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# JUSTICE N. SANTOSH HEGDE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

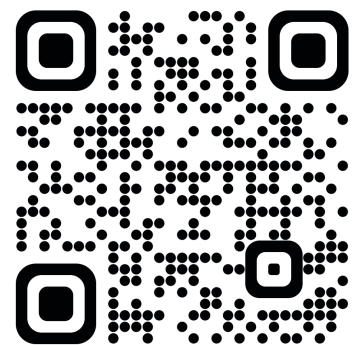
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## **GUIDELINES**

### **Important Terms:**

- 1. Organizers:** The Alliance University's Justice N. Santosh Hegde, National Moot Court Competition, 2023 shall be organized by Alliance Moot Court Committee, which is part of School of Law, Alliance University.
- 2. Faculty Members:** Faculty members refer to the faculty of the School of Law who have been attached to the event in any capacity.
- 3. Student Members:** Student members refer to the students of the School of Law who have been attached to the event in any capacity.
- 4. Rules and Regulations:** The Rules and Regulations refer to the guidelines which have been made by AMCC for successfully conducting the event.
- 5. Memorial:** Memorial refers to the written submissions, which shall be submitted by the participating teams.
- 6. Members:** Members refer to the Members of the Organizing Committee of the event.
- 7. Judge:** Judge refers to any person who has been appointed for the evaluation of the participating team's performance.
- 8. Mooter:** Mooter means a participant who has registered herself/himself for the competition as per the rules of registration.
- 9. Penalties:** Penalties refer to the marks which shall be deducted in case of violations of the rules and regulations of the event.
- 10. Rebuttal:** Rebuttal refers to the response given by the Appellant to the respondent's Arguments or vice-versa, where no attempts can be made to introduce new arguments.

### About the Competition

- 1. Event:** The event shall be called “Alliance University’s Justice N. Santosh Hegde, National Moot Court Competition, 2023”.
- 2. Organizers:** The event is being conducted by School of Law, Alliance University, Bangalore.
- 3. Dates:** The event shall be conducted on two days, **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.
- 4. AMCC: Alliance Moot Court Committee** shall be having the responsible for the conducting the competition. They shall be dealing with queries of the participants, releasing the schedule of the event, and shall look after all the relevant matters pertaining to the event.
- 5. Language:** The Language of the Competition shall be in English.
- 6. Interpretation:** The organizers of the event will have the final authority to interpret the rules.
- 7. Eligibility:** Students pursuing Five year or Three-year LLB course from any college or university around the country shall be eligible to participate in the event. Only one team can register and represent one university/college, to that extent the participants must produce a permission letter from their respective college/university.
- 8. Team Composition:** Each team shall constitute a minimum of two members and maximum of three members. In every team, two of the members will be speakers and one member shall be the researcher. A team of two member may be allowed to participate in, as an exception. In such case, both the members will be speakers and one of the members shall be designated as researcher. Any change in the team composition shall not be entertained once the memorial has been submitted.
- 9. Researcher:** A researcher shall be allowed to argue only with the permission of the organizing committee.
- 10. Dress Code:** The Dress Code shall be formals. Black Trousers, White Shirt along with Tie and Blazer, shall be the norm for the teams participating in the event. The female participants have the option to wear White Salwar Kameez and Black Blazer or Black Plant with Shirt and Blazer.

## Registration

1. **Dates:** Interested teams must register themselves for the competition by 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 by registering on the link provided. The fees shall also be paid through the same link. In case of incomplete registrations, the team's application shall get rejected automatically.
2. **Fees:** The registration fees, shall be Rs. 3000/- team without accommodation and Rs 4500/- with accommodation, which shall be paid at the time of the registration.
3. **Non-Refundable:** The Registration fees shall be non-refundable.
4. **Link:** The link for registration will be open till 23.59 hrs. on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.
5. **Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/uf3E82rHuYxcxLqj8>

## Allotment of Team Codes

1. **Team Codes:** All the teams shall be allotted with a team code, after all registration are complete.
2. **Responsibility:** No one including teams shall be disclosing the identity of the team. No team shall disclose or enquire about the identity of participating teams University.
3. **Identity:** The memorials or any materials (compendium, etc.) to be submitted shall not contain any sign, logo, name, etc. revealing the identity of the college/ institution/ university/ team members.
4. **Violation:** Any violation with regards to anonymity shall be penalized under the rules.
5. **Final Decision:** Final decision in this regard will be in the hand of AMCC, Alliance School of Law.

## Query and Clarifications

1. **General Query:** In case of any query regarding the competition, the teams can write to [mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in](mailto:mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in)
2. **Moot Problem Clarifications:** In case of any clarification to the Moot Proposition, the team can write an e-mail to [mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in](mailto:mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in) on or before 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 (23:59 hrs.).
3. If there are any clarifications, it will be circulated amongst the registered teams shortly thereafter.

## Memorials

1. Each team participating in the competition must prepare two memorials one on behalf of the Appellant and one on behalf of the Respondent.
2. Each team must send a soft copy (in MS Word .doc/.docx and pdf format) of their memorials for evaluation by 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 with the subject “**Submission AUJSHNMCC 2023 for Team Code**” to “ [mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in](mailto:mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in) ”
3. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall be evaluated with penalties.
4. Each team must send two hard copy for each side, i.e., two hard copies for Appellant and two hard copies for Respondent, via registered post to the University's Address and must reach by 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.
5. The file names of the electronic copies of the memorials must contain only the teamcode and the side being represented in the following format:  
e.g. (for Team Code 001) 001P or 001R, ‘P’ being for ‘Appellant’ memorial and ‘R’ for ‘Respondent’ memorial, and so forth.

## Format of the Memorial

1. The Memorial shall be drafted only on A4 size paper.
2. **Memorial Content:** The Memorial should contain the following sections:
  - a. Cover Page for Appellant and Respondent should be colored differently as **BLUE** Cover for Appellant and **RED** Cover for Respondent.
  - b. Table of Contents
  - c. Index of Authorities
  - d. Statement of Jurisdiction
  - e. Statement of Facts (not exceeding one page)
  - f. Statement of Issues
  - g. Summary of Arguments
  - h. Arguments Advanced
  - i. Prayer (not exceeding one page)
3. No memorial shall exceed the maximum limit of 35 pages including the Arguments Advanced which shall not exceed 20 pages.

4. Each memorial shall have the following on its cover page:
  - a. The team code on the upper right-hand corner of the cover page
  - b. The name and place of the forum
  - c. The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
  - d. Name of parties and their status
  - e. Memorial Filed on Behalf of \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Other Important Rules:** Teams shall cite authorities in the memorial using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 20<sup>th</sup> Edition. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.
6. **Font:** Times New Roman
7. **Font Size:** 12
8. **Line Spacing:** 1.5
9. **Margins:** 1 inch on each side.
10. The citation should comply with the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of Harvard Bluebook.
11. Plagiarism shall not exceed more than 15% of the overall content of the memorial.

### Memorial Evaluation

1. The memorials of each team shall be evaluated by a panel of three Judges.
2. The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

Sr. No.	Parameter	Marks
1	Knowledge of Law and Depth of Research	20
2	Use of Authority/ Precedents	20
3	Incorporation of Facts into arguments	10
4	Interpretation of Applicable law	10
4	Clarity and Organization of arguments	15
5	Grammar and Style	10
6	Originality	10
7	Relief Sought	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## **Oral Rounds**

1. The Moot Court Competition shall comprise of the following four rounds:
  - a. Preliminary Round -Day 1.
  - b. Quarter-final Round - Day 1.
  - c. Semi-Final Round - Day 2.
  - d. Final Round - Day 2.
2. Each team will have to argue from either of the sides in the Preliminary Round. This order will be decided by the draw of lots at the time of orientation on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
3. The teams which score the highest aggregate marks in the Preliminary Round will be eligible for qualification in the Quarter-final Round which shall consist of 8 teams. In case of a tie in the above procedure, the marks scored for the memorials shall be the deciding factor. In case of any doubt, the decision of the organizers will be final.
4. The Sides for the Quarter-Final round will be decided by the draw of lots immediately after the results of the Preliminary Rounds. Quarterfinals will be decided on a knockout basis on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
5. The Qualifying teams shall then argue the case in the Semi-Final Round on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Semi-Finals will be decided on a knockout basis.
6. The Qualifying teams shall then argue the case in the final round on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

## **Oral Submissions**

1. Each team should have two speakers who shall divide the oral submissions between them. Rebuttals are permitted. Sur-rebuttals are at the discretion of the judges.
2. For the preliminary round, each team shall have a maximum of 20 minutes to present their oral submissions. In the quarter-final round, each team shall have a maximum of 30 minutes to present their oral submissions. For the Semi-final round, a maximum time of 40 minutes shall be given to each team. For the final round, a maximum time of 50 minutes shall be given to each team. However, granting more time will be at the discretion of the Judges and no complaints/appeals regarding the same will be entertained. The division of time between the two mooters shall be at their discretion.

3. The aforesaid time would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttals. For Preliminary round and round, each team shall reserve at least 5 mins for rebuttals. For Quarter-final and Semi-final round, a minimum of 10 minutes must be reserved for rebuttals. For Final round, a minimum of 15 minutes shall be reserved for rebuttals. Non-adherence to time may attract penalty in form of deduction of marks.
4. No speaker shall be permitted to address the court for more than 10 minutes in the preliminary round, for more than 15 minutes in the Quarter-final round as well as the semi-final round, and for more than 25 minutes in the final rounds.
5. At the commencement of each session of the oral submissions, each team shall notify the time of speaker 1 and speaker 2 to the court clerks.

### Marking Criteria

1. The following shall be the marking criteria and the marks allotted per Mooter.
2. Each mooter shall be marked out of 100. The preliminary rounds shall be before a two Judges bench. Thus, the total team marks, per Judge, will be out of 200. And the eight top-scoring teams shall move forward to the quarter-final round.
3. In the quarter-final, semi-final, and final rounds, whichever team secures more marks as against its opponent, shall be considered as having won the round. The decision of the Judges shall be final and binding. To ensure uniformity in the marking system all the Judges shall be provided with marking guidelines.

Sr. No.	Parameter	Marks
1	Comprehension of facts	10
2	Knowledge of Law	20
3	Application and Interpretation of legal principles	20
4	Presentation skills and Communication ability	10
5	Logical Structuring and Reasoning	20
6	Response to questions poised	10
7	Courtroom etiquette	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>



**Researcher's Test:**

1. The Researcher's Test shall be of 30 minutes and objective in nature and shall be general.
2. The Researcher of every participating team shall attempt this test.
3. The Researcher's test shall be conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

**Plagiarism:**

1. Teams shall not commit plagiarism. "Plagiarism" means appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages of another's writings, or the ideas or language of another, and passing them off as the product of one's mind. After investigation and review, in a verified case of plagiarism, the organizers may (1) disqualify the team, (2) assess a penalty between one and 50 points to each offending memorial.

**Moot Penalties:**

1. The Administrator shall impose a Moot Penalty, if necessary, after consultation with the judges, bailiff, teams, and/or observers.

**Activity Subject to Moot Penalties**

1. Penalties may be assessed for violations during a Moot by reference to the following table. The administrator shall deduct the penalty amount from each judges combined score (the sum of the judge's score for oralist 1 and oralist 2) before determining the Oral Round Points.

Rule	Summary	Penalty
1.	Improper Courtroom Communications	Up to 10 points
2.	Scouting	Forfeiture of one preliminary Match if indirect; forfeiture of all Oral Round Points if direct scouting, to be deducted in the Match against the Team that was scouted.
3.	Violation of anonymity in the courtroom	Up to 15 points, or disqualification.

**Penalties**

<b><u>Rule</u></b>	<b><u>Summary</u></b>	<b><u>Penalties</u></b>	
1.	Tardiness in submitting Memorial	5 points for the first day, 3 points per day thereafter. If both Memorials have not been submitted by the Deadline, the Team will be withdrawn from the Competition.	
2.	Resubmission of Memorial after the deadline	2 points	
3.	Failure to include all parts of Memorial, or inclusion of an un-enumerated part	2 points for each part	
4.	Failure to include necessary and correct information on Memorial Cover Page	2 points (one-time penalty)	
5.	Excessive length: Pleadings	1 page over	4 points
		2-3 pages over	6 points
		4-6 pages over	9 points
		7-9 pages over	12 points
		10+ pages over	15 points
6.	Excessive length: Summary of Pleadings	2 points (one-time penalty)	
7.	Excessive length: Statement of Facts	2 points (one-time penalty)	
8.	Improper citation of authority	1 point per instance, up to a maximum of 5 points per Memorial.	
9.	Violation of anonymity in Memorial	Up to 10 points (one-time penalty), or disqualification	
10.	Plagiarism	1 to 50 points, or disqualification	

**Deduction of Penalties by Judges Prohibited:**

1. Penalty points may be deducted only by the Administrator. Judges may not deduct any penalty points from the scores of the oralists. Judges shall score the Moot as if no violation occurred, and may take an infraction into account only if so, instructed by the Administrator.

**Important Dates:**

Sr.No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Last Date of Registration	20th January, 2023
2.	Last Date for seeking clarifications	24th January, 2023
3.	Release of Clarifications	28th January, 2023
4.	Deadline for submission of Soft Copy of Memorial	8th February, 2023
5.	Deadline for receiving the Hard Copy of the Memorial by the OC.	17th February, 2023
6.	Researchers Test	24th February, 2023
7.	Preliminary Rounds	25th February, 2023
8.	Quarter-Final Round	25th February, 2023
9.	Semi-Final Round	26th February, 2023
10.	Final Round	26th February, 2023

**Miscellaneous:**

- Travel Details:** The teams are requested to inform their travel plan by filling the travel form provided. Any changes in the given plan should be intimated to the Organizers well in advance. <https://forms.gle/SV6wXd9DchCPncFJ8>
- Food and Accommodation:** Food will be provided to all the teams at the University Campus and Accommodation will be provided at the University Campus for the teams who have opted for it from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

**Postal Address:**

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