

1st HARI AVTAR NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2020

RULES AND PROCEDURE FOR THE COMPETITION

DEFINITIONS

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

1. 'Competition' shall refer to 1st Hari Avtar National Moot Court Competition, 2020.
2. 'Competition Problem' shall refer to the compendium of facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications and corrections.
3. 'Competition Rules' shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as amended from time to time.
4. 'IST' shall refer to Indian Standard Time.
5. 'INR' shall refer to Indian Rupee.
6. 'Knock-out round' shall refer to the Quarter finals, Semi-finals and Final rounds of the Competition.
7. 'Memorial' shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the Competition Rules.
8. 'Organizing Committee' shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition including any other authorized persons, and of all events leading up to the Competition.
9. 'Official website' shall refer to the official website of Hari Singh Ruprah Arts, Commerce and Law College at www.jabalpurcollege.com
10. 'Official Email' shall refer to the official email id of the Moot Court Society of Hari Singh Ruprah Arts, Commerce and Law College, i.e., mcsshrcollege@gmail.com

GENERAL RULES

a) Eligibility:

- a.1. All recognized law schools, universities and institutions in India with minimum three year or higher duration of LL.B. courses shall be eligible to participate.

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a.2. Each participating team shall comprise of three members wherein two (2) members, shall be designated as Speakers and one (1) member as Researcher.

a.3. No team shall contradict the composition mentioned above. No faculty member, coach, or a designated observer will be allowed to accompany the team.

a.4. Accommodation shall not be provided to the outstation teams and they will have to arrange for their own stay

a.5 No pick up and drop facility will be provided by the institution. The participants are requested to arrange their own transportation for the same.

b) Clarifications to the Problem

b.1. Teams may request for clarifications via e-mail to [<mcshsrcollege@gmail.com>](mailto:mcshsrcollege@gmail.com) latest by 16th March, 2020, 23:59 hours IST.

c) Registration

c.1. Participation must be confirmed through an email send to mcshsrcollege@gmail.com by 5th March, 2020, 23:59 hours IST.

c.2. For all teams participating in the competition, the registration fee shall be INR 1000/- through a cheque in favor of 'M/s Hari Singh Ruprah Arts Com Law College' or by Cash which must reach the Organizing Committee latest by 5th March, 2020.

c.3. The participating teams shall be required to send a cheque/cash for the registration fee along with the duly filled registration form and the same shall reach to the institution on or before 5th March, 2020.

MEMORANDUM

1. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare a memorandum on behalf of the Petitioner **and** on the behalf of the Respondent.
2. Each team must send its memoranda via e-mail at [<mcshsrcollege@gmail.com>](mailto:mcshsrcollege@gmail.com) latest by 16th March 2020, 23:59 hours IST.
3. Any memorial submitted after the deadline shall be subject to penalty for late submission @ Rs.100/- per day.

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4. The participants shall carry 3+1 copies of their memorandum on the date of competition out of which 3 copies will be submitted with the Organizing Committee and participants will retain 1 copy.

5. Formatting:

- a. For Main Text
 - i. Font type: Times New Roman
 - ii. Font size: 12
 - iii. Line spacing: 1.5
 - iv. Body of text: Justified
- b. For Heading
 - i. Font type: Times New Roman
 - ii. Font size: 14
- c. For Cover Page
 - i. Font type: Times New Roman
 - ii. Font size: 16

6. The Memorial must contain the following parts only:

- i. Cover Page;
- ii. Table of Contents;
- iii. Index of Authorities;
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- v. Questions Presented;
- vi. Statement of Facts;
- vii. Summary of Pleadings; and
- viii. Pleadings (including Conclusion/Prayer for Relief).

A. Cover Page:

The front cover of each Memorial must have the following information:

- i. The Team Code on the upper right-hand corner followed by 'P' for Memorandum on behalf of the petitioner and 'R' for Memorandum on behalf of the Respondent (e.g., Team allotted code number 23 shall write '23P' as the case may be on the top right hand corner of the front cover of its Memorial for the Petitioner and '23R' of its Memorial for the Respondents);

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- ii. The name of the court;
- iii. The year of competition (the year during which the relevant Round takes place, for instance, 1st Hari Avtar National Moot Court Competition, 2020);
- iv. The name of the case; and
- v. The title of the document (i.e., ‘Memorandum on behalf of the petitioner or ‘Memorandum on behalf of the Respondent);
- vi. **The participants shall in no case mention the name of the institution they belong to or name of the participants in the Memorial;**

B. Index of Authorities

The Index of Authorities must list all legal authorities cited in any part of the Memorial and must indicate the page number(s) of the Memorial on which each authority is cited.

C. Citation

Footnotes must be used to identify the source of statements or propositions made in the pleadings of the Memoranda. Endnotes are not permitted. The use of footnotes must be restricted to pleadings only. Participants are expected to follow Bluebook style of citation, 19th edition. Font size should stay restricted to 12, Times New Roman with 1.5 spacing.

D. Length

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

- i. The statement of facts, including section headings must be no longer than 2 pages.
- ii. The summary of pleadings may not be longer than 2 pages.
- iii. The total length of the Pleadings, including the section headings, conclusion/prayer for relief, and any associated footnotes, must be no longer than 30 pages.

E. Presentation of the Memoranda

The Memoranda shall be exchanged. The cover page of Memoranda shall be of following color:

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Petitioner- BLUE

Respondent- RED

F. Team Code

The participating teams shall be allotted a 'Team Code' after the registration. **Teams 'shall not reveal identity' in any form, except the Team Code allotted** to them during the Competition. Names of participants, nation or name of college of the Teams concerned must not appear on or within the Memoranda.

F. Language

The Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

PROCEDURE FOR ORAL ROUNDS

1. Oral presentations during the round must be made by two (2) members, prior to the beginning of the Oral Round. Each Team must indicate to the bailiff how it wishes to allocate its given time for each round among (a) its first speaker, (b) its second speaker.
2. Time allocated for but not used by one speaker may be used by another speaker, or in the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
3. Judges may, at their discretion, extend total oral argument time of the team up to 10 minutes beyond the given time slot for such team in any round. Speakers asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, argue for more than their individual limit for each round.
4. The order of the pleadings in each Oral Round at all levels of the Competition is: Petitioner 1 -->Petitioner 2 --> Respondent 1 --> Respondent 2 --> Rebuttal (Petitioner 1 or 2) --> Sur-rebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2). Once a speaker has completed his or her main leading, that speaker may not make any additional argument except for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. This applies irrespective of whether the pleading Team uses all of the time it has allocated for the main pleading. Further, any time that is not used in the main pleading may be used to extend the time allocated to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

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REBUTTAL AND SUR-REBUTTAL

Each Team may reserve up to five minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. As a courtesy to the judges, Teams should announce whether they intend to reserve time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal at the beginning of their oral argument, and how much time they intend to reserve. Failure to announce will not waive the right to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. The rebuttal or sur-rebuttal must be delivered by one of the two speakers participating in the oral round. A rebuttal shall immediately follow after pleadings of Respondent 2, and the sur-rebuttal shall immediately follow the rebuttal. The Team need not indicate prior to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal as to which of the Team Members will deliver rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Teams may waive their rebuttal or sur-rebuttal through an express declaration.

SCOPE OF PLEADINGS

A team's oral pleadings are not in any way limited to the scope of the Team's Memorandum. The scope of the Petitioner's rebuttal is limited to responding to the Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Respondent's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Petitioner's rebuttal. If the petitioner waive off its right to rebut, Respondent may not appear for sur-rebuttal.

SCOUTING

Team members or persons directly affiliated with any team may only attend preliminary rounds in which their team is competing. Violation of this rule should be brought to the attention of the court room officers immediately, without disturbing the oral round, or immediately after the oral round has finished. A team which commits scouting in any form shall be disqualified from the competition.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The preliminary rounds will be held on 18th October, 2019. In the preliminary rounds, each Team shall argue once as the Petitioner and once as the Respondent. No team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of their opponent teams or any other team under any circumstances. Each oral session of the preliminary round of competition consists of thirty (30) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Petitioner and Respondent are each allotted fifteen (15) minutes. A maximum of three (3) minutes may be reserved for

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rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The team may not allocate more than 10 minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal to either speaker. The total scores in the preliminary rounds shall be out of 300 marks (S1 (100) + S2 (100) + Memorial (100)). The decision of the judges would be final and would not be questioned or changed in any circumstances.

The Semi Finals and Final would be conducted on 28th March, 2020. The semi-final round of competition consists of eighty (80) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Petitioner and Respondent are each allotted forty (40) minutes. A maximum of five minutes shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The final round of competition consists of one hundred (100) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Petitioner and Respondent are each allotted fifty (50) minutes. A maximum of five minutes shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals

The Competition shall consist of 4 Rounds:

- i) The Preliminary Rounds;
- ii) The Quarter Finals
- iii) The Semi Finals;
- iv) and the Final.

AWARDS

1. There will be a Trophy and attractive prizes for the 'Winning team' and 'Runner-Up team'.
2. There will be a Trophy and attractive prizes for the 'Best Memorial.'
3. There will be awards and cash prizes for the 'Best Counsel.' The Best Counsel will be determined by highest score of all rounds that the contestant has argued divided by the number of rounds.
4. All participants will get certificates of participation.
5. All the winners of awards will get certificates of merit, trophies and cash prizes as determined by the Organising Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage.

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2. The Organising Committee shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.
3. The Chairman's decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

MARKING

Maximum scores for the court rounds will be 100 marks per speaker. The court rounds will be judged on the following parameters:

- a. Knowledge of Law : 20
- b. Application of Law to Facts : 20
- c. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions : 20
- d. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor : 20
- e. Time Management : 10
- f. Organization : 10

DRESS CODE

Inside the Court Room the participants shall be in Formals.

1. Female(s): White Salwar, Kurta and Dupatta along with black belly /White Shirt, Black Trouser and Black Tie along with Black Blazer and Black Shoes. The hair should either be in plats or buns.
2. Male(s): White Shirt and Black Trouser along with Black Tie, Black Blazer and Black / White Socks and Black Shoes. Formally cut hair. No spikes or long hair will be tolerated. Sikhs must wear black or white colored turban only.

The Organising Committee on behalf of the Moot Court Society, Hari Singh Ruprah Arts, Commerce and Law College wishes all the very best to all the participants.

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CONTACT DETAILS:

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