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## **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

### **1. ADMINISTRATION**

- 1.1 The competition is being presented by SVKM's NMIMS School of Law, Mumbai.
- 1.2 The problem for the 1<sup>st</sup> NMIMS School of Law National Moot Court Competition is based on contemporary issues in International Taxation Law.
- 1.3 The Competition is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017- 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at SVKM's NMIMS School of Law, Vile Parle (W), Mumbai.
- 1.4 The **Organising Committee (O.C.)** shall be responsible for all administrative matters concerning the Competition and shall supply and distribute all necessary information to the participating teams.
- 1.5 The official email for all correspondence is *mcc.sol@nmims.edu*.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION**

- 2.1 All student enrolled bona fide in an undergraduate i.e. 3 years/5years and post graduate law programme conducted by any college or university shall be eligible for participation in competition.
- 2.2 Each college/institution/university shall be allowed to register only one team in the competition.
- 2.3 Each team shall constitute minimum of two members and maximum of three members. In a team comprising of two members the members shall be designated as speakers. In a team comprising of three members the third member shall be designated as researcher.

### **3. REGISTRATION**

- 3.1 The teams are required to duly complete the registration process by 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 3.2 The registration process shall include the filling up of the registration form and payment of the registration fee as provided in Rule 3.3. The participating team shall submit scanned copy of the registration form and demand draft addressed to



*mcc.sol@nmims.edu* by 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 and the hard copy of the registration form and demand draft shall be delivered to the following postal address by 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017:

Dr. Rahul Nikam,  
SVKM's NMIMS – School of Law,  
7th Floor, Mithibai Campus, V. L. Mehta Road,  
Vile-Parle (West), Mumbai – 400 056. India.

- 3.3 The registration fee is INR 3500/- (Non-refundable) for each participating team.
- 3.4 The mode of payment is by demand draft in favour of SVKM's NMIMS payable at **Mumbai**.
- 3.5 Any change in the composition of the team will not be entertained once the memorials have been submitted.

#### 4. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 4.1 All teams which have duly registered will be allotted a team code after expiry of the last date for the registration.
- 4.2 No team shall reveal their identity except by means of their team code during the course of the competition.
- 4.3 The memorials or any materials (compendium, etc.) to be submitted shall not contain any sign, logo, name etc. revealing the identity of the college/ institution/ university/ team members.
- 4.4 Any violation with regards to anonymity shall be penalized in accordance with the Rule 14. The decision of the O.C. with regard to the penalty awarded shall be final and binding.

#### 5. CLARIFICATIONS

- 5.1 The teams may request for clarifications with regards to the moot problem by sending an email to *mcc.sol@nmims.edu* until 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 5.2 The clarifications, if any, will be released on the official website by 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, (11:59 P.M. IST)



## 6. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Competition shall be English. All Rounds including the memorials shall be in English.

## 7. ACCOMODATION

7.1 All the participants will be provided accommodation from 24<sup>th</sup> March-26<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, subject to Rule 7.3.

7.2 Only 3 members of the team i.e. 2 speakers and 1 researcher will be provided accommodation.

7.3 Teams participating from colleges in Mumbai will not be provided accommodation.

## 8. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

8.1 Each team is required to prepare Memorials (written submissions) for both the sides i.e. the Applicant and the Respondent.

8.2 The memorials shall contain the following:

- Cover page
- Table of Contents
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts (not exceeding one page)
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer (not exceeding one page)

8.3 No memorial shall exceed the maximum limit of 40 pages including the Arguments Advanced which shall not exceed 20 pages.

8.4 The formatting requirements for the memorial shall be as follows:

- Typed on Standard A4 size paper.
- Font Type (including foot notes) : Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Spacing: 1.5



- Font size for footnotes: 10
  - Spacing for footnotes: 1.0
  - Margin: 1 inch margin on each side of the A4 size page
  - The citations shall comply with Bluebook method of Citation – 19<sup>th</sup> Edition.
  - The footnotes shall include only the relevant citations and any other information supporting the arguments shall not be included.
- 8.5** The colour scheme of the cover page for the Respondent memorial shall be Red and for the Applicant memorial shall be Blue.
- 8.6** The memorials shall be spiral bound. The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed only on one side.
- 8.7** The memorials shall not contain any annexure/ photographs/ graphs/ diagrams or any other representation of the like nature.
- 8.8** The soft copy of each memorial in Adobe pdf format and Microsoft Word Format, shall be sent through e-mail on or before 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST) to [mcc.sol@nmims.edu](mailto:mcc.sol@nmims.edu). Submission made thereafter shall be accepted only with the penalty applicable as under Rule 14 and any submission after 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 shall be rejected.
- 8.9** If any soft copy is sent which cannot be opened by reason of a virus or non-compatibility with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 or Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document or higher, the submission shall not be valid and will attract penalty for non-submission until a soft copy of the same which is compatible is sent to the official email address.
- 8.10** The hard copies of each memorial shall be sent on the following address on or before 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017:  
Dr. Rahul Nikam,  
SVKM's NMIMS – School of Law,  
7th Floor, Mithibai Campus, V. L. Mehta Road,  
Vile-Parle (West), Mumbai – 400 056. India.
- 8.11** The name of the file for the memorial shall be the allocated team number followed by the first letter of the side represented; an 'R' for the Respondent and 'A' for Applicant. For example, the Respondent Memorial for Team 13 shall be named '13R'.



**8.12** Any submission made after the official date will be subjected to penalty as per Rule 14.

**8.13** Memorials for both sides must be submitted in the same email. The subject line should indicate team number only. For example, the subject line for team 13 will read as follows:

'Team 13 Memorials'. No other information revealing the identity should be included in the e-mail.

**8.14** Any violation of the rules regarding the memorials shall be penalized according to the Rule 14.

## **9. ORAL ROUNDS**

### **9.1. General rules**

9.1.1. The competition will be held over a period of 3 days, comprising of 4 rounds:

- Preliminary Rounds
- Quarter Final Rounds
- Semi Final Round
- Final Round

### **9.2 Preliminary Rounds:**

9.2.1 Each Team shall appear in two Preliminary Rounds. They shall have to argue as the Applicant and Respondent once each.

9.2.2 No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.

9.2.3 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 two or more teams have same number of wins then, their aggregate scores shall be taken into consideration. Further, in case of a tie after taking aggregate scores into consideration, the decision shall be taken on the basis of memorial scores.



### 9.3 Quarter Final Rounds:

- 9.3.1 The Quarter Finals shall be knock-out rounds and the determination of opponents for the eight qualifying teams shall be based on their ranking in the preliminary rounds.
- 9.3.2 The highest ranking team shall compete with the lowest ranking team and same method shall be followed for the other teams.
- 9.3.3 Draw of lots shall determine the side shall be represented by each team in the knock out rounds.
- 9.3.4 In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial score will stand qualified for the semi-final round.

### 9.4 Semi Final Rounds:

- 9.4.1 The semi-finals shall be knock-out rounds and the determination of opponents for the four qualifying teams shall be based on their ranking in the Quarter final rounds.
- 9.4.2 The highest ranking team shall compete with the lowest ranking team and same method shall be followed for the other teams.
- 9.4.3 Draw of lots shall determine the side shall be represented by each team in the knock out rounds.
- 9.4.4 In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial score will stand qualified for the final round.

### 9.5 Final Rounds:

- 9.5.1 The two teams qualifying from the semi-final rounds shall compete in the final round.

## 10. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

### 10.1 General Rules

- Each team comprising of two members, where both of them are speakers and in a team comprising of 3 members, where 2 of the members are speakers, the arguments shall be divided between the speakers.
- Right of the teams to present rebuttals and sur rebuttals are at the sole discretion of the bench.



- For rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, only one speaker shall be allowed to present. The time reserved for rebuttal and sur rebuttal cannot be divided between the speakers. Rebuttal time shall not be reserved beyond 3 minutes.
- The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the orals and at no point of time the researcher shall be allowed to speak or address the bench.
- 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.
- Use of any electronic device during the course of the proceedings shall not be allowed, violation of the same shall attract penalty as per Rule 14.

**10.2 Preliminary Round:**

- 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 lower limit of 10 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 15 minutes per speaker.

**10.3 Quarter Final Round/Semi-final Rounds:**

- Each team will get a total of 45 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 lower limit of 20 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 25 minutes per speaker.

**10.4 Final Round:**

- Each team will get a total of 60 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 lower limit of 25 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 30 minutes per speaker.





## **11. MEMORIAL EVALUATION:**

**11.1** The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of Law and Facts
- Proper and Articulate Analysis
- Extent and Use of Research
- Clarity and Organization
- Grammar and Style

## **12. EVALUATION OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS:**

**12.1** The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

- Knowledge and Understanding of Law
- Application of Law to Facts
- Ingenuity and Ability to Answer to Questions
- Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour
- Time Management
- Organization

**12.2** The evaluation of the total marks for each speaker shall be the average marks awarded by each judge.

## **13. SCOUTING**

**13.1** Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.

**13.2** Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.



**14. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS**

SR. NO.	VIOLATION	PENALTY
1.	Disclosure of team identity by any means	5 Marks
2.	Exceeding the page limit	1 Mark per page
3.	Violation of formatting rules	0.25 Mark for each violation
4.	Delay in submission of soft copy and hard copy	1 Mark for each day
5.	Use of any electronic device during the proceedings	Disqualification
6.	Scouting	Disqualification

**15. MISCELLANEOUS**

**15.1** The O.C. reserves the right to alter the rules and regulations during the course of the competition which shall be promptly communicated to the participating teams.

**15.2** The NMIMS University shall have the copyright in the Written Submissions. The University shall not be responsible for any loss caused to any person or institution by virtue of any content in the written submissions.

**15.3** The right of audio and video taping including any other form of such reproduction, or any part thereof, of the oral submissions in all rounds of the competition shall vest with the O.C.

**15.4** Any complaints with regard to any participating team or conduct of the competition shall be made to the O.C. in written form.

**15.5** The O.C. reserves the right to interpret the Rules and Regulations of the competition and such interpretation shall be final and binding.

**15.6** The O.C. shall have the discretion to decide with regard to any subject which has not been covered under the Rules and any such decision shall be final and binding.



**16. Contact Details**

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