



2nd Dhawani Manocha Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2016



Rules of Procedure

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General Rules

1. Theme And Date

The problem for the 2nd Dhawani Manocha Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2016 involves the issues pertaining to Criminal law and Constitutional law. The competition shall be held from 3rd March – 5th March 2016 at Punjab School of Law, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab.

2. Subject

All teams participating in the Competition are presumed to have knowledge of and shall be subject to these Rules.

3. Interpretation of the Rules

The Organization has the authority to interpret and amend the provisions contained in the Rules and reserves the right to make changes at any time before the commencement of the Preliminary Round when necessary. Any changes made will be communicated to the participating teams. The final decision of the interpretation and implementation of rules lies within the organizers.

4. Language

The Competition shall be conducted in English language only.

5. Eligibility

The Competition shall be open for students pursuing three or five year LL.B. degree course and LL.M Degree Course to participate in the competition.

6. Team Composition

- Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. This team composition cannot be altered under any circumstances.
- Every team shall consist of two speakers. Teams may have only one researcher.
- No observer/additional member can be a part of a team in any capacity.
- If any fourth member is accompanying the team, he/she will not be allowed to sit and observe the oral rounds, will not be provided accommodation/food and will not be given a certificate by the organizers under any circumstances whatsoever.

Administrative Provisions

7. Team Registration

- Teams must confirm participation by sending the scanned copy of the duly filled registration form to psldmmnmcc@gmail.com with the subject as “*Registration Form for 2nd Dhawani Manocha Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2016*” latest by 22nd January 2016 and the hard copy must be sent latest by 27th January 2016.



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- Registration fee for the moot is Rs. 2500 per team (only one team per Department or one team per college). The payment will have to be made in the form of cash on 3rd March 2016.

8. Team Identification

- In the interest of fairness and objectivity, each team shall be assigned an anonymous code upon their registration.
- This code will be emailed to each team.
- This code becomes the team's identifier throughout the Competition.

Competition Structure

9. Structure

There shall be two Preliminary rounds, quarter-final round, semi-final round and final round.

10. Rules for the Preliminary Rounds

- Teams shall argue cases against each other; the matching of teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the competition.
- During preliminary rounds, each team will have the opportunity to argue both sides; once as prosecution and once as the defence.
- No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- No team shall face the same bench more than once. In the event that a team faces the same bench/judge more than once, they shall inform the organizers regarding the same before the first speaker is called upon the podium, failing to do so forego their right to object at any later point in time.
- Time allotted for arguments will be 15 minutes for the prosecution and 15 minutes for the defence.
- There will be time allotted for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals during the preliminary rounds.
- Both selected members of the team shall make oral presentations during each round.
- In determining the winners of preliminary rounds the memorial scores will not be added to the scores of oral round.
- Teams with highest score in the preliminary rounds will qualify for the Quarter- Final rounds. In case of tie, toss or draw of lot will be conducted.

11. Rules for the Quarter-final Rounds

- Top eight teams from the preliminary rounds shall qualify to participate in the Quarter- Final. Selection will be based upon the marks awarded by the organizing committee after evaluation of marks awarded by judges for the oral presentations by teams during the preliminary rounds.
- The Quarter- Final and the semi-final rounds shall be knock out rounds.
- Memorials scores will not be added to the overall scores in any of the knock out rounds.



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- The preliminary round ranking will predetermine Quarter- Final matchups.
- a) Quarter final matchup 1: 1,5th place teams
- b) Quarter final matchup 2: 2,6th place teams
- c) Quarter final matchup 3: 3,7th place teams
- d) Quarter final matchup 4: 4,8th place teams
- The sides to be argued by teams will be decided by a draw of lots, prior to the commencement of the Quarter Final round of the competition.
- Each team will be allotted a total of 18 minutes to present its argument during the Quarter- Final rounds.
- There will be time allotted for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals during the Quarter- Final rounds.
- Participating teams will be required to strictly follow the time limits.

12. Rules for the Semi-final Round

- Top four teams from the Quarter- Final rounds shall qualify to participate in the semi-final. Selection will be based upon the marks awarded by the organizing committee after evaluation of marks awarded by judges for the oral presentations by teams during the Quarter- Final rounds.
- The results of the written memorials and the results of the preliminary round and quarter-final round, will not be taken into account in assessing the final scores of the semi-final round. The bench will assess the substance of the arguments and the quality of the performance of two teams in the Semi-final round only.
- The winning team of each of the two Semi-Final Rounds will proceed to the Final Round. The winning team is the highest scoring team of the Semi-Final Round that team participated in, regardless of scores in other rounds. In case of tie, decision will be made on the basis of toss or draw of lots.
- Semi-Final matchups will be predetermined by the order of the advancing teams in the Quarter-Final Round ranking.
- a) Semi-Final Matchups 1: 1,3rd place teams
- b) Semi-Final Matchups 2: 2,4th place teams
- The sides to be argued by teams will be decided by a draw of lots, prior to the commencement of the semi-final round of the competition.
- Each team will be allotted a total of 18 minutes to present its argument during the semi-final rounds.
- There will be time allotted for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals during the semi-final rounds.
- Participating teams will be required to strictly follow the time limits.

13. Rules for the Final Round

- Top 2 teams from the semi-final rounds will be selected to compete in the final round of the Moot Court Competition.
- The sides to be argued by the teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of the final round of the competition.



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- Each team will be allotted a total of 25 minutes to present its argument during the final rounds.
- There will be time allotted for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals during the final rounds.

14. Criteria of Assessment

The assessment of the teams during the Moot Court competition shall be out of maximum of 100 marks during oral round, set as follows:

Appreciation of Facts and Law - 30 Marks

Advocacy (Arguments, Framing of Issues,

Expression and articulation) - 30 Marks

Use of Authorities and Citations - 20 Marks

General Impression and Court Manner - 20 Marks

Memorial Provisions

15. Submission of the Memorials

- Each participating team shall prepare both memorials and counter memorials, in English.
- Soft copies of the memorials are to be mailed at psldmmnmcc@gmail.com with the subject as “ Memorial Submission for the 2nd Dhawani Manocha Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2016”. The last date of submission of softcopies of the memorial is 21st February 2016.
- The teams shall submit four copies of each, of the memorials for both the sides latest by 25th February 2016.
- Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the competition.
- There will be exchange of memorials between the teams during the competition.
- Identity of the institute must not be revealed/disclosed in any manner in the memorials or the compendium (if any).

16. Specifications of the Memorials

- Memorial or counter memorial shall not be more than 25 typed pages.
- Memorials must be typed and submitted on standard A4 size paper.
- Font and size of the text of all parts of the memorial (excluding footnotes) must be the same and must in Times New Roman 12.
- The text of all parts of each memorial must be double-spaced, with one-inch margin on both sides.
- A uniform style of citation should be followed in the memorial throughout. Teams are advised to use 19TH edition of Blue Book Format.
- The text of footnotes and headings may be single-spaced. The font size of footnotes must be 2 point less than the text font.



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- There must be double spacing between separate footnotes and between each heading and the body text of the memorial.
- Quotations of sources outside of the memorial of fifty words or more in any part of the memorial shall be block quoted and must be single-spaced.
- The table of Contents, Index of Authorities and Case Title are not included in the 25-typed page limit.

17. Description of the Memorials

The Memorial shall consist of the following parts:

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Index of Authorities (including corresponding page numbers)
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Identification of Issues
- Statement of Facts
- Summary of Pleadings
- Pleadings including the Conclusion and/or Prayer for Relief.

18. Criteria for assessment

The assessment of the memorials shall be out of maximum of 100 marks, set out as follows:

Knowledge of Facts – 15 marks

Proper and Articulate Analysis – 20 marks

Extent and use of Research – 30 marks

Grammar, Style and Coherency – 20 marks

Formatting and Citation of Sources – 15 marks

Total – 100 marks.

- The written memorials submitted by the participating teams shall be evaluated by and expert(s) appointed by the organizing committee and marks will be awarded for them.
- These marks will not be taken into consideration during the oral presentation made by them during the competition.
- The memorial marks evaluated will not be disclosed under any condition whatsoever.

19. Penalties for Inappropriate Behavior

- Every team should maintain the fullest dignity and decorum not only in the courtroom, but also during the entire competition.
- Inappropriate behavior or blatant disregard for the procedures may result in deduction of penalty points and in extreme cases to the disqualification of the team.



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20. Scouting

- Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

21. Awards and Certificates

- Winning Team Award: The winner team will receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 15000 for “2nd Dhawani Manocha Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2016”
- Runner-up Award: The 1st runner-up will get a cash prize of Rs. 11000.
- Best Mooter: Rs. 3000
- Best Memorial: The team with best memorial will receive trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5000.
- Certificates for participation will be given to all the participants.
- Separate Certificates will be provided to the winning team and runner up team..
- All certificates and awards will be presented to the participants only at the “Valedictory Ceremony” on 5th March 2016. The certificates will not be provided to any participant who is not present at the Valedictory Ceremony and the same will not be sent by post/ courier to participants under any circumstances whatsoever.

22. Accommodation

- Accommodation will be provided to all the teams.
- For any additional members of any team the host university will not be responsible for his/her accommodation.
- Conveyance will be provided to all the teams from the Station on their arrival to accommodation.
- Food for all the days of the competition will be provided to all the teams.
- Teams must send scanned copy of the travel details form to psldmmnmcc@gmail.com with the subject as “ *Travel details for 2nd Dhawani Manocha Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2016*”. This should be sent latest by 25th February 2016.

23. CLARIFICATIONS

- For any other clarifications/query e-mail at psldmmnmcc@gmail.com or you can contact the below given numbers:

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- The hard copy of the registration form and the memorials must be sent at the following address:
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Patiala, Punjab - 147002