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# **1<sup>ST</sup> MIT-WPU NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**8<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020**



Organized by: -

**FACULTY OF LAW**

**MIT WORLD PEACE UNIVERSITY, PUNE**

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**Rules of The Competition**

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**ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION**

MIT - WPU is proud to announce its 1st Virtual National Moot Court Competition for aspiring law students - undergraduate and postgraduate.

Participants will get the opportunity to argue before expert practitioners and academicians, including eminent judges

## ADMINISTRATION

- The 1<sup>ST</sup> MIT-WPU National Moot Court is organised by Faculty of Law, MIT World Peace University through its virtual platform. The Competition is to be held from 8th to 9th August 2020 through the *Virtual Platform* of Faculty of Law, MIT World Peace University, PUNE.

## LANGUAGE

- The Competition shall be conducted in the *English* language only.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Competition shall be conducted following the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
- Organizing Committee (OC) shall serve as the final authority of implementation and interpretation of these Rules.
- The official email for the Competition is **Law@mitwpu.edu.in**
- Students enrolled in an undergraduate law course or its equivalent, conducted by any recognized college/university/institution are eligible to participate in the Competition. Any college/university/institution, whose students fulfil the eligibility criteria or for exceptional circumstances have been deemed by the organizers to be eligible for this Competition, shall be entitled to send only ONE Team to the Competition, subject to the completion of Registration formalities as detailed in this rule book.

## STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- The Competition consists of two levels: (a) Memorial Elimination Round and (b) National Rounds.
  - Stage I: Memorial Selection Round:** There will be a memorial elimination round which will determine the teams selected for the Oral Rounds. Top 20 teams with highest memorial marks will proceed to the Stage II of the competition.
  - Stage II: Oral Rounds:** The oral round shall consist of two Preliminary Rounds, Semi-finals and a Final round.

## ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

### ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open for students pursuing three- or five-year Law degree courses from any recognized University/College across India.
- A recognized College/Institution/University shall be entitled to send only one Team to the Competition.

### TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each Team shall comprise of only two members and both the members shall be designated as Speakers.
- Each team shall be provided with a team code by the organizing committee which shall be mandatorily mentioned on the top right corner of the front page of the memorials.

## REGISTRATION

- Teams must register by **14th July 2020** through the following online Google Form: <https://forms.gle/8dCDEiEsD6jDPP4y7>  
(Kindly read all the instructions before registering)
- The Registration Fee for this competition is Rupees one thousand only (1000/-) per team.
- The Registration Fee must be paid by all the teams and the copy of such transaction must be uploaded with the Google form. The section for the same has been created in the forms.
- The last date for the payment is **14th July 2020**
- All the teams which successfully registers for the competition and submit the soft copy of their memorials shall be awarded with Certificate of Participation irrespective of whether they qualify for the Top 20.
- Kindly provide a Gmail ID for the convenience. Each Participant must provide their Name, Year of Study, Mobile number (WhatsApp preferably), and E-mail ID.
- All such communication shall essentially take place through E-mails and WhatsApp.
- The Google Form must be filled once by each team and **College Identity Card** of each participant must be also be uploaded with the Google Forms. The section for the same has been created in the forms.
- In case the participant(s) of the team is not in possession of their college identity card and is unable to send the copy of such Identity card, then in such a case, the entire team must request their concerned faculty's Moot Court Society/Moot Court Committee/Dean/HOD to send an email for registration of such team through their official email declaring that the student(s)/team which intends to participate in this moot is a bona fide student of such college. The email must be sent to **Law@mitwpu.edu.in** by 14th July 2020

- Acknowledgment shall be sent to participants by 16th July 2020.
- Team Codes shall be allotted to all the registered teams by 16th June 2020.

### MODE OF PAYMENT

Teams may make payment by Demand Draft or Online Transfer to the below mentioned account details.

NAME OF ACCOUNT HOLDER	DR VISHWANATH KARAD MIT WORLD PEACE UNIVERSITY
ACCOUNT NO	053010110013224
BANK	BANK OF INDIA
BRANCH	MIT CAMPUS KOTHRUD PUNE
IFSC CODE	BKID0000530

### STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions:

- Submissions of Memorial- 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Declaration of the teams going for the oral rounds- 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020
- Exchange of Memorial- 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- Preliminary Rounds I & II- conducted on 8th August 2020
- Semi- finals round - - conducted on 9th August 2020
- Final Round - conducted on 9th August 2020
- Each Team will be sent the soft copy of opposing Team's Written Submission before the Oral Pleading Session. No Team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of the opposing Teams or any other Team participating in the Competition.

**VENUE:** The competition will be organized on an online platform i.e., google meet because of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### PROCEDURE

- The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions: Preliminary rounds, semi- finals & Final round.
- Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals shall be allowed.
- Each Oral Round of the Competition shall consist of thirty (30) minutes of oral pleadings.
- Petitioner and Respondent shall be allotted fifteen (15) minutes each including rebuttal.

- Two (2) members, from each Team, shall make oral presentations during the round and no single Speaker shall plead more than fifteen (15) minutes, including rebuttal.

### **Memorial**

- Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both sides, i.e., the Complainant and the Respondent of the case.
- A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team.
- The Written Submissions shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the College /Institution/University represented by the Team.
- The Written Submission should not exceed the maximum limit of 25 (Twenty-Five) pages in length, including the Legal Pleadings and Cover Page.
- Soft copy of the Written Submission (both, the Complainant and the Respondent) must be mailed to [Law@mitwpu.edu.in](mailto:Law@mitwpu.edu.in) before 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020. With Subject- Memorial Submission-TEAM CODE: - XXXX
- The name of the attached file must also contain team code and submission on behalf. (E.g.: - RESPONDENT-X20 OR COMPLAINANT-X20)

### **CONTENT**

A Written Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:

- Cover Page (only 1 page)
- Table of Contents (only 1 page)
- List of Abbreviations (only 1 page)
- Index of Authorities (only 1 page)
- Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
- Measures at Issue (only 1 page)
- Summary of Pleadings (not exceeding 2 pages)
- Legal Pleadings (not exceeding 15 pages)
- Request for Findings (only 1 page)

**FOOTNOTES AND CITATION**

- Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes following the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition).
- Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments.

**FORMAT**

The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:

- Page size: A4
- Font type: Times New Roman
- Font size: 12
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Body of text: Justified
- Margin: 1 inch or 2.54 cm on all sides
- No borders

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- Font type: Times New Roman
- Font size: 10
- Line spacing: 1.0
- Paragraph spacing: 0
- No additional space between 2 footnotes
- Body of text: Justified

**ORAL PLEADINGS**

- Dress Code for the Oral Rounds shall be formal shirt and Trouser
- The participants must ensure high speed 4G/Wi-Fi internet connection with good audio and video facilities. It is advisable to use laptops or PC for the oral rounds.
- The background of the participants on video shall be plain and shall not contain any symbols or any representations.

- The teams must ensure that they do not disclose the identity of their college at any stage during the competitions. Any kind of canvassing shall lead to the disqualification of the teams.
- At the time when the one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she or the entire team to which such this participant belongs may be disqualified.

## **MARKING CRITERIA**

### **MARKING CRITERIA FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

Written Submissions will be marked on a scale of 40 marks as per the following criteria:

- Knowledge of Law and Facts - 10
- Interpretation and Application of Law to Facts - 10
- Organization of Arguments - 10
- Presentation Style and General Impression - 10

TOTAL – 40

### **MARKING CRITERIA FOR ORAL PLEADING**

The Oral Pleading will be marked on a scale of 60 marks as per the following criteria:

- Advocacy skills - 20
- Response to questions - 10
- Application of law - 20
- Court mannerism - 10

TOTAL – 60

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS**

- The results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced shortly after the rounds.
- The winners of the semi-final rounds shall be announced shortly after the conclusion of the rounds.
- The winners of the final round shall be announced during the valedictory ceremony.

## **AWARDS AND PRIZES**

### **CERTIFICATE**

- Certificate of participation shall be awarded to all the participants irrespective of whether they are in top 20.
- Certificate of Merit shall be awarded to the Winners, Runners-up, Best Advocate and Best Memorial

### **Cash Prizes**

- Winning Team Award: Rs. 5,000
- Runners-up Award: Rs. 3,000
- Best Advocate: Rs. 2,000
- Best Memorial: Rs. 2,000

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- The participants shall ensure good internet connection. In case of poor connection, the waiting time shall be only 5 minutes, exceeding this time will lead to disqualification.
- The organizing committee (OC) shall not be responsible for any technical issues that arise from the side of the participants.
- The same is also to be followed in case the participant does not report on stipulated time with any reason whatsoever.
- The OC reserves the right to amend, modify, change, repeal or take decision regarding any of the Rules of the Competition. The OC shall communicate any changes made in the Rules of the Competition to the Teams.
- If any one member of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
- The organizers may also switch to a different platform if any technical issue arises, and the same shall be notified to all the teams in advance.



## CONTACT DETAILS

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