

RULES & REGULATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN

10TH UNIVERSITY FIVE YEAR LAW
COLLEGE, RANKA NATIONAL MOOT
COURT COMPETITION, 2021

4TH - 6TH JUNE, 2021

Rules and Regulations

GENERAL

1. Aim and Purpose

- (a) To acquaint students pursuing law with integration of advocacy, Judicial System and emerging trends in the court system in India and to hone their advocacy skills.
- (b) To provide a real life experience cum training in undertaking cutting edge research, presentation of impactful arguments and contributing to the development of jurisprudence in concerned areas of law.

2. Date & Venue

04th-06th June, 2021 (**Online Mode**)

3. Structure of the Competition

- a) This Competition shall comprise two stages.
- b) **Stage I: Memorial Elimination Round** - This shall be open to all teams which register for the Competition. The results of this round shall be based on evaluation of memorials and top 24 (scorers) teams will proceed to Stage II.
- c) **Stage II: Oral Rounds** - The teams which qualify Stage I shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds which shall comprise of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds viz. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final.
- d) **Researcher Test**: There shall be a Researcher Test. **Details for the Researcher Test will be revealed only after selection of top twenty four teams after memorial elimination.**

4. Team Composition and Eligibility Criteria

- (a) Each team shall comprise of three (3) members **ONLY** out of which two (2) will be speakers and one (1) Researcher.
- (b) Arguments shall be in English only.
- (c) Competition is open for students pursuing Five Year Integrated and Three Year LL.B. courses.
- (d) Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution during the course of proceedings in the court rooms or in their memorial; such disclosure shall invite penalties which may include disqualification.
- (e) Each team shall be provided with the team code at the time of registration.

5. Registration

- a) The Registration form including all details of the respective teams must be submitted through the following Google form on or before **5th May, 2021**. The registration form can be accessed here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1818_SodyATQIhrOZ7wg_IaNEGB_PUyOtBygs81uVvKec/edit?usp=drivesdk
- b) Team Codes will be provided at the time of registrations, the same shall be mentioned on memorials and they shall also be used as usernames for virtual courtrooms.
- c) All the teams must provide their account details (only those details which are required to transfer money to your account) including Account Number and IFSC code. In case these details are wrong then it shall be the sole responsibility of team members for all the consequences arising thereof.
- d) No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organizers.
- e) Teams should clearly mention the participants' name, contact number, including year/semester of study.
- f) Permission to participate from the Institution of the participants is required.
- g) While filling the online Registration Form, the teams have to choose a primary contact person. All communications concerning the Competition will be sent by an e-mail to the nominated contact person. It is that person's responsibility to convey and distribute all relevant information to the team.

6. Payment of Registration Fee

- a) All the teams shall be required to make a payment of INR 1000 via online transfer /(NEFT/RTGS/UPI) before **5th May, 2021** (11:59 P.M. IST) in order to register for Stage I. Details of the same must also be attached to the registration form for Stage I.
- b) Teams that qualify Stage I, i.e. the Memorial Elimination Round shall be required to make a payment of INR 2000 via an online transfer (NEFT/RTGS/UPI) on or before **25th May 2021** (11:59 P.M. IST). Details of the same must be attached to the Registration form for Stage II sent to the teams qualifying Stage I on or before **25th May 2021** (11:59 P.M. IST).
- c) The Registration form for Stage II shall be provided after the declaration of Result of Stage I.
- d) **Details of Online Payment: (NEFT/ UPI/ RTGS)**

- e) **Name of the Beneficiary: DIRECTOR FIVE YEAR LAW COLLEGE UOR**
f) **Bank Name: UCO BANK**
g) **Branch Name: UNIVE, JLN MARG JAIPUR**
Account No: 20270110000281
IFSC Code: UCBA0002027

TENTATIVE DATES

Commencement of Online Registration for Stage I	20 April 2021
Last date for Online Registration soft copies of Reg. Form / Approval letter and online payment Receipt of Stage-I	5 May 2021
Last date for seeking clarifications of Moot Proposition	10 May 2021
Last Date for Submission of Memorials (Soft Copy in word format as well as PDF)	20 May 2021
Declaration of Result of Stage I (Memorial Elimination Round) and Commencement of Registration for Stage II	23 May 2021
Last Date for online payment and Registration for Stage II	25 May 2021
Inaugural Session	3 June 2021
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorial for Preliminary Rounds	3 June 2021
Preliminary Rounds (I and II)	4 June 2021
Quarter Final and Semi-Finals Rounds	5 June 2021
Researcher Test (All 24 Teams)	5 June 2021
Final Rounds, Valediction & Prize Distribution	6 June 2021

B. STAGE I : MEMORIAL ELIMINATION ROUND

1. General Procedure

- (a) Every team which has registered for the competition is required to prepare two memorials:
- i. Memorial on behalf of the Appellant
 - ii. Memorial on behalf of the Respondent
- (b) All teams are required to send soft copies of their memorials for Stage I: Memorial Elimination Round before **20th May 2021** (11:59 P.M. IST) to <mootufylc@gmail.com> with the Subject “Memorials (Team Code) – RANKA FYLC MOOT COURT 2021”.
- (c) A penalty of 1 point per day shall be imposed for any submission made post the deadline specified.
- (d) Memorials submitted 2 days beyond the deadline specified shall not be evaluated.
- (e) The memorials which are submitted for Stage I shall be considered final throughout the competition.
- (f) Memorials must be submitted in MS Word format as well as PDF format.

Note: i) No hard copy of the memorials are to be sent to the organizers.

ii) Memorials shall be submitted with following file names:

For Appellant : TC <team Code> A

For Respondent: TC <team Code> R

For Example: TC 34 A, TC 34 R

2. Composition of Memorial

- (a) The memorials must fulfill all the following specifications:
- Cover page / Cause title.
 - Table of Contents
 - List of Abbreviations
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Issues Raised (Additional Issues, if any)
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Argument Advanced
 - Prayer

3. Format of Memorial

- (a) The Memorials (Appellant and Respondents) must be submitted in **Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx) as well PDF format(.pdf)**. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 3 points.
- (b) The memorial shall not be of more than forty (40) pages and the Argument Advanced shall not exceed more than twenty five (25) pages. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point for every additional page.
- (c) The citation format should follow the 4th Edition of OSCOLA accessed on <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012.pdf> Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of .25 point for each error.
- (d) All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size, with 1-inch margin on each side. The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial shall be Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5-line spacing. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, single (1) line spacing.
Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of .25 point for each page.
- (e) The Memorial must not contain any Annexure/Photographs/ Sketches/Exhibits/Affidavits etc.
- (f) The Team Code shall be mentioned in top write of the memorial.

4. Marking Criteria for Memorials

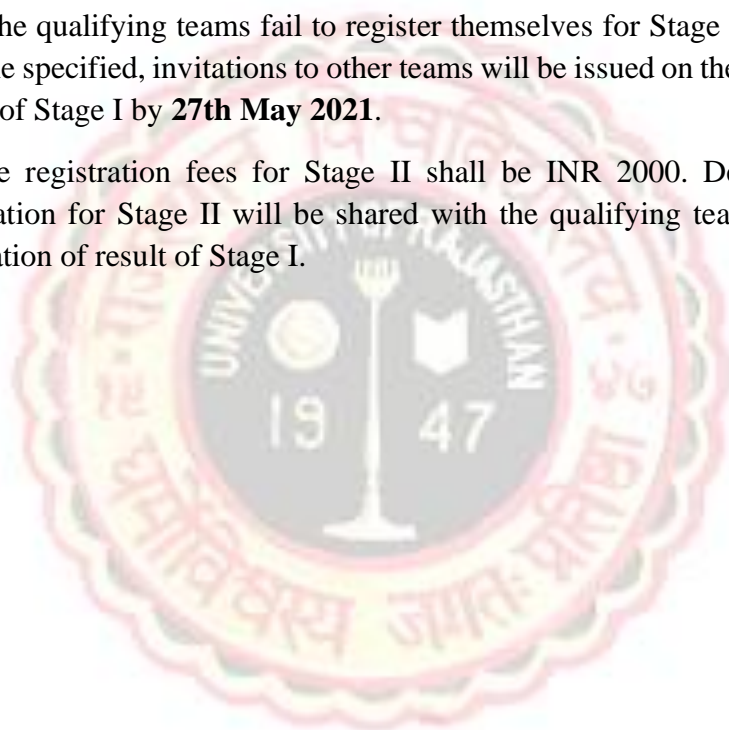
- (a) Memorials from each side shall carry a total of hundred (100) marks.
- (b) Following shall be the criteria for marking of the memorials:

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks allocated
1.	Knowledge of Facts	10
2.	Knowledge of Law	10
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	10
4.	Originality	10
5.	Grammar and Style	10
6.	Correct Format and Citation	10
7.	Extent and Use of Research	20

8.	Clarity and Organization	20
	TOTAL :	100

5. Result of Stage I and Registration for Stage II

- (a) After evaluation of the memorials submitted, the top 24 teams on the basis of their total scores in Stage I shall qualify for Stage II.
- (b) The results of Stage I shall be declared on **23th May 2021**.
- (c) The teams that qualify Stage I will be required to register themselves for Stage II by filling the registration form on or before **25th May 2021** (11:59 P.M. IST).
- (d) If the qualifying teams fail to register themselves for Stage II within the timeline specified, invitations to other teams will be issued on the basis of the scores of Stage I by **27th May 2021**.
- (e) The registration fees for Stage II shall be INR 2000. Details of the registration for Stage II will be shared with the qualifying teams after the declaration of result of Stage I.



C. STAGE II: ORAL ROUNDS

1. General Procedure for Oral Proceedings

- (a) Only the top 24 teams in terms of aggregate marks of memorials will qualify for this round.
- (b) **The oral rounds shall be conducted online.** The details of the online platform will be notified to the teams qualified for Stage II after the declaration of result for Stage I.
- (c) There shall be two preliminary rounds, quarter finals, semi finals and a final round spreading over a period of 3 days.
- (d) Memorial exchange will be done through email with the help of the organizing committee after a virtual draw of lots.

2. Dress Code

- (a) Inside the virtual courtrooms, the participants shall follow the below mentioned dress code.
 - (i) **Females:** White Salwar Kurta & Dupatta or White Shirt and Black Trousers along with Black Coat and Tie.
 - (ii) **Males:** White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Coat.
- (b) Non compliance of this rule shall attract the penalty.

3. Preliminary Rounds

- (a) In preliminary rounds each team shall argue from both the sides (appellant and respondent).
- (b) No team shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- (c) TOP EIGHT (8) teams will qualify for the quarter finals on the basis of the marks of the preliminary rounds
- (d) Teams shall be credited with a win in a preliminary round if their round total is more than the opposing team.
- (e) The marks of each preliminary round shall be the cumulative total of the marks of both the speakers.
- (f) The following criteria shall be observed in deciding teams which are to move in quarter-finals.
 - (i) The top eight (8) teams that have TWO wins in preliminary rounds shall proceed to the quarter final.
 - (ii) In case less than 8 teams are able to score two wins then teams that have 1:1 win loss ratio shall advance to quarter finals based on (merit) their higher aggregate score in the Preliminary Rounds.

- (iii) Teams that have TWO wins shall be given preference over those which have 1 win.
- (iv) In case of a tie between two or more teams, the aggregate total of the score of oral submissions of the speakers and their respective memorials shall be taken into consideration.

4. Quarter Final Rounds

- (a) Eight (8) teams shall compete in the quarter final.
- (b) It shall be a knockout round. The winner team of each round shall move to the semi- finals. Four (4) teams shall move to the semi-final round.
- (c) Marking in this round will aggregate the total of the marks of both the speakers.
- (d) In case of tie between teams, in the quarter final round, the aggregate total of the marks of memorials (appellant or respondent) of the teams shall be counted. Team with the highest marks moves ahead.

5. Semi Final Rounds and Final Round

- (a) Four (4) teams shall compete in semi finals.
- (b) It shall be a knockout round. The winner of each round shall move to the Final Round.
- (c) The calculation of final marking in this round will be done through the aggregate total of the marks of both the speakers.
- (d) In case of tie between teams, in semi finals, the aggregate total of the marks of memorials (appellant or respondent) of the teams shall be counted along with the marks of oral submissions. Team with the highest marks will qualify for the final round.
- (e) There shall be one (1) **FINAL ROUND**.
- (f) The marking criteria in Final Round is same as that of semi final rounds

D. STAGE II: ORAL SUBMISSIONS

1. Preliminary Rounds

- (a) Each Preliminary Round of the Competition shall consist of sixty (60) minutes of Oral Pleadings.
- (b) Each team will have a maximum of thirty (30) minutes to present their Oral Submissions in Preliminary Rounds. This includes the time the speaker addresses the Court as well as time taken during their rebuttal/surrebuttal.
- (c) No single Speaker shall plead for more than Seventeen (17) minutes. At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions each team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers.
- (d) The maximum time for rebuttal/surrebuttal is five (5) minutes.
- (e) The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/sur-rebuttal will be that of the Bench/Judges.

2. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals And Final Round

- (a) The maximum time allotted in quarter finals, semi finals and final shall be forty five (45) minutes for each team. This includes the time the speaker addresses the court during rebuttal/surrebuttal.
- (b) No Speaker shall be allowed to address the court for more than twenty-five (25) minutes. At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions, each team must notify the Court Officer of the period of time that team wishes to reserve for their rebuttal/surrebuttal.
- (c) A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved for the rebuttal/surrebuttal.
- (d) If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, he/she shall entail penalty which will be on the discretion of the judges.
- (e) The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/surrebuttal will be that of the Bench/Judges.
- (f) During the course of oral submissions, the participants will not be permitted to submit any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever.
- (g) Speakers shall not be allowed to present annexures to the judges during virtual proceedings; teams may make a compendium of annexure and submit it by **2nd June 2021**. Same will be given to the judges before the commencement of the proceedings.
- (h) If at any instance a submission is made with any material in violation to the above clause and if any picture, sketches, photos, cartoons, caricatures, audio film, video film, projector-slide or a computer generated image is submitted or presented to

court, the teams shall be disqualified from the competition forthwith.

(i) During the course of the Oral Submissions, no speaker shall reveal his/her identity nor the identity of their University / College by any means whatsoever

3. Marking Criteria For The Oral Rounds

- (a) Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Judge.
(b) The following will be the Marking Criteria for each Speaker:-

Serial. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks allocated
1.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
2.	Identification and Articulation of Issues	10
3.	Application of legal principles	10
4.	Use of authorities and precedents	10
5.	Response to questions	10
6.	Presentation skills	10
7.	Clarity of thoughts and logical structure of Arguments	10
8.	Poise and Demeanor	10
9.	Strategy	10
10.	Ingenuity	10
	TOTAL :	100

- (c) The decision of the judges (in marks allocation) will be final.

E: AWARDS

(a) Winning Team Award:

The winning team will receive a Certificate and a cash prize of 15,000/-.

(b) Runners-Up Award:

The Runners up will get a Certificate and a cash prize of 11,000/-.

(c) Best Student Advocate:

Best Student Advocate (Appellant Side) will get a Certificate and a cash prize of 4,000/-.

Best Student Advocate (Respondent) will get a Certificate and a cash prize of 4,000/-.

(d) Best Memorial Award will comprise a Certificate and a cash prize of 6,000/-.

(e) Best Student Researcher will get a Certificate and a cash prize of 4,000/-

(f) Certificate for participation will be given to all the participants.

F: MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Neither any team or nor anyone connected with any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room (virtual) in which that team is not one of the contesting teams.

(b) If there is any dispute in regard to the interpretations of the rules or with respect to any matter related to the competition, which is not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the Organizers shall be binding and final.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of teams to access good internet connections. In case of connectivity issues, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Organizers immediately and the decision of the Organizers shall be final.

(d) In case of any unfair means, the discretion of disqualifying the team will lie with the organizers of the moot court competition.

(e) In case of conflict, Rules and Regulations laid under this document shall prevail over the brochure.

Note: Any dispute regarding the competition or any matter related to the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations shall be referred to the Moot Court Committee and the decisions of the Committee shall be final.

Regards:

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