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RULES AND REGULATIONS



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DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

- **‘Competition’** shall refer to the Law Tryst 2025 Inter Collegiate Moot Court Competition.
- **‘Competition Problem’** shall refer to the Moot Proposition facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications, corrections and additional submissions if any.
- **‘Competition Rules’** shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as per the brochure annexed with the moot proposition.
- **‘Court Clerk’** shall refer to the person who will be assisting the Judge in submitting any submissions, showing the timer, and assisting the teams with the time limit.
- **‘Memorial/Memorandum’** shall refer to the written submissions submitted by the participating teams as per the competition rules.
- **‘Official Email’** shall refer to the official communication Email ID of the Law Tryst Inter Collegiate Moot Competition, i.e., **lawtrystmootcourt@gmail.com**.
- **‘Organizers’** means the Organizers of the Law Tryst Inter Collegiate Moot Court Competition, Jitendra Chauhan College of Law, Mumbai.
- **‘Organizing Committee’** shall refer to the committee appointed for the purposes of administration and conduct of the Competition including any other authorized persons as may be specified, and of all events leading up to the Competition.

- ***'Participants'*** means the Speakers and the Researcher of the Participating Team.
- ***'Participating Team'*** means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the Rules given below.
- ***'Participating College/University/Institution'*** shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the Participating Team.

Rules should be strictly adhered to; any deviation therefrom would attract disqualification or other penalties as the organizers deem fit. All decisions by the organizers in case of any disputes/ doubts, etc. will be final. The organizers reserve the right to make any changes as deemed necessary in any of the rules and procedure at any point of time as they may deem fit.

SCHEDULE

DATE	PARTICULARS
15th January, 2025	Release of Moot Proposition
10th February, 2025	Last date for seeking clarifications until 11:59 PM
25th February, 2025	Last date for submitting softcopy of the memorial until 11:59 PM
7th March, 2025	Submission of hardcopy of the memorial
7th March, 2025	Draw of Lots & Exchange of Memorials
7th March, 2025	Preliminary Round I and II
7th March, 2025	Researcher Test
8th March, 2025	Quarter Final Round
9th March, 2025	Semi Final Round
9th March, 2025	Finals

DATE & VENUE

The Law Tryst Inter Collegiate Moot Court Competition will be held at Jitendra Chauhan College of Law, 8th floor, Mithibai Campus, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai 400056 on 7th, 8th, and 9th March, 2025.

LANGUAGE

The Law Tryst Inter Collegiate Moot Court Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

DRESS CODE

1. Participants should be dressed in formal attire only (Court Formals).
2. The male participants are required to wear proper formals - consisting of a black formal blazer, black formal trousers, full-sleeved white shirt, a black tie and black formal footwear.
3. The female participants are required to wear Western or Indian courtroom formals with a black blazer and appropriate formal footwear.

PARTICIPATION, ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION

1. The competition is open to all students, enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate course (3/5 years Law Program recognized by BCI conducted by all recognized Colleges/Institutions/Universities).
2. A **maximum of two (2) teams** can participate from each college.
3. Each team shall comprise a minimum of two and a maximum of three members. In a team consisting of two members, both the members shall be designated as Speakers and for the Researchers test either of the speakers shall be eligible for the test. In a Team comprising three members, two members shall be designated as Speakers and the third member shall be designated as a Researcher.

4. All research work, writing and editing must be solely the original work of team members.

5. Each team shall be assigned a 'Team Code' by the Organizing Committee for identification purposes. The name of participants shall not appear on or within the Written Submissions.

6. No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the registration forms.

Note: No team shall contradict the composition mentioned above. No faculty member, coach, or a designated observer shall be allowed to join the courtroom during the session.

INAUGURATION

The formal inauguration of the Inter Collegiate Moot Court Competition shall be held on **7th March, 2025** followed by the formal registration.

MEMORANDUM/MEMORIAL

1. Each Team participating must prepare a Memorandum/Memorial for **both sides** i.e., on behalf of the Petitioner and on behalf of the Respondent.

2. The participating teams must submit soft copies of their memorials and submit 5 hard copies of each side i.e., 5 sets of the Petitioner and 5 sets of the Respondent, so total 10 sets of the memorial (Name of the participants or the college or any other identification mark should not appear on any part of the memorials). It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that the correct number of copies of the memorials are submitted to the organizers and acknowledgement is obtained.

3. The hard copies of the Memorials are to be submitted at the time of Draw of Lots, **at 8:30 am**, on the date of the event i.e., on **7th March, 2025**.

4. The soft copy of the memorials shall be sent to the following email address: **lawtrystmootcourt@gmail.com** in the form of PDF by 25th February 2025 till 11.59 p.m.

5. Any memorial sent after the deadline shall be subject to negative marking (as specified in the criteria of the marking column) or rejection with regards to the late submission. The memorials shall not contain any photographs, sketches, exhibits, or any other marks which are not relevant to the moot proposition.

6. The participants shall send the soft copies of their memorandum/ memorials only through email and no other mode.

7. The memorials should be given a **page number** in the **bottom center**.

8. All the pages of the memorial must include a Header stating “**Law Tryst 2025 Inter-Collegiate Moot Court Competition**”.

9. The Memorials should be stitched together along the left side. No other form of binding shall be considered. The memorial should neither be stapled nor spiral bound. The Memorials should be **STITCHED** as per the Bombay High Court Rules for Pagination.

CONTENTS OF MEMORIAL:

The memorial shall consist of the following parts:

- Banner page
- Cover Page
- Table of Contents;
- List of Abbreviations;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Statement of Facts;
- Statement of Issues;
- Summary of Arguments/pleadings;
- Arguments Advanced;
- Prayers.

Note: The hard copies of the memorials shall be printed on A4 size paper and must be stitched together on the left side as per the Bombay High Court Rules. Participants are requested to refer to the same before submission. The soft copy of the memorials should be submitted in PDF format only.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

1. The Memorial's "**Banner Page**" shall include a page to be inserted on top of the cover page and shall be a color printout of A4 size of the file shared to the participants a week prior to the competition.
2. The Memorial's cover page should be colored in '**Blue**' for the Petitioner and in '**Red**' for the Respondent.
3. The Table of Contents must be numbered properly for the ready reference of the Judges.
4. Copies of articles/materials/case laws that are not appended to the Memorials/mentioned in the compendiums or referred to in the Memorials may not be relied upon at the time of oral arguments.
5. No team shall be allowed to pass any additional material to the judges except in the form of the compendium while presenting their oral arguments.
6. Teams will **NOT** be marked on the compendium if any, while judging their Memorials.

FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS OF MEMORIALS:

1.Main Text:

- Font type: Times New Roman
- Font size: 12
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Body of text: Justified

2.Headings

- Font type: Times New Roman
- Font size: 14

3.Cover Page

- Font type: Times New Roman
- Font size: 16

4.Footnotes/endnotes

- Font type: Times New Roman
- Font size: 10

5.Team Code:

The team code must be displayed on the top right corner of the cover page including all the other pages. The Written Submission shall not contain, anywhere in the document, any particulars of the team, except the Team Code. The memorial shall be rejected if there is any mention of personal details, for example: *Name, contact number, Email id, University/ College/ Institution name, or any other mark which reasonably pertains to the identity of the team, its members, etc.*

6.Length

The limitation on length must be kept in check on the basis of the following stipulations:

- The statement of facts; including the headings, shall not exceed more than 2 pages.
- The summary of pleadings shall not exceed more than 2 pages.
- The total length of the memorial shall not exceed more than 35 pages (9500 words), excluding the Banner Page.

EVALUATION OF MEMORIALS:

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:

1	Application of facts	20 marks
2	Identification, structuring and presentation of issues	20 marks
3	Application of legal principles, authorities and precedents	20 marks
4	Ingenuity and logical reasoning	20 marks
5	Lucidity and writing skills	10 marks
6	Proper footnoting and formatting	10 marks
7	Penalty (negative marking) for delayed submission of memorial	As per the penalties table specified below

EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

1. There shall be an exchange of Memorials between the respective opposing teams during the draw of lots.
2. The teams are prohibited from making any copies of memorials or marking anything on the exchanged Memorials.
3. At the end/termination of the respective rounds, the teams are required to return the exchanged memorials to the Court Assistants/ Clerks situated in the room where the round has been conducted.

COMPENDIUM

1.Relevant articles/materials/case laws may be provided as a compendium, which must also be submitted with the Memorial.

2.The compendium, if any, must be neatly framed and prepared in a similar way to the Memorial, it should contain relevant page numbers, and must not contain any reference to the name of the participants or College or University or Law School. The participants need to make sure that the compendium contains a proper index which should include: Sr. no., citation and party name.

3.The participants must submit **4 hard copies of the Compendium** in total.

4.The participants are requested to submit the compendium, if any, to the court clerks of their allocated court rooms before the beginning of their respective rounds.

5.The participants should make sure that the identity of the college name and/or the institution should not be disclosed in the compendium, in any way.

Note: Failure of submission of the memorial or an attempt at sending a different or shortened or corrected version of your pleadings as the soft copy would result in disqualification of the team from the competition.

DRAW OF LOTS

The Draw of Lots will determine the side of a particular team i.e., Petitioner or Respondent. The Draw of Lots will also decide which team you will be competing against. The Draw of Lots for Preliminary Round I and II shall be conducted on 7th March, 2025 in the college premises. The sequence of participation will be declared later. For the preliminary round, the teams will be arranged and grouped based on the Drawing of Lots.

RESEARCHER'S TEST

1. A Researcher's Test will be conducted on **7th March 2025, 7:00 to 8:00 PM**.
2. The Researcher's Test will consist of 25 multiple choice questions, each question carrying two marks, and the questions will be based on the applicable laws, precedents and facts pertaining to the Moot Proposition.
3. The duration of the Researcher's Test will be 30 minutes.
4. The use of mobile phones, laptops, any other electronic gadgets, bare acts, written submissions, etc. is strictly prohibited during the Researcher's Test.
5. The Winner of the Researcher's Test shall be determined by the highest score attained.
6. The Organizing Committee's decision will be final in all matters.

Note: In case two or more students score the same marks in the Researcher's Test, the marks of the memorial will be considered.

ORAL ROUNDS

The competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- 2 Preliminary Rounds
- Quarter Final Rounds
- Semi Finals Round
- Final Round

IMPORTANT POINTS:

1.The speaker is allowed to proceed only after receiving the signal from the court clerk.

2.Each team will have a maximum of:

- 20 minutes in the Preliminary Round for oral arguments, in which no single speaker shall be permitted to address the court for more than 12 minutes.
- 20 minutes in the Quarter-Finals Round for oral arguments, in which no single speaker shall be permitted to address the court for more than 12 minutes.
- 30 minutes in the Semi-Finals Round, in which no single speaker shall be permitted to address the court for more than 18 minutes.
- 45 minutes in the Finals, in which no single speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 25 minutes.

3.The above timings include the timing for rebuttal. Sur-rebuttal shall be at the discretion of the judges.

4.Each team and its members shall be seated in the courtroom throughout the proceedings of that court. Any team member shall not visit any courtroom other than his own until that round is over.

5.Judges' decision on conduct of proceedings will be final in their respective courtrooms.

6. The researcher must play an active role in providing/sharing any precedents or judicial decisions in regard to the case however is not allowed to speak on behalf of the respective speakers.

7. In case of any medical emergencies, the Researcher shall be allowed to speak with prior intimation and permission from the organizers.

8. The participants shall maintain proper conduct during the competition. Any kind of misbehavior will result in negative marking or will lead to disqualification.

9. The researcher might present judgements and submissions while his team is presenting their arguments.

10. Once a team has started their arguments the court clerk will start the time count and the researcher shall keep note of that.

11. In case the team exceeds their allotted time, it will attract negative marking.

SELECTION

The Preliminary round shall comprise two rounds, during which each team is required to argue on both sides.

There will be 24 teams competing in the preliminary rounds.

- The top 8 teams will qualify for the Quarter Final round.
- The Quarter Final round will be a knockout round, with the best team from each courtroom proceeding to the Semi Final round.
- The Semi Final round will also be a knockout round, with 2 teams competing in the final round.
- The team with the highest score in the final round will be awarded as the Winner of the competition.

EVALUATION OF THE ORAL SUBMISSIONS

Speaker's score for the purpose of other rounds of the Competition shall be utilized as determined elsewhere in these Rules. The evaluation would be done on the following criteria:

1	Marshalling of facts and identifying issues	10 marks
2	Application of legal provisions and principles	15 marks
3	Logical structuring and reasoning	10 marks
4	Ingenuity and originality	10 marks
5	Articulation of issues	10 marks
6	General presentation, time management and communication skills	10 marks
7	Responses to questions posed	15 marks
8	Use of authorities and precedents	10 marks
9	Court etiquette	10 marks
	Total	100 marks

The decision of the Judges as to the marks allocated to any team shall be final and binding.

JUDGES' FEEDBACK

Judges are encouraged to provide direct feedback to the teams regarding their performance at the completion of the Oral round. They shall not engage in any commentary which may reveal the contents of the Memorial or announce the winning team of the particular round.

CLARIFICATIONS OF THE MOOT PROPOSITION/RULES

Teams may submit written requests for clarifications of the Moot Problem or these Rules. The last date for seeking clarifications shall be until the **10th of February 2025 until 11:59 PM**. The teams may submit requests for clarifications by email only to **lawtrystmootcourt@gmail.com**. All clarifications to legitimate requests will be summarized and answered to the participating colleges/universities. If, however, the college/university has failed to provide the organizer with details of a contact person, the organizer would not be responsible for clarifications sought and corrections require

PENALTIES

SR. NO.	PARTICULAR'S QUANTUM OF PENALTY	PENALTY POINTS
1	Delay in submission of Memorandum	-5 points per hour
2	Formatting violations including: Use of incorrect font, Use of incorrect font-size, Use of improper line spacing Use of improper block quote Use of endnotes	-1 point per type of violation up to a Maximum of -5 points
3	Failure to include all parts of Memorandum or inclusion of an unremunerated part, failure to include necessary and correct information on Memorandum cover page.	-2 points for each part Excessive length: -2 points (one-time penalty)
4	1-100 words over 3 points 101-200 words over 6 points 201-300 words over 9 points 301-400 words over 12 points 401+ words over 15 points	-3 points -6 points -9 points -12 points -15 points
5	Excessive length: Summary of Pleadings	-2 points (one-time penalty)
6	Excessive length: Statement of Facts	-2 points (one-time penalty)
7	Breach of Anonymity of Teams	-2 points (one-time penalty)

SCOUTING

1. Scouting by the Speakers, Researcher or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to immediate disqualification of such team.

2. Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if any person affiliated with a team is found:

- a. Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions in a round, except where the round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; or
- b. Reading a Memorial of a team except where:
 - It is of the team to which he/she is affiliated, or
 - The Memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of memorials.
- c. Prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

ANONYMITY

Participants/Participating Teams shall not disclose their names and the identity of their respective institution/college/university at any time during the competition. Each team shall be issued individual team codes after the successful completion of their online registration and the same shall be the sole source of identity of the respective teams throughout the competition.

Note: All Participants 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 books/bags with a college/university/library logo or seal.

COPYRIGHT

The copyright over the Memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on the Organizers. 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. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of the Organizers and they 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. All the participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
2. Use of Mobile/ Cellular/ Laptops/ Tablets or any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited in the Court premises at all times.
3. The organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts or grievances. The decision taken by the organizers shall be final and binding.
4. Acceptance of the above-mentioned rules and regulations is a prerequisite of participation in the competition. The rules mentioned are not exhaustive and shall be strictly adhered to. The Organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from rules. The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances.
5. Any reference to the identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial may lead to disqualification of the team.
6. The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical/unprofessional and immoral conduct.
7. The organizers' decision regarding the interpretation of rules or any other matter relating to the competition shall be final. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizer's decision on the same shall be final and binding.
8. Organizers reserve the right to modify, alter, vary or repeal any of the above rules without prior notification, if need so arises as they may deem appropriate.

9. Team members must carry their current identity cards that have been issued to them by their institution at the time of registration. After the identity cards issued by the Organizers have been provided to the team members, they will not reveal their identity (cards) or the identity of their institution during the progress of the competition, in the memorials, and/or in the event of any request made by any judge. Failing to adhere to the same, will result in immediate disqualification.

10. **The Organizing Committee's decision shall be final and binding in all matters concerning the competition.**

11. The results shall be declared by the Organizing Committee at the end of every round.

AWARDS

- **Winner**
- **Runner-up**
- **Best Memorial**
- **Best Speaker**
- **Best Researcher**

Additionally, each member of each team will receive a Certificate of Participation.

DISCLAIMER

The Moot Court Competition is based on a purely fictitious proposition, whereby the characters and the incidents or the course of events in the proposition 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 Competition is made solely for the purpose of training law students of India in developing an analytical bent of mind and serving the Bar and the Bench to the best of their abilities.

CONTACT US

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