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THE 2<sup>nd</sup> KIIT UNIVERSITY NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2014

SCHOOL OF LAW, KIIT UNIVERSITY

OFFICIAL RULES

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**1. COMPETITION FORMAT**

1.1 The competition is structured as per the following format:

- a) **Preliminary Rounds**
- b) **Quarter Finals**
- c) **Semi finals**
- d) **Grand Finale**

1.2 There shall be a common problem for the preliminaries (Round I) and Quarter Finals, and another common problem for the semi finals and the Grand Finale (Round II).

1.3 A total of 32 teams shall be allowed to participate in the Competition, in accordance with the rules as laid hereinafter in Clause IV.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

Students of 3 year and 5 year law degree courses from any universities are eligible to apply for registration of their team. However, a maximum of 1 team shall be allowed to participate from one University.

**3. TEAM COMPOSITION**

3.1 Each team shall consist only of three members, comprising of two speakers and one researcher.

3.2 Any alteration of the names of the team members shall be informed in writing to that effect, by the Dean/ Director/ Head of the department of the School/ Department/ College of Law, of the team requesting such alteration. However, any such alteration is permitted is only once.

3.3 Once the competition commences, the team composition cannot be altered under any circumstances whatsoever. Inability of any team member to participate shall lead to disqualification of the team from the competition. However, the team is free to rotate amongst the 3 members the roles of speaker/researcher as they deem convenient.



#### 4. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- 4.1 The teams interested to participate are required to confirm their participation by sending an email to [kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in](mailto:kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in), clearly mentioning the name of the institution to which they belong and a list of team members. E-mail confirming participation has to be sent before 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
- 4.2 On receipt of the e-mail regarding such participation, a team code shall be generated and a confirmatory mail, together with the team code, will be sent to applicants on the 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. Thereafter, the teams shall refer themselves through the allotted team code, in any future correspondence with the organizers of the competition.
- 4.3 The teams, interested to participate shall send their memorials to [kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in](mailto:kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in), for the problem allotted for Round I (preliminary round) of the Competition, by 6:00 P.M (18:00 hrs IST) on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 and hard copy should reach the organisers by 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
- 4.4 The memorials so sent shall clearly mention the words “P” for memorials on behalf of the petitioner, and the words “R” for memorials on behalf of the respondent, followed by the team code for both the instances. For example, if a team had been assigned a code of 100, the memorials sent by such team shall have “P100” and “R100” clearly inscribed on the top right hand corner of the cover page of the relevant memorial.
- 4.5 The memorials shall be subject to evaluation by a committee constituted for this purpose, and on the basis of the results of such evaluation, a maximum of 32 teams shall be allowed to participate in the competition. The said teams shall be dully intimated by e-mail by 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2014, as to the confirmation of their participation, as well as other formalities.
- 4.6 The selected teams shall be required to send in the dully filled registration form, available at [www.kls.ac.in](http://www.kls.ac.in) and [kls.mcs.kls.ac.in](http://kls.mcs.kls.ac.in) or attached to the information brochure send to the university/ Law School along with non-refundable fee of Rs. 3000 (One Thousand only) by a **demand draft drawn in favour of KIIT, and payable at Bhubaneswar**, as well as their travel plans. The scanned copy of filled in registration form demand draft and travel plan should be sent to [kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in](mailto:kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in) by 08<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2014 (hard copy of the registration form and demand draft should reach the organisers by 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2014). The teams must ensure that the name of the institution as well as names of the members of the team together with the team code is clearly mentioned on the reverse of the demand draft.



## **5. MEMORIAL SELECTION**

5.1 With regard to moot Problem-1, each participating team is required to submit the memorials for both the petitioner as well as the respondents for the preliminary round in soft copy by 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2014, kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in. Six hardcopies of the said memorials must reach the address given below by 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2014:

**Ms. KASTURI BHAGAT,  
FACULTY CONVENER,  
MOOT COURT SOCIETY  
SCHOOL OF LAW, CAMPUS 16,  
KIIT UNIVERSITY  
BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA-751024  
E-mail: kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in**

The envelope containing the memorials must clearly mention, "2nd KIIT UNIVERSITY NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2014" on the top.

5.2 The registered teams would also be informed about their registration code individually through e-mail by 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

## **6. PRELIMINARY ROUND**

6.1 Draw of Lots for the preliminary round shall take place on 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 immediately after the inaugural function. The exchange of memorials and orientation shall take place on the same evening.

6.2 Each team will argue twice: once for petitioner and once for respondent.

6.3 No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.

6.4 Preliminary rounds shall be held on 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, starting at 8: 00 AM.

6.5 The top eight teams of the preliminary round shall qualify for the Quarter-final rounds.

6.6 In determining the winner in the preliminary rounds, memorial scores will be added to the oral scores.

## **7. QUARTER-FINALS/SEMI-FINALS/FINALS**

7.1 The quarterfinal shall take place on 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

7.2 The semi-final and the final rounds shall take place on 07<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

7.3 The top four teams of the quarter final rounds shall qualify for the semi-final round.



- 7.4 The semi-final and the final round shall be knock-out rounds.
- 7.5 The memorial scores of the teams, for the first problem, shall be taken into consideration at the stage of both the preliminary as well as the quarter-final rounds.
- 7.6 The memorial scores of the teams on the second moot problem shall be taken into consideration in both the semi-finals as well as the final rounds. The equation is explained below:
- 7.7 Preliminary Round= Memorial Scores+ Oral Scores (to qualify for the semi-final rounds).
- 7.8 Semi-Finals= Memorial Scores+ Oral Scores (to qualify for the final round).
- 7.9 Finals= Memorial Scores+ Oral Scores (to decide the winners).
- 7.10 In case of a tie between two teams in any of the rounds, memorial scores will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

## **8. RESULTS**

- 8.1 The results shall be announced shortly after each round.
- 8.2 The results of the final round shall be announced at the valedictory ceremony.

## **9. MEMORIALS**

The following guidelines for the memorials must be strictly followed. Noncompliance will entail penalties as provided below:

- 9.1 Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides for both the problems.
- 9.2 The teams must send in advance a soft copy of their memorial for evaluation, by 6: 00 PM, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014, to kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in. No mails shall be accepted in any circumstance after the aforementioned time.
- 9.3 The teams shall submit 06 hard copies of the memorials for each side, for Moot Problem - I, for preliminary and quarter final rounds, by 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
- 9.4 The teams selected for oral rounds on the basis of memorial evaluation of Moot Problem - I are required to send soft copy of the memorial for the second moot problem (for semi final and final rounds) , by 6: 00 PM, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014, to kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in.
- 9.5 The teams shall submit 09 hard copies of the memorials for each side, for Moot Problem – II, for semi final and final rounds at the time of Draw of Lots on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.
- 9.6 The content of the hard copies must be the same as soft copy. Non compliance with this rule will lead to disqualification of that them.



9.7 The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper, printed on only one side, and must contain the following sections:

- Cover Page;
- Table of Contents;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Statement of Facts;
- Statement of Issues;
- Summary of Arguments;
- Arguments Advanced; and
- Prayer.

9.8 The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman 12 font size with 1.5 spacing. The footnotes must be in Times New Roman 10 font size with 1.0 spacing.

9.9 The Arguments Advanced should not exceed 15 pages.

9.10 The memorials as a whole should not exceed 30 pages including the cover page.

9.11 The results for the teams selected on the basis of Moot Problem – I would be declared on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

9.12 The teams should not disclose the identity of their institution anywhere on the memorial. Violation of this rule will result into the disqualification.

9.13 The memorials should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.

9.14 The numbering should be on the bottom-centre of each page.

9.15 The petitioner's memorial cover page shall be printed on blue colour A4 size paper, and the respondent memorial on red colour size paper.

9.16 The teams have to use 19th edition blue book for citation throughout the memorial.

9.17 There shall be no speaking footnotes in the memorial.

9.18 The maximum scores for the memorials shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Knowledge of Law and Facts** : 30 Marks
- **Proper and Articulate Analysis** : 30 Marks
- **Extent and Use of Research** : 20 Marks
- **Clarity and Organization** : 10 Marks
- **Grammar and Style** : 10 Marks

Non compliance with above criteria shall result in penalty of 2 marks per missing section.



## 10. ORAL ROUNDS

- 10.1 Each team will get a total of 60 minutes during the preliminary rounds, (30 minutes from Petitioner side and another 30 minutes from Respondent side) to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. In the preliminary rounds, any time exceeding the allotted time shall be penalized. The penalty shall be of one mark (1 marks) for every two minutes exceeded.
- 10.2 The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- 10.3 The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
- 10.4 The researcher shall be present with the speaker during the oral rounds.
- 10.5 Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher is not allowed.
- 10.6 Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points per speaker.
- 10.7 The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:
- **Knowledge of Law** : **20 Points**
  - **Application of Law to Facts** : **20 Points**
  - **Ingenuity and Ability to Answer to Question** : **20 Points**
  - **Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour** : **20 Points**
  - **Time Management** : **10 Points**
  - **Organization** : **10 Points**

## 11. SCOUTING

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

## 12. AWARDS

- 12.1 **Winning Team Award** - The winning team will receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only).
- 12.2 **Runners-Up Team Award** - The runners up team will receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only).



- 12.3 2nd Runners up Team Award - The 2nd runners up team will receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 25, 000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only).
- 12.4 Best Student Advocate/Counsel - The Best Student Advocate/Counsel will receive a trophy and cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only).
- 12.5 Best Memorial/Written Submission - The team making the best Written Submission/Memorial will receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 10, 000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only).

### **13. ANONYMITY**

- 13.1 The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds and must use the team Code. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institutions at any time and in any manner during the entire competition.
- 13.2 Non compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team. The decision of the National Coordinator in this regard shall be final.

### **14. NATIONAL COORDINATOR**

The Director, School of Law, KIIT University shall be the National Coordinator of the 2nd KIIT University National Moot Court Competition, 2014.

### **15. FINALITY OF DECISION**

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

### **16. ACCOMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT**

- 16.1 Accommodation, food and transportation to and from the venue, shall be provided to all teams by KIIT University from 5th Sept(Morning) to 8th Sept (Morning), 2014.
- 16.2 Teams should send their travel plan by 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

### **17. CLARIFIICATIONS.**

All clarifications regarding the Moot Problem should be sent to [kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in](mailto:kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in). No question/clarification over phone/any means other than e-mail shall be entertained.



### TIME - LINE FOR THE COMPETITION

SL. NO.	PARTICULARS/ EVENTS	DATE/TIME
1.	Registration for the competition, by email at <a href="mailto:kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in">kiitmoot2014@kls.ac.in</a>	By 05:00 P.M, 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
2.	Clarification for Moot Problem – I	By 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
3.	Confirmation of registration/participation, together with allotment of team-codes	12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
4.	Memorial submission for Round 1 (Preliminary & Quarter-final Rounds)	Soft-copy (21 <sup>st</sup> July, 2014 – by 06:00 P.M). Hard-copy (24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014).
5.	Declaration of Results for Memorial Evaluation	05 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014.
6.	Submission of the scanned copy of the duly filled registration form, demand draft of Rs. 3000/- (One Thousand only) and travel plans	Soft-copy (08 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 – by 6:00 P.M). Hard-copy (12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014).
7.	Clarification for Moot Problem – II	10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014.
8.	Memorial submission for Round - II (Semi final and final rounds)	Soft-copy (28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 – by 06:00 P.M). Hard-copy – To be submitted on 05 <sup>th</sup> September during the Draw of Lots.
9.	Inaugural function/draw of lots/exchange of memorials, etc	05 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014.
10.	Round-1 (Preliminary & Quarter-Final Rounds)	06 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014.
11.	Round-2 (Semi-Final & Final Round)	07 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014.
12.	Prize Distribution/Valedictory Function	07 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014.





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