

GUIDELINES FOR

FIRST SHRI. N.J. YASASWY MEMORIAL MOOT COURT

COMPETITION FOR THE STATE OF TELENGANA AND ANDHRA

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COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. General Rules

- a. **“Organizers”** means the Moot Court Society, Faculty of Law, ICFAI Foundation For Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad.
- b. **“Participating Team”** means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules given below
- c. **“Participating College/Institution/University”** shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating team
- d. **“Participants”** means the speakers and the researcher of the Participating Team.
- e. **“Problem 1”** means the Problem for the Preliminary and the Quarter Final Rounds.
- f. **“Problem 2”** means the problem for the Semi Final and the Final Rounds.
- g. The rules of the moot court shall be strictly adhered to. Any deviation there from would attract disqualification or other penalties as decided the Organizers
- h. Decision taken by Organizers in case of any doubt, dispute, disqualification etc shall be final

2. Date and Venue

“The First Shri. N.J. Yaraswy Memorial Moot Court Competition for the State of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh” 2016 will be held on 14th, 15th and 16th of April 2016 at the Faculty of Law, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad-501203.

3. Eligibility

The Competition is restricted to bona-fide undergraduate students of recognized Colleges/Institutions/Universities who are currently pursuing their Bachelors Degree in Law i.e. 3 year LLB or 5 year Integrated or Honors’ LLB Programme with all combinations on a regular basis.

4. Team Composition:

- a. Each team shall comprise of a maximum of 3 members and a minimum of 2 members consisting of either two speakers or two speakers and 1 researcher. The number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- b. Teams shall identify the speakers and researcher during registration. No extra member or observer shall be allowed.
- c. Not more than one team shall be allowed to register and participate in the competition from the same College/Institution /University.

5. Registration

- a. The Registration Fee is INR 2500/- which shall be payable through Demand Draft only and shall be made in favour of IFHE, Hyderabad. The Registration process is as follows:
 - i. Download the Registration Form and Travel Form from the official website.
 - ii. Scan the duly filled Registration Form, Travel Form and Demand Draft. Send the scanned copy of all i.e. Registration Form, Travel Form and Demand Draft via e-mail to **fol.mcs@gmail.com** on or before 28th March, 2016 (11.59 P.M. IST).
 - iii. The Registration Form and the Travel Form are attached herewith.
 - iv. Send the Original Demand Draft and Travel Form along with the Registration Form (Hard Copy) to **“The Coordinator, “The First Shri. N. J. Yasaswy Memorial Moot Court Competition for the State of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh” 2016, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Dontanapalli, Shankerpalli Road, Hyderabad-501203. It shall be sent through speed post only.**
 - v. The Original Demand Draft and Travel Form along with the Registration Form (Hard Copy) shall reach us on or before 4th April, 2016.
 - vi. “Registration Form - **“The First Shri. N. J. Yasaswy Memorial Moot Court Competition for the State of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh” 2016, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE)**, must be super scribed on the envelope containing the Original Demand Draft, Travel Form and Registration Form.
 - vii. Forms received after the deadline i.e. 28th March, 2016 shall not be considered for registration.
 - viii. Participation of the team shall be confirmed by the Organizers as soon as the mail annexed with scanned copies of Demand Draft, Travel Form and Registration Form is received.
- b. The confirmation of the names at the time of online registration shall be treated as final and no change of name shall be allowed thereafter, except if it is found to be necessary at the sole discretion of Organizers.
- c. The Registration Fee is non-refundable and no claim for refund of fee shall be entertained.

6. Language:

The official working language of the First Shri. N. J. Yasaswy Memorial Moot Court Competition for the State of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh, 2016 shall be English.

7. Dress Code:

- a. Inside the Court Room, participants shall be in formal wear only. However robes or collar bands are not allowed.
- b. Female participants are required to wear either a full suit comprising of a black formal blazer and trousers, full sleeved white shirts **or** white kurta, black bottom wear, black blazer/over coat with formal foot wear.
- c. Male participants are required to wear a full suit comprising of a black formal blazer and trousers, full sleeved white shirts, black tie and formal foot wear.

8. Identification of Participating Team:

- a. Each team will have a team code and each participant shall be given an individual code.
- b. Disclosure of identity of the parent college/institution/university shall be made only in the registration form. Disclosure at any other point of time during the competition shall be liable for penalty which includes disqualification.

9. Anonymity

- a. Participants shall not disclose their names and the identity of their respective college/institution/organization at any time before the award of the ceremony. The individual code and the team code shall be the sole source of identity of the respective teams throughout the competition. Any disclosure against this rule shall invite penalty including disqualification.

10. Inauguration and Draw of Lots

The formal inauguration of the First Shri. N. J. Yaraswy Memorial Moot Court Competition for the State of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh 2016 shall be held on 14th April 2016 followed by registration. The draw of lots for the preliminary rounds and orientation will take place on the same date after the completion of registration formalities.

11. Memorial

- a. All the teams are required to submit 6 memorials for both Appellant and Respondent on the basis of Problem 1 and 2. The soft copy of the memorial for Problem 1 and Problem 2 shall be sent by the team on or before 8th and 10th April 2016 respectively via e-mail to **fol.mcs@gmail.com**. Rest of the 5 copies of the memorials on Problem 1 and 2 shall be submitted to the Organizers during Desk Registration on 14th April 2016.
- b. The hard copies of the memorials must be spiral bound and bear cover page in conformity with the following scheme:

Problem 1

Blue- Appellant
Red – Respondent

Problem 2

Yellow-Appellant
Pink- Respondent

- c. Teams must send 1 set of memorial in hard copy on Problem 1 and 2 (Appellant and Respondent) addressed to the **Co-ordinators, First Shri. N. J. Yaraswy Memorial Moot Court Competition 2016, Faculty of Law, IFHE, Dontanapalli, Shankerpalli Road, Hyderabad-501203** on or before 8th and 10th April 2016 respectively. **It shall be sent through speed post only.**

- d. A covering letter must be enclosed with the Memorials specifying the name of the College/Institution/University of the Participating Team. No amendment to the memorial will be permitted after submission.
- e. Names of participants or of the Participating College/Institution/University being represented ought not to be mentioned anywhere in the Memorials. Any other mark, character or text that reveals the identity of the Participants or of the Participating college/institution/university would be considered as violation of this rule which will attract penalty including disqualification.
- f. Participants are advised to carry extra copies for their own use. The memorials submitted to the Organizers are for the use by Memorial Judges and it shall not be returned back to the Participants.
- g. Teams are not permitted to raise arguments in the orals that are not present in the memorial.
- h. Each memorial shall consist of and only the following details;
- Cover Page
 - Table of Contents
 - List of Abbreviations
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Issues Raised
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Written Submissions
 - Prayer
- i. Each memorial shall consist of and only the following details on the cover page
- Team code on the top right hand corner of the cover page
 - Name and place of the forum
 - Name of the parties and their status
 - Memorial submitted to ...
 - Memorial filed and appearing on behalf of ...
- j. The following content specification must be adhered to:
- Language - English
 - Font and Size (Body) - Times New Roman, 12 pts
 - Line Spacing (Body) - 1.5 lines
 - Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts
 - Line Spacing (Footnotes) - Single line
 - Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides
 - Page Limit (i) Entire Memorial - 30 pages maximum
 - (ii) Body of Arguments - 10 pages maximum
 - Paper Specification - White A4 Sized Paper
 - Body of the Memorial - Justified

12. Evaluation of Memorials

Memorials will be judged by a special panel of judges on the basis of the following criteria:

1	Presentation of Facts	10 marks
2	Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning	20 marks
3	Interpretation of Law	20 marks
4	Extent and use of Authority	20 marks
5	Relief Sought	10 marks
6	Format and Citation	10 marks
7	Quality of Language	5 marks
8	Adherence to the Guidelines	5 marks

13. Exchange of Memorials

- a. There shall be an exchange of memorials between the respective opponent participating teams as would be placed after the draw of lots in all the rounds of the competition.
- b. The teams are prohibited from making any marks on the memorials thus exchanged. They are also prohibited from making copies of such memorials in any form.
- c. The teams shall return the exchanged memorials to the Court Officer of the respective rounds.

14. Researchers' Test

A written test will be conducted to decide the 'Best Researcher' on 14th April 2016 for 100 marks. The duration of the test is 30 minutes. Questions for the Researchers' Test will be framed on the basis of the Moot Problem 1 and 2 and the principles of law applicable thereto.

The test is open only for the researchers of the Participating Teams. In the event where there are only two members in a Team, any one member can appear for the test. In case of a tie, the scores given for the memorial will be considered to decide the Best Researcher.

15. Scouting

Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to instant disqualification of such team. Scouting is found to have committed if any person affiliated with the team witness, hear, observe etc. of the oral submission of any team other than it is participating or reading the memorial of a team except its own or the memorial obtained on account of exchange of memorials.

16. Oral Rounds

There shall be two Preliminary Rounds, and one round each for Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Round. Preliminary and Quarter-Final will be on the basis of Problem 1 and Semi-Final and Final will be on the basis of Problem 2.

In the Preliminary Round, every Participating Team shall be required to argue once as the Appellant and once as the Respondent. At the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and in the Finals each team shall argue only once against the team determined by and for the side decided by a draw of lots. The side of the arguments at every level will be on the basis of drawing of lots.

a. Selections

The selections for Preliminary Rounds shall be on a win basis and Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Round shall be on a 'knock-out' basis. Top eight teams who have won both the preliminary rounds shall qualify for the quarter final. In case of a tie, the aggregate score of the team shall be considered.

b. Time Limit

- i. Each team will be given a maximum of 30 minutes to present their case orally at Preliminary Round and Quarter-Finals, 40 minutes, in the Semi-Finals and 45 minutes in the Final. The division of time is left to the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker in Preliminary and the Quarter-Final Round, 20 minutes in Semi-Final round and 25 minutes in Final round.
- ii. Apart from the maximum time provided 10 minutes shall be given for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. Division of time (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal) between 2 speakers shall be informed to the Court Officer before the beginning of the Rounds.
- iii. In case any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional time that is used, will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allotted for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, as the case may be. The final decision as to the structure and the right to rebut/sur-rebut will vest with the judges.
- iv. All teams are expected to carry with themselves authorities, text of cases etc. which they intend to refer and passing of the same shall be routed through the Court Officers.

c. Delay in Appearance/Presentation

If a team scheduled to take part in the oral submissions of a Round does not appear within 10 minutes after the scheduled commencement of such round, the other team shall be allowed to submit *ex-parte*.

17. Evaluation of the Oral Presentation

Evaluation of oral Round shall be adjudged on the following criteria;

1	Organizing and presentation of facts	10 marks
2	Application of legal principles	20 marks
3	Depth of Research	10 marks
4	Originality in Presentation	10 marks
5	Articulation of Issues	10 marks
6	Response to questions posed	20 marks
7	Use of authorities and precedents	10 marks
8	Court etiquettes	10 marks

18. Awards

- a. Winners - INR 10,000
- b. Runners –up - INR 5,000
- c. Best Memorial - INR 5,000

- d. Best Student Advocate - INR 3,000
- e. Best Researcher - INR 3,000

19. Copyright

The Copyright over the memorials submitted in hard and soft copy form shall vest exclusively with the Organizers. The Participants shall certify in writing the originality of the materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of the material in hard and electronic form. The University shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in the collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

20. Disclaimer

The First Shri. N.J. Yasaswy Memorial Moot Court Competition for the State of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh 2016 is based on a fictitious problem, whereby characters and incidents and course of events in the moot court are completely imaginary and the same has no relation to any person living or dead or any past, present, real life incident. The First Shri. N.J. Yasaswy Memorial Moot Court Competition for the State of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh 2016 is made solely for the purpose of training law students in developing an analytical bent of mind and to create a zeal in them to serve the Bar and Bench to the best of their abilities.

21. Miscellaneous

a. Accommodation and Food: Food and accommodation shall be arranged for all the teams in the University Campus from 14th to 16th April 2016.

b. Travel Details: Teams are requested to inform the Organizers about their travel plan by filling the form provided in the brochure along with Registration form. Any changes in the given plan should be intimated to the Organizers well in advance.

c. Discipline: Laptops and Mobile Phones are not allowed when the court is in session. Participants are expected to maintain discipline while in campus. Incidents of eve-teasing or any kind of misbehavior will be taken seriously, and the teams will be disqualified from further participation. The participants shall not stray around once they report to the College for participation in the Competition. Smoking and drinking is strictly prohibited in the college campus.

d. Interpretation of Guidelines

All interpretations are at the complete discretion of the Organizers and the Institution. The decision so made shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

e. Clarifications

Communications regarding any clarification may be sought through email or through contact numbers given below:

E-mail: fol.mcs@gmail.com

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***** All the Best *****

Faculty of Law, IFHE, Hyderabad

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

EVENTS	DATES
1. Last Date for Provisional Registration	28 th March 2016
2. Receiving of Hard Copy of Provisional Registration Form, Authorization letter and Original Demand Draft.	4 th April 2016
3. Submission of Written Memorial for Problem -I (Softcopy) (Hardcopy)	8 th April 2016
4. Submission of Written Memorial for Problem -II (Softcopy) (Hardcopy)	10 th April 2016
5. Inauguration and Reporting of the teams and Draw of Lots	14 th April 2016
6. Researchers' Test	14 th April 2016
7. Preliminary Round	15 th April 2016
8. Quarter Final Round	15 th April 2016
9. Semi-Final Round	16 th April 2016
10. Final and Valedictory	16 th April 2016

**FIRST SHRI. N. J. YASASWY MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION FOR THE
STATE OF TELENGANA AND ANDHRA PRADESH**

**REGISTRATION FORM
(Please Fill in Capital Letters)**

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS OF THE INSTITUTION:

Phone No.

E-mail id:

NAME OF THE SPEAKER -1

YEAR AND COURSE OF STUDY:

CONTACT NO.

Affix recent
passport size
photograph
attested by the
Head of the
Institution

NAME OF THE SPEAKER -2

YEAR AND COURSE OF STUDY:

CONTACT NO.

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Head of the
Institution

NAME OF THE RESERCHER

YEAR AND COURSE OF STUDY:

CONTACT NO.

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attested by the
Head of the
Institution

This is to certify that aforementioned candidates are students of this institution who would participate in the moot court competition conducted by your Institution and that their participation complies with the guidelines of the competition.

Place:

Date:

Seal and Signature of the Head of the Institution

**FIRST SHRI. N. J. YASASWY MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION FOR THE
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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR RESEARCHER'S TEST
(Please Fill in Capital Letters)**

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS OF THE INSTITUTION:

NAME OF THE PARTICIPANT:

YEAR AND COURSE OF STUDY:

CONTACT NO.

Affix recent
passport size
photograph
attested by the
Head of the
Institution

Bona Fide Certificate

This is to certify that the aforementioned candidate is a student of this institution who would participate in the Moot Court Competition conducted by your Institution and that their participation complies with the guidelines of the Competition

Place:

Date:

Seal and Signature of the Head of the Institution

TRAVEL DETAILS

(To be sent along with Registration Form)

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION:

(Please Fill in Capital Letters)

DETAILS OF ARRIVAL

Mode of Transport

(Air/Rail/Road)

Air/Rail/Bus Name and No.:

Date and Time of Arrival :

Contact Name and Number :

DETAILS OF DEPARTURE

Mode of Transport

(Air/Rail/Road)

Air/Rail/Bus Name and No.:

Date and Time of Departure:

(In case of any change in the travel details, kindly inform us through contact number and email)

Place:

Date:

Seal and Signature of the Head of the Institution