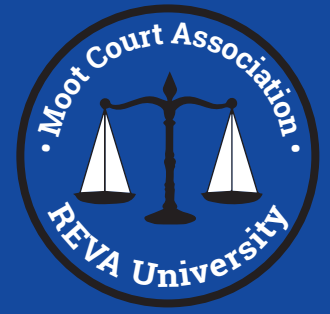




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# School of Legal Studies Organises



## 3<sup>rd</sup> REVA National Moot Court Competition, 2023

### MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES

**Short Title:** These rules shall be called the 3<sup>rd</sup> REVA National Moot Court Competition, 2023 Rules.

**Definitions:** Unless the context otherwise requires, -

- a) “Administrator” shall mean the School of Legal Studies, REVA University, Bangalore
- b) “Competition” shall mean the 3<sup>rd</sup> REVA National Moot Court Competition, 2023.
- c) “Participating Team” shall mean the team which has registered for the competition.
- d) “Participating Institution” shall be presumed to the parent institution to which the participating team belongs to.
- e) “Rules” shall mean the 3<sup>rd</sup> REVA National Moot Court Competition, 2023 Rules.
- f) “Organizers” means Moot Court Association, School of Legal Studies, REVA

## **1. GENERAL RULES**

### **1.1 DATE OF THE COMPETITION**

1.1.1. The Competition shall be held between 9th and 11th of March 2023

### **1.2 TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY**

1.2.1 The Competition is open to all bona fide regular students enrolled in any undergraduate law course or its equivalent in any University or Institute within India recognized by the Bar Council or State Government or Central Government as the case may be.

1.2.2 Each team shall comprise three members i.e. two speakers and one researcher. The composition of the team shall not be changed once a team has registered under any circumstances whatsoever.

1.2.3 Changes in the aforementioned designations shall not be made without a request by the responsible Faculty in Charge or Head of the Institution or Department of the Team seeking such change, as the case may be.

1.2.4 The discretion to allow or disallow such change shall solely rest with the Administrators depending upon the reasonability of the cause shown, stage of the Competition and compliance with the aforementioned rules.

1.2.5 The maximum number of teams that can register for this competition is 2. Under no circumstances can there be more than 2 registrations from the same University.

### **1.3 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

1.3.1 The official language of the Moot Court Competition is English.

### **1.4 DRESS CODE**

1.4.1 Participants shall be appropriately dressed for the rounds of the Competition.

(Note: Robes and collar bands are not permitted.)

1.4.2 The dress code for the inauguration, oral rounds and valedictory & prize distribution shall strictly be:

For gentlemen- western formals (white formals shirt with black formal pants and a black blazer); and

For ladies- western formals (white formal shirt with black formal pants and a black blazer) or Indian formals (white kurta with black pants and either a black waistcoat or black blazer).

### **1.5 REGISTRATION**

1.5.1 The teams interested in participating are required to show their interest by filling up the Google forms by 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (11:59 P.M.) Registration link: <https://forms.gle/KmJscovjxqbigJiv6>

1.5.2 The registration for the competition shall be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participation in the competition is capped at Twenty (20) teams.

1.5.3 Every team which has successfully completed the Registration requisites under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

1.5.4 Consent letter from Participant's University: Participants must also submit a consent letter from their respective universities/institutions granting them

permission to take part in this competition. The letter must be issued from the participant's university's appropriate authority on the university's letterhead. The consent letter must be uploaded to the registration form.

1.5.5 Format of Consent letter: The consent letter must have the following details.

- a) Name of the college/institution/university from which the participants belong to.
- b) Name of students taking part in this Moot Court Competition.
- c) Year of study of participants.
- d) Permission granting the participants to take part in this moot court competition.
- e) The consent letter must be duly signed and sealed by the competent authority of the institution.

1.5.6 Scanned copy of the Institution Identity card and the receipt of registration payment should be uploaded while filling up the registration form.

1.5.7 The teams should attach a copy of online payment receipt for Rs.3,000/- drawn in favour of "REVA UNIVERSITY;

- Bank Name: THE KARNATAKA BANK LTD;
- A/C NO. 6662000100000901;
- Branch: REVA University Branch, Bengaluru;
- IFSC: KARB0000666", while filling up the application form.
- (No Demand Draft or cheques are accepted for making such payment).

1.5.8 The registration shall be deemed complete only when the registration fee has been remitted successfully, and the application form is duly filled.

## **1.6 CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM**

**1.6.1** Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an email to [sols.mca@reva.edu.in](mailto:sols.mca@reva.edu.in) on or before **17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**; clarification sent after this date shall not be entertained at any cost. All the Clarifications shall be replied on or before **19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

## 1.7 MEMORIALS

1.7.1. Each participating team shall prepare memorials for Petitioner/Appellant as well as Respondent in English. All teams have to submit their soft copies in the form of doc. and pdf. to [sols.mca@reva.edu.in](mailto:sols.mca@reva.edu.in) by 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 (11:59 P.M.) without fail.

1.7.2. Hard copies of the Memorial should be sent to the following Mailing Address before 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023:

Ms. S.M. Soujanya, Asst Professor,  
School of Legal Studies, REVA University,  
Rukmini Knowledge Park,  
Kattigenahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore.  
Pin Code: 560064

1.7.3. There will be an exchange of memorials between the teams post inauguration ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and for the advanced rounds during the Competition prior to the rounds.

1.7.4. All memorials shall be prepared to the following specifications:

- Memorials shall not be more than 30 typed pages.
- The Table of Contents, Index of Authorities and Cause Title are not included in the 30 typed pages limit.
- The cover paper page of the memorials for the petitioners shall be in blue and for the respondents in red. The two documents shall be marked as 'Memorial for Petitioners' and 'Memorial for Respondents' respectively, along with their team codes in bold on top right corner of the cover page.
- The memorials shall contain:
  - a) Cover Page
  - b) Table of contents
  - c) List of Abbreviations
  - d) Index of Authorities
  - e) Statement of Jurisdiction
  - f) Statement of Facts
  - g) Statement of Issues
  - h) Summary of Arguments
  - i) Arguments Advanced

j) Prayer

1.7.5. Formatting rules:

Font type	Times New Roman
Font size	12 for the main text, headers and footers, 10 for the footnotes
Line spacing	1.5 for main text, headers and footers
For footnotes	Single spacing between lines and double line spacing between two footnotes.
Body of text	Justified
Margin	1 inch from all sides

1.7.6. All quotations of fifty words or more in any part of the memorial shall be block quoted and must be single-spaced.

1.7.7. Teams shall follow a uniform style of citation (preferably the Bluebook Method of Citation- 21<sup>st</sup> edition) throughout their Written Submissions.

## 1.8 EVALUATION CRITERIA

1.8.1. The Memorial score of participants shall be calculated by taking the average of the score of the memorials for both sides.

1.8.2. The memorials shall be screened for plagiarism.

1.8.3. The criteria for memorial markings are as follows:

CRITERIA	MARKS	DESCRIPTION
Knowledge of law and facts	15	Extent of research
Use of authorities	15	
Clarity, brevity, and style	10	Ingenuity of thought, original thinking, distinguishing cases
Articulation and structure of arguments	5	Strengths and weakness of matter, alternate arguments, connecting facts and legal arguments
Presentation	5	Clear and concise writing style, organisation

		of arguments
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1.6.1 The written memorials submitted by participating teams shall be evaluated by an expert(s) appointed by the Organising Committee and marks will be awarded for them.

1.6.2 Petitioner Memorial shall be evaluated out of 50 marks and Respondent memorial shall be evaluated out of 50 marks.

1.6.3 Penalties

- Late Submission (Soft copies): (-2) for every exceeding 24-hour period
- Exceeding page limit: (-1) for every page exceeded
- Disclosure of the team's institutional affiliation: (-1)
- Violation of any other formatting rule or submission rule: (-2) per violation

1.6.4 Memorial Marks shall be considered in case of a tie between 2 teams.

1.6.5 The best Researcher shall be decided based on a Researcher's test on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

1.6.6 The criteria for oral rounds are as follows:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Knowledge and application of law	15
Organisation and presentation	10
Advocacy (including articulation)	10
Responsiveness to questions	10
Courtroom etiquette (including dress)	5

## 2. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will be completely held in a physical mode/offline mode at School of Legal Studies, REVA University, Bangalore, and the competition is divided into the following:

- Preliminary rounds
- Quarter-finals
- Semi-finals
- Finals

## **2.1. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

- 2.1.1. The team shall argue the case against each other; the opposing teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of all rounds.
- 2.1.2. In all rounds, each team will have the opportunity to argue only for one side, either as Petitioner or Respondent. All rounds will be a “knock-out” round.
- 2.1.3. Time allotted for arguments will be 30 minutes for the Petitioner/Appellant and 30 minutes for the Respondent. The time will be paused when the Judges pose a question to the speakers. The time taken to respond to the questions will be counted in the time allotted to the speakers.
- 2.1.4. There will be time allotted for rebuttals. Additional 3 minutes for rebuttals during the preliminary rounds shall be allotted.
- 2.1.5. Both speakers of the team shall make oral presentations during the preliminary round. The presentations may be divided among the Moot Court participants.
- 2.1.6. Before the beginning of the oral rounds of any team, the Speakers of the team shall inform the Court Officer regarding the allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for rebuttal. Once informed, the timings shall not be changed.
- 2.1.7. If any speaker speaks for more than the time reserved for him/her, the extra time used by such speaker shall be deducted from the time allotted to the second speaker of that team. If the second speaker exceeds the time allotted to him/her, such time exceeded shall be deducted from the time reserved for rebuttals.
- 2.1.8. In case any opponent team fails to appear in an oral round, the round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter team had been presenting and arguing.
- 2.1.9. The results of the preliminary round will be announced on the same day.
- 2.1.10. The best speaker will be selected based on the preliminary rounds score.

## **2.2. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS**

- 2.2.1. From the preliminary rounds, teams will be selected based on knock out form each court room. Out of which, the top eight teams (on merit) shall qualify to



participate in the quarter finals. Selection will be based upon the marks awarded by Judges for the oral presentations by teams during the preliminary round. In the event of a tie, the team with a higher memorial score will be declared as the winner of the round.

2.2.2. The teams arguing against each other will be decided by a match-up made by the Organising Committee prior to the commencement of the Quarter-Finals.

2.2.3. Time allotted for arguments will be 30 minutes for the Petitioner/Appellant and 30 minutes for the Respondent. Additional 3 minutes for rebuttals during the Quarter-finals shall be allotted.

### **2.3.SEMI-FINALS ROUNDS**

2.3.1. The teams with the highest scores in their respective courtroom will qualify for the Semi-final rounds. This will be based on the marks awarded by Judges for the oral presentations by teams during the Quarter-Finals rounds. The sides and teams arguing against each other will be decided by a match-up made by the Organising Committee prior to the commencement of the Semi-Finals.

2.3.2. Time allotted for arguments will be 30 minutes for the Petitioner/Appellant and 30 minutes for the Respondent. Additional 5 minutes for rebuttals during the Semi-finals.

### **2.4.FINAL ROUNDS**

2.4.1. The teams with the highest scores in their respective courtroom will qualify to compete in the Final Round of the Moot Court Competition.

2.4.2. The Final round of the Competition will take place on the final day of the 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. There shall be only one round of arguments by the final teams.

2.4.3. Each team will be permitted to speak for a total of 40 minutes during the final round. There will be a warning at the end of 30 minutes and a final warning at the end of the allotted time. Additional 5 minutes for rebuttals during the finals shall be allotted.

### **3. MISCELLANEOUS RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

- 3.1 Upon completion of the Competition, the Organising Committee reserves the exclusive right to use the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.
- 3.2 Participating teams should keep with them required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of Competition.
- 3.3 Scouting is not permitted in the Competition in all the rounds.
- 3.4 Participating teams shall be expected to maintain the proper decorum of the courtroom during the proceedings and shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 3.5 The Organising Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Moot Court Competition.
- 3.6 The Organising Committee's decision as regards the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the Moot Court Competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final.
- 3.7 The Organising Committee is vested with the sole and absolute discretion to publish or not publish the scores of any of the oral rounds and memorials.
- 3.8 The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules and regulations.

### **4. AWARDS**

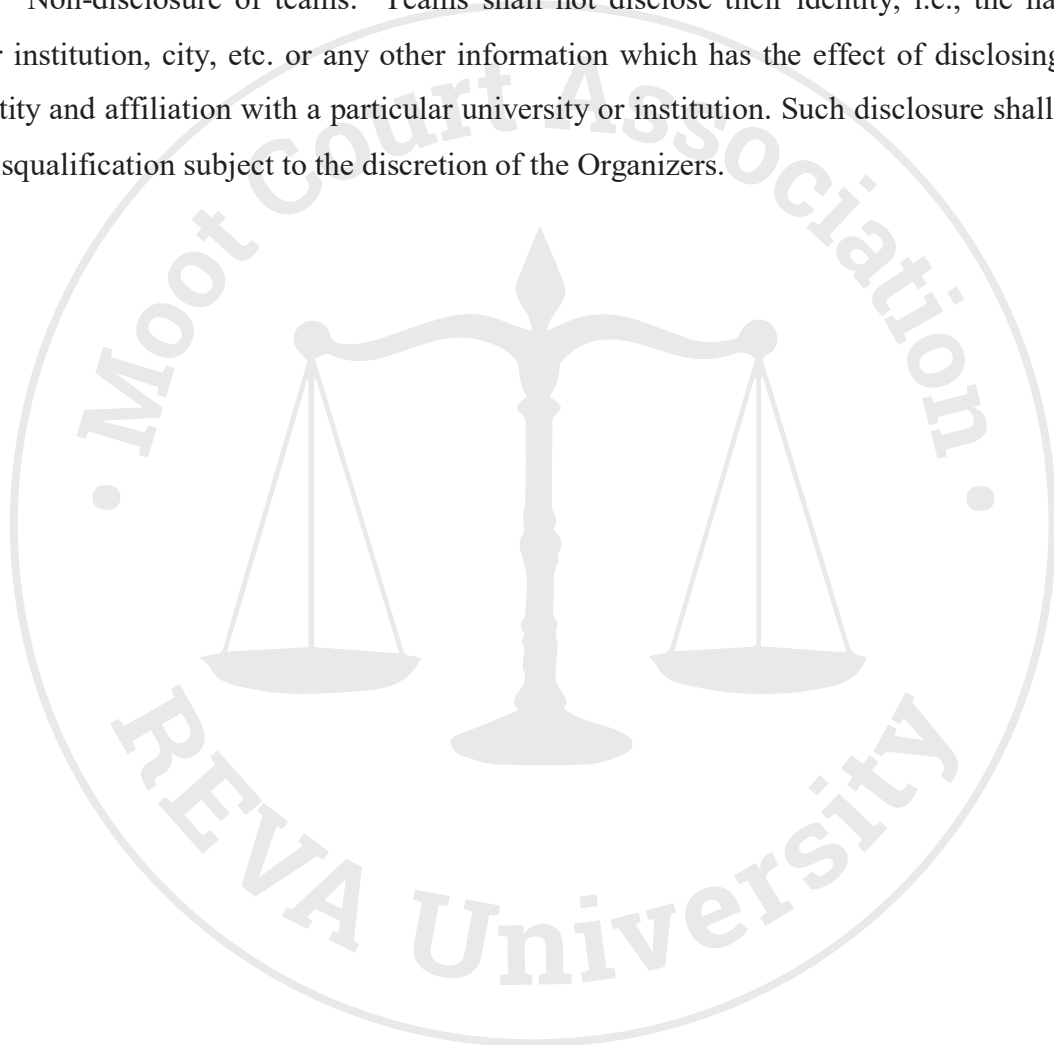
- Winner - Rs 20,000/-
- Runner-Up – Rs. 15,000/-
- Best Researcher: Rs. 5,000/-
- Best Speaker: Rs. 5,000/-
- Certificate of participation shall be provided to all participants. Winners and Runners up will be awarded Certificate of Merit.

## **5. QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

**5.1** Any feedback concerning the organisation or conduct of the Moot Court Competition should be addressed formally, in writing, to Organising Committee at [sols.mca@reva.edu.in](mailto:sols.mca@reva.edu.in)

## **6. PENALTY**

**6.1.** Non-disclosure of teams: Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e., the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.





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