

SSCL 1st Inter College Moot Court Competition 2023

21st Feb, 2023

RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

1. PRELIMINARY

The Sri Sukhmani College of Law, SSCL (Mohali) announces its First Inter College Moot Court Competition, 2023. The competition has strict rules and regulations for the purpose and duration of this competition, the compliance of which is mandatory. The rules are as mentioned below.

2. GENERAL RULES

- 2.1 **DATE:** The SSCL Inter Moot Court Competition, 2023 shall be held on 21st Feb 2023.
- 2.2 **MEDIUM:** Medium of the competition shall be English.
- 2.3 **PARTICIPATION:** The competition is open to participation by teams of all the students pursuing 3 Year and integrated 5 year LL.B Course in any law school in India, recognized by the Bar Council of India. There will be only one team participating from one institution.
A maximum of 20 teams in all will be allowed to participate.
Teams will be entertained on 'First come first bases.
- 2.4 **TEAM COMPOSITION:** A team shall comprise of three members; consisting of two speakers and one researcher. The team amongst its members is required to identify speakers and researcher at the time of registration itself. This composition cannot be altered under any circumstances.
- 2.5 **DRESS CODE:** The dress code for the competition is advocate uniform as per Advocates Act, 1961 without band and gown. Violation of the dress code will bar a contestant from appearing in the pleading rounds.
- 2.6 **COURT MANNERISMS:** All participants are required to conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner throughout the competition. All participants are required to act in a dignified manner and respect the Court. Members of a participating team must not communicate with the judge/s or opposite counsels in private, to the detriment of the competition.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 **Date of Registration:** All the participating institutions have to confirm team participation by sending an email to ssclmootcourt@gmail.com on or before **21st Feb 2023**.

- 3.2 **Team Registration by Post:** The duly filled in hard copies of the Registration form along with the Transaction details of INR 1500/- (Fifteen Thousand Only) must reach the Organizers by **21st Feb 2023**.
- 3.3 **Address for Post:** The hard copy of the Registration form shall be sent on following address **only through Speed Post**. The teams shall solely be responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of Registration Form.

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- 3.4 **Allotment of Team Code:** Every team which has successfully completed the Registration requisites under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.
- 3.5 **Formal Registration:** The formal registration of the teams shall be done on 21st March, 2023 at the venue i.e. Moot court hall, College of Law.
- 3.6 Any delay in the registration procedure or compliance with the registration formalities or partially complying after the expiry of the scheduled dates of registration, **WILL BE TERMED AS NO REGISTRATION**, therefore, no claim subsists for the team thereafter.

4. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

- 4.1 **Rounds:** The Competition is divided into following rounds –
- a. Preliminary Rounds,
 - b. Quarter-Final Round
 - b. Semi-Final Round; and
 - c. Final Round.

Draw of Lots

There will be a draw of lots on the **21st Feb 2023** and exchange of memorials before the inauguration ceremony. The order of the competition including the days, if any and the side (appellant/respondent) for which each team appears will be made by draw of lots before the commencement of the competition. The entire scheme of the competition thus drawn out will be notified to the participating teams. In case, it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/s at the last moment or if the competing teams had no opportunity to argue the other side of the proposition, the organizers reserve the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams.

a) PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- There shall be **two** Preliminary Rounds. Each team shall be given the opportunity to argue each side in the Preliminary Rounds which shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- Each team shall get a total of 20 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 10 minutes per speaker. Each team shall indicate to the court - clerk as to how it decides to allocate its 20 minutes.
- The top 8 teams based on cumulative marks (written and oral submissions) shall qualify for the Quarter finals, which shall be held on the same day.
- In case of a tie, the teams shall advance to the next round on the basis of highest memorial score. If the tie is still not broken, then the highest speaker – score will determine which team advances to the semi- finals.

b) QUARTER-FINALS

- The teams shall argue only for one side in the quarter finals.
- The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- The rules governing the Preliminary rounds are applicable to Quarter-final rounds.

c) SEMI-FINALS

- The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- The rules governing the quarter-final are applicable to semi-final rounds.
- On the basis of knock out, 2 (two) teams shall advance to the finals.

d) FINALS

- Each team shall get a total of 40 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The division of the time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for any one speaker (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time).
- The winner in Finals shall be adjudged by way of knock-out.

5. **MEMORIAL GUIDELINES**

All participating teams shall submit 4 sets of written memorials (2 appellant and 2 respondent memorials). The Cover Pages of the memorials for the Petitioners shall be in blue and the Respondents shall be in red.

The teams shall not indicate their names or the names of their College or University on the memorials. The Team Code allotted to all teams will have to be indicated at the top right corner of the memorials.

The soft copy of the Memorial shall be submitted on or before 18th Feb 2023.

The hardcopy of the Memorial shall be submitted on or before 21st Feb 2023 after which, no Memorials shall be accepted.

No change in the hard and soft copy of the Memorial shall be accepted. It shall be a ground of disqualification.

The written memorials shall confirm to the set standards:

- 1) Written submissions shall be printed on white standard A4 size paper.
- 2) 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.
- 3) The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5 lines spacing except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced.

The teams shall follow the 19th edition of the Bluebook mode of citation. Arguments Advanced must not exceed **25 pages** and the memorial in total must not exceed **40 pages**. Non-compliance with the same would entail penalty of 1 mark per extra page.

Contents of Written Submissions:

The written submission shall include the following:

- I. Cover Page;
- II. Table of Contents;
- III. Index of Authorities;
- IV. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- V. Questions Presented;
- VI. Statement of Facts;
- VII. Summary of Pleadings;
- VIII. Pleadings
- IX. Prayer.
- X. Appendix (Optional)
- XI. Exhibits (Optional)

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Marking criteria for Memorials

S.No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Knowledge of facts and law	20
2.	Proper and articulate analysis	20
3.	Extent and use of research	20
4.	Clarity & Organization	20
5.	Correct format and citation	10
6.	Grammar and Style	10

Marking criteria for Oral Presentations

S.No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
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	05

7. DISPUTES

Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the Organizing Committee before the end of the competition. In all matters of complaints or disputes, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final.

8. AWARDS

1. Winner Team (FIRST PRIZE) – Rs 2100/-
2. Runner up Team (SECOND PRIZE) – Rs 1100/-
3. Best Memorial – Rs 1100/-
4. Best Mooter – Rs 1100/-

Trophies shall be awarded to the Winner, Runners Up, Best Memorial and Best Mooter. All participants shall be awarded Certificates of Participation and the winners shall receive Certificates of Merit.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

- Scouting shall lead to the instant disqualification of the team.
- All participants shall maintain the decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

Contact Details: In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to mail your queries at ssclmootcourt@gmail.com

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