

# III NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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## **RULES FOR THE MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

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### **Venue**

Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar,

New Delhi- 110025, India



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*These rules are to be called the 'Rules for the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Moot Court Competition-2009'.*

*Whereas;*

- i. **Administrator/Organizers** means the Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia or the Jamia Millia Islamia as the case may be.*
- ii. **Participating team** means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules of registration given below.*
- iii. **Participating college/university/institution** shall be presumed as the parent institution of the participating team.*
- iv. All the rules are only inclusive and not exhaustive for the competition.*
- v. Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation wherefrom would attract disqualification.*
- vi. All decisions by the organizers in case of any disputes/doubts, etc will be final. The organizers may make such rules and procedures at any point of time, as it deems fit.*
- vii. Imposition of penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rule(s) and deadline(s).*

**I. Date and Venue:** The III NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION shall be held from **5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009** at Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, India.

**II. Dress Code:** Inside the Court Room the participants shall be in Formal Wears only.

- i. Female(s):** White salwar and kurta or White Shirt and Black pant along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.
- ii. Male(s):** White shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Coat and Black Boots.

**III. Language:** The medium of the competition shall be English.

**IV. Eligibility:** The competition is only open for students who are currently pursuing their Bachelors degree in Law i.e. 3 Year LL.B. or 5 Year LL.B. Programme.

**V. Team Composition**

- i.** Each team shall consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

- ii. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated in each team. Teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration
- iii. Each team will have a team code and each participant shall be given an individual code.
- iv. Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city, etc.; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Administrator.

#### VI. Registration

- i. Teams must confirm their participation latest by **10th February, 2009**. Communication for the same shall be sent on the separate 'Registration Form' (annexed herewith) completely filled and duly signed by the Head of the participating institution.
- ii. The same shall be addressed to the Faculty of Law, **Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, India**, and a copy of the same shall be sent via e-mail to [mootsociety.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:mootsociety.jmi@gmail.com) marked as **III NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION – 2009** as the subject.
- iii. In case of any changes in the team composition in terms of the participating members, the same must be officially conveyed to the organizers at the time of the formal registration.
- iv. Formal Registration of the participating team(s) shall take place on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from 1500 hours (3pm) onwards at Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.
- v. Teams are required to pay a nominal registration fee of **Rs. 500/-** (Rupees Five Hundred only) at the time of the formal registration on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

**VII. Rounds:** There shall be two preliminary rounds of argument(s) namely a quarterfinal, a semi-final and a final round. The Quarterfinals and Semi Finals shall be knockout round(s). Lots picked by the teams will decide the side of the arguments in Preliminary, Quarterfinals, Semi finals & Final Rounds.

- i. Orientation & draw of lots shall take place on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2009** (evening).
- ii. There shall be **two** preliminary rounds.
- iii. Preliminary round(s) will be held on **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2009**.
- iv. Top eight teams will qualify for the Quarter Finals, and the same shall be held on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2009** (morning).
- v. The qualification to the knockout stage (Quarterfinals) will be based on
  - ✓ Win Points (2 wins)
  - ✓ in case of a tie, teams with the highest aggregate of scores in the preliminaries (inclusive of memorial marks).
- vi. Top four teams will qualify for the Semi-finals that would be held on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2009** (fore noon).
- vii. The **Finals** will be held on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2009**.

**VIII. Memorials:** The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Any non-compliance of the same shall attract penalties.

- i. Each team must prepare memorials for both sides to the dispute (Appellant and Respondent).
- ii. The briefs shall be consistent with the Supreme Court Rules, 1966.
- iii. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- iv. Six (6) copies each of the memorials for Applicant & Respondent + a soft copy on a CD (both memorials must be on the same CD) must reach the organizers not later than 5:00 pm on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009**.
- v. Late submissions beyond the stipulated date will attract 1-point penalty for each day of delay.
- vi. It's the responsibility of the respective teams to ensure that the correct number of copies of the memorial(s) is submitted to the organizers.

**vii. Format of Memorials**

- ✓ **Cover Page:** The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
  - i. The cause title
  - ii. Color of the cover page must be **Blue** in case of Petitioner/Applicant & **Red** in case of Defendant/Respondent.

**Note:** Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The Administrator’s decision shall be final.

- ✓ The table of contents.
- ✓ The index of authorities.
- ✓ The statement of jurisdiction.
- ✓ The statement of facts.
- ✓ The statement of issues.

The following parts of the memorial shall not exceed 30 typed A4 size pages.

- ✓ The summary of arguments.
- ✓ The arguments advanced/detailed arguments.
- ✓ The prayer

**viii. Font Size**

- ✓ The font of the body of the memorial shall be Times New Roman, size 12.
- ✓ The font of the foot notes shall be Times New Roman, size 10.

**ix.** Memorials must be suitably bound.

**x.** Memorials must have a one inch margin on all sides of each page.

**xi.** Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.

**xii.** The memorial must not contain any annexure/photographs/sketches/exhibits/affidavits, etc.

**Note:** The participants are expected to use recycled papers (if possible), but should not under any circumstances make the use of plastic sheets.

**IX. Marking of memorial**

- ✓ Every memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks and the team memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides.
- ✓ The following shall be the marking scheme:

S. No	Marking Scheme	Marks Allotted
1.	Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
2.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
3.	Extent and Use of research	20
4.	Clarity and Organization	20
5.	Correct Format and Citation	10
6.	Grammar and Style	10
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>100</b>

**X. Oral Rounds**

In each oral round a team will be represented by two speakers who present arguments. The researcher will not participate in the arguments but will be seated along with the speakers.

**i. Preliminary and quarterfinal Rounds**

- ✓ Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. The time includes questioning by judges.
- ✓ The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a

maximum of 18 minutes per speaker. Division of time should be informed to the Court Assistants / Clerks before the beginning of the rounds.

- ✓ The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- ✓ Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- ✓ A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebutal.
- ✓ Judges may at their discretion, extend the time allotted for the oral arguments up to a maximum of 10 minutes.
- ✓ All teams are expected to carry with themselves any case law and authorities which they intend to refer to.

**ii. Semifinal & Final Rounds**

- ✓ Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case.
- ✓ The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker. Division of time should be informed to the Court Assistants / Clerks before the beginning of the rounds.
- ✓ The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.

**XI. Scouting:** Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited.

- ✓ Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- ✓ Any team can file a written complaint with the Administrator, regarding a case of scouting. The Administrator’s decision will be final.
- ✓ The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

**XII. Scoring:** The Marking scheme for the evaluation of the oral arguments shall be the following:

S. No	Marking Scheme	Marks Allotted
1.	Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
2.	Logic and Reasoning to apply the Legal Principles	20
3.	Ingenuity & Ability to answer questions	20
4.	Time Management and Organization	20
5.	Court Etiquettes/ Deference to the court	10
6.	Persuasiveness	10
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>100</b>

**XIII. Awards**

- i. *Best Team Award*
- ii. *Second Best Team*
- iii. *Best Male Advocate Award*
- iv. *Best Female Advocate Award*
- v. *Best Memorial Award*
- vi. *Second Best Memorial Award*

In addition to the above awards, certificates shall be issued to all the participants.

**XIV. Announcements of results**

- i. The results of the Preliminary rounds shall be announced shortly after the completion of both the rounds.
- ii. The results of the Quarter/Semi Final Round(s) shall be announced shortly after the completion of each of the rounds.
- iii. The winners of the competition will be announced during the **Awards Ceremony** on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 (evening).

**XV. Anonymity**

- i. Student Teams shall not disclose their names and the identity of their respective institution/college/university at any time before the award ceremony. Each team shall be issued individual codes, at the time of the registration and the same shall be the soul source of identity of the respective teams throughout the competition.

**Note:** All team members, coaches and observers shall refrain from wearing, using or carrying in any form, any identifying items, such as badges, blazers, pins or any other identifying material(s) such as a books/bags with a college/university/library logo or seal.

**XVI. Copyright**

- i. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully on Faculty of Law, **Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, India**. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
- ii. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Faculty of Law, **Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, India** and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

**XVII. Disclaimer**

The Moot Court Competition is based on a purely fictitious compromis/problem, whereby the characters & the incidents or the course of events in the compromis are completely imaginary and the same has no relation to any person living or dead or any past/present real life incident. The Moot Court Compromis is made solely for the purpose to train the law students of India for the Bar.

**XVIII. Accommodation, food and transport**

Accommodation, food and transport between the guest house/hotel and the competition venue to the participating teams will be provided by the Organizer, Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 till 12.00 noon. Those teams who want to stay after 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 have to bear their own expenses for their accommodation, food and transport.

**Note:** Intake/use/mere possession of any prohibited substances (e.g. cigarettes/alcoholic/narcotic substances) are strictly banned during their stay throughout the competition.

**XIX. Contact:** In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to contact the following. The use of e-mail is encouraged.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

### Undertaking:

- i. We hereby express our willingness to participate in the abovementioned competition.
- ii. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules of the competition.
- iii. We certify that the memorials submitted are prepared by us and indemnify the organizers for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use or exhibition of these materials.

### NAME & ADDRESS OF THE INSTITUTION (Use Capital Letters)

### NAME OF THE PARTICIPANTS (Use Capital Letters)

S. NO.	NAME	E-MAIL	PHONE	SIGNATURE
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- i. **Completed form** must reach by 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.
- ii. **BY POST AT:** Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi 110025, and also
- iii. **BY EMAIL AT:** [mootsociety.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:mootsociety.jmi@gmail.com)
- iv. **MARKED AS:** III National Moot Court Comp.-09

