

CHECKMATE 2014

ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW

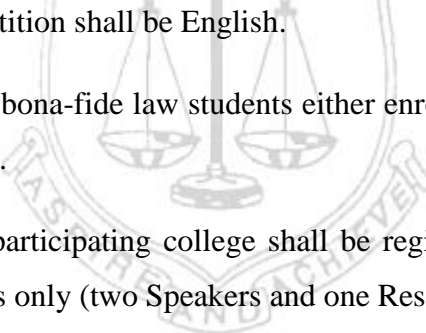
RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

1. GENERAL

1.1 DATE AND VENUE:

The Checkmate 2014 - Army Institute of Law National Moot Court Competition will be held from 21-23 February, 2014 at the Army Institute of Law, Sector 68, Mohali, Punjab.

1.2 TEAM PREREQUISITES:

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- (a) The language for the Competition shall be English.
 - (b) Participation is restricted to bona-fide law students either enrolled in the 3-year L.L.B law course or the 5-year integrated law course.
 - (c) Only one team from each participating college shall be registered for the competition. Each team shall comprise of three members only (two Speakers and one Researcher).
 - (d) The oral rounds shall comprise of:
 - 1. Preliminary Rounds
 - 2. Quarter- Final Rounds
 - 3. Semi- Final Rounds
 - 4. Final Round

1.3 REGISTRATION

- (a) Participation for the Competition is strictly by Invitation.
- (b) The number of participating teams would be restricted to **32** on a first come first serve basis.

(c) The teams should register first through e-mail by sending a duly filled registration form to **info@armyinstituteoflaw.org** or **contact@aimoot.com** (with subject Moot Court Registration) for confirmation of participation along with a copy of the demand draft on or before **24th January 2014** by 2355HRS. After the confirmation of participation the teams must post the duly filled registered form along with a Demand Draft of **Rs. 1,500/ INR-** drawn in the name of **Registrar, Army Institute of Law, Mohali, payable in Mohali.**

(d) The hard copy of the duly filled Registration Form and Demand Draft should reach the Organisers on or before **1st February 2014** at .or before **1600HRS.**

(e) The Registration forms shall be sent to:

**THE CONVENOR,
ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION,
ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW,
SECTOR 68, MOHALI,
PUNJAB – 160062.**

(f) No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organizers.

1.4 DRESS CODE:

The dress code for the participants during the rounds of the competition shall be as prescribed for Advocates of the Supreme Court by the Bar Council of India Rules, 1975 under Chapter IV (Rules under Sec 49 (1) (gg) of the Advocates Act, 1961). The dress code for all other functions of the competition shall be Western formals for Gentlemen and Western or Indian Formals for Ladies. However, robes or collar bands are not permitted.

1.5 ACCOMMODATION

The participants would be provided Accommodation for the period of the Competition and pick and drop at the time of arrival and departure respectively. The participating teams are requested to send in their travel details by **17th February 2014 at or before 1600HRS.**

2. MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute.
- b. The briefs shall be consistent with The Criminal Procedure Code 1973 (Revised).
- c. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed.
- d. All participating teams shall submit 6 sets of written memorials (6 Petitioners and 6 Respondent memorials). The Cover Page of the memorials for the Petitioners shall be in **Blue** and the Respondents shall be in **Red**. A soft copy on CD for each side must be submitted by the teams during desk registration.
- e. One advance **soft copy** in pdf format of each of the memorials for both the parties to the dispute must reach the organizers latest by **7th February 2014** on contact@aimoot.com by **2355HRS**.
- f. One advance **hard copy** of each of the memorials from both the parties to the dispute must reach the organizers latest by **10th February 2014 at or before 1600HRS** addressed to:

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- g. **Late submissions will result in 1 point penalty per team per day.**
- h. The written memorials shall conform to the below mentioned standards:
 - i. Written submissions shall be printed on white standard A4 size paper.
 - ii. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman, 12-point and footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10.
 - iii. The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5 line spacing except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced.
 - iv. The comprehensive arguments with appropriate citations shall be contained in the Pleadings. The teams shall follow the 19th Edition of the Bluebook mode of citation.
 - v. The Pleadings shall not exceed 20 pages.
- i. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:
 - Cover Page

- Table of Contents
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts (Argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- Questions of Law
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer
- Appendix (Optional)
- Exhibits (Optional)

j. MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS

1. Knowledge of facts and law (20)
2. Proper and articulate analysis (20)
3. Extent and use of research (20)
4. Clarity and Organization (20)
5. Citation of sources (10)
6. Grammar and Style (10)

k. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Knowledge of Law (30)
2. Application of Law to Facts (25)
3. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions (30)
4. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor (10)
5. Time Management and Organization (5)

l. Memorials must have a one inch margin on all sides of each page.

m. The cover page of the memorials must state the following:

- The Cause Title
- Identity of brief as Prosecution or Defence

n. The identity of the institution or the members shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violations of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The decision of the Organisers will be final.

- o. The hard copies must be exact print outs of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail disqualification.
- p. The memorial would be assessed only for the **preliminary rounds** and selection of the **best and second best memorial**.



3. ROUNDS

3.1 There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments, a Quarter Final semi-finals and a final round.

A. PRELIMINARY ROUND

- a. Registration, Orientation and Draw of Lots will be on **21st February 2014**, and the Teams are requested that in all probability to kindly report latest by **1300HRS**
- b. There will be two preliminary rounds of argument per team, once as a Prosecution and other as a Defence.
- c. Teams will be provided with their opponent's memorials after the draw of lots.
- d. Preliminary rounds will be held on **22nd February 2014**.
- e. Top eight teams will qualify for the quarter-final rounds. The qualification to the quarter-finals will be based on:
 - i) Win Points (2 wins)
 - ii) In case of a tie, teams with the highest aggregate of scores in the Preliminary rounds (inclusive of memorial marks) shall be considered to be the winners.
- f. Return of the other side's memorial immediately after the preliminary round to the Court-clerks is compulsory.
- g. The **Best Advocate** and **Second best Advocate** will be decided on the basis of the scores of the Preliminary rounds.

B. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

- a. The Quarter Final Rounds would also take place on **22nd February 2014**.
- b. Qualification to the Quarter Final Rounds will be based on win points or top eight scorers. In case of a tie in the preliminary rounds, teams scoring the highest point will move into the Quarter Final Rounds.
- c. The teams will be provided their opponent's memorial after declaration of preliminary results and the draw of lots for the Quarter Final Rounds.

C. SEMI FINALS AND FINALS

- d. The Semi-Finals and Finals will be knockout rounds.
- e. Semi- Finals and Finals will be held on **23rd February 2014**.

3.2 TIME SCHEME FOR ORAL ROUNDS

A. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case.
- b. Each speaker should speak for a minimum of 10 minutes.

B. SEMI FINAL AND FINAL ROUNDS

- a. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case.
- b. A speaker shall not use more than 25 minutes of the total time.
- c. This will be a knockout round.

C. The maximum time provided would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal).

D. ANONYMITY

- a. Student counsel may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. **However, the team's college affiliation shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.**
- b. Further all team members shall refrain from identifying a team's college at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches, or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as books with a college logo or college seal etc.)

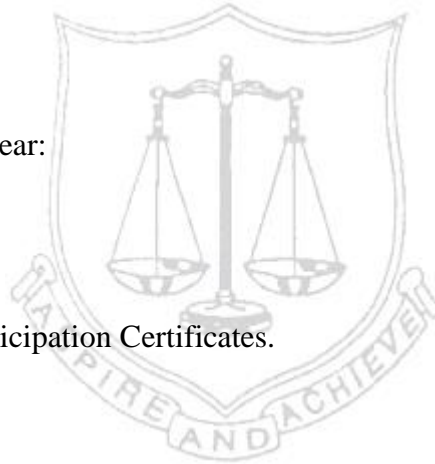
4. SCOUTING

- a. Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other team till the time the team is declared to have advanced to the next round. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- b. Any team can file a written complaint with the Administrator, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the Administrator will be final.
- c. The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

5. CASH AWARDS

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| a. Winners: | Rs. 25,000/- INR |
| b. Runners-up: | Rs. 15,000/- INR |
| c. Advocate of the Year: | Rs. 5,500/- INR |
| d. Second Best Advocate of the Year: | Rs. 3,500/- INR |
| e. Best Memorial Award: | Rs. 7,500/- INR |
| f. Second Best Memorial Award: | Rs. 3500/- INR |

* All the Participants will get Participation Certificates.



6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

- a. The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the Organisers. Deference to the Judges of the Moot Court Competition is expected to be maintained within and outside the Court Hall.
- b. The Organisers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

6.2 DELAYS IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION

- a. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.

b. The criteria of rebuttals shall not be considered in such cases for evaluation in place of which an average for the same would be given on the basis of the marks scored by such team on other criteria.

6.3 DISCLAIMER

The Material in the Moot Court proposition is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead. All material in the problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely co-incidental.

6.4 INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES:

a. The Organizers decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.

b. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizers decision on the same shall be final.

c. The Organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

d. In any kind of conflict, the decision of the Principal, Army Institute of Law, Mohali would be final.

7. FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

a. Conveners for Moot Court Competition:

1. Dr. Bajirao A Rajwade (Faculty Convener “Checkmate 2014) - +919814013531
2. Ms. Gurminder Kaur (Faculty Convener “Checkmate 2014) - +918968626446
3. Mr. Shreyas Kemparaj (Student Convener “Checkmate 2014) - +918054351216+919650836859
4. Ms. Prakisha Mishra (Student Convener “Checkmate 2014) - +917837332542
5. Mr. Prateek Pratap Singh (Student Coordinator) - +918427177202/+919478924163

b. In charge for accommodation and transport :

1. (Faculty Coordinator for accommodation & transport) – to be notified later
2. Mr. Pradeep Kumar (Student Coordinator for accommodation & transport) - +918968783678

IMPORTANT DATES

CHECKMATE 2014

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REGISTRATION:

1. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH SOFT COPY OF THE DEMAND DRAFT: **24TH JANUARY 2014**
2. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH THE DEMAND DRAFT : **1ST FEBRUARY 2014**
3. **PHYSICAL REGISTRATION BY THE TEAM ON THE REGISTRATION DESK:**
22ND FEBRUARY 2014

MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

1. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF THE MEMORIALS : **7TH FEBRUARY 2014**
2. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF THE MEMORIALS : **10TH FEBRUARY 2014**

ROUNDS

1. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS **23RD FEBRUARY 2014**
2. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS **23RD FEBRUARY 2014**
3. SEMI- FINAL ROUNDS **24TH FEBRUARY 2014**
4. FINAL ROUND **24TH FEBRUARY 2014**

DISCLAIMER

The above mentioned dates are tentative and subject to change without prior notification by the organizers.