

Rules & Regulations

These rules are to be called the 'Rules for the 5th AURO University, School of Law, and National Moot Court Competition 2019' whereas;

- Organizers means, AURO Litigious Committee (ALC), School of Law, AURO University, Surat.
- Participating team means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules of registration given below.
- Participating college/university/institution shall be presumed as the parent institution of the participating team.
- All the rules are only inclusive and not exhaustive for the competition.
- Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation wherefrom would attract disqualification.
- All decisions by the organizers in case of any disputes/doubts, etc. will be final. The organizers may make such rules and procedures at any point of time, as it deems fit.
- Imposition of penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rule(s) and deadline(s).
- All the E-Mails shall be sent to **moot2019@aurouniversity.edu.in**. No alternate address shall be used for any communication, whatsoever.

Date and Venue

22nd, 23rd and 24th February 2019.

AURO University, Earth space, Hazira Road, Opp. ONGC, Surat

Dress Code

Inside the Court Room the participants shall be in Formal wears only.

- Female(s): White salwar and kurta or White Shirt and Black pant along with Black Coat and Black Shoes. Note : Formal Skirt Suit won't be allowed.
- Male(s): White shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.

Please adhere to the dress code strictly

(No ID shall be used or borne except that provided by the organizers at the time of on campus registration.)

Language

The entire proceedings in the Competition, written as well as oral, shall be exclusively in English.

Eligibility

The Competition is open for law students currently pursuing their Bachelor's degree in law i.e. 3 Year LL.B. Programme or 5 Year LL.B. Programme.

Team Composition

- Each team shall consist of 3 members.
- There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated in each team. Teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during the on campus registration as well as in their registration form.
- Each team will have a team code which will be informed to them by mail.
- Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution. However, the speakers can disclose their names.

Important Dates

Date of Registration	15 th January 2019
Allotment of team code	20 th January 2019
Memorial submission	5 th February 2019
Memorial submission (Hard Copy)	15 th February 2019
Hard Copy of Registration form	15 th February 2019
Researcher's Test	22 nd February 2019

Registration

The registration process consists of the following 2 Steps:

Step 1: Register the name of your team on the website:

moot2019.aurouniversity.edu.in

Step 2: make the online payment of fees before the due date

Step 3: Send the scanned copy of the receipt through the e-mail to

moot2019@aurouniversity.edu.in

Step 4: Send (via Courier/ Speed Post/ Registered Post) with the memorial, the filled in Registration and Travel Forms (hard copy) along with the receipt of the online payment.

Registration Fee Rs. 6000.

Researcher's Test

A MCQ Test of the researcher will be conducted after on campus registration on **22nd February 2019**. Test shall be judge on basis of 100 marks. Duration of test will be 1 hour. The questions will be related to the problem. The researcher test will be an online test.

Rounds

Draw of lots

- Each team shall be assigned a side (petitioner/respondent) based on the chit it picks during the draw of lots. Fixtures of the teams will be determined based on the team codes.

Preliminary Round

- The preliminary round shall be conducted on the basis of side allocated to the team through the draw of lots.

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- There will be only one preliminary rounds and each team is given the opportunity to argue from only one sides of the proposition.
- Top Eight teams in the preliminary rounds shall proceed to the Quarter-Finals

Quarter-Final Rounds:

- The eight qualifying teams shall have to argue the case only from one side against the other team.
- The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the Quarter-Final Rounds.
- Four teams will be qualifying for Semi-Final Rounds on the knock-out basis.

Semi-Final Rounds:

- The teams qualifying for the Semi-Final Round shall have to argue the case from one side against the other team. The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the Semi- Final Rounds.
- Two teams will be qualifying for the Finals on the knock out basis

Finals:

- The teams shall be assigned sides by draw of lots.
- The decision of the judges presiding over final round shall be conclusive. The same shall be binding on all the participating teams & organizers.

Memorials

The following requirements must be strictly followed with respect to submission of memorials.

1. Each team must prepare memorials for both sides of the Moot Court problem (Petitioner and Respondent).
2. The memorials shall be consistent with the High Court Rules.
3. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
4. **Teams shall upload a soft-copy of Memorials (Both Sides) of problem on the website moot2019.aurouniversity.ac.in by 5th February 2019 by 17.00 hours.**

Memorials should be typed on A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:

1. Cause Title (Identity of the College/Participants should not be disclosed).
 2. The table of contents.
 3. The index of authorities.
 4. The statement of jurisdiction.
 5. The statement of facts (1 page only).
 6. The statement of issues.
 7. The summary of arguments (1 page only).
 8. The arguments advanced (15 pages maximum).
 9. The prayer.
- Annexure are not allowed. Pages should be numbered.

The Cover Page of each Written Submission/Memorial must have the following information:

- The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
 - The title of the competition;
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- The name of the case;
- The Title of the Memorial (either “Memorial for Appellant/ Petitioner/ Applicant” or “Memorial for Respondent/Defendant”).
- The cover pages must be Blue for Applicant/Petitioner/Appellant and Red for Respondent. The upper right side of the cover page must contain the Team Code that shall be assigned to each participating teams by mail. **Names of Participants, or Colleges or Universities ought not to be mentioned anywhere on the Written Submission/Memorial.**

(B) Format requirements:

Font: Times New Roman

Font size: 12 and for footnotes 10

Heading Font size: 14

Line Spacing: 1.5, Margin: 1 inch

Memorials should be spiral bound and not stapled

(C) Covers must be placed on memorials as follows:

Petitioner: Blue Color

Respondent: Red Color

(D) Submission of Memorials:

1. Soft Copy of the Memorials [only in docx or doc format] for Appellant/ Petitioner and Respondent must be uploaded to the website moot2019.aurouniversity.ac.in by **5th February 2019** by 1700 Hour.
2. Two hard copies each of the memorial for Appellant and Respondent shall reach the organizer through registered post/courier/speed post by **15th February 2019**.

3. Three Hard Copies each of the memorial for Appellant and Respondent shall be submitted at the venue.
4. It is the responsibility of the respective teams to ensure that the correct number of copies of the memorial(s) is submitted to the organizers. The organizers shall not entertain any request for printing the copies of the memorial. However, the teams can manage such requirements on their own.

Marking of Memorial

Every memorial will be marked on 100 marks and the team memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides.

- Marks of memorial will be considered for the best memorial award.

Written Memorials: 100 Marks

Description	Marks
Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
Articulate Analysis	20
Extent and Use of research	20
Clarity and Organization	20
Format and Citation	10
Grammar and Style	10
Grand Total	100

Compendium:

Each Participating team shall submit a copy of case compendium each for the Petitioner and the Respondent for both the problems during the Registration process.

Oral Rounds

In each oral round a team will be represented by two speakers who present arguments. The researcher will not participate in the arguments but will be seated along with the speakers.

i) Preliminary Round and Quarter final Rounds:

1. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present its case. The time includes questioning by judges.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members subject to a maximum of Twenty minutes per speaker.
3. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
4. At the commencement of each session of oral submissions, teams shall notify the Court Officers as to the division of time between the 2 speakers.
5. At the commencement of each session of oral rounds, teams must notify the Court Officer of the amount of time that the team reserves for their rebuttal. A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved for the rebuttal.
6. Five minutes before the completion of the allocated time for each speaker, placard will be shown by the court officer displaying “ 5 minutes left “, and at the completion of the allocated time for each speaker placard will be shown by the court officer displaying “Time out”.

ii) Semi Final Round:

- 1 Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case. The time includes questioning by judges.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members subject to a maximum of twenty five minutes per speaker.
3. At the commencement of each session of oral rounds, teams must notify the Court Officer of the amount of time that the team reserves for each speaker as well as the rebuttal. A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved for the rebuttal.
4. Five minutes before the completion of the allocated time for each speaker, placard will be shown by the court officer displaying “ 5 minutes left “, and at the completion of the allocated time for each speaker placard will be shown by the court officer displaying “Time out”.

iii) Final Round:

- 1.Each team will get a total of 60 minutes to present their case.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 40 minutes per speaker.
3. At the commencement of each session of oral rounds, teams must notify the court officer of the amount of time that the team reserves for each speaker
4. Sur-rebuttal is allowed in the final round.
5. Maximum of 5 minutes each for rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal can be reserved. At the commencement of each session of oral rounds, teams must notify the Court Officer of the amount of time that the team reserves for the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

Scoring:

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The Marking scheme for the evaluation of the oral arguments shall be the following:

Description	Marks
Marshaling of facts	10
Articulation of issues	10
Presentation Skills and Communication Ability	20
Response to Questions of the Court	15
Application of legal principles	20
Use of authorities and precedents	15
Court Room Etiquettes	10

Grand Total 100 per student counsel

Awards

1. Winners Trophy, Certificate & cash prize of Rs.30,000/-
2. Runner Ups Trophy, certificate & cash prize of Rs.15,000/-
3. Best Mooter Award- Certificate & cash prize of Rs.5,000/-
4. Best Memorial Award- Certificate & cash prize of Rs.5,000/-
5. Best Researcher Award- Certificate & cash prize of Rs.5,000/-

In addition to the above awards, certificates shall be issued to all the participants.

Note:

1. Best Mooter award will be judge on the basis of marks obtained by individual mooter in oral arguments of the preliminary rounds.
2. Best Memorial Award will be judge on the basis of the highest marks scored in the memorial as per the marking criteria given

3. Best Researcher award will be given on the basis of the marks scored by the researcher of the team in the Researcher Test.
4. The Score sheet of any of the evaluation/test will not be shown once submitted to the organizers, whatsoever reason may be.

Force Majeure

The Organizers reserve absolute right to cancel, defer or postpone indefinitely, the Competition in the event of the occurring of any such incident or accident, natural or man caused, in India or overseas which is likely to effect the smooth conduct of the Competition or is likely to effect the security of the Organizers and Participants and the Organizers shall not be responsible or liable for loss of any kind caused to anyone whatsoever.

Accommodation, Food and Transport

Accommodation- Accommodation shall be provided only to the outstation teams on the days of the competition only i.e. from 22nd February to 24th February, 2019. It shall be extended to the members of the team (maximum three) only. Team(s) shall be responsible for any/all damages caused by them during their stay.

Food- Food shall be provided to all the teams only on the three days of the competition

Transport- Transportation between the place of stay and the University for the Participating Teams will be provided.

Code of Conduct

The participants must behave in a dignified manner and not cause any inconvenience to the volunteers. Any participant found misbehaving with other participants or volunteers will be disqualified immediately.

Deference to the Judges of the moot court competition must be maintained inside and outside the Court Hall.

Participants will be entirely disqualified from the competition on the following grounds:

- a. If found smoking or consuming/ carrying drugs or alcohol in the campus or Accommodation.
- b. If found misbehaving, or causing nuisance, or making abusive statements, showing disrespect towards judges, co-participants or members of the host institution.

Miscellaneous

The organizers' decision with regard to the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizers' decision will be final and binding.

The organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

Disclaimer

Not with standing anything stated in the rules, the Competition is the only responsibility of the Organizers and they shall not be legally or otherwise liable or responsible for any matter or dispute arising outside of the Competition.

The Organizers shall not be responsible for any dispute arising out of team selection process in the participating colleges.

All material in the moot problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely co-incidental.

QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

In case of any questions related to problem or clarifications regarding the competition, feel free to contact the following:

E-Mail: moot2019@aurouniversity.edu.in

The queries regarding the problem will not be answered individually but clarifications will be uploaded on the website.

Convener:

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Student Co-ordinators:

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Mr. Akshat Vin, Secretary- ALC

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