

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION

1. Introduction

1.1 Short Title: These Rules shall be called the Shri I.M.Nanavati Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2016-17.

1.2 **Definitions:** Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein under as –

1.2.1. "Administrator" shall mean the GLS, Law College Moot Court Committee

1.2.2 "Clarifications" shall mean any questions, inquires or doubts send by a registered team to the organizers seeking any factual clarification(s) in the Moot Court Problem.

1.2.3 "Compétition" means Shri I.M.Nanavati Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2017

1.2.4 "Participating Team" means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules for registration

1.2.5 "Participating Institution" shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams

1.2.6 "Organizers" means the GLS, Law College, Ahmedabad

1.2.7 "Rebuttals" refer to the set of arguments/questions that the Complainant may raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators. This shall be replied to in the appropriatemanner by the Respondent.

1.2.8 "Written Submission" means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team.

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II. GENERAL RULES

2.1 Dress Code: The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

Female(s): White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes;

Male(s): White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Explanation: The participating teams shall also adhere to the abovementioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.

2.2 Language: The language of the Competition shall be English.

III. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

3.1 Eligibility: The Competition shall be open to students who are –

Pursuing an integrated 5 year LL.B. programme in India;

Pursuing a 3 year LL.B. programme in India.

3.2 Team Composition: Each team shall constitute of 3 members, two 'Oralist' / 'Mooter'(s) and one 'Researcher'.

Only the team member(s) designated as Oralist / Mooter shall be allowed to put forth oral submissions.

Under no condition shall a team consisting more than 3 members be allowed to participate.

IV ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

4.1 Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition.

4.2 The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name etc. of the University represented.

4.3 Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team. If any such mark/seal exists, it must be rendered unrecognizable.

4.4 Any violation of the above rules shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the O.C The decision of the O.C.in this regard shall be final , binding to the participating teams and not subject to challenge.

V. REGISTRATION

5.1 All the participating institutions have to confirm participation by sending an email to moot court organizing committee at glsmootcourt@gmail.com on or before 15th November 2016 by 11:59 PM

5.2 In order to confirm participation, teams of every Institution should register themselves with the Registration forms duly signed by the heads of the institution along with the fees of Rs.2500 per team. Any team requiring accommodation will have to pay registration fees of 4000. Any form received after the last day of registration will not be allowed.

5.3 The Participation fees as mentioned in Clause 5.2 shall be paid wide by Demand Draft. The demand draft shall be drawn in favor of **GLS LAW COLLEGE**. The teams shall be solely responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of Registration Form.

5.5 **Change in Team Composition:** Any change in team composition will not be entertained after the registration.

VI. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition is divided into 4 parts :

- 1) Preliminary Round
- 2) Quarter Final
- 3) Semi Final
- 4) Final Round

6.1 Preliminary Rounds:

6.1.1 **Draw of Lots:** The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.

6.1.2 Each team will get 20 minutes to present their case and 5 minutes will be given for Rebuttal.

6.1.3 Each team shall argue from both the sides in the Preliminary Rounds.

6.1.4 No team shall argue the same side twice in the Preliminary Rounds.

6.1.5 Win or loss of a team shall be determined on the basis of aggregate score of Memorial drafting and pleading.

6.1.6 Eight best teams will be qualified in the Quarter finals. The team with higher aggregate score shall win the round.

6.2 Quarter-Finals:

6.2.1 The top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the quarter-finals. The team shall argue only once in the quarter-finals. The side on behalf of which the team shall argue for the quarter-finals shall be decided by way of draw of lots prior to the Quarter Final Round.

6.2.2 The quarter-finals shall be a knock-out round.

6.2.3 Each team is allotted a total of 20 minutes to present their oral arguments

6.2.4 The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 18 minutes and minimum of 12 minutes per speaker

6.2.5 The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the

beginning of the oral arguments

6.2.6 A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.

6.2.7 The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges

6.3 **Semi-Final and Final Rounds:**

6.3.1 Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

6.3.2 The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals. The side of the team shall be decided by way of the draw of lots. The team with higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

6.3.3 Each team will be allotted a total of 30 minutes to present their oral arguments.

6.3.4 **Finals:** In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals.

6.3.5 Each team will be allotted a total of 45 minutes to present their oral arguments.

6.3.6 The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 15 minutes per speaker.

6.3.7 The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.

6.3.8 A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be given at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.

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The candidates would be judged for their oral submission on the following criteria.

Particulars	Marks
Articulation of Issues	20
Presentation Abilities	20
Court Mannerism	10
Citation of Authorities	10
Application of Legal Principles	20
Response to the queries of Court	20

VII RULES FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION/MEMORIAL EVALUATION

7.1 Teams has to prepare memorial from both the sides.

7.2 Late submissions beyond the stipulated time period will not be considered for evaluation.

7.3 Format of memorial

Body of the memorial shall include:

The cover page with the cause title
Table of contents
List of Abbreviations
Index of Authorities
Statement of Jurisdiction
Statement of facts
Statement of issues
Summary of arguments
Summary Advance
Prayer

7.3.1 The font of the body of the memorial should be Times New Roman, size 12, line spacing 1.5 and the heading should be 14. The font to the footnotes should be Times New Roman, size 10

7.3.2 Memorial should be spiral bound.

7.3.3 Pages should be numbered at the bottom middle.

7.3.4 All the Memorials Received within the time schedule will be evaluated by the MEC. The Evaluation done by the MEC will be final and binding.

7.3.5 The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.

7.3.6 The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification.

7.3.7 The memorial shall be of a maximum of 35 pages including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced Arguments shall be of a minimum of 20 pages. No annexure, photographs, exhibits, etc. should be added to the memorial.

7.3.8 Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.

The Memorial shall be evaluated on following parameter

Description	Marks
a) Knowledge of Facts	20
b) Knowledge of Law	20
c) Extent and use of Research	20
d) Authorities cited	15
e) Correct Format	15
f) Overall Performance	10

PENALTIES:

1. Delay in submitting hard copy and soft copy of memorial will attract penalty of 3 Marks per day.

2. Violation of prescribed length of memorial 1 Mark per additional page.

3. Any sort of non compliance in hard and soft copy of memorial will entail disqualification.

VIII Accommodation and Food

Accommodation and food shall be provided by the Organizers only during the days of the competition.

The interested students are required, to inform the Organizing Committee, through their Travel & Accommodation Form, so as to enable them to make necessary arrangements. Under no circumstances the Organizer shall provide accommodation to any other person accompanying the team.

IX Categories of the Awards

- 1) Trophy to the Winning Team.
- 2) Best Memorial Appellant
- 3) Best Memorial Respondent
- 4) Best Student Advocate from Appellant side
- 5) Best Student Advocate from Respondent Side
- 6) Certificate will be issued to all the participants.

In case of any Queries and Clarifications feel free to contact on glsmootcourt@gmail.com

INTERPRETATION OF THE RULEBOOK

The interpretation of these rules by the organizers shall be conclusive. The decision of the organizers for the above stated rules shall be final and binding to the participating teams.

Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation from the above stated rules would attract disqualification.

All the above stated rules are inclusive for the competition.