

SCHOOL OF LAW CHRIST UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2012

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. DATE OF COMPETITION

The “SCHOOL OF LAW CHRIST UNIVERSITY NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2012” shall be held from 6 to 9 September, 2012.

2. LANGUAGE

The language for the Competition shall be English.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Law schools/colleges recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the School of Law Christ University National Moot Court Competition, 2012. The participants should currently be pursuing their Bachelor’s degree in Law i.e., Three Year or Five Year LL.B courses.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team shall comprise of three members, two Speakers and a Researcher.

5. REGISTRATION

- The Participating team shall duly fill the Registration Form provided along with the official rules and send it along with the Registration fees of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred only). The Registration fees shall be sent through Demand Draft drawn in favour of **Christ University** payable at Bangalore. **The last date for submitting the registration form with fee shall be 25 August 2012.**
- Each team shall be allotted a Team Code on the receipt of registration fee and form.
- Spot registration will not be entertained.
 - The identity of the team shall not be disclosed. Any such disclosure shall lead to disqualification.

6. STRUCTURE OF ROUNDS

The oral rounds shall comprise of-

- a) Preliminary Rounds
- b) Quarter-finals
- c) Semi-finals
- d) Final Round

a) PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- There shall be two Preliminary Rounds. Every team shall be given the opportunity to argue each side in the Preliminary Rounds which shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- Each team shall get a total of 25 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for any one speaker. Each team shall indicate to the court - clerk as to how it wishes to allocate its 25 minutes.
- The top 8 teams based on cumulative marks (written and oral submissions) shall qualify for the Quarterfinals.
- In case of a tie, the teams shall advance to the next round on the basis of highest memorial score. If the tie is still not broken, then the highest speaker – score will determine which team advances to the Quarter finals.

b) QUARTER-FINALS

- The teams shall argue only for one side in the quarter finals.
- The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- Each team shall get a total of 25 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for any one speaker. Each team shall indicate to the court - clerk as to how it wishes to allocate its 25 minutes.

- The Quarter Final Rounds shall be in the form and nature of a 'Knockout Round'. Teams with the higher speaker score average from each match-up shall receive a win point and move to the Semi Finals.
- On the basis of knock out, 4 (four) teams shall advance to the Semi-final round.

c) SEMI-FINALS

- The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for any one speaker. Each team shall indicate to the court - clerk as to how it wishes to allocate its 30 minutes.
- On the basis of knock out, 2 (two) teams shall advance to the finals.

d) FINALS

- Each team shall get a total of 40 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The division of the time is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for any one speaker (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time).
- The winner in Finals shall be adjudged by way of knock-out.

7. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

- All participating teams shall submit 6 sets of written memorials (6 Petitioners and 6 Respondent memorials). The Cover Pages of the memorials for the Petitioners shall be in **Blue** and the Respondents shall be in **Red**.
- The teams shall not indicate their names or the names of their College or University on the memorials. The Team Code allotted to all teams will have to be indicated at the top right corner of the memorials.

- All participating teams must submit a soft copy of their memorials in PDF format, for both the sides by 11:55pm on 31 August 2012. Teams must also send the hard copies of the memorials (6 sets i.e. 6 Appellant and 6 Respondent Memorials) by 3 September 2012. [Totally Twelve (12) copies.]
- The hard copies must be exact print outs of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail disqualification.
- The written memorials shall conform to the set standards:
 1. Written submissions shall be printed on white standard A4 size paper.
 2. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman, 12-point and footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10.
 3. The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5 line spacing except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced.
- The comprehensive arguments with appropriate citations shall be contained in the Pleadings. The teams shall follow the 19th Edition of the Bluebook mode of citation. The Pleadings shall not exceed 15 pages.
- Contents of Written Submissions:
- The written submission shall include the following:
 - 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
 - VIII. Pleadings
 - IX. Prayer
 - X. Appendix (Optional)
 - XI. Exhibits (Optional)

- **MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS**

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. Citation of sources (10)
6. Grammar and Style (10)

- **MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Knowledge of Law (30)
2. Application of Law to Facts (25)
3. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions (30)
4. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor (10)
5. Time Management and Organization (5)

8. DISPUTES

- Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the Organising Committee before the end of the competition. In all matters of complaints or disputes, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final.

9. DRESS CODE

- The official Dress Code for the Competition is as below:

Gentlemen: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie, and Black Formal shoes;

Ladies: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, and Black Formal shoes.

10. AWARDS

1. Winner
2. Runners Up
3. Best Memorial

4. Best Speaker

Trophies shall be awarded to the Winner, Runners Up, Best Memorial and Best Speaker. All participants shall be awarded Certificates of Participation and the winners shall receive Certificates of Merit. The Prize Money shall be as follows:

Winners	Rs 25, 000/-
Runners Up	Rs 15,000/-
Best Memorial	Rs 5,000/-
Best Speaker	Rs 5,000/-

11. ACCOMMODATION

Outstation participants shall be provided accommodation by the University for the duration of the competition. Only the registered three (3) member team shall be provided accommodation. Any extra member shall make their own arrangements for the same.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- Scouting shall lead to the instant disqualification of the team.
- In case of an odd number of teams, School of Law, Christ University shall constitute a team just for the preliminary rounds so as to prevent ex-parte proceedings in any Court
- Any clarifications may be sought from **moot@law.christuniversity.in**
- All participants shall maintain the decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.