

Shri NJ Yasaswy Memorial 5th National Moot Court Competition - 2020 **April 10 - 12, 2020**

DETAILED RULES OF THE COMPETITION THE COMPETITION

1. The Oral Rounds of the N J Yasaswy 5th Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2020 [“the Competition”] will be held from April 10-12, 2020 at the ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:**

Members of the team must be UNDERGRADUATE students pursuing a recognized Bachelor of Law (or international equivalent) programme, from the institute recognized by the Bar Council of India. Only one team can register from a particular College or Law School for participation in the competition.

3. **TEAM CAP:**

A total of 40 teams on first come first serve basis shall be entitled to participate in the competition (subject to the confirmation email from the Organizers). However, the organizers reserve the right to modify this team cap in future.

4. **TEAM COMPOSITION:**

Each team shall consist only of two speakers and/ or one researcher, but in no case more than 3 participants in total. The team may consist of two speakers only, as well. The Organizers will assign a Unique Team Registration Code [“UTRC”] to each team.

5. **REGISTRATION:**

- The teams will have to register themselves by completing and submitting the Registration Form no later than 11.59 pm IST on 28.03.2020.

Upon successful completion of the Registration Form, the teams will receive an email from the Organizers within 02 (two) days informing them of their successful Registration.

- The Registration Forms will have to be completed and submitted with all material particulars by the teams. Incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted.
- The Registration Fee for registering and participating in the competition is Rs. 3,500/- (Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Only).
- The teams successfully registering as aforesaid will be provided a UTRC and the Moot Problems 1 & 2 which will attached in the email informing the team of their successful registration. The email will be sent on the email address provided by the teams in the contact details forming part of the Registration Form.
- Once the teams have been provided the UTRC, the said code will have to be mentioned by the teams in all future communication(s) with the Organizers.

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6. MEMORIALS:

- Teams may raise issues or grounds of challenge other than those indicated in the Statement of Facts, if any.
- Each team must submit the Memorial for the Applicant and the Respondent in PDF format for Moot Problem 1, no later than 9:00pm [Indian Standard Time (“IST”)] on 02.04.2020 to mootcourt@ifheindia.org Teams are requested to ensure that soft copies vide email are sent well in time and that the attachments can be viewed by contacting the Organizing committee.
- Memorials submitted after 9:00pm [IST] on 02.04.2020 will incur a deduction of ½ mark for each day of delay, with the first deduction being made at 9:01pm [IST] on 02.04.2020. It is made clear that such deduction would be made from the cumulative memorial score only once.
- Memorials submitted after 9:00pm [Indian Standard Time] on 07.04.2020 shall not be accepted and the team shall stand disqualified.
- The teams shall be required to submit four hard copies each of the Memorial for the Appellant and the Respondent for Moot Problem 1 and five hard copies each of the Memorial for the Appellant and the Respondent for Moot Problem 2 on 10.04.2020 at the Registration Desk at of Shri NJ Yasaswy 5th Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2020, IFHE, Hyderabad – 501203
- The teams shall mention their UTRC in the email by which the Memorials are sent to the Organizers. The names of the participants or their Colleges, Universities or Law Schools shall not be mentioned anywhere on the Email or the Memorial. PLEASE NOTE THAT APART FROM THE UTRC, THE NAMES OR LOGOS OF THE COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES OR LAW SCHOOLS SHALL NOT BE MENTIONED ANYWHERE IN THE MEMORIALS SUBMITTED BY THE PARTICIPANTS.
- It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that the correct number of copies of the memorials are submitted to the Organizers and acknowledgement thereof is obtained.
- All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements and a team will attract negative marking for failure to keep within the limitations as described below:
 - i. Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper with black ink and must be neatly spiral bound. No plastic dividers should be used in the memorials.
 - ii. The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font-size of footnotes/endnotes, if any, must not be less than size 10. A uniform method of citation of authorities must be followed.
 - iii. Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.

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- iv. The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages (not including the Cover Page) and shall at least consist of the following parts:
- v. Cover Page –
 - [blue colored for Applicant, and red colored for Respondent (Problem 1)]
 - [pink colored for Applicant, and yellow colored for Respondent (Problem 2)]
- vi. Table of Contents
- vii. Index of Authorities
- viii. Written Pleadings
- ix. Prayer
- x. The Cover Page MUST contain:
 - Team Code in the upper right-hand corner
 - The year of the Competition
 - The name of the Case
 - The party for which the Written Submission has been prepared.
 - Name of the forum resolving the dispute.
 - There will be a deduction of 1.0 mark for each page exceeding the 25-page limit, and a deduction of 0.25 marks for each 'objective' error, i.e., non-adherence to the rules set out hereinabove.
 - This negative marking (along with the negative marking for delayed submission) shall be deducted once from the total memorial score obtained by a team. NOTE: For the sake of convenience the rules refer to the parties as the Applicant and the Respondent. This particular information does not in any way suggest the nature of the moot problem and the same shall be applicable to the adversary parties by whatever name they be called.

7. SCORING OF MEMORIALS

- The memorials shall be checked by a panel of three judges. Each judge shall score each memorial out of 20 marks, and the average of scores shall be announced by the Organizers on the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds. The ranking of teams shall be on the basis of the average of their scores for the Appellant and Respondent Memorials (after appropriate deductions, if any).
- The scoring criteria for memorials would be made available on request.

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8. ORAL ARGUMENTS

- The language for the Competition shall be English
- Each team would be given 30 minutes to present their oral arguments, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes per Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds and Second Round. This shall include the pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable. For the Semi Finals and Final Rounds, each team would get 40 minutes each, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per Speaker.
- Rebuttal would be allowed only to the Applicant. The Applicant will have to specify the length of time they want to set aside for rebuttal, before beginning their oral arguments
- During Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue once for the Applicant and once for the Respondent. It is clarified that participating team shall argue for both the Appellants and the Respondents in the Preliminary Round itself.
- Teams with two wins in the Preliminary Rounds will go to the Second Round. If there are more than 8 teams having two wins each, the teams with two wins each will be ranked according to their total scores and the top eight teams so ranked will go to the Second Round. If after ranking of the total scores, teams are still tied, the teams so tied will be ranked according to their memorial scores.
- If there are less than eight teams having two wins each, the teams having two wins each will go to the second Round. For the remaining places, teams having less than two wins each will be ranked according to the sum of their highest scores in both Preliminary Rounds, and the top teams thus ranked will be sent to the second Round. The second Round shall be a knock out round.
- The second Round shall be succeeded by the Semi-final Round, and the Final Round which shall also be knock out rounds
- If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.

9. SCORING TOTAL MARKS (100 Marks)

Written Submission/ Memorial = 20 Marks

Oral presentation 80 Marks (a + b + c + d)

a. Substance in Argument = 40 marks

b. Skills of Advocacy = 20 marks

c. Response to questions and Articulation = 10 marks

d. General impression, court manners etc. = 10 marks

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10. MISCELLANEOUS

- The Organizers shall provide the accommodation, and food to the participating teams (subject to a maximum of 3 participants per team) only.
- All queries relating to the problem/ marks etc. may be directed vide email to mootcourt@ifheindia.org.
- Participants shall use only their UTRC numbers for identification purposes. No electronic device, including (but not limited to), laptops, tablet computers, mobile phones etc. may be used by any member of the teams during the course of the round, including when the opposite team is addressing arguments. Teams are therefore advised to ensure that the delivery of their oral arguments is not dependent on electronic devices.
- Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the organizers immediately, without disturbing the round in progress. Any team found scouting will be disqualified.
- Any reference to identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial may lead to disqualification of the team.
- The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final. These Rules are not exhaustive.
- The Organizers reserve the right to modify/ change/ amend these rules at any point of time either before, during or after the competition without giving any prior notice to the participating teams.