

**9TH JUSTICE MURTAZA HUSAIN MEMORIAL
NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024
22ND – 24TH November, 2024**



**ORGANISED BY UNITY POST GRADUATE COLLEGE,
LUCKNOW.**

The following rules shall be called the 9th JUSTICE MURTAZA HUSAIN MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES, 2024

Wherein,

- **Organizer** means the Unity Post Graduate College, Lucknow.
- **Competition** means the 9th Justice Murtaza Husain Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2024.
- **Participating Team/ Institution** means the team that has registered itself for the competition as per the rules
- **Venue** means Unity Post Graduate College, Justice Murtaza Husain Road, Sector B, Basant Kunj, IIM Road, Lucknow, 226101, Uttar Pradesh.
- The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The rules shall be strictly adhered to; any deviation from the same shall result in immediate disqualification unless exempted by the organizer. All decisions made by the organizer in case of any dispute, doubt, or other problems of such nature, shall be final and binding on the participating teams. The organizer further reserves the right to alter, amend, or add rules herein at any point of time. Imposition of penalties is exclusively the right of the organizer, in case the rules are not adhered to by the participating teams.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Date

The competition shall be held from November 22, 2024 to November 24, 2024 at the Unity Post Graduate College, Justice Murtaza Husain Road, Sector B, Basant Kunj, IIM Road, Lucknow, 226101, Uttar Pradesh.

Dress Code

Participants are required to adhere to the following dress code while presenting in any courtroom during the competition.

Female: White Salwar-Kurta or White shirt and black pant/black skirt, black coat and black shoes.

Male: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Language

The official language of the Competition shall be English only.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

Each Institution offering an undergraduate LL.B. Degree Course is eligible to participate in the competition. A team shall comprise of members from one institution. Similarly, not more than one team can participate from any institution. The Competition is open for students in LL.B. undergraduate degree courses.

Team Composition

- a. Each team shall consist of a minimum two members and a maximum of three members. The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with the written permission of the organizers.
 - b. Every team shall consist of two speakers and only one researcher.
 - c. A researcher shall be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Court.
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3. REGISTRATION

Online Registration Format and Deadline

Teams must register by 23:59 hrs on 25th October, 2024 (Friday) by sending an email to unitymootcourtcommittee@gmail.com with the Subject: “**Registration for 9th Justice Murtaza Husain Moot 2024**” and also inform us regarding accommodation as per Rule 12.

Registration and Travel Form

In the same email of Rule 3.1 teams are required to attach the following:

- (a) Duly filled in the Registration Form along with the details of the online transfer. (See Rule 3.3).
- (b) Duly filled Travel Form shall be scanned and attached with this email. Each registered team would be allotted a Team Code after the payment of the registration fee by the Team is confirmed.

Registration Fee

- (a) Teams who opt for accommodation arranged by Organizers must send a registration fee of Rs. 6,000/- while those who do not opt for accommodation shall

send an amount of Rs. 3000/- towards registration fee via Online Transfer latest by 23:59 hrs on the 25th October 2024. Details of the Bank Account to be transferred.

BANK DETAILS



BENEFICIARY NAME : UNITY DEGREE COLLEGE

BANK A/C No. : 99999415787698

A/C TYPE : SAVING

IFSC CODE : HDFC0006938

BANK NAME : HDFC BANK



Note: Amount once deposited shall not be refundable.

(b) Details of the online transfer must be sent through the mail of registration (in Rule 3.2) to unitymootcourtcommittee@gmail.com by the invited teams by 23:59 hrs on the 25th of October 2024.

Note:- The online transfer details should contain the names of the participants. Hard copies of Registration Documents, the Registration Form, Transfer details, and Travel details should be sent to Unity Post Graduate College, Lucknow on or before October 25, 2024 to:

Unity Post Graduate College, Justice Murtaza Husain Road, Sector-B, Basant Kunj, IIM Road, Lucknow, 226101, Uttar Pradesh

4. MEMORIALS

Memorial Submission

(a) All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same shall result in disqualification of the teams subject to the discretion of the organizer.

(b) Each Team registered in the Competition must prepare one (1) Memorial on behalf of the Petitioner and one (1) on behalf of the Respondent.

(c) Each Team must send a soft copy of their memorials by 23:59hrs on 15th November, 2024 to unitymootcourtcommittee@gmail.com with the subject “**Memorials for Justice Murtaza Husain Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2024**”. Memorials submitted beyond the stated deadline shall not be evaluated. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline.

(d) Memorials submitted within the deadline will be evaluated according to the criteria provided in Rule 4.4.

(e) Each team shall further submit **4 hard copies of the memorial** for each side at the time of registration on **November 22, 2024**. Non-compliance with this rule will result in a penalty of 5 points per copy not submitted

Memorial Format

(a) All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document 2007/2010 format (.doc/.docx).

(b) All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size with an equal margin on each side.

(c) The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page and page numbers, must be in Times New Roman 12-point. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman 10-point.

(d) The spacing of the text of all parts of the Memorial must be 1.5. The footnotes must be separated with single-line spacing.

(e) The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.

Memorial Content

(a) The Memorials should contain the following sections:
Cover Page (to be Blue/Red depending on whether Petitioner/Respondent side);

- Table of Contents;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Statement of Facts;
- Statement of Issues;
- Summary of Arguments;
- Arguments;
- Prayer.

(b) The memorial as a whole should not exceed 35 pages including the cover page.

(c) The citation should be in compliance with the 20th edition of the Bluebook. Speaking footnotes or Endnotes are not allowed.

(d) The entire content of the soft copies and the hard copies of the Memorial shall have to be the same.

Memorial Evaluation

(a) The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 points. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of Law and Facts: 25 Points
- Proper and Articulate Analysis: 25 Points
- Extent and Use of Research: 20 Points
- Clarity and Organization: 20 Points
- Grammar and Style: 10 Points

5. ORAL PLEADINGS

General Procedures

(a) Each Oral Round of the Competition shall consist of sixty minutes of oral pleadings. Petitioner and Respondent shall be allotted thirty minutes each.

(b) Two members, and not more than two members, from each Team shall make oral presentations during the round.

(c) Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team shall indicate to the Court Clerk/Master how it wishes to allocate its 30 minutes amongst (a) its first Speaker, (b) its second Speaker and (c) rebuttal (for Petitioner). No single speaker shall plead for more than fifteen minutes, including rebuttal.

(d) Extension of Time at Judges' discretion- Judges may, however, at their discretion, extend the total team's oral argument time beyond the thirty minutes allocated time, up to an additional five minutes per team. Speakers asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, appear for more than the twenty-five-minute individual limit.

(e) Each Team may reserve up to five minutes for rebuttal.

(f) Ex- Parte Procedure- In extreme circumstances, such as when a team fails to appear for a scheduled Oral Round, the MCC, after waiting for fifteen minutes, may allow the Oral Round to proceed ex parte. In an ex parte proceeding, the attending team presents its oral pleadings, which are scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent Team had been present and arguing. In such a case, the team that fails to appear for the scheduled Round forfeits all six points of the Oral Round.

(g) Competition Communications- Oral communications during the Oral Round shall be strictly limited to the following. (Any Team, that engages in communications not listed in this Rule, shall be penalized.)

- **Oral Courtroom Communication between Counsel and Judges** –Each Speaker designated to present oral pleadings may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that Speaker, during the Speaker's allotted time. In addition, in extraordinary circumstances, the judges may communicate directly with either Team's counsel table (for example, to clarify the spelling of a Speaker's name or to request that a Team remain quiet during its opponent's oral presentation).
- **Oral Courtroom Communication and Activity at Counsel Table**- Every courtesy shall be given to Speakers during oral argument. Communication at the counsel table shall be in writing to prevent disruption, and teams shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behaviour, that distracts from the argument in progress. Any Penalties imposed under this Rule shall be deducted from the oral scores of both speakers of the offending Team.
- **Written Courtroom Communication**- Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to (a) written communication amongst a Team's members seated at the counsel table, and (b) a Team member at the counsel table handing a document to a Speaker when that Speaker has been questioned about such document during the course of his or her argument.

(h) The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of Law: 20 Points
- Application of Law to Facts: 20 Points
- Ingenuity and Ability to Answer to Questions: 20 Points
- Style, Poise, Courtesy, and Demeanour: 20 Points
- Time Management: 10 Points
- Organization: 10 Points

Draw of lots

(a) The memorial exchange for preliminary rounds will take place after the inauguration on November 22nd, 2024.

(b) To ensure unbiased selection, teams shall be subjected to drawing of lots for the Quarters and semi-final rounds.

(c) The participating teams shall be called upon to draw lots to select their opposition.

(d) In no circumstance shall any change be entertained after such selection.

Preliminary Rounds

(a) The Preliminary Rounds are scheduled to take place on November 23rd, 2024.

(b) There shall be subjected to two preliminary rounds.

(c) The teams shall be arguing on each side during the Preliminary Rounds.

(d) No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary round.

(e) The top 8 teams based on their Win/Loss ratio and Total Preliminary Score in the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. Win/Loss Ratio shall be the ratio of number of Wins Versus the number of Losses in the Preliminary Rounds. The total Preliminary Score is the total score obtained by both the speakers in both Preliminary Rounds. The total Preliminary score does not include the memorial scores. Following shall be the system for determining the teams that advance to the Quarter Final Rounds,

- If there are more than 8 teams that have a Win/Loss ratio 2:0, then out of such teams, the top 8 teams based on their Total Preliminary Score, shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.
- If there are less than 8 teams that have a Win/Loss Ratio of 2:0, then firstly, all such teams that have a Win/Loss ratio of 2:0 shall advance for the Quarter Finals Rounds. Secondly, out of the Teams that have a Win/Loss Ratio of 1:0,

the remaining spots in the Quarter Finals Rounds shall be filled, based on the Total Preliminary Score of such teams.

- If there continues to be a tie, then the Team with the higher, Memorial scores shall qualify for the Quarter Final Round.

Quarter Finals

(a) The quarter-final rounds are scheduled to take place on November 23rd, 2024.

(b) The top eight teams shall compete according to the draw of lots. (c) The quarter-final rounds shall be in the nature of knock-outs, i.e., the team with the lesser score shall be evicted.

(d) The four teams that emerge victorious shall succeed to the semi-final rounds.

Semi-Finals

(a) The semi-final rounds are scheduled to take place on November 24th, 2024.

(b) The semi-finalist teams shall compete according to the draw of lots.

(c) The semi-final rounds shall be in the nature of knock-outs, i.e., the team with the lesser score shall be evicted.

(d) The two teams that emerge victorious shall succeed to the Final rounds.

Final Rounds

(a) The final rounds are scheduled to take place on November 24th, 2024.

(b) The teams shall argue on the side decided by the draw of lots.

(c) The team obtaining a higher score shall be declared as the **Winner of the Competition**

6. RESEARCHER'S TEST

a) The researcher's test shall be conducted on November 22nd, 2024.

(b) The researcher shall take participation in the researcher's test after the formal registration.

(c) There shall be no such test for the teams consisting of only two members.

(d) The test shall contain questions related to the moot proposition and the law applicable.

7. SCOUTING

(a) 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.**

(b) Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

8. AWARDS

- **Winning Team Award:** The winning team will receive a trophy and prize worth Rs. 20,000/-.
 - **Runner-Up Team Award:** The runners-up team will receive a trophy and prize worth Rs. 15,000/-.
 - **Best Mooter** shall receive a trophy and prize worth Rs.5,000/-.
 - The team with the **Best Memorials** will receive a trophy and prize worth Rs. 6,000/-.
 - **Best Researcher** shall receive a trophy and prize worth Rs.5,000/-.
 - Certificates for participation will be given to all the participants.
 - All Certificates and awards will be presented to the participants only at the Valedictory Ceremony on November 24th, 2024.
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9. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF RESULTS

(a) The results of the Preliminary rounds shall be announced shortly after the completion of both rounds.

(b) The results of the Quarter-final and Semi-final Round(s) shall be announced shortly after the completion of each of the rounds.

(c) The winners of the competition will be announced during the Awards ceremony on Sunday, November 24th, 2024.

10. ANONYMITY

The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds and shall only use the Team Code allotted. All team members must refrain from disclosing the

identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the course of their participation in the competition.

11. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final

12. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

(a) The Organizers will arrange rooms for accommodation facilities for those teams who intimate the Organizers of their accommodation requirement in an email and Google form of the registration (See Rule 3.1). **This stay has been arranged from 21st November 2024 (01:00 PM) till 25th November 2024 (10:00 am) i.e. 4 days.** Teams willing to stay before and beyond the dates of the moot will have to make their own arrangements.

(b) Dinner shall be provided at the Accommodation and breakfast; Lunch will be arranged at the college campus of Unity Post Graduate College, Lucknow. Teams without accommodation shall have breakfast and lunch at the College campus.

(c) The Travel Details form must be duly filled and sent in the confirmation e-mail sent to unitymootcourtcommittee@gmail.com by the invited teams as per Rule 3.1 by 23:59hrs.

(d) Transportation shall be provided by the Organizers to the Participating teams only at the time of their arrival and departure as per their previously intimated Travel Plan. However, regular bus trips from the Hotel to the Campus would be scheduled during the Moot Court Competition.

13. COPYRIGHT

(a) The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on the organizer. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials.

b) The organizer shall have the right to publicly display, or distribute in any manner whatsoever and they shall not be responsible for any liability thereof.

14. DISCLAIMER

The Moot Court Competition is based on a purely fictitious compromise, whereby the characters & the incidents or the course of events in the compromise are completely imaginary and the same has no relation to any person living or dead or any past/present real-life incident. The Moot Court Competition is made solely for the purpose of training the law students and to develop an analytical bent of mind and serve the Bar and the Bench to the best of their abilities.

15. CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM:

Regarding Moot Procedure and Proposition:

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NOTE: All clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition should be sent to unitymootcourtcommittee@gmail.com by October 30th, 2024.