

SHRI. NITYANAND JHA NATIONAL MOOT

COURT COMPETITION 2022 Rules:

GENERAL RULES

- “Organizers” means the Moot Court Committee, School of Law, Sandip University
- “Competition” means the 1st National Moot Court Competition, 2022.
- “Participating Team” means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules given below.
- “Participating College/Institution/University” shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating team.
- “Participants” means the speakers and the researcher of the Participating Team.
- The rules of the Moot Court shall be strictly adhered to and any deviation there from them would attract disqualification or other penalties as decided by the Organizers.
- Decision taken by Organizers in case of any doubt, dispute, disqualification etc shall be final

DATE & VENUE OF THE COMPETITION

The 1st National Moot Court Competition, 2022 shall be held from 13th to 15th October 2022 and the venue for the same shall be School of Law, Sandip University, Trimbak Road, Nashik, Maharashtra.

REGISTRATION

- The Registration Fee is INR 5000/- **With** Accommodation and 3000/- **Without** Accommodation which shall be payable through Demand Draft/Online Transaction Slip and shall be made in favour of Sandip University, School of Law.
- The confirmation of the names at the time of online registration shall be treated as final and no change of name shall be allowed thereafter, except if it is found to be necessary at the sole discretion of Organizers.

- The Registration Fee is non-refundable and no claim for refund of fee shall be entertained.

LANGUAGE

The official language for the Moot Court Competition shall be English only.

DRESS CODE

Inside the Court Room, participants shall be in formal wear only. However, robes or collar bands are not allowed.

- Female participants are required to wear either a full suit comprising of black formal blazer and trousers, full sleeved white shirts or white kurta, black bottom wear, black blazer/overcoat with formal footwear.
- Male participants are required to wear a full suit comprising of black formal blazer and trousers, full sleeved white shirts, black tie and formal footwear

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open for the students who duly enrolled and are pursuing an integrated 5 years or 3 years Law Program in India from an institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team shall consist of two speakers and one researcher. Teams are to notify which members are the respective speakers and researcher. No change of speaker to researcher or vice -versa shall be permitted except upon application to the Organizing Committee. Kindly note that ONLY ONE TEAM is allowed to register for the Competition from one University.

MEMORIAL

1. Each team participating in the Competition must prepare a Written Submission on behalf of the Petitioner/Applicant/Petitioner and on the behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.

2. A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the team. The Written Submission shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the team or members.
3. Each team must send its memorandum via mail in PDF format, latest by 1st October 2022, 11:59 P.M. along with 1 soft copy, the memorials shall be mailed on the Official Email with the subject of the mail being **“Memorial Submission- Team Code”**. Example – Subject of mail for memorial submission of Team Code 01 shall be **“Memorial Submission – NJ01**. In case the subject is not as prescribed, memorials shall be deemed to have not been received and the Organizers shall not be responsible for any delay and default.
4. The file names of the electronic copies of the memorial must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format. a. E.g.: For team code 01 it shall be **“NJ01P”** AND **“NJ01R”**, P being for “Petitioner” memorial and “R” for “Respondent” memorial and so forth.
5. The Memorials Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:
 - i. Cover Page
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. List of Abbreviations (in Alphabetical order)
 - iv. Index of Authorities (with page number of authorities cited)
 - v. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - vi. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - vii. Statement of Issues
 - viii. Summary of Arguments
 - ix. Arguments Advanced
 - x. The Prayer
6. The Cover page shall include:
 - i. Team code in the upper right -hand corner.
 - ii. The name and place of the Jurisdiction
 - iii. The relevant provision under which case is filed

- iv. Name of parties and status
 - v. The side for which written submission has been prepared
 - vi. Memorial filed on behalf of
 - vii. It is further clarified that the Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any memorial which is in violation of any of the norms.
7. The memorial as a whole shall not exceed 50 pages including the cover page. Noncompliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point for every additional page.
 8. The Memorials shall be typed on A4 size paper having one-inch margin on all the sides.
 9. The font shall be Times New Roman, font size being 12 and line spacing shall be 1.5. For footnotes, font size shall be 10 with line spacing of 1.0.
 10. Page numbering shall be at bottom of each page.
 11. Participants must follow the Bluebook 20th edition style of citation.
 12. The Cover Page of the Memorial for the Petitioner/Applicant must be BLUE, while for the Defendant/Respondent's Memorial, it must be RED. The colour of the cover page shall compulsorily be Red and Blue (as the case may be) and no other variant of the colour shall be used.
 13. Once the written submissions have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
 14. Submission of 3 hard copies each petitioner and respondent shall physically reach the university by the 5th of October 2022.
 15. Submission of the Memorials after the specified deadline shall result in a deduction of three (3) marks each day. Failure of submission of memorial would result in disqualification of the team from the competition.
 16. Each team shall be provided with the copy of the written submission of the opponent team at least 20 minutes prior to the respective rounds.

17. The Organizers of this Competition shall be permitted to use all the Memorials for any reporting or compilation without further permission. The Submission would be deemed to be permission. Moreover, the copyright in the prize -winning Memorials would be vested with the Organizers.

18. Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks.

The following is the criteria for evaluation of memorials:

Sr. No.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Knowledge of facts and Law	20
2	Quality and Extent of Research	20
3	Recognition of Issues and Structure of Arguments	20
4	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
5	Overall Presentation (Clarity, Style, Grammar, Language, Structure, Format, Citations and Plagiarism)	20

19. Maximum marks for the oral rounds shall be 100 marks per speaker per judge. The oral rounds shall be evaluated out of 100 marks and the basis for evaluation shall be as follows:

Sr. No.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Law	20
2	Application of Law to Facts	20
3	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer	20
4	Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour	20
5	Time management	10
6	Organization	10

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

PLAGIARISM

Participants must refrain from using same language or copying from other's memorials and other sources. Even use of publicly available information must be accompanied by proper citations. These rules shall apply to all parts of the memorial and not just the Pleadings and Prayer. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the guilty participants being debarred from mooting in 1st Shri Nityanand Jha National Moot Court Competition 2022. The Organizing Committee in consultation with the memorial judges will take a final decision regarding determination of cases of plagiarism and penal measures for such action.

CONDONATION OF DELAY

Deduction of marks for late submission of hard copies of the Memorials Late submission, if any, of hard copies of the memorials may be permitted by the Organizing Committee in exceptional circumstances on case to case basis upon prior request of the participants subject to deduction of 2 marks per day for late submission of the hard copies and subject to a maximum limit of 2 days after which it won't be accepted. Note: Participants are requested to strictly adhere to the rules concerning time limit for submission of the memorials.

PENALTIES

1. Wrong File Name - 1 Mark per Memorial
2. Failure to submit Memorial as one File - 1 Mark per Memorial
3. Exceeding Page Limits 1 Mark per exceeding page
4. Failure to include the section in the Memorial 3 Marks per section
5. Failure to include the required information on the cover page 1 Mark per violation
6. Failure to use the correct colour coding 2 Marks per Memorial

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

1. The Moot court Competition shall comprise of following rounds:
 - a. Preliminary Rounds: Each team will have to present both the sides i.e., Petitioner/Plaintiff or Respondent/ Defendant in this round. The top eight (8) teams, based on the cumulative score of

memorials and preliminary rounds shall qualify for the quarterfinals.

- b. Quarterfinal Rounds: The top eight (8) teams from the Preliminary Round shall proceed to the quarterfinals. This will be a knockout round; hence winners will be decided on the basis of courtroom win. The draw of lots will take place after this round.
- c. Semi - Final Round: The winning 4 teams from the quarter finals shall proceed in this round. This round will again follow the knockout rule. The draw of lots will again take place after the competition of this round.
- d. Final Round: The winner from each Courtroom fixture i.e., 2 teams from the semi -final round shall proceed to this round.

EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

- There shall be an exchange of memorials between the respective opponent participating teams as would be placed after the draw of lots in all the rounds of the competition.
- The teams are prohibited from making any marks on the memorials thus exchanged. They are also prohibited from making copies of such memorials in any form.
- The teams shall return the exchanged memorials to the Court Officer of the respective rounds.

RESEARCHERS' TEST

A written test will be conducted to decide the 'Best Researcher' on 13th October 2022 for 100 marks. The duration of the test is 30 minutes. Questions for the Researchers' Test will be framed on the basis of the Moot Problem. The test is open only for the researchers of the Participating Teams. In the event where there are only two members in a Team, any one member can appear for the test. In case of a tie, the scores given for the memorial will be considered to decide the Best Researcher.

SCOUTING

Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to instant disqualification of such a team. Scouting is found to have committed if any person affiliated with the oral submission of any team other than it is participating or reading the memorial of a team except its own or the memorial obtained on account of exchange of memorials.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Accommodation and Food: Food and accommodation shall be arranged for all the teams in the University Campus from 13th to 15th October 2022.
- Travel Details: Teams are requested to inform the Organizers about their travel plan by filling the form provided in the brochure along with the Registration form. Any changes in the given plan should be intimated to the Organizers well in advance.
- Discipline: Laptops and Mobile Phones are not allowed when the court is in session. Participants are expected to maintain discipline while on campus. Incidents of eve teasing or any kind of misbehaviour will be taken seriously, and the teams will be disqualified from further participation. The participants shall not stray around once they report to the College for participation in the Competition. Smoking and drinking is strictly prohibited on the college campus.
- Interpretation of Guidelines: All interpretations are at the complete discretion of the Organizers & the Institution. The decision so made shall be final and binding on all participating teams.
- Clarifications: Communications regarding any clarification may be sought through email or through contact numbers given below:

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

All communication regarding competition shall be made through mail to **mcasol@sandipuniversity.edu.in**

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