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EVENT HANDBOOK



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MOOT COURT RULES AND PROCEDURE

Preliminary Rounds :

- The Preliminary rounds shall comprise Two Rounds of oral arguments subject to the allotment of team codes. In the preliminary rounds, each team shall be required to argue either as a petitioner or a respondent, as allotted at the beginning of each round. There shall be two preliminary rounds, on the basis of which the teams will be placed on an overall table.
- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)). The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team, however the direction of having a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and not more than 20 minutes per speaker must be adhered to. Rebuttal Speeches may be assigned a time period of not more than 10 minutes.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. The use of any electronic devices either directly or indirectly, or communications with anyone not a part of the team is strictly barred. It is recommended that teams carry a copy of the authorities cited in their memorials. Match-ups for the first preliminary round shall be random; For the second preliminary round, on the basis of the table of rankings created after the first preliminary round, power-matchups will be followed (i.e. 1st place faces the team ranked 17th, 2nd place faces the team ranked 18th and so on).
- The aforementioned table will take into consideration the following (in the same order of priority)- the number of victories and defeats, followed by the placement-points accumulated by team (total placement-points to be distributed between the winning team and losing team from a single round is three, allotted on the basis of the point difference between the teams), and finally the total points scored by the team.
- After the second round, the final standings of each team shall be decided. The top 16 teams from the table will qualify for the Round of 16 where, again, the system of power-matchups shall be followed.



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Round Of 16 :

The top 16 teams will face other qualified teams across 8 simultaneous proceedings, clashes decided through power-matchups (i.e. 1st place faces the team ranked 8th, 2nd place faces the team ranked 9th and so on). The rules shall be the same as the preliminaries. The 8 teams to emerge victorious shall proceed to the Quarter Finals.

Quarter Finals :

The 8 qualified teams will face the allotted teams across 4 simultaneous proceedings, clashes now decided randomly. The rules shall be the same as the preliminaries. The 4 winning teams shall proceed to the Semi-Final Rounds.

Semi Finals :

The 4 qualified teams will face the allotted team across 2 simultaneous proceedings, clashes now decided randomly. The rules shall be the same as the preliminaries. The 2 teams to emerge victorious from these rounds will clash in the final round of the competition.

The Final Round :

The 2 remaining teams will face off in the final following the same rules as the preliminary rounds. The winner from this round shall be declared the winner of the entire competition.

*The aforementioned rules may be subject to change upon the discretion of the core in cases where it is necessitated. The teams shall be promptly informed of any such changes through the established communication channel.



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RULES FOR MEMORIALS

All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules of the Competition. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and one on behalf of the Respondent(s). Petitioner memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.

Moreover, each team is required to bring 3 hard copies of each of the two memorials (other than their own copies). One copy of the memorial shall be submitted to the respective Judges for personal evaluation, one copy shall be retained by the organizers, while the third copy will be handed over to the opposing team for the duration of the round. Negative marking shall be in order in case a team fails to submit the same.

GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING:

1. Memorial Structure : The memorial must have the following pages only :

- i. **Cover Page** – The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of competition, name of the Court and team Code on top right corner.
- ii. **Table of Contents**
- iii. **List of Abbreviations**
- iv. **Index of Authorities**
- v. **Statement of Jurisdiction**
- vi. **Statement of Facts**
- vii. **Issues Raised**
- viii. **Summary of Arguments**
- ix. **Pleadings /Arguments Advanced**
- x. **Prayer**



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2. Team Code (assigned by the host): The team code, as mentioned in the confirmation by the lamartinierelawsociety.2023@gmail.com must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page.

3. Content Specifications:

The following content specifications must be strictly adhered to:

- i. Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts
- ii. Line Spacing (General) - 1.5 lines
- iii. Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts
- iv. Line Spacing (Footnotes) - Single line
- v. Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides
- vi. The citation should be in compliance with the 21st edition of Bluebook.

4. Memorial Submission

Note : The memorials are to be prepared from both the sides, i.e. the plaintiff and the defendant.

All memorials shall be emailed to : memorials.lmls2024@gmail.com

All participants are also requested to mention the teams codes in the subject in the following manner : **LM40 - Memorial Submission.**



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GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING:

The memorials should be uploaded in a PDF file ONLY, and it should be renamed in the following syntax :

(Team code) - (Plaintiff/ Defendant)

Eg. LM40 - Plaintiff

Failure to submit the memorials before the deadline (2nd October 2024, 11:59 PM) will have an adverse effect on the scores calculated during the Preliminary rounds.

We have uploaded the sample memorials to the Moot Court section of our website under the 'Memorials' tab. To maintain uniformity , participants are requested to utilise the memorial covers, which are available on our website has been attached below for your convenience.

Legislations beyond the Constitution of India can be used in the memorials , and there's no limit to the number of issues that can be taken.

It is mandatory for all the teams to follow the same format, failing which may result in negative marking, and the last date of submissions is **2nd October, 2024.**



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AWARDS

The awards for the Moot Court competition shall be as follows :

Winners of the Preliminary Rounds (the team placed 1st in the table after the rounds have concluded)

Best Speaker of the Preliminary Rounds (the speaker with the most best speakers from individual rounds; in case of a draw the accumulated speaker scores will be referenced to settle the same)

Overall Winners (the winning team of the final round)

Overall Best Speaker (the speaker with the most best speaker placements Round of 16 onwards)

Overall Best Researcher (the researcher to have excelled in the researcher's test and memorial drafting)

Best Memorial

Note :

- Participation Certificates shall be awarded to each participant, only if they are present in the Closing Ceremony.
- Certificates of Merit shall be awarded to the winners of awards.