the soft copy of their opponent's Written Submission prior to the oral rounds. Mistakes in the same need to be highlighted by the teams and sent to the Court Masters immediately upon the conclusion of each round.
- e) The participants should only use their UTC as their username while joining the Virtual Courtroom.
- f) Identification Requirements: Since it is a virtual moot, all participants must bear with them at least one identity document for any probable verification during the Mooting sessions.
- g) The background of the participants on video shall be plain and shall not contain any symbols or any representations.
- h) Only the respective team members, judges, court masters and members of the organizing Moot Court Committee may be present in the Virtual Courtrooms. No faculty designate or observer of participating colleges/institutions/universities shall be allowed to join the virtual mooting sessions.

- i) In the Virtual Courtrooms, all participants shall keep their videos turned on at all times.
- j) The participants must keep their microphones muted until they are required to speak.
- k) The distribution of time between the speakers should be intimated by the team to the Court Master prior to the start of the proceedings. The Court Master shall interrupt the meeting to give a reminder to each speaker 5 minutes and 2 minutes before the time allotted, as provided by the teams, is to come to an end.
- l) In case internet connection of Speaker 1 is lost or if that Speaker faces any other difficulty in connecting, a time limit of 5 minutes will be given to that speaker to reconnect. After 5 minutes are over, Speaker 2 will take over to put forth their arguments. In the meanwhile, Speaker 1 should try to reconnect. However, even after completion of arguments of Speaker 2, if Speaker 1 has not reconnected, the team shall be marked on the basis of arguments put forth by Speaker 2 and Speaker 1 only if he has put forth any arguments before disconnection.
- m) In case internet connection of Speaker 2 is lost or if that Speaker faces any other difficulty in connecting, a maximum of 10 minutes will be given to reconnect. If that Speaker fails to reconnect, the team shall be marked only on the basis of the arguments put forth by Speaker 1 and Speaker 2 if he has put forth any arguments before disconnection
- n) In case the judges face Internet connectivity issues, the time limit of the respective rounds will be adjusted accordingly by the organizer of the round
- o) Any other queries will be solved by the Court Master in consultation with the OC.
- p) The participating teams are not allowed to use any other electronic device other than the one which is being used to participate in the moot, including (but not limited to), tablet computers, mobile phones, smart/digital watches etc. in the Virtual Courtroom during the course of the round, including when the opposite team is addressing arguments. In case a member of a

team is found using any such electronic device, the team shall invite a severe penalty which may include disqualification.

- q) Any problems encountered by the teams should be communicated by the team to the Court Master via the group text feature of the organizer's hosting platform.
- r) If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.
- s) The organizers shall not be held responsible for any glitches arising out of poor network or other technical issues.
- t) In any case whatsoever, the decision of the OC shall be final.

### **C. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

- a) Each team shall be required to represent both parties to the problem across the two preliminary rounds. The OC shall, through a seeding process dependent on the memorial score, pair the Teams. The OC shall not disclose the seed rankings at any time
- b) Each team shall have a maximum of 30 minutes to advance arguments which include the time for answering questions, rebuttals, sur-rebuttals and enlisting of errors in the opponent's memorial.
- c) Each team is entitled to divide and allocate time to each speaker of the team in the manner it deems fit provided that no speaker shall be allocated less than 10 minutes to advance their arguments. This shall be intimated to the Court Master before the commencement of the round.
- d) The teams must mandatorily reserve a minimum of 2 minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals by the claimant and the respondent respectively and this shall be included within the 30 Minutes time limit.
- e) The Teams are required to highlight the mistakes in the Opposing Team's memorial and the highlighted memorial is to be sent to the Court Masters immediately upon the conclusion of each round.
- f) Judges may also exercise their discretion in extending the time for advancing

of oral arguments and in determining the method of dealing with such extension of time in scoring the team.

g) Best Speaker and Second-Best Speaker shall be decided based on the scores of the preliminary rounds.

h) Qualification to the Quarter-Final Rounds:

8 teams shall qualify for the quarter-final rounds based on their performance in the preliminary rounds in the following manner:

(i) The 8 teams that win both the preliminary rounds shall qualify for the quarter-final rounds.

(ii) In the event, there are less than 8 teams with two wins across both the preliminary rounds then, in addition to the teams with two wins that qualify for the quarter-final rounds, the teams with one win in either of the preliminary rounds shall be considered for qualification to the quarter-final rounds. In such a case, the margin by which the team with one win has won the round shall be adjusted against the margin by which such team has lost the other round, based on the total score. The teams which have won by a greater margin than the others shall qualify for the quarter-final rounds.

(iii) In the event there are more than 8 teams with two wins across both the preliminary rounds then the total margin by which the winning teams have defeated their opponents in both the rounds, based on the total score, shall be taken into consideration and the 8 teams with the highest total winning margin across the two rounds shall qualify for the quarter-final rounds.

(iv) In the event of a tie between the winning margin of two teams, based on the total score, the memorial scores of the teams shall be considered in order to break the tie. The team with a greater memorial score shall qualify.

#### **D. QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS**

- a) Based on the prescribed rules regarding qualification to the quarter-final round, 8 teams shall qualify for the quarter-final round. The opposing teams shall be decided through a seeding process dependent on the winning margin of the teams in the Preliminary Rounds.
- b) Each team shall have a maximum of 30 minutes to advance arguments which include the time for answering questions, rebuttals, sur-rebuttals and enlisting of errors in the opponent's memorial.
- c) Each team is entitled to divide and allocate time to each speaker of the team in the manner it deems fit provided that no speaker shall be allocated less than 10 minutes to advance their arguments. This shall be intimated to the Court Master before the commencement of the round.
- d) The teams must mandatorily reserve a minimum of 2 minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals by the claimant and the respondent respectively and this shall be included within the 30 Minutes time limit.
- e) The Teams are required to highlight the mistakes in the Opposing Team's memorial and the highlighted memorial is to be sent to the Court Masters immediately upon the conclusion of each round.
- f) Judges may also exercise their discretion in extending the time for advancing of oral arguments and in determining the method of dealing with such extension of time in scoring the team.
- g) Qualification to the Semi-Final Round: The four teams that win their respective rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Final Round. In the event of a tie, the same shall be broken by taking into consideration the memorial scores.

#### **E. SEMI-FINAL ROUND**

- a) Based on the prescribed rules regarding qualification to the semi-final round, 4 teams shall qualify for the semi-final rounds. The opposing teams shall be decided through a seeding process dependent on the scores of the teams of the Quarter-final Round.
- b) Each team shall have a maximum of 25 minutes to advance arguments which

include the time for answering questions, rebuttals, sur-rebuttals and enlisting of errors in the opponent's memorial.

- c) Each team is entitled to divide and allocate time to each speaker of the team in the manner it deems fit provided that no speaker shall be allocated less than 8 minutes to advance their arguments. This shall be intimated to the Court Master before the commencement of the round.
- d) The teams must mandatorily reserve a minimum of 1 minute for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals by the claimant and the respondent respectively and this shall be included within the 25 Minutes time limit.
- e) The Teams are required to highlight the mistakes in the Opposing Team's memorial and the highlighted memorial is to be sent to the Court Masters immediately upon the conclusion of each round.
- f) Judges may also exercise their discretion in extending the time for advancing of oral arguments and in determining the method of dealing with such extension of time in scoring the team.
- g) Qualification to the Final Round: The two teams that win their respective rounds shall qualify for the Final Round. In the event of a tie, the same shall be broken by taking into consideration the memorial scores.

#### **F. FINAL ROUND**

- a) Based on the prescribed rules regarding qualification to the final round, 2 teams shall compete in the final round.
- b) Each team shall have a maximum of 25 minutes to advance arguments which include the time for answering questions, rebuttals, sur-rebuttals and enlisting of errors in the opponent's memorial.
- c) Each team is entitled to divide and allocate time to each speaker of the team in the manner it deems fit provided that no speaker shall be allocated less than 8 minutes to advance their arguments. This shall be intimated to the Court Master before the commencement of the round.
- d) The teams must mandatorily reserve a minimum of 1 minute for rebuttal and sur-rebuttals by the claimant and the respondent respectively and this shall be



included within the 25 Minutes time limit.

- e) The Teams are required to highlight the mistakes in the Opposing Team's memorial and the highlighted memorial is to be sent to the Court Masters immediately upon the conclusion of each round.
- f) Judges may also exercise their discretion in extending the time for advancing of oral arguments and in determining the method of dealing with such extension of time in scoring the team.
- g) The team with the greater total score shall be the winning team of the competition.

The reduction in the duration of the Semi-Final and Final Rounds has been consciously done in an endeavour to bring the competition closer to the practice prevalent in the legal profession.

Results for each round of the competition shall be declared on the Facebook page and website of the competition. The same shall also be intimated to the teams directly through e-mail.

#### IV. ANNEXURES AND COMPENDIUM

- (i) The Annexures and Compendium shall be submitted to the OC via email to [mcclc2@gmail.com](mailto:mcclc2@gmail.com) by 18:00 on 12<sup>th</sup> October.
- (ii) The Compendium and Annexures should only be sent as single PDF files respectively for easy accessibility of the judges
- (iii) The teams shall make sure that no annexure, document or compendium contains any personally identifiable detail or information including the logo or/and name of institution/college/university or the names of the participants.

## V. RESEARCHERS' TEST

A Researchers' Test shall be conducted online via Google Forms which will consist of objective type questions. The duration of the test will be 26 minutes. Link for the same will be provided by the OC in due time. The participants will be required to keep their videos switched on for the entirety of the test.

Any participant found using any unfair means during the test, will be disqualified immediately.

## VI. AWARDS AND PRIZES

a) The following are the categories for which monetary prizes shall be given:

S. No.	CATEGORY	PRIZE
1.	Winner	₹ 50,000/-
2.	Runners Up	₹35,000/-
3.	Best Memorial	₹25,000/-
	Second Best Memorial	₹20,000/-
4.	Best Researcher	₹15,000/-
	Second-Best Researcher	₹10,000/-
5.	Best Speaker	₹15,000/-
	Second-Best Speaker	₹10,000/-

All participants shall receive e-certificates of participation. All winning participants shall also receive e-certificates of merit declaring their position. The e-certificates shall be sent within one week of the conclusion of the competition.

The monetary prizes shall be sent to the winners through RTGS or NEFT.

## VII. CONTACT DETAILS

- a) Subject to the rules of the competition, participants shall address all queries to the official e-mail address i.e. [mcclc2@gmail.com](mailto:mcclc2@gmail.com).
- b) Further contact details:

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