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**CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION
(PEACE AND JUSTICE)**

**RULES
&
REGULATIONS**

Date:

2nd to 4th September, 2021

Organized by:

**UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
OF LEGAL STUDIES**



❖ **AIMS AND OBJECTIVE**

The Chandigarh University International Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021 is being organized with an intention to give a new experience of learning and development to the budding lawyers in the field of law, research, writing and advocacy by granting them an exposure at the international level. The aim is to provide the participants an opportunity to enhance their knowledge towards the emerging trends of the International Law along with honing the communication skills which is one of the important attributes of a good lawyer. The Competition shall not only enable the student to grow in the field of knowledge but will be an endeavor for the participants to enroute the road of professionalism. The valuable feedback from the learned Academicians, Professional Lawyers and Honorable Judges of High Courts will provide them golden points to be used in the journey of law profession as an advocate as well as a judge. It further aims to facilitate analyze the evolution of existing International Law in relation to the emerging new laws with the advent of technology and development.

❖ **THE MOOT PROPOSITION**

The Moot Court Proposition is based on International Law. [Click here to view](#)

❖ **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition will be open for the students who are pursuing LL. B, three years or five years course during the current academic year from any recognized Law School/College or University.

❖ **LANGUAGE**

The Competition shall be held in English Language Only.

❖ **TEAM COMPOSITION**

- Each team shall consist of three members only i.e., two speakers and one researcher.
(The number of team members cannot be modified in any circumstance.)
- The researcher may be permitted to argue due to illness of the designated speaker.

- Each team will be allocated a team code after the registration and prior the submission of the memorials via e-mails. The team code only should be stated on the memorials. The teams should ensure that they do not disclose the identity of their institution.
- If any such disclosures are made, the teams shall be disqualified. The decisions for the same shall be in the hands of the Grievance Committee.

❖ **REGISTRATION**

- The registration shall be through the online mode. The teams have to register themselves by submitting the Registration cum Approval Letter via email at **email:cuinternationalmootcourt@gmail.com**.
- Only 48 teams will be registered to participate in the competition out of which at least 10 shall be teams from International Institutions. The registration shall be done on first come first serve basis.
- One Team shall be allowed from each Institute.
- The participants have to duly fill the Registration cum Approval Letter as provided in the annexures of the rules which should be duly signed and sealed by your Registrar/Dean/Principal/Director/Head of the Department/Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor university/college. The same needs to be mailed to the organizing authority. The Registration will be invalid without the submission of the Approval Letter.
- The Participants shall be receiving an acknowledgement on the successful submission of the registration. The acceptance of the Registration for participation shall be communicated to the participants via email.
- Once the registration has been confirmed, the team code shall be allotted to the registered team by the Organizing University and shall be communicated via email.
- **The Last Date of Registration is August 18, 2021.**

❖ **ROUNDS**

There will be two preliminary rounds, a quarter final round, a semi-final round and a final round.

- ***Preliminary Rounds***
 - a) There will be two preliminary rounds per team for arguments.
 - b) The side of arguments to be presented by the teams shall be decided through the Draw of Lots.
 - c) No team will face each other for more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - d) Top 8 teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall proceed to the Quarter-Final Round that will be decided on Total Points awarded in both the preliminary rounds. The marks of the memorial will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.

e) In case of a tie, the marks of the memorial shall be deducted from the total points.

▪ ***Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Round***

a) The Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and the Final Rounds will be knockout rounds.

b) The side of the arguments shall be decided through Draw of Lots.

❖ **RESULTS**

The results of the Preliminary Rounds shall be announced after the completion of both the rounds. The results of the Quarter Finals and Semi Finals shall be announced after the completion of each round. The result for the Final Round will be announced in the Valedictory Ceremony.

❖ **MEMORIALS**

- Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Applicant and Respondent).
- The Soft Copy of the memorials from both the sides in word format (.doc or .docx)
- Memorials received after 24 hours of the deadline will not be considered and the team shall be disqualified from the Moot Court Competition.
- Once the memorials have been submitted, no amendments will be allowed.
- The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:
 - i. Table of Contents
 - ii. Index of Authorities
 - iii. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - iv. Statement of Facts
 - v. Statement of Issues
 - vi. Summary of Arguments
 - vii. Arguments Advanced
 - viii. Prayer
- The Font Style should be Times New Roman. The font size of the text should be 12 points (double space) and the font size of the footnotes should be 10 points (single space) and a margin measuring 1 inch on all sides of each page.
- The pages of the memorial must be numbered except the cover page. The page numbering should be mentioned in the bottom center of the page.

- The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition) should be followed in the written submission throughout. Non-Compliance shall lead to penalty.
- Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner: Blue color;

Respondent: Red color.
- The cover page of the memorials must state: the cause title, the identity of the sides (Applicant/Respondent), The Team Code allocated at the time of registration.
- The participants are advised not to reveal their personal identities or the identity of their institution anywhere in the memorials. Violation of this norm shall result in penalty.
- The memorials are to be submitted **by August 24, 2021** via email at cuinternationalmootcourt@gmail.com to the Memorial Committee.

❖ **ORAL ROUNDS**

- **Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds**
 - a) Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This period of 30 minutes is inclusive of the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
 - b) The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 18 minutes and minimum of 12 minutes per speaker. It is the duty of the team to inform the division of time to the court clerk before the arguments begin.
 - c) Oral submissions shall be limited to the submissions in the Memorials.
 - d) The attendance of all the team members in all the Rounds is compulsory.
- **Semi-Finals and Finals**
 - a) Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case inclusive of the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
 - b) The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, with a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 20 minutes per speaker.
 - c) Oral submissions shall be limited to the submissions in the Memorials.

d) The attendance of all the team members in all the Rounds is compulsory.

❖ **JUDGEMENT CRITERIA**

▪ **ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

The evaluation would be done on the following criteria:

- i. Marshalling of facts
- ii. Application of legal principles
- iii. Logical Structure and Reasoning
- iv. Ingenuity and originality
- v. Articulation of issues
- vi. Presentation of facts and communication abilities
- vii. Use of Authorities and Precedents
- viii. Court Etiquettes
- ix. Response to Questions

▪ **WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

The evaluation would be done on the following criteria:

- i. Recognition of issues: complete and correct recognition and weighing of issues
- ii. Correct primary and alternative submissions
- iii. Identification of legal principles
- iv. Quality and extent of research: Use of relevant case laws, academic writings, etc.
- v. Appreciation and application of facts
- vi. Logical structure and clarity of thought
- vii. Ingenuity
- viii. Overall Impression-: Formatting, citations etc.

❖ **FINALITY OF THE DECISION**

The decision of the judges shall be final and binding.

❖ **AWARDS**

- First Prize: Rs. 55,000 (INR)
- Runner Up: Rs. 35,000 (INR)
- Best Mooter: Rs.15,000 each (INR) (National and International)
- Best Memorial: Rs.15,000 each (INR) (National and International)

❖ **DRESS CODE**

The Dress code shall be advocate's attire during the entire event.

❖ **CODE OF CONDUCT ON VIRTUAL PLATFORM**

- a) The Oral Rounds for the competition will take place virtually via **Cisco WebEx**.
The Organizers hold the rights to change the mode of conduction of the event.
- b) It shall be the responsibility of every team to ensure a stable internet connection.
The audio and video of every member of the team should be clear.
- c) All participants should mandatorily join with their laptops or desktops and in no circumstance join with any other device.
- d) The link or the ID and password for the room on Cisco WebEx will be conveyed to the participating teams before the oral rounds. It is advised to install the Cisco WebEx platform on their devices well in time.
- e) Each team is required to join the room at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of the oral rounds.
- f) All participants must keep their cameras on at all times during the rounds.
- g) At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute.
- h) Strict adherence to the dress code is required.
- i) In case of a loss in internet connection, each team will be given a reasonable time to reconnect. If the problem still persists the decision made by the Grievance committee shall be final and binding.
- j) In the event where one or both of the speaker could not join due to connectivity issue, the team may be disqualified from the competition.

- k) Where a team does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time for the round, the round shall proceed as ex-parte.
- l) Any compiled Research Material (Compendium) or other supplementary documents may be, as per the discretion of the bench, presented by the team by using the “screen sharing” option.
- m) Participants will not be allowed to communicate with their team members or members of the opposing team.
- n) Each team shall ensure that the identity of the Institute/University/Department is not revealed in any manner. If so, then the concerned team shall be disqualified.
- o) Teams shall not use phones, internet or any other devices during the rounds for anything, except participating in the rounds.
- p) Participants are expected to cooperate with the Committee and the judges, in case anyone faces any issue.
- q) The organizer cannot be held responsible for the unforeseen issues which includes (but are not limited to) – Software failure and connectivity issues.
- r) The decision of the Organizers in consultation with the judges shall be final and binding.

❖ **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Last Date of Registration – 18th August, 2021
- Last Date for the Submission of Memorial- 24th August, 2021
- Last Date for any Clarification- 21st August, 2021
- Orientation and Draw of Lots for the Preliminary Rounds- 1st September, 2021
- Preliminary Rounds: 2nd September, 2021
- Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals Rounds: 3rd September, 2021
- Finals Rounds and Valedictory Session: 4th September, 2021

Please Note: The detailed programme shall be communicated to the participants via email. The Organizers hold the rights to amend the various proceedings of the event.

❖ For any query, please contact via email at cuinternationalmootcourt@gmail.com

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Format of the Registration Form

Date: __/__/__

REGISTRATION CUM APPROVAL LETTER

Name of the Institution:

Address of the Participating Institution:

Email Address:

Contact No:

Name of the Participant	Course	Year	Gender	Role	Contact No:	Email Id:	Signature

1. We hereby state that our participation shall be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the competition.

2. We certify that the material submitted/to be submitted is prepared by us. If found copied, we shall be held responsible for the same and the Organizing University can take any action against it.

Seal and Signature of
the Head of the Institution
or the Authorised Signatory