

RULES AND INFORMATION

DEFINITIONS

- a). **Advanced rounds:** It refers to the Semi-finals and Final Round of the Competition.
- b). **Memorial:** It means the written arguments submitted, on behalf of both Parties, according to the official competition rules.
- c). **Memorial Evaluators:** It refers to the evaluators who will be responsible for marking the memorials submitted by the teams.
- d). **Oral rounds:** It refers to a team's pleadings, comprising of both Speakers, submitted orally in front of the judges on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.
- e). **Parties:** It refers to the parties to the dispute as identified by the moot Proposition as Informant/Appellant and Opposite Party/Respondent.
- f). **Preliminary rounds:** It refers to the Oral Rounds which will take place. Before the Advanced Rounds of the Competition for the purpose of determining the teams which will proceed to the Advanced Rounds.
- i). **Rules:** Rules mean these official competition rules and any applicable supplements to these rules published by the Moot Court Committee.
- j). **Scouting:** Scouting is the act of attending a round in which the members of the team or any person related to the team are not competing.
- k). **Team code:** Team code refers to the unique number allotted to each participating team for the purpose of this Competition.

I. GENERAL RULES

1. NAME OF COMPETITION

The competition shall be called as GNLC' SECOND ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022. [AIMMC-2022]

2. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall be conducted in following format:

2.1 RESEARCHER TEST

2.2 ORAL ROUND: This shall consist of -

A. Preliminary Rounds

B. Advanced Rounds

- i. Semi Final Rounds
- ii. Final Round.

3. LANGUAGE

3.1 The language of the competition shall be **ENGLISH** only.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Only the teams registered for GNLC' Second All India Moot Court Competition, 2022 shall participate in it. Teams shall comprise of students from 5 Year Programme or 3 year Programme UG course of law.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 Registration for the GNLC' SECOND ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022 will commence from 2nd March, 2022. The last date for registration shall be 14th March, 2022 not after 11:59 PM.

5.2 The registration fee for the Competition is ₹ 4200 and has to be paid through **UPI METHOD via GOOGLE PAY OR PHONEPE.**

The payment details are as follows:

GOOGLE PAY/ PHONEPE NO.: 8827712527 (PRAVEEN MISHRA)

Note- In whatsoever the case may be the fee shall be not refundable. But if in any case competition will be conducted in an online mode, the accommodation amount shall be refunded to the concerned teams.

5.3 The following documents shall be submitted by the teams at the time of registration:

- Scanned copy of Registration Form, Travel Form and Receipt of online payment of the Registration Fee on aimccgnlc@gmail.com.
- Scanned copy of Vaccination Certificates and RTPCR negative report.

5.4 Upon successful submission of the Registration Form, each team will receive an email from the Organizers informing them of their successful Registration within 24 hours.

5.5 If a team does not receive such an email, it may contemporaneously send an email with its registration details on aimccgnlc@gmail.com and a response will be sent through email by the Organizers within 02 (two) days informing the team of its successful Registration.

5.6 Registration Forms will have to be completed and submitted with all material particulars by the teams. Please note that incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted. The composition of the team cannot be changed once a team has registered.

5.7 Only **Sixteen (16)** teams shall be allowed to participate in the oral rounds in the competition which is to be finalized on the basis of '**First come, first served**'.

6. TEAM COMPOSITION

6.1 Team composition shall be either of the following-

- **3 members**, of which **two** should be Speakers and one should be Researcher, or
- **2 members**, of which **both** should be speakers and one will be designated as researcher.
- Researcher's name and details need to be specified in Registration form (researcher column).

6.2 Only speakers are allowed to argue in Oral Rounds.

6.3 Non-Presence of any member in the Oral Rounds shall amount to immediate disqualification.

6.4 The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of the court and MCC in case of illness of the designated speakers.

7. DRESS CODE

The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the competition and other official ceremonies.

7.1. Girls: White Salwar & Kurta or White Shirt & Black Trousers or White Shirt & Black Skirt and Black Tie; along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.

7.2. Boys: White Shirt, Black Trousers and Black Tie along with Black Coat and Black formal Shoes.

8. ASSISTANCE TO A TEAM FROM ANOTHER TEAM(S) OR THIRD PARTIES

- Teams are not permitted to receive substantive assistance throughout the oral rounds from any third parties including teachers, alumni, students etc.
- Any team found getting such assistance from third parties shall be immediately disqualified if prior intimidation has not been given at the time of registration.
- Further, in the event of collusion between two or more teams, all concerned teams will be subject to immediate disqualification.

9. ANONYMITY

There should be no mark of identification of the institutions which the team represents, or the name of the members in the memorials or any other material carried inside the courtroom. The teams must also not disclose such information during the oral rounds. The teams should not attempt to disclose such information to the Judges, or any other person as authorized by the MCC, for the entire duration of the Moot Court Competition. The violation of this rule will cause severe penalties, which may involve immediate disqualification, at the discretion of MCC.

10. RIGHT OVER THE MEMORIALS

The MCC reserves the right to disseminate and reproduce the memorials for the purpose of the Competition. Submission of memorials in this Competition will constitute the consent of the teams to such dissemination and reproduction.

11. RULES FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION AND FORMATTING

11.1. It is the responsibility of each participating team to ensure that the electronic copies of the memorials:

- Can be opened with Microsoft Office 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019 (doc. or docx format) and Adobe Acrobat Reader (pdf format).
- Are named according to the team code and the party for which the memorial is proposed.

11.2. A memorial once submitted will be considered as final, and cannot be revised. In the scenario where any memorial is sent in late (in separate emails) the penalty for late submission imposed on the latter memorial will be imposed on both the memorials equally. The penalty will also be imposed if the aforementioned documents are sent in separate mails.

11.3. The MCC will NOT be responsible for the non-receipt of the soft copies of the memorials. Teams are requested to ensure that soft copies via email are sent well in time and that the attachments can be opened/viewed.

11.4. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare written submission from both the sides. **4 hard copies of each the side of their written submissions** from the respective side must be given on the spot registration on 26th March, 2022.

11.5. Non-Compliance with this rule under rule 11.4 will result in immediate disqualification from the Competition. The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted. Any difference in the same will Result in disqualification from the Competition.

11.6. 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 immediate disqualification.

12. CONTENT SPECIFICATIONS

Following guidelines shall be adhered for preparing memorial and memorial shall contain only

12.1. Cover Page – The cover page shall contain-

- Team Code on top right corner,
- Name of competition
- Name of the Court
- The case title
- Side of the memorial

Applicant/ Petitioner memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.

12.2. Table of Contents

12.3. List of Abbreviations

12.4. Index of Authorities

12.5. Statement of Jurisdiction

12.6. Statement of Facts

12.7. Issues Raised

12.8. Summary of Arguments

12.9. Pleadings /Arguments Advanced

12.10. Prayer

13. GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING

The following content specifications must be strictly adhered to:

13.1. Font and Size (Headings) - Times New Roman, 14 pts.; Line Spacing - 1.5 lines.

13.2. Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts.; Line Spacing - 1.5 lines.

13.3. Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts.; Line Spacing- 1.0 line.

13.4. Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides.

13.5. Fonts- TIMES NEW ROMAN

13.6. Hard copies shall be printed on both sides of page and no spiral or hard binding is required.

13.7. The citations should be in compliance with the 20th Edition of Bluebook.

13.8. Memorial shall not exceed 20 pages (inclusive both sides) excluding- cover, table of content, abbreviations, index of authorities and statement of jurisdiction.

13.9. The Memorial shall not contain any Annexure/ Photographs / Sketches / Exhibits/ Affidavits etc. Provided that any Diagram /Annexure attached in Moot Proposition may be added.

II. RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS

14. DRAW OF LOTS

The match up of every round shall be decided by draw of lots and exchange of memorial shall take place.

15. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

15.1. The Preliminary rounds shall comprise of one round of oral arguments. In the preliminary rounds, each team shall have to argue only once from the side allotted to them through Draw of Lots.

15.2. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case excluding rebuttal and sur- rebuttal. The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject with not more than 16 minutes per speaker. Rebuttals or sur- rebuttal can be assigned a time period of not more than 3 minutes.

15.3. The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points per speaker per judge.

15.4. During the course of oral submissions, the participants cannot submit in the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever except for anything provided in moot proposition. Further, the participants will not be permitted to make any video

graphical representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions.

15.5. The top four teams who secured maximum marks in the preliminary rounds shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds. For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Semi Finals, the marks secured by the team in the preliminary rounds shall be considered as first criteria. In case there is a tie, the winning difference of their respective rounds shall be taken into consideration. In case of further tie the decision shall be made on the basis of the Memorial marks.

16. SEMI- FINAL ROUND

16.1. The match up of teams in Semi Final Round shall be determined by Draw of Lots. There will be exchange of memorials.

16.2. The teams shall get 35 minutes to argue excluding rebuttal and sur- rebuttal. Maximum 4 min. can be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Maximum time which can be reserved for one speaker is 20 min.

16.3. Teams winning in their respective Court Room shall qualify for Final Rounds.

17. FINAL ROUND

17.1. The teams shall get 45 minutes to argue excluding rebuttal and sur- rebuttal. Maximum 4 min. can be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Maximum time which can be reserved for one speaker is 25 min.

18. MARKING SCHEME FOR MEMORIALS

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Marks</u>
1.	Proper and articulate analysis of issues arising out of facts and Content of Arguments	25
2.	Understanding and ability to explain the legal principles clearly	25
3.	Presentation (Editing and Formatting)	20
4.	Use of legal sources: (Custom, precedent and general principles of law) and the comprehensiveness of legal research	20
5.	Variation in approach (New points of law/unique interpretation of facts/law)	10
	Total Marks for the memorial	100

19. MARKING SCHEME FOR ORAL ROUNDS

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Speaker 1</u>	<u>Speaker 2</u>
<u>1.</u>	Knowledge of Facts and Identification of issues	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>2.</u>	Knowledge and understanding of legal principles directly applicable to issues	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>3.</u>	Logical reasoning, brevity and ingenuity of arguments	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>4.</u>	Presentation, court etiquette and advocacy skills	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>5.</u>	Management of time	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>6.</u>	Responsiveness for the questions	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
	Maximum Marks	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

20. PENALTIES FOR NON-SUBMISSION AND DELAY

- Delay in submission of soft copy shall amount to deduction in 5 marks per preceding hour.
- Non-Submission of Memorial shall amount to disqualification of team from the Competition.

21. CODE OF CONDUCT

A violation of the prescribed Code of Conduct will invite sanctions which will be decided by MCC:

- Teams are supposed to behave with other team members and the Judges/ Organizers/ Volunteers in a dignified manner.
- Teams should not attempt to influence Judges/ Organizers/ Volunteers in any manner. Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the court during the Competition and to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- The teams should not engage in any form of unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Competition.
- If a team believes that violation of any of the Competition Rules has taken place at any stage of the Competition, the teams shall within half an hour of the completion of the round wherein a violation has allegedly occurred, register a complaint with Organizing Committee.
- Under no circumstances are the teams allowed to approach the Judges with any complaints.

22. PLAGIARISM

- In case of having plagiarism more than the mark of 15% in “**Argument Advanced**”, the concerned team shall be disqualified immediately.
- No relaxation will be made in the above rule under any circumstances.

23. SCOUTING

Teams are not allowed to observe the oral rounds of other teams, unless they are officially knocked out from the competition. Scouting by any team shall entail immediate disqualification.

24. EXEMPLARY POWER CLAUSE

- If there is any dispute in regard to the interpretations of the rules or with respect to any matter related to the competition which is not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the Organizers i.e. Moot Court Committee shall be final and binding.
- The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances.
- The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final.

25. ACCOMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

- Accommodation to the participating teams will be provided by Government New Law College, Indore (M.P.). Moreover, participants shall abide to norms of the respective places during their stay.
- Teams that have an extra member, if allowed with prior permission from organizers, will have to bear the cost of the expenditure Rs 5000/- per extra member.
- Accommodation shall be provided only to teams availing accommodation in Accommodation form.
- Participants will be carried from place of accommodation to place of competition by the transport facility of college but this shall be available with strict regard to time and punctuality.
- Participants will be provided accommodation from 26th March, 2022(from 8:00 A.M.) to 27 March, 2022 (upto 8:00 P.M.)
- Teams have to bear the additional cost of expenditure for extra accommodation beyond the aforementioned period.

Note: - Organizers reserve the right to change/modify any rules if required/ necessary for successful completion of the event.

The whole schedule of two days Competition shall be released soon and registered teams shall be intimated accordingly.

S.NO	TITLE	DEADLINE
1.	LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION (BY SENDING SCANNED COPY ON MAIL ID)	14/03/2022 (MONDAY) NOT AFTER 11:59 PM
2.	LAST DATE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION(ONLY THROUGH aimccgnlc@gmail.com)	16/03/2022 (WEDNESDAY)
3.	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL (SOFT COPY)	22/03/2022 (TUESDAY) [NOT AFTER 05:59 PM]
4.	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL (HARD COPIES) IN HOST COLLEGE	26/03 /2022 (SATURDAY) ON THE SPOT REGISTRATION
5.	DATE OF COMPETITION	26th TO 27th MARCH 2022

AWARDS

WINNER TEAM shall be awarded with prize of ₹ 25,000, Trophy and Certificate of Merit.

RUNNER UP TEAM shall be awarded with prize of ₹ 15,000, Trophy and Certificate of Merit.

BEST MEMORIAL shall be awarded with prize of ₹ 9,000, Medal and Certificate of Merit and Second Best Memorial shall be awarded with Certificate of Appreciation.

BEST SPEAKER (Speakers from both the sides) shall be awarded with prize of ₹ 7,000 each, Medal and Certificate of Merit and Second Best Speaker shall be awarded with Certificate of Appreciation. (Best speakers shall be determined on the basis of preliminary rounds.)

BEST RESEARCHER shall be awarded with prize of ₹ 7,000, Medal and Certificate of Merit and Second Best Researcher shall be awarded with Certificate of Appreciation. (Best researcher shall be determined on the basis of researcher test.)

All Participants shall be given the Certificate of Participation.

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