DECCAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
NAVALMAL FIRODIA LAW COLLEGE, PUNE

MOOT COURT SOCIETY
ORGANIZES

LOKMANYA TILAK NATIONAL APPELLATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

7TH EDITION
30TH AND 31ST JANUARY 2015

GENERAL RULES

a) **Problem Docket**

The Docket will contain a civil case paper book. It should be noted that, there is no separate fact dossier. The facts of the case are to be ascertained from the paper book which also consists of all required documents for appeal.

b) **Eligibility**

A Student pursuing the three year LLB or Five year integrated law course of any recognised university or college within India is eligible to participate.

c) **Registration and Fees.**

- Registration Forms along with one photograph of each participant to be sent via email to nflc.mcs2015@gmail.com and the hard copy to be posted to the administrative office at D.E.S. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No.3, Fergusson College Campus, F.C. Road Pune-411004. Last date of registration will be 25th January, 2015.
- Registration fees of Rs.562/- = (Rupees Five Hundred Sixty Two Only ) is to be paid by the participating team(s).
- Registration fee may be paid by DD drawn in favour D.E.S. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Payable at Pune or by cash on the day of the Competition.
d) **Team Constitution.**

Team shall consist of three participants. Two Participants will act as Counsels arguing the case orally. The third participant bears the designation of an assisting counsel. Only the counsels are allowed to argue the matter. The assisting counsel will be given an opportunity to speak only at the discretion of the panel of judges.

e) **Rounds**

The Competition consists of three rounds:
- Qualifying Round
- Semi-Final Round
- Final Round

The qualifying round shall have two rings. Each team will have to argue from both the sides in respective rings.

To qualify for the semi-finals, the ratio of scores of each team will be taken into consideration. The Top scoring two teams from semi-finals will enter the finals.

f) **Memorials**

Each team shall send three copies each of the appeal memorial (on behalf of the appellant) as well as the “say” (reply) to the appeal memorial (on behalf of the Respondent) to the organiser.

- **Requisites of the Appeal Memorial/Reply:**
  1. Cover Page (including the participants details)
  2. Index
  4. Issues.
  5. Points to be argued.
  6. Acts Referred to.
  7. List of Authorities referred to and relied upon.
  8. Memorandum of Appeal, reply or say as the case may be.

- **Helpful Resources:**

  Generally, memorials should follow the format prescribed in the Bombay High Court Rules. References may be made to the Civil Manual. An adaptation of format used in the real life appeal in the memorials is encouraged.
• **Technical Requirements:**

   a. The Memorials shall be typed on A4 sized page only.
   b. The Memorials shall not be more than 40 (forty) printed pages, including body of arguments, which shall not be more than 25(twenty five) pages.
   c. Memorials must be typed in the font Times New Roman, size 12 pts, line spacing 1.5 and foot note size 10.
   d. Top, Bottom, Right and Left Margin must be 1inch each.
   e. The Memorials must be paper bound only.
   f. Every Memorial on behalf of appellants must be attached with a blank page of white colour on the top and every memorial on behalf of the respondents must be attached with a blank page of black colour on the top.
   g. The Language of the memorials must be English.

• **Marking Criteria for the oral submissions:**

   In grading the content of each participant’s arguments, the judges will consider the quality of the participants arguments based on the following guidelines.

   **Research and Contents**

   Max Marks : 20

   a. Did the participant cite appropriate case laws?
   b. Did the participant raise all the possible contentions?
   c. Whether study was inter-disciplinary to know the technical aspects of medical science, technology etc.
   d. How extensively e-sources and other authorities are used?

   **Organisation and control of the argument**

   Max Marks : 20

   a. Did the participant simply and explain the issues and arguments in the case?
   b. Did the participant reach the heart of the case quickly?
   c. Was the progression of the participant’s argument logical?
   d. Did the participant make persuasive use of authority?
   e. Did the participant show ability to answer questions, think on feet and resume thread of argument after interruption?
Responsiveness  
Max Marks : 10

a. Was the participant evasive?
b. Did the participant unnecessarily concede points?
c. Did the participant answer quickly and concisely?
d. Did the participant make arguments based on the facts not in the case?

Decorum and Appearance  
Max Marks : 05

a. Was the participant deferential and courteous to the Judges?
b. Did the participant use distracting mannerisms or exaggerated gesturing?
c. Did the participant maintain eye contact?
d. Did the participant read extensively from the material?

Speech and Style  
Max Marks : 05

a. Was the participant overly argumentative or confrontational?
b. Did the participant make irrelevant emotional appeals?
c. Did the participant appear sincere and confident?
d. Was the participant’s tone varied?
e. Did the participant maintain composure when faced difficult question?

Memorials Scoring  
Max Marks : 40

a. Memorials will be evaluated by the members of the Moot Court Board.
b. Memorials will be evaluated on the following two criterion:

I) Argument Portion

- Analysis
- Research
- Organisation of contentions
- Citations and Quotations
- Clear, Persuasive Writing.
II) **Non-argument Portion**

- Format
- Issues presented
- Precision in summarising facts.
- Legal Language.

g) **Dress Code**

Every participant must be in the dress code according to the Advocates Act, 1961. The Team who does not appear in the dress code shall be disqualified. Band and gown is allowed.

h) **Last Date for receipt of query or clarification from the organizers.**

If participants have any query or clarification required in relation with the docket, then the same can be communicated through the email (**only through email**) to nflic.mcs2015@gmail.com on or before 12th January 2015 by 12.30 p.m. Official clarifications will be uploaded on the college website (deslaw.edu.in) on 17th January 2015. No individual email will be send to the participants.

i) **Last Date for Submission of Memorials.**

All Teams must send three hard Copies of the Memorials which must reach the organisers on or before 25th January, 2015. And email a soft copy of the memorials in a word document (2007-10 version) to nflic.mcs2015@gmail.com on or before 22nd January, 2015 by 12.30 p.m.

Late Submission may face penalty of 1 point for each day. Any discrepancy between the hard and soft copy shall attract the penalty.

j) **Oral Presentations**

1. Each Team shall comprise of 2 Counsels who shall divide the oral submissions between themselves. Each Counsel shall get maximum 15 minutes speaking time and there will be a warning bell on the 13th Minutes.
2. During the course of the oral submissions, no speaker should reveal his/her identity or the identity of the college/university by any means whatsoever.
3. Each Team will have a maximum of 30 minutes to present their oral submissions.
4. Each Team will have 5 minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
5. The final decision as to the time structure will be that of the Bench.
6. All teams will be expected to carry with themselves, case laws and authorities which they intend to refer to.

7. During the course of oral submissions, the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial/audio/visual representation whatsoever. Further, the Participants will not be allowed to use personal computers/laptops/tabs/mobiles and any other electronic device during their oral submissions.

**k) Miscellaneous**

1. Scouting by the student counsels, researcher or any other person affiliated with the team will lead to disqualification of the team.

2. All the participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the Court during the Competition.

3. The organisers reserve the right to take appropriate action against the Participant(s) for any unethical and unprofessional and immoral conduct.

4. The organisers decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.

5. If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the organisers decision on the same shall be final.

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The organisers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they deem appropriate.