



**8<sup>TH</sup> JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA**  
**NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2020**  
**[ONLINE]**  
**25<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

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**RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

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## I. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

### [VIRTUAL PLATFORM DESCRIPTION]

The Oral Rounds shall be conducted through Google Meet. The participants shall receive a link for their respective court rooms. Each Virtual Court room shall have Two Speakers, Judges, and Two Bailiffs. However, the Organisers may at several instances join in any of the Court Rooms for the inspection. Each person in the Virtual Court Room shall keep their video turned on and the mics turned-off and only such person shall keep their mics turned on whenever they are required to speak.

Please note, that the organisers may also switch to a different platform if any technical issue arises, and the same shall be notified to all the teams in advance.

#### 1.1. Administration

The 8<sup>th</sup> Jamia Online National Moot Court Competition is organised by Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia through its virtual platform. The Competition is to be held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 through the *Virtual Platform* of 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.

- a. **Stage I: Memorial Selection Round:** There will be a memorial elimination round which will determine the teams selected for the Oral Rounds. Top 24 teams with highest memorial marks will proceed to the Stage II of the competition. In case more than 2 teams register from the same college, the Top 2 teams securing highest marks will proceed to Stage II of the Competition.
- b. **Stage II: Oral Rounds:** The oral round shall consist of two Preliminary Rounds, Quarter finals, Semi-finals and a Final round.

#### 1.4. Interpretation of the Rules

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

### II. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

#### 2.1. Eligibility

Each Institution offering an undergraduate LL.B. Degree Course (3 and 5 Year course) is eligible to participate in the competition. Each Institution can send multiple Teams. The Competition is only open for students in LL.B. Undergraduate Degree Courses.

#### 2.2. Team Composition

- a. Each team shall consist of *three members*. The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed except with the permission of the organisers.
- 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.
- d. *Each team shall be provided with a team code by the organising committee which shall be mandatorily mentioned on the top right corner of the front page of the memorials.*

### III. REGISTRATION

- a. Teams must register by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 through the following online Google Form: <https://forms.gle/HRSAKFr7FHKSEX1s8> (*Kindly read all the instructions before registering*).
- b. The Registration Fee for this competition is Rupees Five Hundred Only. (Rs. 500/-). The details of the *Bank Account* in which the Registration Fee must be paid has been attached in the end of this Rule Book (last two pages).
- c. The Registration Fee must be paid by all the teams and the copy of such transaction must be sent to [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com) by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (11:59 PM IST).
- d. All the teams which successfully registers for the competition and submit the soft copy of their memorials shall be awarded with Certificate of Participation irrespective of whether they qualify for the Top 24.
- e. **Kindly provide a Gmail I'd for the convenience. Each Participant must provide their Name, Year of Study, Mobile number (WhatsApp preferably), and E-mail I'd.**
- f. **All such communication shall essentially take place through E-mails and WhatsApp.**

- g. The Google Form must be filled once by each team and **College Identity Card** of each participant must be also be uploaded with the Google Forms. The section for the same has been created in the forms.
- h. In case the participant(s) of the team is not in possession of their college identity card and is unable to send the copy of such Identity card, then in such a case, the entire team must request their concerned faculty's Moot Court Society/Moot Court Committee/Dean/HOD to send an email for registration of such team through their official email declaring that the student(s)/team which intends to participate in this moot is a bona fide student of such college. The email must be sent to [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com) by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020. They must provide details as mentioned under Rule III.c.
- i. Acknowledgment shall be sent to participants by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- j. **Team Codes shall be allotted to all the registered teams by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.**

#### IV. 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. The teams must send the soft copy of their memorials from both the sides by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (11:59 P.M.) for evaluation at [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com). The result of the Memorial Elimination Round shall be announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.
- c. The results shall be announced to all the registered teams on the E-mail I'ds and WhatsApp numbers provided by the registered teams on the dates specified.
- d. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall not be evaluated. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline.
- e. The *top 24 teams* which get selected for the Online Oral Rounds must also send an email regarding "*Confirmation for participation in the national rounds*" at [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com) within 24 hours of the release of Memorial Elimination Result. Failure to do so shall lead to cancellation of participation in the competition, and the team next in line shall be preferred to fill the slot.

##### 4.2 Memorial Format

- a. All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document 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 in 1.5 line spacing, except for the Cover Page and footnotes. The footnotes can be separated with single line spacing.
- e. OSCOLA style of citation must be followed in the Memorials.

### 5.3 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
  - 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 citation should follow the OSCOLA system of citation. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page detected.

### 5.4 Memorial Evaluation

The Memorials of Each Team shall be evaluated by a panel of three Judges. The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

• 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
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>

**5.5 Penalty Criteria for each Memorial:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
Failure to include all sections of the Memorial or the inclusion of an un-enumerated section.	Two (2) marks for each such section.
Failure to include necessary information on the cover page of the Memorial, or the use of a colour on the cover page contrary to the scheme provided.	Two (2) marks for each such information and each violation of the colour-code for the cover page.
Use of incorrect font, font size or line spacing.	One (1) mark per violation, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of ten (10) marks.
Substantive legal arguments (explanatory footnotes) outside of the approved sections of the Memorial.	One (1) mark, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of six (6) marks. Further, such arguments will not be evaluated.
Incorrect Margins.	One (1) mark, being a one-time penalty only.
Excessive length of any section of the Memorial.	Five (5) marks for every 1 page exceeded.
Improperly prepared Index of Authorities.	Two (2) marks, being a one-time penalty only.

**VI. RESEARCHER'S TEST**

- a. *There shall be a Researcher's Test of the researchers from Top 24 shortlisted teams. The participant who is registered as Researcher shall only be allowed to participate in the Researcher's Test.*
- b. The test shall be conducted over google forms which shall be time-bound. The participants must ensure a good internet connection before beginning with the researcher's test.
- c. A google forms link shall be generated and will be shared to the participants by 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 post their selection for the Oral Rounds.

- d. No grievance regarding internet connectivity or other technical fault shall be entertained by the organisers. It is advisable to use a laptop or a PC for the researcher's test.
- e. The questions shall be objective type.
- f. All the participants of the Researchers Tests must keep microphones and camera on and log in into Google Meet, the link for which shall be provided before the test commences.

## **VII. ORAL ROUNDS**

### **7.1. Basic Rules**

- a. Dress Code for the Oral Rounds shall be formal shirt and Trouser
- b. The participants must ensure high speed 4G/wifi internet connection with good audio and video facilities. It is advisable to use laptops or PC for the oral rounds.
- c. The background of the participants on video shall be plain and shall not contain any symbols or any representations.
- d. The participants (speakers) must ensure that any noise or audio other than the voice of the participant should not occur during the online oral rounds. It is advisable to plan and prepare for the online oral rounds in advance accordingly.
- e. In case other noises are audible and the judges find it to be disturbing, judges may stop the pleadings and the participant may be disqualified after few warnings.
- f. The teams must ensure that they do not disclose the identity of their college at any stage during the competitions. Any kind of canvassing shall lead to the disqualification of the teams.
- g. At the time when the one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she or the entire team to which such this participant belongs may be disqualified.

### **7.2 General Procedure**

- a. There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter final, a semi-final and a final.
- b. Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals shall be allowed.
- c. The memorials shall be exchanged through emails. Exchange of memorial shall be done based on the ranks of each memorial.
- d. The teams with Ranks 1 to 12 shall be the Petitioners and the teams with Ranks 13 to 24 shall be Respondents.
- e. The participants shall ensure good internet connection. In case of poor connection, the waiting time shall be only 10 minutes, exceeding this time will lead to disqualification.

The organising committee shall not be responsible for any technical issues that arise from the side of the participants. The same is also to be followed in case the participant does not report on stipulated time with any reason whatsoever.

- f. The fixtures of the teams in any round shall not signify the actual rank of the teams.

### 7.3 Preliminary rounds

- a. Each team shall argue from both the sides (Petitioner and Respondent).
- b. The speaker shall be marked out of (100) hundred marks.
- c. Marks are allotted as follows:
- Knowledge of facts and Interpretation of law 20 Marks
  - Application of law to the facts of the case 20 Marks
  - Ability to answer questions 20 Marks
  - Style, poise, courtesy, body language 20 Marks
  - Time management/teamwork coordination. 20 Marks
- d. A team shall be credited with a win in the preliminary round if their round total is more than that of the opposing team.
- e. In case of a tie highest memorial marks will be taken into consideration to decide the winner.
- f. Each side shall plead for maximum 20 minutes in this round. It is totally the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur- rebuttals which shall not be more than 4 minutes in any case.
- g. A speaker shall reserve no less than 7 minutes for the pleadings. Pleading time can be extended only on the discretion of the judges.
- h. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- i. The fixtures of the Preliminary rounds are as follows where “R” means “Rank of the team”-

Preliminary Round- 01		Preliminary Round- 01	
R 1	R13	R19	R1
R2	R14	R20	R2



R3	R15		R21	R3
R4	R16		R22	R4
R5	R17		R23	R5
R6	R18		R24	R6
R7	R19		R13	R7
R8	R20		R14	R8
R9	R21		R15	R9
R10	R22		R16	R10
R11	R23		R17	R11
R12	R24		R18	R12

- j. The fixtures of the teams in any round shall not signify the actual rank of the teams. The Results of Memorial Elimination shall not resemble the actual ranks of the teams, and the actual rank shall be disclosed after the E- Valedictory Function.

#### **7.4 Quarter Final Rounds**

- a. Teams with 2 wins in the Preliminary Rounds shall proceed to the Quarter Final Rounds.
- b. In case, not all 8 teams secure two wins in the Preliminary Rounds, then the team(s) with at least one win in the Preliminary Rounds along with the highest cumulative marks of both the rounds shall fill the slots for quarter finals to the remainder.

- c. In case, upon non-fulfilment of Rules 7.4.a and 7.4.b, the team which shall have the highest cumulative marks in their Preliminary Rounds shall proceed to Quarter final rounds.
- d. Fixtures for the Quarterfinal shall be based on the ranks attained by the teams after the Preliminary Rounds after complying with Rules 7.4.a, 7.4.b, and 7.4.c.
- e. The teams with Odd Ranks shall be the Petitioners, and the Teams with Even Ranks shall be the Respondents.
- f. Fixtures for the Quarter finals shall be as follows-
  - Team with Rank 1 (Petitioner) v. Team with Rank 8 (Respondent)
  - Team with Rank 3 (Petitioner) v. Team with Rank 6 (Respondent)
  - Team with Rank 5 (Petitioner) v. Team with Rank 4 (Respondent)
  - Team with Rank 7 (Petitioner) v. Team with Rank 2 (Respondent)
- g. Each side shall plead for 30 minutes in this round. It is totally the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur- rebuttals which shall not be more than 4 minutes in any case.
- h. A speaker shall reserve not less than 12 minutes for the pleadings. Pleading time can be extended only on the discretion of the judges.
- i. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- j. This round shall be a knock-out round and the winner from each court room shall proceed to Semi-Final Round.

### **7.5 Semi-final Round/ Final Round**

- a. Each side shall plead for 45 minutes in this round. It is totally the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur- rebuttals which shall not be more than 4 minutes in any case.
- b. A speaker shall reserve not less than 18 minutes for the pleadings. Pleading time can be extended only on the discretion of the judges.
- c. The same pattern of fixtures as followed in the Quarter final rounds shall also be followed in semi-final and final.
- d. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- e. This round shall be a knock-out round and the winner from each court room shall proceed to Final Round.

## VIII. AWARDS

**8.1 Certificate of Merit:** Certificate of Merit shall be given to the Winners, Runners-up, Best Advocate (Male), Best Advocate (Female), Best Memorial and Best Researchers.

**8.2 Cash Prizes are as follows:**

- a. Winners: Rs. 12,000/-
- b. Runners-up: 8,000/-
- c. Best Researcher: Rs. 5,000/-
- d. Best Memorial: Rs. 5,000/-
- e. Best Speaker (Male): Rs. 5,000/-
- f. Best Speaker (Female): Rs. 5,000/-

**8.3 SCC Online's Subscription to the Winners in various categories:**

- Winners: 6 Months SCC Online Subscription to each participant
- Runners-up: 3 Months SCC Online Subscription to each participant
- Best Researcher 3 Months SCC Online Subscription (1 Subscription Card)
- Best Memorial: 3 Months SCC Online Subscription (1 Subscription Card)
- Best Speaker (Female): 3 Months SCC Online Subscription (1 Subscription Card)
- Best Speaker (Male): 3 Months SCC Online Subscription (1 Subscription Card)

**8.4 Participation Certificate:** The teams which submit their memorials for Stage I, and all other teams which qualify to Top 24 slot for the Oral Rounds shall be given Certificate of Participation.

## IX. FROM THE MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

Any query regarding the competition can sent to [jmcc.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc.jmi@gmail.com)

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Branch Code	01622
Saving Bank A/c No.	<b>443259879</b>
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