

GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE
MOOT COURT SOCIETY
BARTON HILL, VANCHIYOOR.P.O, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM – 35, KERALA

9th ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION – 2014

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. DATE AND VENUE

The All India Moot Court Competition under the auspices of Government law college, Thiruvananthapuram will be held from **21st March to 23rd March 2014** at Government College of Law Campus at Barton Hill, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

II. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to all Law Colleges and Faculties/ Departments of Law in India, recognized by Bar Council of India. The participation is limited to the LL.B/B.L students in both Three year scheme and Five year schemes. Students pursuing post graduation in law and students undergoing non-professional/ correspondence course are not eligible to participate in the competition.

III. TEAM COMPOSITION

Each institution participating in the competition can send a team comprising of a minimum of **two** and a maximum of **three** students. There can be two speakers and one researcher designated in each team. Teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration.

IV. REGISTRATION

- a. The participating teams will have to register themselves on their arrival by paying a fee of **Rs.2000**.
- b. A **code number** will be awarded to each team and that number alone shall be marked on the memorial and no indication shall be made for identifying the institution of the participants.
- c. The participants shall wear the badge provided by the society throughout the days of the competition.

V. COMPETITION FORMAT

- a. The language of the Court shall be **English**.
- b. The orientation and drawing of lots will be held on **21st March 2014** evening (Friday).
- c. There will be two preliminary rounds of argument, quarter-final, Semi-Final and a Final round.
- d. Preliminary rounds will be held on **22nd March 2014** (Saturday). Top Eight teams will be qualified for the Quarter-Finals which would be held on **22nd March 2014 evening** (Saturday).
- e. The Quarter -Finals will be a knock – out round.
- f. The qualification to the Quarter-Finals will be based on **highest aggregate** of score in the preliminaries (inclusive of memorial marks)
- g. The Semi-Finals will be a knock – out round and will be held on **23rd March 2014**, fore noon (Sunday)
- h. The Finals will be held on **23rd March 2014** (Sunday– afternoon).
- i. Each team is expected to be ready with written briefs and oral arguments to argue for either side of the case. The Court will follow the procedure within accepted norms of

judicial practice and in case of doubt or dispute in the matter of procedure or facts; the decision of the presiding member of the committee of judges in each court shall be final.

- j. The participants will have to bring along with them necessary books, Reports, Journals etc. True copies will be accepted. The Library of Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram can be utilized for reference.
- k. The dress code for the participants during the court session shall be as follows:-
Female participants :- White Saree and Black blouse/ White Salwar with Black over coat/ Black suit
Male participants :- White or Black pants and white Shirt with Tie/ Black Suit
- l. **Each team will be given 35 minutes to advance their arguments including rebuttal. The team members can divide the time among themselves, which in any case shall not be less than 10 minutes or more than 20 minutes for each speaker.**
- m. The best researcher will be selected on the basis of an interview conducted on **22nd March 2014** by a panel of eminent lawyers and academicians.

VI. MEMORIALS

- a. Each team must prepare memorandum dealing with jurisdiction, issues involved in the problem, summary of arguments and arguments supported by authorities, conclusion and prayer for both the Petitioner's side and Respondent's side. Memorandums must be in English. The body of the Memorandum shall not exceed **25 typed** pages. The cover page, table of contents, index of authorities, jurisdiction, and statement of facts, annexure, appendices and back cover are not included in these 25 pages. However these 25 pages include questions presented, summary of pleadings, conclusions and foot notes. Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the Memorandum shall not be permitted to be raised in the Court.
- b. Four copies of the memorials for the Petitioner and four copies of the memorials for the Respondent shall be submitted to the General Convenor of the society at the time of registration. The memorials will be handed over to the committee of judges for the award of marks.
- c. The teams shall submit soft copies of their written memorials by email on or before 14.03.2014. EVERYDAY OF DELAY SHALL ENTAIL A PENALTY OF 1 MARK EACH.
- e. The identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial
Memorial's rule as to colour:- Petitioner – Blue cover
Respondent – white cover

VIII. JUDGING CRITERIA

There shall be a committee of judges selected for each court from among a panel of judges constituted for this purpose including eminent judges, lawyers and law teachers from all over India. The Final will be presided over by a full bench of Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Kerala. Each court will award marks for oral arguments to each individual participant and team. Each individual's marks for oral arguments will be added with the memorandum marks to make the individual's marks out of 100. Out of **100 marks** the division of marks for each individual participant is as follows:-

1. **Written Memorandum - 20 Marks**
2. **Oral Arguments - 80 Marks**

The distribution of marks for oral arguments is as follows:

- (i) Substance in Arguments (knowledge of facts, evidence and correct articulation of issues; knowledge of Law and its interpretation) : 35 Marks
- (ii) Skill of advocacy, persuasiveness and response to questions : 20 Marks
- (iii) Use of authorities and citations : 15 Marks

(iv) General impression and court manners : 10 Marks

80 Marks

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- a The individual prizes will be awarded on the basis of total marks secured by each participant in his performance adjudged separately. In cases where the same person participates in more than one round of competition his average marks shall be taken for adjudging his position. Marks will be awarded by the presiding officers themselves and their decision shall be final.
- b Fabulous trophies and cash prizes are awaiting for the winners in various category.
- c For the best researcher, the judging criteria shall be inclusive of marks secured for memorials added to the average marks provided by the expert panelists.
- d Any dispute regarding the conduct of the competition will be referred to a committee consisting of the **Principal (Chair person) and Vice-Chairmen** and their decision shall be **final**.
- e *The Teams should intimate confirmation of their participation on or before 1st MARCH 2014 by e-mail.*

ANNEXURE

I. RECEPTION

The teams will be received from 21st March 2014 onwards at Airport/ Railway/ Bus station if the time of arrival is intimated in advance or else the teams can report at the Reception committee office, Government Law College campus, Barton Hill, Thiruvananthapuram - 37(5km from Railway Station) on 21st March 2014. **The travel plan shall be emailed on or before 20-03-2014.** For further details contact Prof. K.R Reghunathan 9847043555 (mob), Dr. N.Krishnakumar 9846115326(mob).

II. HOSPITALITY

Food and separate accommodation for boys and girls will be provided free of cost by the society from 21st March afternoon to 24th March forenoon. This will include the dinners hosted by the society.

The society will also arrange a trip to the exotic **Kovalam beach** for those who are interested on 24th March 2014.

III. CONTACT

For further clarification please contact:-

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Last date for confirmation	-	01-03-2014
Last date for receipt of memorials (soft copy)	-	14-03-2014
Registration	-	2.00 pm 21-03-2014(Friday)
Inaugural function	-	4.00 pm 21-03-2014(Friday)
Orientation & Drawing of lots	-	5.30 pm 21-03-2014(Friday)
Preliminary Rounds	-	8.00 am 22-03-2014(Saturday)
Quarter Finals	-	5.30 pm 22-03-2014(Saturday)
Semi-Finals	-	9.00 am 23-04-2014(Sunday)
Finals	-	2.30 pm 23-04-2014(Sunday)
Valedictory Function and Prize Distribution	-	5.00 pm 23-04-2014(Sunday)

Sd/-
Convenor

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