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# School of Legal Studies Organises



## 2<sup>nd</sup> REVA National e-Moot Court Competition, 2022 e-Moot Court Competition Rules

## **1. GENERAL RULES**

### **1.1 TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 1.1.1 The Competition is open to all bona fide regular students enrolled in any undergraduate law course or its equivalent in any University or Institute within India recognized by the Bar Council or State Government or Central Government as the case may be.
- 1.1.2 Each team shall comprise three members i.e. two speakers and one researcher. The composition of the team shall not be changed once a team has registered under any circumstances whatsoever.
- 1.1.3 Changes in the aforementioned designations shall not be made without a request by the responsible Faculty in Charge or Head of the Institution or Department of the Team seeking such change, as the case may be.
- 1.1.4 The discretion to allow or disallow such change shall solely rest with the Administrators depending upon the reasonability of the cause shown, stage of the Competition and compliance with the aforementioned rules.

### **1.2 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

- 1.2.1 The official language of the Moot Court Competition is English.

### **1.3 DRESS CODE**

- 1.3.1 Participants shall be appropriately dressed for the rounds of the Competition.

(Note: Robes and collar bands are not permitted.)

- 1.3.2 The dress code for the inauguration, oral rounds and valedictory & prize distribution shall strictly be:

For gentlemen- western formals (white formals shirt with black formal pants and a black blazer); and

For ladies- western formals (white formal shirt with black formal pants and a black blazer) or Indian formals (white kurta with black pants and either a black waistcoat or black blazer).

#### **1.4 REGISTRATION**

1.4.1 The teams interested to participate are required to show their interest by filling up the Google forms provided by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (11:59 p.m.).

Registration link : <https://forms.gle/DYWnCrfv3Gz3hfJg6>

1.4.2 Scanned copy of Institution Identity card and the receipt of registration payment should be uploaded while filling up the registration form.

1.4.3 The teams should attach the copy of online payment receipt for Rs.2,500/- drawn in favour of "REVA UNIVERSITY; Bank Name: THE KARNATAKA BANK LTD; A/C NO. 6662000100000901; Branch: REVA University Branch, Bengaluru; IFSC: KARB0000666", while filling up the application form.

1.4.4 The registration shall be deemed complete only when the registration fee has been remitted successfully and the application form is duly filled.

1.4.5 Teams that have completed registration in accordance with the above shall be assigned a team code. All further correspondence to the Organizing Committee shall also specify the team code.

#### **1.5 CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROBLEM**

1.5.1 Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an email to [sols.mca@reva.edu.in](mailto:sols.mca@reva.edu.in) on or before 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022, clarification sent after this date shall not be entertained at any cost. All the Clarifications shall be replied on or before 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

#### **1.6 MEMORIALS**

Each participating team shall prepare memorials for Petitioner/Appellant as well as Respondent/Defendant in English. All teams have to submit their soft copies to [sols.mca@reva.edu.in](mailto:sols.mca@reva.edu.in) by 11<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (11:59 p.m.) without fail. There will be exchange of memorials between the teams during the Competition prior to the rounds.

All memorials shall be prepared to the following specifications:

1.6.1 Memorials shall not be more than 30 typed pages.

1.6.2 The Table of Contents, Index of Authorities and Cause Title are not included in the 30 typed pages limit.

1.6.3 The cover paper page of the memorials for the petitioners shall be in blue and for the respondents in red. The two documents shall be marked as 'Memorial for Petitioners' and 'Memorial for Respondents' respectively along with their team codes in bold on top right corner of the cover page.

1.6.4 The memorials shall contain:

Cover Page b) Table of contents c) Index of Authorities b) Statement of Jurisdiction d) Statement of facts e) Statement of issues c) Summary of Arguments e) Arguments Advanced f) Prayer

1.6.5 Formatting rules:

Font type: Times New Roman

Font size: 12 for the main text, headers and footers, 10 for the footnotes

Line spacing: 1.5 for main text, headers and footers

For footnotes, single spacing between lines and double line spacing between two footnotes.

Body of text: Justified

Margin: 1 inch from all sides

1.6.6 All quotations of fifty words or more in any part of the memorial shall be block quoted and must be single-spaced.

1.6.7 Teams shall follow a uniform style of citation (preferably the Bluebook Method of Citation- 19<sup>th</sup> edition) throughout their Written Submissions.

## **1.7 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

1.7.1 The Memorial score of participants shall be calculated by taking the average of the score of the memorials for both sides.

1.7.2 The memorials shall be screened for plagiarism.

1.7.3 The criteria for memorial markings are as following:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>MARKS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Knowledge of law and facts	15	Extent of research
Use of authorities	15	
Clarity, brevity and style	10	Ingenuity of thought, original thinking, distinguishing cases
Articulation and structure of arguments	5	Strengths and weakness of matter, alternate arguments, connecting facts and legal arguments
Presentation	5	Clear and concise writing style, organisation of arguments

1.7.4 The written memorials submitted by participating teams shall be evaluated by an expert(s) appointed by the Organising Committee and marks will be awarded for them.

1.7.5 Penalties

- Late Submission (Soft copies): (-2) for every exceeding 24-hour period
- Exceeding page limit: (-1) for every page exceeded
- Disclosure of the team's institutional affiliation: (-1)
- Violation of any other formatting rule or submission rule: (-2) per violation

1.7.6 The best memorial will be selected based on aforesaid criteria.

The criteria for oral rounds are as following:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
Knowledge and application of law	15
Organisation and presentation	10
Advocacy (including articulation)	10
Responsiveness to questions	10
Courtroom etiquette (including dress)	5

### **1.8 STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION**

The Competition shall consist of the following Rounds:

- Preliminary rounds
- Quarter finals
- Semi finals
- Finals

#### **PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

1.8.1 The team shall argue the case against each other; the opposing teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of all rounds.

1.8.2 In all rounds, each team will have the opportunity to argue only for one side either as Petitioner or Respondent. All rounds will be a "knock-out" round.

1.8.3 Time allotted for arguments will be 30 minutes for the Petitioner/Appellant and 30 minutes for the Respondent. The time will be paused when the Judges pose a question to the speakers. The time taken to respond to the questions will be counted in the time allotted to the speakers.

1.8.4 There will be time allotted for rebuttals. Each team will be allowed additional 3 minutes for rebuttals during the preliminary rounds.

1.8.5 Both speakers of the team shall make oral presentations during the preliminary round. The presentations may be divided equally among the Moot Court participants.

- 1.8.6 Before the beginning of the oral rounds of any team, the Speakers of the team shall inform the moderator regarding the allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for rebuttal. Once informed, the timings shall not be changed.
- 1.8.7 If any speaker speaks for more than the time reserved for him/her, the extra time used by such speaker shall be deducted from the time allotted to the second speaker of that team. If the second speaker exceeds the time allotted to him/her, such time exceeded shall be deducted from the time reserved for rebuttals.
- 1.8.8 In case any opponent team fails to appear in an oral round, the round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter team had been presenting and arguing.
- 1.8.9 The results of the preliminary round will be announced on the same day.
- 1.8.10 The best speaker will be selected based on the preliminary rounds score.

#### **QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS**

- 1.8.11 From the preliminary rounds, teams will be selected based on knock out form each court room. Out of which, the top eight teams (on merit) shall qualify to participate in the quarter finals. Selection will be based upon the marks awarded by Judges for the oral presentations by teams during the preliminary rounds. In the event of a tie, the teams with a higher memorial score will be declared as the winner of the round.
- 1.8.12 The winner/selected teams will receive a mail from the Organising Committee regarding their conformation for the quarter-final round along with the link of the court room. The sides to be argued by the teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of the Quarter Finals round of the competition.
- 1.8.13 Time allotted for arguments will be 30 minutes for the Petitioner/Appellant and 30 minutes for the Respondent Each team will be allowed additional 3 minutes for rebuttals during the Quarter finals.

### **SEMI- FINALS ROUNDS**

1.8.14 The teams with highest scores in their respective court room will qualify to the Semi-final rounds. This will be based upon the marks awarded by Judges for the oral presentations by teams during the Quarter-Finals rounds. The sides to be argued by the teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of the Semi Finals round of the competition.

1.8.15 Time allotted for arguments will be 30 minutes for the Petitioner/Appellant and 30 minutes for the Respondent Each team will be allowed additional 5 minutes for rebuttals during the Semi-finals.

### **FINAL ROUNDS**

1.8.16 The teams with highest scores in their respective court room will qualify to compete in the Final Round of the Moot Court Competition.

1.8.17 The Final round of the Competition will take place on the final day of the Competition. The sides to be argued by the teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of the Final Round of the Competition. There shall be only one round of arguments by the final teams.

1.8.18 Each team will be permitted to speak for a total of 40 minutes during the final round. There will be a warning at the end of 30 minutes and a final warning at the end of the allotted time. Each team will be allowed additional 5 minutes for rebuttals during the finals.

## **2. ONLINE PLATFORM RULES**

2.1 All rounds of the competition will be conducted through Microsoft Teams.

2.2 The teams must ensure strong internet connection with good audio and video facilities throughout the competition.

2.3 The Participants should use laptops or PC for the oral rounds and use of cell phones is strictly prohibited.

2.4 The speakers must ensure that any noise other than the voice of the speakers should not disturb other participants throughout the competition.



- 2.5 The background of the participants during the oral rounds must be plain and shall not contain any symbols or representations of the institution. any such activities by the participants shall lead to the disqualification of the team
- 2.6 Teams are mandated to use the latest version of chrome or Microsoft Edge. Participants are not permitted to use Safari.
- 2.7 During the oral rounds, except the speaker all other participants must ensure their microphones are muted.
- 2.8 The link of each session shall be shared to the team members before the round and the participants should not start the session before the host.
- 2.9 Written communication during oral rounds shall be limited to electronic written communication among team members via 'chat box'. No other verbal or non verbal communication shall be entertained

### 3. **MISCELLANEOUS RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

- 3.1 Upon completion of the Competition, the Organising Committee reserves the exclusive right to use the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.
- 3.2 Participating teams should keep with them required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of Competition.
- 3.3 Scouting is not permitted in the Competition in all the rounds.
- 3.4 Participating teams shall be expected to maintain the proper decorum of the courtroom during the proceedings and shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 3.5 The Organising Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Moot Court Competition.
- 3.6 The Organising Committee's decision as regards the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the Moot Court Competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final.

3.7 The Organising Committee is vested with the sole and absolute discretion to publish or not publish the scores of any of the oral rounds and memorials.

3.8 The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules and regulations.

#### **4. AWARDS**

- Winner - Rs 20,000/-
- Runner-Up – Rs. 15,000/-
- Best Memorial: Rs. 5,000/-
- Best Speaker: Rs. 5,000/-
- E-certificate of participation shall be provided to all participants. Winners and Runners up will be awarded certificate of merit and medals.

#### **5. QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

5.1 Any feedback concerning the organisation or conduct of the Moot Court Competition should be addressed formally, in writing, to Organising Committee at [sols.mca@reva.edu.in](mailto:sols.mca@reva.edu.in)



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