



8th Annual NALSAR - Justice B.R. Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2014

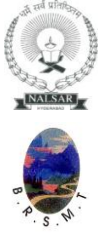


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*NALSAR-Justice Bodh Raj Sawhny
Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2014*

September 26-28, 2014

Rules



1. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

1.1. Administration

- The Annual NALSAR-Justice Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition (“Competition”) is held and administered by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad with the aid of the B.R Sawhny Memorial Trust.
- The problem for the 8th Annual NALSAR-Justice B.R. Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition is based on contemporary issues in Constitutional Law.
- The Competition is to be held on September 26-28, 2014 at NALSAR University of Law, Justice City, Shameerpet, Hyderabad.
- Mr. Vijender Kumar, Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, shall be the ‘National Coordinator’ of the Moot Court Competition.

1.2. Language

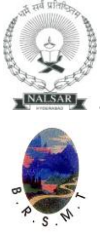
The Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

1.3. Structure of the Competition

The Competition consists of two levels: (a) Memorial Elimination Round and (b) National Rounds. The teams which qualify after the Memorial Elimination Round shall participate in the National Rounds, which is comprised of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds viz. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.

1.4. Interpretation of the Rules

The National Coordinator shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of these Rules.



2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Eligibility

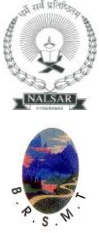
Each Institution offering an undergraduate LL.B. Degree Course is eligible to participate in the same. Each Institution may enter one Team. The Competition is only open for students in LL.B. Undergraduate Degree Courses.

2.2. Team Composition

- Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with the written permission by the National Coordinator.
- Every team shall consist of two speakers. Teams may have only one researcher.
- A researcher shall be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Court.

3. REGISTRATION

- **Teams must confirm their participation by September 01, 2014 by sending an email to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com** with the subject “Confirmation for NALSAR-Justice B.R. Sawhny Moot 2014”. The Email should contain the duly filled in Registration Form
- The Teams shall need to deposit Rs. 2000/- towards Registration Fees on September 26, 2014 before the Orientation of the Moot Court Competition. After completion of Registration, each Team shall be allotted a Team Code.



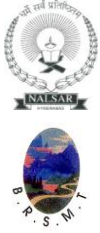
4. MEMORIALS

4.1. Memorial Submission

- Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of Petitioner and one on behalf of the Respondent.
- **Each Team must send a soft copy of their memorials for evaluation by September 20, 2014 before 11:59 P.M. to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com.** Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall not be evaluated. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline.
- Memorials submitted within the deadline will be evaluated according to Rule. 4.4.
- Each Team further has to submit 6 hard copies of the memorial for each side at the time of registration on September 26, 2014. Non-compliance will entail a penalty of 1 point per copy not submitted.

4.2 Memorial Format

- All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document 2003/2007 format (.doc/.docx).
- All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size with an equal margin on each side.
- The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page and page numbers, must be in Times New Roman 12-point. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman 10-point.
- The text of all parts of the Memorial must be double-spaced, except for the Cover Page, Table of Contents, Index of Authorities, headings, and footnotes. The footnotes can be separated with single line spacing.
- The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.
- Non-compliance with sub-rule (a) shall result in a penalty of 5 points. Non-compliance of sub-rules (b) to (e) shall result in a penalty of 1 point per page detected.

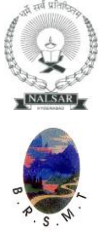


4.3 Memorial Content

- The Memorials should contain the following sections:
 - Cover Page;
 - Table of Contents;
 - Index of Authorities;
 - Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - Statement of Facts;
 - Statement of Issues;
 - Summary of Arguments;
 - Arguments Advanced; and
 - Prayer.
- The Arguments Advanced should not exceed 20 pages. Noncompliance will result in a penalty of 1 point per additional page.
- The memorial as a whole should not exceed 35 pages including the cover page. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 3 points per additional page.
- The citation should be in compliance with the 19th edition of Bluebook. Speaking footnotes or Endnotes are not allowed. Noncompliance will result in a penalty of 1 point per page detected.
- The entire content of the soft copies and the hard copies of the Memorial shall have to be the same. Noncompliance with this rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.

4.4 Memorial Evaluation

- The Memorials of Each Team shall be evaluated by a panel of two Judges,
- The maximum score for each memorial shall be 200 points. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:



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- Knowledge of Law and Facts : 25 Points
 - Proper and Articulate Analysis: 25 Points
 - Extent and Use of Research: 20 Points
 - Clarity and Organization: 20 Points
 - Grammar and Style: 10 Points

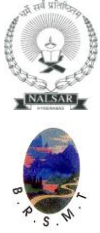
4.5 Qualification of Memorials

- There shall be a Memorial Elimination Round subsequent to the submission and evaluation of the Memorials.
- After evaluation of Memorials, the top 24 teams based on their memorial scores shall be selected. 24 teams will be invited to participate in the ‘National Rounds’ of the Competition. **The results of the Memorial Elimination Rounds shall be intimated to the team by 11:59 P.M on September 21, 2014.**
- **Invited teams must confirm participation in the National Rounds by sending an email to: mcc.nalsar@gmail.com by 11:59 P.M. on the September 22, 2014.** In case a team does not confirm its participation within the stipulated time, invitations to other teams will be issued, according to memorial scores, by midnight on September 23, 2014.

5. ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES

5.1 General Procedures

- There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter final, a semi-final and a final. If the number of teams participating is less than twelve, there shall be no quarter final round.
- The Applicants shall submit their arguments first followed by the Respondents. Thereafter the Applicant shall have the option of submitting rebuttals. Sur-rebuttals shall be allowed at the Judge’s discretion.



- The teams shall be seeded on the basis of the Cumulative Memorial Scores during the Preliminary Rounds and the match ups shall be fixed following the power seeding pattern. In that case, the team ranked 1 shall face the team ranked 24 and team placed 2 will be facing the team ranked 23 and so on.
- The memorials shall be exchanged after the Inaugural Ceremony and Registration on September 26, 2014

5.2 Procedures for Oral Submissions

- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
- The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the orals.
- Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher is not allowed. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points per speaker per judge.
- The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms. It is to be noted that no loose sheets of papers are allowed to be passed on.
- The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:
 - Knowledge of Law: 20 Points
 - Application of Law to Facts: 20 Points
 - Ingenuity and Ability to Answer to Questions: 20 Points
 - Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor: 20 Points
 - Time Management: 10 Points
 - Organization: 10 Points



5.3 Preliminary Round

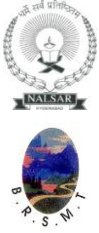
- All the selected Teams will be participating in the Preliminary Rounds.
- Each Team shall have two Preliminary Rounds. They shall have to argue as the Applicant and Respondent once each.
- No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- The Bench constituted for the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of at least two Judges. No Teams shall face the same Bench more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

5.4 Quarter-Finals

- In the event that there are more than 12 teams participating in the Competition, the Quarter Final Rounds shall be held.
- The Quarter Finals shall comprise of four matches among the eight highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds.
- For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter Finals, the number of rounds won by the team shall be considered as first criteria. In case, there are more than 8 team having same number of wins the winning difference of their respective rounds shall be taken into consideration. Further, in case of tie after taking winning scores into consideration, the decision shall be taken on the basis of draw of lots.
- In the Quarterfinal Rounds, the match shall be on the basis of power seeding.

5.5 Semi-Finals

- If Quarterfinal Rounds have been held, the winning Team in each of the four Quarterfinal Rounds shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds. In such Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows, with reference to the match numbers described in Rule 5.4: the winner of Match One versus the winner of Match Four; and the winner of Match Two versus the winner of Match Three.
- In the event that Quarter Finals have not been held, the Semi Finals shall be held between the four highest ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds. In such Semifinal Rounds,



the match ups shall be as follows: the fourth-ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team; and the second- ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team.

5.6 Finals

The Winning Team from each of the two Semifinal Rounds shall advance to the Final Round. The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared Winner of the Competition.

6. SCOUTING

- Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team. **Scouting is strictly prohibited.**
- Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

7. AWARDS

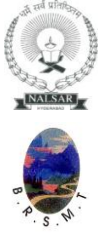
- Winning Team Award: The winning team will receive a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/-.
- Runner Up Team Award: The runners up team will receive a cash prize of Rs.12,000/-.
- Best Oralist shall receive a cash prize of Rs.5,000/-.
- Second Best Oralist shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 2,500/-.
- The team with the Best Memorials will receive a cash prize of Rs.5,000/-.
- The team with the Second Best Memorial will receive a cash prize of Rs.2,500/-.

8. ANONYMITY

- The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds, and must use the Team Code. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the oral rounds.
- Non-compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team. The decision of the National Coordinator in this regard shall be final.

9. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

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



10. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

- Accommodation and food, shall be provided to all teams by NALSAR University of Law from September 26, 2014 to September 28, 2014.
- Teams willing to stay beyond the dates of the moot, as specified, or willing to have a fourth member will have to pay Rs.500/- per member per day.
- **Teams should send their travel plan along with the registration form.**

11. ANY CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM

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NOTE:

All clarifications regarding the Moot Problem should be sent to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com by September 02, 2014. A full list of clarifications shall be sent to all the teams through email by September 4, 2014, if required.