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## THE 7<sup>th</sup> JAMIA NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2017

(17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017)

### RULEBOOK

#### **1. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION**

##### **1.1. Administration**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Jamia National Moot Court Competition is organized by Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia. The Competition is to be held from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 at Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi - 110025.

##### **1.2. Language**

The Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

##### **1.3. Structure of the Competition**

The Competition consists of two levels: (a) Memorial Elimination Round and (b) National Rounds. The top 32 teams which qualify after the Memorial Elimination Round shall participate in the National Rounds, which is comprised of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds viz. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.

##### **1.4. Interpretation of the Rules**

The Faculty Coordinator shall serve as the final authority of implementation and interpretation of these Rules.

#### **2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

##### **2.1. Eligibility**

- a) Each Institution offering an undergraduate LL.B. Degree Course is eligible to participate in the competition. Each Institution can send only one Team. The Competition is only open for students in LL.B. Undergraduate Degree Courses.



- b) There shall be a cap on the number of teams participating in the Competition.

## 2.2. Team Composition

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

## 3. REGISTRATION

- a) Teams must register by 31<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 by sending an email to [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com) with the subject “Registration for 7<sup>th</sup> Jamia National Moot Court Competition” along with scanned copy of the Registration Form.
- e) The teams must send their memorials from both the sides by 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 for evaluation at [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com). The result of the Memorial Elimination Round will be announced on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- f) The top 32 teams who get selected for the National Rounds must also send an email regarding “Confirmation for participation in the national rounds” at [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com).
- g) Four copies of memorials from each side, the hard copy Registration Form and a copy of Demand Draft of Rs. 4000 in favour of “The Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia” payable at “New Delhi.” must reach college on or before 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017. The address of college is “Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi- 110025”

## 4. MEMORIALS

### 4.1. Memorial Submission

- a) Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of Petitioner and one on behalf of the Respondent.
- b) Each Team must send a soft copy of their memorials for evaluation by 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 before 11:59 P.M. to [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com). Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall not be evaluated. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline.
- c) Teams who get selected after the Memorial Elimination Round have to submit four hard copies of the memorials from each side by 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 to “The Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi- 110025” along with Registration Form and Demand Draft.



## 4.2 Memorial Format

- a) All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document 2003/2007 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-mark. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman 10-mark.
  - d) The text of all parts of the Memorial must be double-spaced, except for the Cover Page, Table of Contents, Index of Authorities, headings, and footnotes. The footnotes can be separated with single line spacing.
  - e) The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.
- Non-compliance with sub-rule (a) shall result in a penalty of 5 marks. Non-compliance of sub-rules (b) to (e) shall result in a penalty of 1 mark per page detected.

## 4.3 Memorial Content

- a) The Memorials should contain the following sections:
  - Cover Page Coloured differently for Petitioner and Respondent.
    - a. Blue Cover – Petitioner
    - b. Red Cover – Respondent
  - Table of Contents
  - Index of Authorities
  - Statement of Jurisdiction
  - Statement of Facts
  - Statement of Issues
  - Arguments Advanced; and
  - Prayer
- b) The Arguments Advanced should not exceed 20 pages. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per additional page.
- c) The memorial as a whole should not exceed 35 pages including the cover page. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 3 marks per additional page.
- d) The citation should be in compliance with the **19<sup>th</sup> edition of Bluebook**. Noncompliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page detected.



- e) The entire content of the soft copies and the hard copies of the Memorial shall have to be the same. Noncompliance with this rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.

#### 4.4 Memorial Evaluation

- a) The Memorials of Each Team shall be evaluated by a panel of four Judges.
- b) The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:
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| ➤ Understanding of Law and extent of research                 | 25 Marks  |
| ➤ Originality, Articulation and Clarity in Analysis           | 20 Marks  |
| ➤ Knowledge and Integration of Facts                          | 20 Marks  |
| ➤ Logical progression of Ideas and Use of Authorities         | 15 Marks  |
| ➤ Persuasiveness of presentation and correctness of citations | 10 Marks  |
| ➤ Grammar   | 10 Marks  |
| TOTAL   | 100 Marks |

## 5. ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES

### 5.1 General Procedures

- a) There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter final, a semi-final and a final.
- b) The Petitioners shall submit their arguments first, followed by the Respondents. Thereafter the Petitioners shall have the option of submitting rebuttals. Sur-rebuttals shall be allowed at the discretion of the presiding judges.
- c) The memorials shall be exchanged after the Inaugural Ceremony and Registration on 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 on the basis of “draw of lots” to ensure fairness.

### 5.2. Procedures for Oral Submissions

- a) Each team will get a total of 30 minutes in the preliminary rounds to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- b) The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the teams subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- c) The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
- d) The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the oral rounds and can be permitted to speak at the discretion of the bench. However, only the two speakers will be allotted marks in oral rounds.



- e) Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher is not allowed.
- f) Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 marks per speaker per judge.
- g) 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. It is to be noted that no loose sheets of papers are allowed to be passed on.
- h) The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

➤ Understanding of Law	20 Marks
➤ Application of Law to Facts	20 Marks
➤ Integrity, Logic, Reasoning, and Clarity	20 Marks
➤ Persuasiveness	10 Marks
➤ Organisation and Flow of Arguments	10 Marks
➤ Deference and Demeanor	10 Marks
➤ Time Management:	10 Marks
TOTAL	100 Marks

### 5.3 Preliminary Round

- a) All the selected Teams will be participating in the Preliminary Rounds.
- b) Each Team shall have two Preliminary Rounds. Each team will once argue as the Petitioner and Respondent each.
- c) No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- d) The Bench constituted for the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of a minimum of two Judges.

### 5.4 Quarter-Finals

- a) The Quarter Finals shall comprise of knock-out rounds among the eight highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds.
- b) For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter Finals, the number of rounds won by the teams shall be considered as first criterion. In case, there are more than 8 teams having same number of wins, the Margin of Victory (MOV) of their respective rounds shall be taken into consideration. Further, in case of tie after taking winning scores into consideration, the memorial scores shall be considered.



## 5.5 Semi-Finals

The four winning Teams from each of the four Quarter-final Rounds shall advance to the Semi-final Rounds on a knock-out basis.

## 5.6 Finals

The winning teams from each of the two Semi-final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round. The winner of the Final Round shall be declared Winner of the Competition.

## 6. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- a) There shall be a researcher's test which would be conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017 before the inaugural function.
- b) The researcher's test shall comprise of objective as well as subjective type questions.

## 7. SCOUTING

Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited and shall entail instant disqualification.

## 8. AWARDS

- a) Winning Team Award: The winning team will receive a cash prize of Rs. 30,000/-.
- b) Runners-Up Team Award: The runners up team will receive a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/-.
- c) Best Male Advocate shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-.
- d) Best Female Advocate shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-.
- e) Best Researcher shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-.
- f) The team with the Best Memorial will receive a cash prize of Rs. 5000/-.

In addition to the above awards, meritorious certificates and trophies shall be given to the winners. All participants will be given participation certificates.

## 9. ANONYMITY

The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds, and must use the Team Code. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the oral rounds. Non-compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team. The decision of the authorities in this regard shall be final.



## 10. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

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

## 11. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- a) Accommodation and food for participating teams will be provided by Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia.
- b) Accommodation will be provided from 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 only.
- c) No Fourth Member is allowed in a team and hence no facility will be provided to any such person.

## 12. CLARIFICATIONS

Any clarifications regarding the competition can be sought from:

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NOTE: All the doubts regarding the Moot Proposition should be sent to [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com) by 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017.