

Virtual National Moot Court Competition Organized By



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Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur
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Rules for the Competition

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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, constituent of the Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune has announced the **Virtual National Moot Court Competition** in collaboration with **Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board** to be held from **03/12/2021 to 05/12/2021** to enable law students from all across India to participate and showcase their majesty over law and legal principles in a virtual moot court competition;

THEREFORE, the Moot Court Association of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, hereby makes the following rules, namely: -

CHAPTER I

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT: These rules may be called ‘NMCC Rules, 2021’.

They shall come in to force from the date of publication, on the official website of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur www.slsnagpur.edu.in _

The rules are reviewed annually and are subject to change. Reliance should be placed only on ‘NMCC Rules, 2021’ and not on any previously applicable rules.

2. DEFINITIONS: In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,

2.1 ‘Bench’ refers to the members duly invited by the institute, to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively;

2.2 ‘Clarifications’ means explanation published by the institute on the moot problem, at any point of time of the competition or a query posed by any competing team within the given deadline;

2.3 ‘Competition’ means the ‘Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur Virtual National Moot Court Competition – 2021 in collaboration with Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board’;

2.4 ‘Governing Council’ means the student-faculty-staff body appointed for the administration and smooth conduct of the competition, including all other members conferred with powers on ad-hoc basis by the ‘Ex-officio Chairperson’ or ‘Faculty In-charge’ of the Moot Court Association of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur;

2.5 ‘Institution’ means and includes ‘Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur’, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune;

2.6 ‘Memorial Round’ refers to the assessment of memorials, submitted by teams, on the predefined criterion, hereinafter mentioned in these rules;

2.7 ‘Moot Problem’ means a set of facts published by the institution for competition;

2.8 ‘Oral Round’ refers to the oral pleadings made by the teams before the bench during any of the rounds of assessment, including time given for rebuttal.

2.9 ‘Team Code’ means a unique code assigned by the institution to the applied and registered team;

2.10 'Team' means and includes only *bona fide* representatives of any University, may that be State or Central or any other department recognized/authorized by the Bar Council of India to impart law degrees, and who have applied and registered for the competition by complying with the procedure prescribed in these present rules;

3. In these rules, unless otherwise stated, a reference to a rule is reference to that rule in 'NMCC Rules, 2021'.

4. INTERPRETATION: The Governing Council reserves the right to interpret the rules as it deems fit in order to ensure fairness and equality in the competition. Any such interpretation shall be conclusive and the decision of the Governing Council for the application of the rules shall be final and binding.

The Governing Council may also amend, modify, change or repeal any rule from 'NMCC Rules, 2021'; the same shall be communicated to the teams in due time. In case of any conflict, the decision of the Governing Council shall be final and binding.

CHAPTER II

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- 1.1 Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law course may apply to participate in the given 'Competition'.
- 1.2 Students enrolled and pursuing post-graduate diploma or short-term certificate courses in law are not eligible to apply.
- 1.3 Students from any University/Department/Institute not recognized by the Bar Council of India, to impart law degrees are not eligible to apply.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- 2.1 A team shall consist of three members only.
- 2.2 A team shall include two orators and one researcher.
- 2.3 All three members of a team should belong to the same institution.
- 2.4 Any team, intending to change the team composition of the team shall intimate the Governing Council by sending an e-mail at mca@slnagpur.edu.in.
- 2.5 Any person, other than the registered team members, is not eligible to avail facilities reserved for the student participants.

3. REGISTRATION:

3.1 GENERAL

- 3.1.2 Each team shall provisionally register for the 'Competition' by filling the provisional registration form which is available at the end of this document as 'ANNEXURE-I', and mailing a scanned copy of the same latest by 15/11/2021 at mca@slnagpur.edu.in.
- 3.1.3 Provisional registration after the given deadline shall not be accepted, under any circumstances.
- 3.1.4 On receipt of the duly filled provisional registration form, the institute shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt.
- 3.1.5 After the deadline for the provisional registration expires, the Governing Council shall respond to each provisionally registered team, as specified under clause 3.1.1, with a unique team code, which shall be used to identify the teams during the competition.

3.1.6 On completion of the aforementioned registration process, any team may withdraw from the competition by duly filling the withdrawal form attached as ‘ANNEXURE-II’ at the end of this document on or before 17/11/2021.

3.2 REGISTRATION FEE:

3.2.1 The registration fee for the competition is Rs. 1000 per team. (In words- Rupees One Thousand per team inclusive of 18% GST).

3.2.2 The registration fee is to be paid only by the teams that are selected for the Oral Rounds in accordance with Rule 4.1, Chapter III.

3.3 PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE:

3.3.1 The registration fee for the ‘Competition’ is to be paid through a wire transfer only.

3.3.2 The required details for the same are contained in **ANNEXURE-III**. No other payment method shall be accepted.

3.3.3 The deadline for payment of the registration fee is **29/11/2021**.

3.3.4 Any additional charges incurred by the team while making the wire transfer are to be borne by the team.

3.3.5 All teams must attach a screenshot/scanned copy of the receipt generated on payment of the registration fee to the form as specified under.

3.4 COMPLETION OF REGISTRATION PROCESS:

3.4.1 Only selected teams as per Rule 4.1, Chapter III shall fill in the final registration form along with the receipt generated after the completion of the wire transfer of the registration fee.

The scanned copies of the aforementioned documents must be attached to the registration form and submitted within the deadline of payment of registration fee i.e., on or before **29/11/2021**. Registration to the ‘Competition’ shall be deemed to be confirmed only on completion of all the formalities as specified under clause 3.4.1, failure to do so, may be treated as withdrawal from the competition and no claim of what so ever nature shall be entertained.

3.4.2 On completion of the registration process, any team may withdraw from the competition by duly filling the withdrawal form as attached as **ANNEXURE-II** at the end of this document.

No refund shall be given under any circumstance in case of such withdrawal.

4. CLARIFICATIONS:

4.1 Clarifications can be sought on any part of the moot proposition and must be clear.

These clarifications are to be sent via e-mail at mca@slnagpur.edu.in.

4.2 It is at the discretion of the Governing Council to decide whether a clarification sought for is valid and is to be clarified.

4.3 The clarification e-mails are to be sent on or before **16/11/2021**.

5. ANONIMITY OF TEAMS:

5.1 Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form during the Competition, except by the means of their Team Code allotted by the Governing Council.

5.2 Teams must not reveal the name of their institution or names of the participants, anywhere in the memorials or in the course of the oral arguments.

5.3 Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc. Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification mark(s)/seal(s) of the Team.

5.4 Any violation of Rules 5.1-5.3 shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Governing Council.

5.5 The decision of the Governing Council in this regard shall be final and binding; not subject to challenge. While submitting the memorial, the e-mail should have no reference to the name of the institution and should only contain the team code.

CHAPTER-III

1. MEMORIALS AND MEMORIAL ROUND:

1.1 GENERAL:

- 1.1.1 Each team shall research into the domain of moot problem and subject to Rules 1.2.2- 1.2.5, Chapter III prepare memorial from both sides, namely, petitioner/appellant and respondent.
- 1.1.2 The memorial scores will contribute to decide the selection of the teams for the Oral Rounds.

1.2 FORMAT OF MEMORIAL:

- 1.2.1 The memorials are to be submitted in the format prescribed under Rules 1.2.2- 1.2.4., Chapter III. If a team fails to comply with the given format, it may be penalized in the form of deductions from the memorial marks.
- 1.2.2 The memorials shall contain all of, and only, the following heads, namely-
- a Cover Page (It shall include the team code of the team on upper right-hand corner, name of the case, parties for whom written submissions are made, name of the forum approached for dispute resolution and year. Cover page of the memorial on behalf of petitioner/appellant shall be in Blue, and respondent shall be in Red.)
 - b Table of Contents
 - c List of Abbreviations
 - d Index of Authorities
 - e Statement of Jurisdiction
 - f Statement of Facts
 - g Issues Raised
 - h Summary of Arguments
 - i Arguments Advanced
 - j Prayer

1.2.3 FONT AND SPACING:

- a. All written submissions shall be typed on A4 size paper in the following format in Times New Roman (font type), in 12 points (font size), line spacing 1.5, both sides Justified, and headings to be bold in the same font and size. The font size is to be kept 10 points for footnotes.
 - b. Written submission shall contain a border.
 - c. Each page shall have 1-inch margin from each side.
- 1.2.4 The memorial shall not contain more than 25 pages (excluding cover page, table of content and index).
- 1.2.5 **FORMATTING AND CITATIONS:** All teams shall give footnotes by adhering to Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citations (20th Edition).
- 1.2.6 **PLAGIARISM:** The governing council reserves the right to disqualify a team, at any stage of the competition, if the memorial or any other part thereof, if found to be plagiarized.

2. SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPIES:

- 2.1 Each provisionally registered team shall submit a soft copy of the memorials from the side of petitioners/appellants and respondents only in PDF format(.pdf) on or before 20/11/2021.
- 2.2 Submissions made after the specified deadline may lead to penalties in the form of deductions from the memorial marks.
3. **ASSESSMENT OF MEMORIALS:** The memorials shall be assessed out of 100 marks, by a team of experts on the predetermined criterion, as specified here under:
- a. **Clarity of Facts (20 marks)**
 - b. **Use of Law (20 marks)**
 - c. **Use of Authorities/Precedents (20 marks)**
 - d. **Argumentation and Clarity of thoughts (20 marks)**
 - e. **Presentation (10 marks)**
 - f. **Originality (10 marks)**

4. MEMORIAL ROUND:

4.1A total of 10 teams out of the registered teams shall be selected for the Oral Rounds purely based on the marks obtained by the team in the Memorial Round.

4.2Result of the Memorial Round shall be final and non-reviewable on any grounds.

4.3The Governing Council shall communicate the result of the Memorial Round to each team.

4.4The result so published shall include a list of **10 selected teams** and a waiting list of **5 additional teams**.

4.5The teams in the waiting list shall be allowed to participate only in the occasion of withdrawal of a selected team from the competition. Such information shall be brought to the notice of the wait-listed team by the Governing Council in due time.

5. RIGHTS OVER THE MEMORIALS:

The administrating authority of the competition reserves the rights to disseminate and produce the memorials as and when deemed necessary for the purpose of the competition. Submission of the memorials will constitute the team's consent to do the same. The governing council will not take any responsibility for the mistakes found in the final submission of the memorials.

CHAPTER-IV

1. DRESS CODE:

1.1 The participants shall adhere to the following dress code while in the virtual court rooms:

- a. Ladies:** White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers or skirt along with a black blazer and black shoes.
- b. Gentlemen:** White shirt, black trousers, a black tie, a black blazer and black shoes.

2. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

2.1 GENERAL:

- 211** The competition will be held for three days, 03/12/2021- 05/12/2021. Information relating to Draw of Lots will be communicated at a later stage.
- 212** The competition shall consist of Preliminary Round, Semi- Final Round and the Final Round.

2.2 PRELIMINARY ROUND:

- 221** The Preliminary Rounds shall be held Rule 2.1.2, Chapter IV.
- 222** The rounds shall be conducted virtually by way of video conferencing, the details of the platform will be given to the teams prior to the competition. The Meeting ID, Password and Link will be communicated to the teams via email.
- 223** Each team shall argue once from the side allotted to them through the Draw of Lots which shall be notified to the teams shortly after the Opening Ceremony. The Memorials will be made available to the teams and judges on the chosen platform for video conferencing.
- 224** In both the rounds, each team will be given 20 minutes to present their oral pleadings and an additional 5 minutes shall be given for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal each.
- 225** At the beginning of the preliminary rounds, the teams shall

specify the time distribution for their rebuttals of each speaker to the moderator. The rebuttal round shall be initiated once the moderator informs the team about the commencement of the time limit.

- 226** The commencement of sur-rebuttal round shall be informed to the teams by the moderator and the procedure will be same as that of the rebuttal round. (as specified under rule 2.2.5).
- 227** Only after being allowed by the moderator a speaker shall unmute his/her mic.

3. ELIMINATION ROUND:

3.1 SEMI-FINAL ROUND:

- 311** The semi-final round shall be conducted through video- conferencing, the details of which shall be communicated to the teams as they qualify. It shall be a knockout round.
- 312** Top 4 teams with 2 wins will qualify for the semi-final rounds. If more than 4 teams have two wins, then in that case, the team with a higher score in Preliminary Rounds shall qualify. In case of a tie in scores calculated, the team with higher score in the Written Submission (Memorials) shall proceed to this round.
- 313** Each team will get a minimum of **40 minutes** to argue from the allotted side, including 5 minutes' time that shall be reserved for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal each.
- 314** Rebuttals shall only be permitted to the Petitioner/Appellant and in no circumstance whatsoever, shall the Respondent be allowed to spare any separate time for Rebuttal.
- 315** A time-extension for a maximum of 2 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge which shall include sur-rebuttal in the case of Respondent if sought for.

3.2 FINAL ROUND-

- 321** The top two teams from the Semi Final Round shall qualify for the Final round. It shall be a knock out round, where the side for pleading shall be determined on the basis of Draw of Lots.

- 322** The Final round shall be conducted through video- conferencing. The meeting Id and password will be informed to the teams through email.
- 323** The winning team of each round shall proceed to the Finals. In case of a tie, the team with a higher score in Written Submission shall qualify.
- 324** Each team will get a minimum of 45 minutes to argue, with an additional 5 minutes for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal each.
- 325** Rebuttals shall only be permitted to the Petitioner/Appellant and in no circumstance whatsoever, shall the Respondent be allowed to spare any separate time for Rebuttal.

4. ASSESSMENT CRITERION FOR ORAL PLEADINGS:

4.1 Team performance of the orators shall be judged in all rounds on the basis of following criterion-

- a. Knowledge of the Facts (20 marks)**
- b. Application of Laws to the Fact and Interpretation (20 marks)**
- c. Argumentative Skills (20 marks)**
- d. Clarity of Thoughts and Expression (20 marks)**
- e. Court Mannerisms (10 marks)**
- f. Response to Questions (10 marks)**

5. RULES FOR QUALIFICATION:

5.1 The preliminary round shall be decided on the basis of allocation of a total of 100 marks; which includes 30 percent of the marks of memorial round and 70 percent of the marks of oral pleadings. The team scoring the highest out of 100 in the round will be declared as the winner.

5.2 In the Semi Final round, marks obtained out of 100 in the oral pleadings will be the only decisive factor for determining which team will qualify for the Final Round. In case of a tie in the oral pleading marks, the memorial marks will determine the qualifying team. Even then if the tie persists, the team with the highest individual score will qualify for the Final Round.

5.3 In the Final Round average marks obtained in the oral pleadings out of 100 will be the only decisive factor in determining the team that has won the competition. In case of a tie in the oral pleading marks, the marks obtained in the memorial round will determine the winner. Even then if a tie persists, the team with the highest individual score will be declared as the winner of the competition.

6. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

6.1 The winner of the Final Round shall be declared as the “Winner” of the competition and shall be awarded a certificate of merit.

6.2 The other team that made it to the Final Round shall be declared “Runners up” and shall awarded be a certificate of merit.

6.3 Best Speaker shall be determined on the basis of the highest average marks obtained in the preliminary round, and shall be awarded a certificate of merit.

6.4 Best Memorial shall be determined on the basis of the highest marks obtained in the memorial round, and shall be awarded a certificate of merit.

6.5 Every participating team shall be awarded a ‘Certificate of Participation’. No ‘Certificate of Participation’ shall be granted to those teams who have not qualified the memorialround.

6.6 Prizes given by sponsors, if any, shall be additional to what has been mentioned.

6.7 E-Certificates will be granted for both the Certificate of Participation and Certificate of Appreciation.

CHAPTER-V

1. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

- 1.1** No team shall indulge themselves in any act of misconduct in or outside of the court room, undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition. If done, it may lead to immediate disqualification.
- 1.2** Any behavior of indiscipline with the Governing Council or any other staff member or student volunteer shall be dealt with strictly.
- 1.3** No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round.
- 1.4** Any attempt to approach the framer of the moot problem or judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be met with strict consequences.



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ANNEXURE- I REGISTRATION FORM

(To be filled in block letters)

Institution Details:-

Name- _____

Address _____

Contact No.- _____

Faculty-in-Charge- _____ Mob. No.- _____

Email ID- _____

Team Details:-

Speaker: 1-

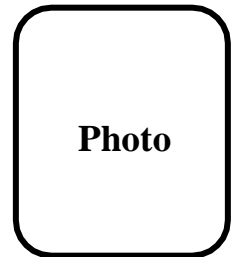
Name- _____

Gender- _____

Contact No.- _____

Email ID- _____

Year/Semester- _____ Sign _____



Photo

Speaker: 2-

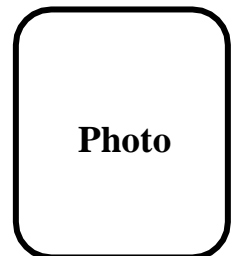
Name- _____

Gender- _____

Contact No.- _____

Email ID- _____

Year/Semester- _____ Sign _____



Photo

Researcher-

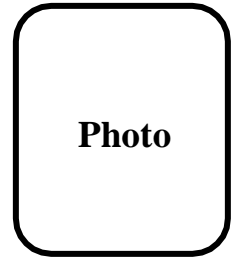
Name- _____

Gender- _____

Contact No.- _____

Email ID- _____

Year/Semester- _____ **Sign** _____



We, the undersigned, confirm that the above mentioned three students are *bonafide* students of our institute and we have obtained permission from the parents of the abovementioned students to participate in the Moot Court Competition hosted by Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.

Faculty-In-Charge

Sign and Seal of Head of Institution

Place: _____

Date: _____

SEAL OF THE INSTITUTE

TRANSACTION DETAILS

***[To be filled only after Memorial Selection Round]**

Date _____

TRANSACTIONID. _____

BANK _____

SENDER'SNAME: _____



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ANNEXURE-II

WITHDRAWAL FORM

We, the team members of TN - _____, would like to withdraw our team from the upcoming Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur National Moot Court Competition- 2021 due to the following reason(s): _____

We are aware of the consequences of our actions and take back our claim to participate in the Competition.

Name & Signature:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Faculty in Charge

College Seal



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ANNEXURE-III

PAYMENT DETAILS

The teams that qualify for the oral rounds shall wire transfer an amount of INR. 1000 (Rupees One Thousand Only.), inclusive of GST @ 18%

BANK NAME :- BANK OF INDIA

ACCOUNT NAME :- SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL (SLS), NAGPUR RECEIPT ACCOUNT .

BRANCH :- KALMANA BRANCH , NAGPUR

ACCOUNT NO :- 875410210000011

IFSC CODE :- BKID0008754



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ANNEXURE-IV

DEDUCTION CRITERIA

PARTICULARS	POINT
Failure to follow the font type mentioned	-0.5
Failure to follow the font size mentioned	-1
Failure to follow the line spacing	-1
Failure to have 1-inch margin from both sides	-0.5
Failure to follow the right colour for the cover page	-2
Penalty for exceeding the number of pages	-2
Team member's names or identification of any type as per rule 9, signatures displayed in memorial, or on cover	-2
Failure to include the headings in the same font and size and with bold	-1
Failure to include the team code in upper right-hand corner	-1.5
Failure to include the name of the case	-1
Failure to include the parties for which written submissions are made	-1
Failure to include the name of the appropriate forum approached for dispute resolution and year	-1.5
Failure to include the table of contents	-1
Failure to include the list of abbreviations	-1
Failure to include the index of authorities	-1
Penalty for failure in plagiarism test	-2
Failure to follow the blue book citation rules	-0.25
Failure to include the statement of jurisdiction	-1
Failure to include the statement of facts	-1
Failure to include the issues raised	-1
Failure to include the summary of arguments	-1
Failure to include the arguments advanced	-1
Failure to include the prayer clause	-1
Failure to submit the memorial on time (for every six hours)	-2

CONTACT US

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