



11th AMITY INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2021

AMITY LAW SCHOOL, NOIDA

AMITY UNIVERSITY UTTAR PRADESH

RULES, PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES OF THE COMPETITION

I. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

- I.1. '*Competition*' shall refer to 11th Amity International Moot Court Competition, 2020.
- I.2. '*Competition Problem*' shall refer to the facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications and corrections.
- I.3. '*Competition Rules*' shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as amended from time to time.
- I.4. '*IST*' shall refer to Indian Standard Time.
- I.5. '*INR*' shall refer to Indian Rupee.
- I.6. '*Knock-out round*' shall refer to the Semi-finals and Final rounds of the Competition.
- I.7. '*Memorial*' shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the Competition Rules.
- I.8. '*Organizing Committee*' (hereinafter to be referred as O.C.) shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition including any other authorized persons, and of all events leading up to the Competition.

I.9. 'Official Email' shall refer to the official email id of the Amity International Moot Court Competition, i.e. aim.alsnoida@gmail.com

II. GENERAL RULES

a. Eligibility

- II.a.1. All recognized law schools, universities and institutions in India or abroad with a minimum three year of LL.B. courses shall be eligible to participate.
- II.a.2. Each participating team shall comprise either two (2) members where, one of the two (2) Speakers shall be designated as Researcher or three(3) members where two (2) members shall be designated as Speakers and one (1) member as Researcher.
- II.a.3. No team shall contradict the composition mentioned above. No faculty member, coach, or a designated observer will be allowed to accompany the team.
- II.a.4. No cross teams i.e. members of different universities, shall be allowed.
- II.a.5. Language of the competition shall be English

b. Registration

- II.b.1. Teams are required to complete their Registration by **15th September, 2021 by 23:59 hours IST.**
- II.b.2. There is **NO Registration Fee.** The Registration shall be done by filling up an Application form, available at: <https://forms.gle/3aVPK1BjcZRupVfV9>
- II.b.3. The Registration shall be deemed complete only when the Application form is duly filled.
- II.b.4. Once the application form is filled, the OC shall send a confirmation mail to the teams.
- II.b.5. Team Code and an app link through for virtual competitions will be given along with the guidelines on how to connect, on **25th September, 2021.**

II.b.6. The teams shall quote this Team Code in all further communications with the OC.

c. Memorandum

II.c.1. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare a memorandum on behalf of the Prosecutor/Applicant and on the behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.

II.c.2. Each team must submit their memoranda via the form : <https://forms.gle/t3ZA4ruAwedaMJts9> or send its memoranda via e-mail to the O.C. at aim.alsnoida@gmail.com (Note: Both the memorials (ie. on behalf of petitioners and respondents) to be sent via a single mail.) latest by **20th October, 2021 by 23:59 hours IST.**

II.c.3. Any memorial submitted after the deadline shall be subject to penalty for late submission. The last date of memorial submission with penalty is **25th October, 2021 by 23:59 hours IST.** No memorials will be accepted after the final deadline.

II.c.4. The Memorial must contain the following parts only:

- i. Cover Page;
- ii. Table of Contents;
- iii. Index of Authorities;
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- v. Questions Presented;
- vi. Statement of Facts;
- vii. Summary of Pleadings; and
- viii. Pleadings (including Conclusion/Prayer for Relief).

NOTE: The Table of Contents must be hyper-linked for the ready reference of the Judges.

Formatting Specifications

1. For Main Text:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 12
- c) Line spacing: 1.5
- d) Body of text: Justified

2. For Heading

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 14

3. For Cover Page

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 16

4. Footnoting:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 10
- c) Style: OSCOLA

5. Team Code:

The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The Written Submission shall **nowhere** mention any particulars of the team, except the Team Code. There must be no mention of Name, Contact number, Email id, University name etc.

6. Length

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The limitation on length must be kept in check on the bases of the following stipulations:

- i. The statement of facts, including section headings must be no longer than 2 pages
- ii. The summary of pleadings may not be longer than 2 pages.
- iii. The total length of the Pleadings, including the section headings, conclusion/prayer for relief, and any associated footnotes, must be no longer than 30 pages.

d. Compendium

COMPENDIUM has to be submitted to the organizing committee through e-mail at the time of memorial submission. The Compendium should only be one PDF file, for easy accessibility of the judges. Compendiums shall be submitted with the memoranda.

e. Clarification to Moot Proposition

II.b.1. Teams may request for clarifications via email to aim.alsnoida@gmail.com latest by **20th September, 2021 23:59 hours IST.**

II.b.2. A general clarification shall be released by **25th September, 2021.**

III. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall consist of three Rounds:

1. The Preliminary Round; & Researcher's Test*
2. The Semi Finals; and
3. The Final.

***RESEARCHER'S TEST:** Researcher's Test would be conducted online on **30th October, 2021.** Only the designated Researcher would be allowed to take the test.

a) Preliminary Rounds- Virtual E-Moot

The preliminary rounds will be held on **29th October, 2021** via video conferencing. In the preliminary rounds, each Team shall argue only once, either as the Prosecutor or as the Defendant. No team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of their opponent teams or any other team under any circumstances. Oral session of the preliminary round of competition consists of **fifty (50) minutes** of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted **twenty five (25) minutes**. A maximum of **five minutes** may be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The team may not allocate more than 15 minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal to either speaker.

b) Semi-Final Round- Virtual E-Moot

The Semi-Finals would be conducted on **30th October, 2021** via video-conferencing. The semi-final round of competition consists of **eighty (80) minutes** of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted **forty (40) minutes**. A maximum of **five minutes** shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

c) Final Round- Virtual E-Moot

The Finals would be conducted on **31st October, 2021** via video-conferencing. The Final Round of competition consists of **one hundred (100) minutes** of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted **fifty (50) minutes**. A maximum of **five minutes** shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

DRAW OF LOTS-

Before the Preliminary, Semi-final and the Final rounds, the side on which the Team will be arguing shall be decided by a draw of lots, the video of the same will be uploaded on the official Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/aim.alsnoida>

The Teams will be e-mailed the soft copy of their opponent's Written Submission prior to the oral rounds.

Courtroom Communication-

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to electronic written communication among team members via “Chat-box” or “Conversation” feature on the app. No other verbal/non-verbal communication may take place.

IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

IV.a. Memoranda

Following would be criteria for judging the Memoranda:

S. No.	PARAMETERS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2.	Interpretation of Law and Application to Facts	20
3.	Extent and use of research	20
4.	Clarity and Organization	20
5.	Adherence to the norms regarding Style, Grammar and Citation of Sources	20

IV.b. Speaker

The criterion for scoring of the Speakers has been given herein below:

S. No.	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of law	20
2.	Application of law to facts	20
3.	Ingenuity & ability to answer questions	20
4.	Style, poise, courtesy, demeanor	15
5.	Time management	10
6.	Coordination & team work	10
7.	Adequacy of the Prayer	05
TOTAL		100

V. PENALTIES

S. No.	PARTICULARS	QUANTUM OF PENALTY
1.	Delay in submission of Memoranda	2 points per day on each memorandum (ie. 1day delay = -2 on each memoranda)
2.	Re-submission of Memoranda#	5 points on each memorandum (i.e - 5 on the memoranda resubmitted)
3.	Formatting violations including: Use of incorrect font, Use of incorrect font-size Use of improper line spacing Use of improper block quote Use of end notes	1 point per type of violation, up to a Maximum of 5 points
4.	Failure to include all parts of Memorandum or inclusion of an unremunerated part, Failure to include necessary and correct information on Memorandum cover page	2 points for each part
	Excessive length:	2 points (one-time penalty)
5.	Pleadings:	
	1-100 words over	3 points
	101-200 words over	6 points
	201-300 words over	9 points
	301-400 words over	12 points
	401+ words over	15 points
6.	Excessive length: Summary of Pleadings	2 points (one-time penalty)
7.	Excessive length: Statement of Facts	2 points (one-time penalty)
8.	Breach of Anonymity of Teams	2 points (one-time penalty)

Kindly note that re-submission of the memorials shall be allowed only at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

VI.a. The O.C. reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage. The O.C. shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.

VI.b. If a team believes that violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) within half an hour after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint with the Grievance Cell which will be constituted specifically for such purpose. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.

VI.c. The decision of the Faculty Convener of the event shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

VI.d. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss or slow Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a sound and stable Internet Connection.

The O.C. on behalf of the Moot Court Society wishes you, Best of Luck!

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