

JSS LAW COLLEGE
MOOT COURT SOCIETY

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- 1.1. A team may consist of maximum three members and a minimum of two members.
- 1.2. A team may consist of 3 members that shall include two orators and one researcher.

2. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS:

- 2.1. Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form during the Competition, except by the means of their Team Code allotted by the Moot Court Society.
- 2.2. Teams must not reveal the names of the participants, anywhere in the memorials or in the course of the oral arguments. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc. that indicate their identity.
- 2.3. Any material presented to the Bench, including but not limited to compendium, should be devoid of any identification mark(s)/seal(s) of the Team.
- 2.4. Any violation of Rules shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Moot Court Society. The decision of the Moot Court Society this regard shall be final and binding; not subject to challenge.

3. MEMORIALS:

- 3.1. Each team shall research into the domain of moot problem and prepare memorial from both sides, namely, plaintiff/petitioner/appellant and defendant/respondent as the case maybe.
- 3.2. All the teams shall submit 4 hard copies of the memorials and also send a soft copy on 11.11.2022 to the official email id: mootcourt.jsslcmysore@gmail.com
- 3.3. Three marks per side will be deducted for late submission and the teams shall be disqualified from participation if the memorials are not submitted by 12.11.2022.
- 3.4. The teams are at liberty to frame additional contentions or club existing contentions.

4. FORMAT OF MEMORIAL:

- 4.1. The memorials are to be submitted in the format prescribed. If a team fails to comply with the given format, it may be penalized in the form of deductions from the memorials.
- 4.2. The memorials shall contain all of, and only, the following heads, namely:

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- a. Cover Page (It shall include the team code of the team on upper right-hand corner, name of the case, parties on behalf of whom written submissions are made, name of the forum approached for dispute resolution and year. The Cover page of the memorial on behalf of plaintiff/petitioner/appellant shall be in BLUE, and defendant/respondent shall be in RED).
- b. Table of Contents
- c. List of Abbreviations
- d. Index of Authorities
- e. Statement of Jurisdiction
- f. Statement of facts (not exceeding 1 Page)
- g. Issues Raised
- h. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 1 Page)
- i. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 25 pages)
- j. Prayer

4.3. The total number of pages of each memorial shall not exceed 40.

5. FONT AND SPACING:

- 5.1. All written submissions shall be typed on A4 size paper in the following format: in Times New Roman (font type), in 12 points (font size), Line Spacing 1.5, Justified (alignment), and headings to be bold in the same font and size. Footnotes must be font size 10 and have single spacing.
- 5.2. The memorials shall be staple bound only. Kindly refrain from adding plastic sheets and spiral binding.
- 5.3. Each page shall have a 1-inch margin on all sides.

6. CITATIONS:

The teams shall cite authorities in a uniformed manner by adhering to Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Ed).

7. PLAGIARISM:

The Moot Court Society reserves the right to disqualify a team, at any stage of the competition, if the memorial or any other part thereof is found to be plagiarized.

8. SCOUTING:

No member of any team will be permitted to witness the arguments in any courtroom or during the research in which that member is not one of the participating teams' whilst that team is still a part of the competition. If this rule is violated, the Moot Court Society shall take strict actions, which may include but not be limited to, the disqualification of the said team from the competition.

9. ASSESSMENT OF MEMORIALS:

9.1. The memorials shall be evaluated for 100 marks, by a team of experts on the following criteria:

- a. Understanding the Facts
- b. Reliance on Authorities
- c. Argumentation and Clarity of Thoughts
- d. Presentation
- e. Ingenuity

9.2. Each side of the memorials shall be penalized for the following:

- a. Failure to comply with the prescribed page limit.
- b. Argumentative statement of facts.
- c. Failure to include essential heads of memorial as discussed under Clause 4.2 of the Rules.
- d. Failure to differentiate Petitioner and Respondent memorial covers.
- e. Revealing the identity of team member's names.
- f. Failure to comply with prescribed citation, footnotes & spacing style.
- g. Improper margins, binding and page numbers.

10. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR ORAL PLEADINGS:

The speakers shall be judged based on the following criteria:

- a. Knowledge of Facts
- b. Application of Laws to the Fact and Interpretation
- c. Argumentative Skills
- d. Clarity of Thoughts and Expression
- e. Advocacy Skills
- f. Court Mannerisms

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g. Ability to Answer Questions

h. Rebuttal/Sur-rebuttal

11. TIME LIMIT FOR ORAL PLEADINGS:

11.1. Preliminary Rounds, Octa-Finals, & Quarter-Finals: Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include time for rebuttal & sur-rebuttal.

11.2. Semi-Finals & Final: Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.

11.3. Sur-rebuttal shall be permitted only at the discretion of the judges.

12. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

KEY EVENTS	KEY DATES
Registration	29.10.2022
Last date to seek clarifications	30.10.2022
Release of Clarifications	01.11.2022
Memorial Submissions	11.11.2022
Oral Rounds	17.11.2022– 19.11.2022

* The schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.

13. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

13.1. No team shall indulge in any act of misconduct in or outside of the courtroom, undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition. Any act to the contrary may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition.

13.2. Any behavior of indiscipline with the Moot Court Society or any other staff member or student volunteers shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition.

13.3. No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round. However, at the end of all the rounds the participants may talk to the judges, with minimum inconvenience caused to them.

13.4. Any attempt to approach the Drafting Committee of the moot problem or the panel of judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition.

13.5. The MCS is at liberty to change any of the regulations at their discretion by way of notification.

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