

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE 1ST JUSTICE RR AGGARWAL
MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024

DATE : 2ND – 3RD APRIL, 2024

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

The Competition will be structured as per the following format:

- a. Preliminary Rounds
- b. Quarter-Final Rounds (subject to changes)
- c. Semi-Final Rounds
- d. Final Rounds

LANGUAGE:

The language of the Competition shall be English.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

- The team composition, for the competition, shall comprise of either two members (being designated as Speakers) or one as Researcher.
- The Researcher may be permitted to argue as Speaker in case of illness or any unforeseen event, but the permission of the Moot Court Convener in such case shall be mandatory.

DRESS CODE:

The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

- a. Girls: White shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes.
- b. Boys: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

MEMORIALS

- All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules of the Competition. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and one on behalf of the Respondent(s). Further each team has to submit 10 hard copies of the Memorials (5 Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s) and 5 Respondent(s)). Non-compliance will entail a penalty of 1 point per copy not submitted. Hard copies of the memorial must reach the organizers personally, latest by 2nd April, 2024, failing which, the same shall not be considered and would lead to disqualification. Loose compendium will not be allowed.
- **Petitioner** memorials are required to have a **Blue cover** and **Respondent** memorials are required to have a **Red cover**. The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification. A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team. The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.

NOTE- Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the 21st Bluebook Edition.

GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING:

1. Memorial Structure: The memorial must have following pages only:
 - i. 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 top right corner.
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. List of Abbreviations
 - iv. Index of Authorities
 - v. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - vi. Statement of Facts

vii. Issues Raised

viii. Summary of Arguments

ix. Pleadings /Arguments Advanced

x. Prayer

2. Team Code: The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page.

3. Content Specifications: The following content specifications must be strictly adhered to:

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

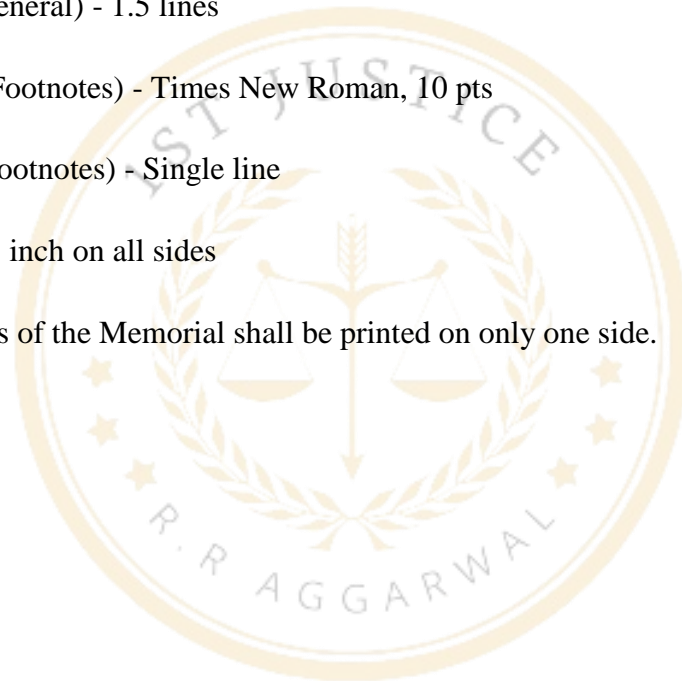
ii. Line Spacing (General) - 1.5 lines

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

iv. Line Spacing (Footnotes) - Single line

v. Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides

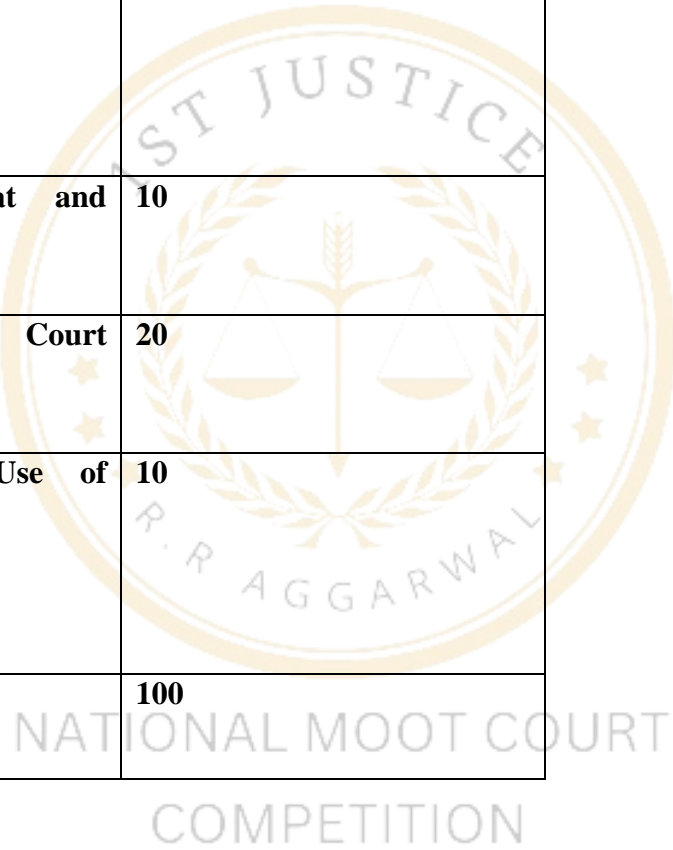
vi. The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.



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MARKING CRITERIA:

Marking Criteria	Marks
Evidence of Original Thought	20
Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
Proper and Articulate analysis	20
Correct format and Citation	10
Discipline and Court Mannerism	20
Extent and Use of Research	10
Total Marks	100



RULES FOR THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Draw of lots:

The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Draw of lots and Memorial Exchange shall take place on 2nd April, 2024 for preliminary round 1 and round 2 draw of lots will be also on 2nd April, 2024 for the teams respectively.

Preliminary rounds:

- The preliminary rounds will be held on 2nd April, 2024. The Preliminary rounds shall comprise of Two Rounds of oral arguments subject to the allotment of team codes. In the preliminary rounds, each team shall have to argue twice, once as a petitioner and the other as a respondent.
- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)). The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject with a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and not more than 15 minutes per speaker. Rebuttals can be assigned a time period of not more than 2 minutes.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. The researcher may sit with the speakers during the oral rounds. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 50 points per speaker per judge. The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms. No two Teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

The winners of the preliminary rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds (This round is subjected to changes as per the discretion of the Organizers).

Quarter Final Rounds:

The Quarter Final Rounds shall comprise of Eight Teams. The Quarter Final Rounds shall take place on 2nd April, 2024. The top scorers of the pre-round shall be declared qualified for the Quarter- Final Rounds. This round is subjected to changes as per the discretion of the Organizers.

The match up of teams in Quarter Final Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)).

Semi Final Rounds:

The Semi Final rounds shall comprise of Four Teams. The Semi Final rounds shall take place on 3rd April, 2024. The winner of the Quarter Final round shall be declared qualified for the Semi Final Rounds.

The match up of teams in Semi Final Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)).

Final Rounds:

The Final Rounds shall also take place on 3rd April, 2024. The two teams who stand declared as winners of the Semi Final Rounds shall qualify for the Final Rounds. Each team will get a total of 60 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)). The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared Winner of the Competition.

General Rules:

- But in case a tie takes place in the preliminary rounds, Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final Rounds, the marks of the researchers test and memorials will be added and shall be the basis for deciding the winner.
- The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

Scouting

Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team, unless they have been officially knocked-out of the competition. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

RESEARCHER'S TEST:

The "Researcher Test" shall take place on 2nd April, 2024. Only the Researcher, as indicated by the team, only that teammate shall take the researcher test. The test will be for an hour only based on the moot problem. The test shall be limited to general understanding of law and to the moot proposition.