

Marathwada Mitra Mandal's
SHANKARRAO CHAVAN LAW COLLEGE, PUNE

'Justice P.B. Sawant Third National Moot Court Competition 2015-16'

Rules and Regulations
(30th & 31st January, 2016)

1. Venue and Date-

The "Justice P.B. Sawant Third National Moot Court Competition" shall be held on **30th and 31st January, 2016** at **Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, 302/A, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune.**

2. Language-

The competition shall be held in **English** only.

3. Eligibility-

Competition is restricted to bonafide regular students of Law School/College/University. All participants must be students of Law Course either 3 years or 5 years in the academic year 2015-16.

4. Team Composition-

- a. Each college shall send only one team which shall comprise of minimum **two** and maximum **three** members. This number can't be modified under any circumstances.
- b. There can be **Two Mooters** and **One researcher** in each team. Teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration. The researcher won't be allowed to speak except under special cases and only with express permission of the organizers.
- c. Each team will be given a unique team code number which will thereafter be the identity of the team and its members.
- d. During the course of the competition, the identity of the team must not be disclosed to the Judges or to any other person. Any such disclosure shall lead to the disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the organizers.
- e. The teams or their respective institutions shall have to bear travelling expenses however free accommodation and food facility will be provided to the team members from 29/01/2016 to 31/01/2016 only.

5. Food and Accommodation-

- a. Free accommodation will be provided on the request to the participants coming from the colleges outside Pune on **29th, 30th and 31th January, 2016 only**. Except these days, No free accommodation will be provided on any of the ground to the participants. Separate accommodation will be provided to girls and boys participants regardless of them being a team. The Participants should follow disciplinary rules of the Hostel where they would be accommodated. While making accommodation arrangements due consideration will be given to the safety of participants.
- b. All the participants will be provided two breakfasts, two lunches. Students representing colleges outside Pune will be provided additional three dinners. The team members should report strictly at the prescribed time to avail this meal facility. No separate arrangement will be made for early reporters or late comers. All participants are requested to observe strictly timings of meals.

6. Travel Plan:

- a. Participants shall send **scanned copy of Travel plans** by mail to slcnationalmoot@gmail.com latest by **20th January, 2016**.

7. Registration-

- a. Teams must register themselves latest by **15th January, 2016**. Registration Form duly signed by participants and the Principal of the concerned college should be sent to Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, 302/A, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune-411004. Each participant team shall pay a notional entry fee of Rs.500.00 (Five hundred only) by way of a Demand Draft drawn in favour of "**The Principal, Shankarrao Chavan Law College**" payable at **Pune, Maharashtra**. **Registration shall be confirmed** only by receiving **DD of 500/-**.
- b. If any team is unable to send hard copy of Registration Form and Demand Draft of 500/-, till **15th January, 2016**, then Participants shall send **scanned copy of Registration Form** and scanned copy of **Demand Draft** by mail to slcnationalmoot@gmail.com latest by **15th January, 2016**. Registration shall be **provisional** in this case. Such Registration Form and Demand Draft will be accepted till **20th January, 2016**. Registration shall be **confirmed** only by receiving **DD of 500/-** in this case.

- c. **The registration fee shall be non-refundable.**
- d. Any change in the team composition in terms of the members participating can be made only by prior intimation to the organizers.

8. Rounds-

- a. The moot court competition shall comprise of following two rounds.
 - I. Preliminary Round
 - II. Final Round
 - b. **On 30th January 2016**, the Preliminary round will commence at Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College.
 - c. Preliminary round is **knock out** round.
 - d. Each team will have to argue from the side allotted to it by draw of lots.
 - e. The sides for the final round will be decided by draw of lots immediately after the result of preliminary round.
- 9. Top four High Scorer teams from Preliminary Round, shall be qualified for the Final Round and will then argue the same case in the final round on 31st January 2016.**

10. Memorials-

- a. The memorial shall consist of following-
 - I. Cover page
 - II. Table of contents
 - III. Index of authorities
 - IV. Statement of jurisdiction
 - V. Statement of facts
 - VI. Statement of Issues
 - VII. Summary of Pleadings
 - VIII. Argument Advanced
 - IX. The prayer.
- b. Participants shall submit Hard Copy of **Memorials** to the host college by hand or post latest by **23rd January, 2016**. Delayed submission of memorials will result in loss of one mark per day and maximum deduction of marks on account of late submissions will not be more than five marks. Marks of memorial will be taken into consideration for preliminary round only. Such memorials (late submitted)

will not be accepted after 02:00 pm on 29th January & such team shall be disqualified for this competition only.

- c. The memorials shall be typed on A4 Size on one side paper with margin 1.5 inches from left side and 1 inch from the other sides.
 - i. Arguments must not exceed 20 (twenty) pages.
 - ii. Font: Times New Roman. Font Size: 12 and for footnotes 10. Line Spacing : 1.5.
 - iii. The memorial shall be submitted neatly and spiral bound in 14 (fourteen) copies i.e. 7 (seven) copies from petitioner's side and 7 (seven) copies from Respondent's side. Participants are required to submit their memorials (both sides) soft copy by mail, CD or any other electronic means latest by 23rd January, 2016.
 - iv. Page numbering should be at bottom middle of each page.
 - v. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:
Petitioner/Appellant: **Blue** color & Respondent/Defendant: **Red** color
 - vi. The cover page of the memorial must state the following
 - a) The cause title.
 - b) Identity of brief as Petitioner/Appellant or Respondent/Defendant.
- d. The participating teams should include Header in their memorials to the effect that the Header should mention the side on whose behalf memorial is submitted.
- e. The memorial submitted will not be returned.
- f. The teams should mention their team code on the **Top Right Corner** of their cover page in their written submissions.
- g. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Instead code numbers allotted to the students should be mentioned. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including team disqualification. The decision of organizer shall be final in this regard.
- h. The written memorial shall be in accordance with The Supreme Court Rules.
- i. Memorial Marks for preliminary round shall be scored out of 30 & same marks shall be calculated as marks for written memorial in Preliminary Round. Highest scorer team shall be declared recipient of **Best Memorial Award**. Best Memorial

Award shall be distributed among the teams if in case teams Score Equal Highest Marks.

- j. **Parameters for Judging the Best Memorials:**
- i. Knowledge of Law and Extent of Research
 - ii. Application of Facts into Legal Argument
 - iii. Proper Analysis, Clarity and Organization of facts and law
 - iv. Understanding of strengths and weakness of case
 - v. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 - vi. Grammar and Style

11. Dress Code:

The dress code for participants shall be as prescribed by The Bar Council of India.

12. Orientation & Draw of Lots:

Orientation & Draw of Lots shall be conducted on **29th January, 2016 at 03:00 pm** at the Institute premises & exchange of memorials will take place in the same. Attendance for orientation and draw of lots is compulsory.

13. Preliminary Rounds:

1. For the preliminary round, the appropriate number of Courts shall be established by considering the number of participating teams.
2. The Petitioner/Appellant and Defendant/Respondent matched as per draw of lots will have to submit the oral submission as a contesting team.
3. Each **team** will have a maximum of **15** minutes to present their oral submissions (to be distributed among team mates within themselves) and **3** minutes for rebuttal. (15+3=18 minutes total)
4. All the participating teams are expected to carry with themselves any case law and authorities which they intend to refer along with their own copies of memorials.
5. If there is a tie in the preliminary round, then the team having higher marks for oral arguments will be selected for the final round.

6. The participants, during the course of oral submissions, will not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical device.

7. **Best Advocate** shall be selected from **Preliminary Round only**.

8. Parameters to Judge Best Advocate:

- i. Understanding Facts, Law and Procedure
- ii. Logical flow of Arguments
- iii. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions
- iv. Court Manners, Etiquettes, etc
- v. Reference to the Memorial

14. Scoring Criteria For Preliminary Round:

The marks shall be given as per following criteria for preliminary round

Written Memorials-	30
Oral Arguments-	50
Time Adherence-	10
Overall performance-	10

Total-	100

The decision of the judges shall be **final**.

After preliminary round interactive session of judges and participants will take place in their respective court rooms.

15. Final Round:

a. In the final round each team will get **30 minutes** to present the side allotted to them by draw of lots and **5 minutes** for rebuttal. (30+5)=Total 35 Minutes

b. In both rounds passing of notes by researcher to the speaker is allowed.

16. Scoring Criteria For Final Round:

For Final Round the marks shall be given as per following criteria:

Interpretation of facts and Application of Law relevant to the case-	30
Advocacy and Presentation-	15
Court etiquettes-	10
Answers to court questions-	15
Research relevant to the case-	10
Time Adherence-	10
Overall performance-	10

Total	100

On considering the total marks of each team if there is a tie between two or more teams then a team having greater marks in preliminary round shall be declared as **winner** of the competition.

17. Results-

The results will be announced within thirty minutes after the Preliminary Round. The final results and the winners will be announced during valedictory ceremony. The decision of the judges on the performance of the participants shall be final and binding on all the participants

Prizes-

- Winning Team: Rs. 15,000/- & Trophy
- 1st Runner Up: Rs.12, 000/- & Trophy
- Best Advocate: Rs.5, 000/- & Trophy
- Best Memorial Award: Rs.5, 000/- only.

18. Miscellaneous:

1. The scouting of any type will amount to disqualification of the team from the competition.
2. **The Organizers reserve all the rights to change any of the above rules if so required and as they deem appropriate.**
3. All communications regarding the competition is to be addressed to **The Principal, Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, 302/A, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune 411004 (Maharashtra).**
4. Moot Problem, Rules and Regulations, Registration Form and Travel Plan are available on the college website: www.sclc.ac.in

19. Dates to Remember –Schedule of the Competition

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| a. Date of competition- | 30 th and 31 st January, 2016. |
| b. Last date for registration- | 15 th January, 2016. |
| c. Last date for memorial submission- | 23 rd January, 2016. |
| d. Draw of Lots- | 29 th January, 2016. |
| e. Prize Distribution- | 31 st January, 2016. |

20. For any queries participants are welcomed to Call:

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