

33RD ALL INDIA INTER-UNIVERSITY MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Rules for the conduct of the competitions

1. Participants should reach the venue one day prior to the competitions, *i.e.*, by the evening before the date for the first round of the competition.
2. There will be four rounds of competition with separate moot problem for each round. All teams registered with the Trust will participate in the first round. The teams will be arranged on the basis of lots drawn and grouped in pairs of two for determining who will contest against whom and for which side each team will argue. The Winner and Runner-up teams of the last 4 years shall be put in different groups for different rounds. The Moot Court competition will be held on 'Knock-Out' basis.
3. Depending upon the number of teams participating in the first round, there will be simultaneously as many Courts arguing the same problem.
4. Each Court will assign marks to each individual participant and the team in the manner shown below:

<i>Total Marks</i>	100
For written submissions	...20 Marks
For substance in arguments	...40 Marks
For skills of advocacy	...20 Marks
For general impression, court manners and behaviour	...20 Marks
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Total	...100 Marks
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Before each round, all the judges shall as far as possible meet and decide upon the level of marks on the basis of performance being excellent, good, fair, average etc., in order to ensure uniformity in the matter of awarding marks for all the participants.

Soon after each round of competition the total marks of each participant and each University team shall be calculated. The results shall be declared on the 'knock-out' basis but in any case, the names of the Runners-Up team will not be forwarded to the next round. Such declaration should be made as far as possible within 30 minutes. The marks secured by each team in a given round

of the competition shall be consolidated and arranged according to the relative merits based on the total scores.

5. The required number of teams for next round of competition shall be picked up from the top in the order of merit. All winners of first round shall participate in the 2nd round. Such number be increased by one in the event of being an odd number. The number of teams for the 3rd round which will be the semi-final, shall be 4 only, which shall be rated on marks but any Runner-Up of 2nd round shall not be allowed to go in the 3rd round.

The winning teams of each round will again be listed on the basis of lots drawn and will be grouped into pairs. In other words, the side for which a team will be arguing will be known to the teams only at the time of declaration of results and the lots of first round shall be drawn by the University concerned in the manner prescribed by the Trust. In the 2nd round also, attempts shall be made that the winners and the Runners-Up teams of the last 4 competitions shall be put in different groups if they succeed in the 1st round.

The semi-final round will also be on 'Knock out' basis. In the semi-final, the teams will be put in alphabetical order and Team A will argue against Team C and Team B against Team D. The winner of semi-final shall contest in the final and there shall be two teams for final. The first serial of semi-finalist and finalist will argue for the Petitioner and the second serial shall argue for the Respondent.

Upon the receipt of the entries, the Organising Committee will divide the teams into suitable number of sub-groups and each sub-group will have equal number of teams in it. The seeding of the teams shall be made by the Trust on the basis of the performance of the previous years to eliminate the chance of the well recognised teams clashing with each other in the 1st/2nd rounds. If any team has won twice or thrice, the selection of 8 teams shall be made from the semi-finalists of the last 4 years who will automatically qualify for being in 8 groups as the group leader and the rest of the teams shall be divided in equal number in 8 groups and the schedule should be arranged in such a way that the seeded teams do not clash with each other in 1st/2nd rounds. The ultimate discretion to place the teams in different groups and to decide the seeding will lie with the Trust and such decision of the Trust shall be final.

6. The written submissions for the first problem has to be sent by each participant directly 7 days in advance to the host university/ college which would arrange the Moot Court competition with copies to the Bar Council of India Trust. For the rest of the three problems written submissions are to be submitted before the commencement of the competition. The written submissions shall be evaluated under the supervision of the University and the Bar Council of India Trust before the commencement of the competition. **Written submissions be submitted for both the sides.** For each round of the competition, written submissions are required, for which 20 marks are assigned.

The written submissions will contain a precise, well-researched set of arguments on facts and law which the competitor feels are persuasive for the decision in the case (problem). It tests the student's skill on legal research and writing. It has to be written in English neatly typed or handwritten on one side of the paper bearing sufficient margin. Ordinarily the length shall not exceed five pages. It shall carry the name of the participant and University and shall be signed by him/her. They are not returnable to the candidate. The Head of the Law Department of the host University shall arrange its evaluation by a nominated team of experts well before the commencement of the court and the marks awarded will be later entered into the evaluation sheet distributed to the judges.

7. The Bar Council of India Trust shall constitute an Appellate Tribunal consisting of the Managing Trustee, the Associate Managing Trustee, Chairman, Bar Council of India (Ex-officio Trustee) and all other Trustees of the Bar Council of India Trust, local BCI member, the Director or Principal of the host university/college, Head of the Law Department of the said university/college and one more representative from the host university/college. The decision of the aforesaid Tribunal shall be final.
8. The 1st and 2nd rounds will be for 90 minutes. The semi-final and final will be of 2 hours' duration. Each participant will get about 30 minutes of which sometime will be used for questions from the Bench.
9. The two participants representing a University will argue for the same side dividing the arguments between themselves.
10. Each Court will have at least two Judges who will be drawn from the Bench and the Bar and from amongst retired Judicial personnel and noted

academicians. In the semi-final and final rounds, there shall be three Judges in each Court out of which one shall be from Bar Council of India/Trust.

11. Student participants are advised to wear black coat and bands though it is not compulsory.
12. Necessary books and reports required by the teams will be provided by the host University/College subject to availability.
13. Participants who have been adjudged as Best Student Advocate in the earlier competitions held by the Trust are not eligible for prizes again.
14. All participants should bring their identity certificates with their signatures duly attested by the Principal/Dean for verification, if necessary.
15. The Trust reserves the right to modify the rules if found necessary and they shall be binding on all teams.
16. Arguments shall be in English.
17. The moot problems and rules are supplied in English only.
18. Separate accommodation for boys and girls is arranged by the host University. Free boarding and lodging during the competition will be provided for all participants.
19. The photograph of the students of the Winner and Runner-up teams of final round along with their Bio-data will be published in the *Indian Bar Review*, which shall be supplied by respective universities/colleges within a month from the declaration of the result.