

NATIONAL SELECTION ROUNDS 2017: RULES

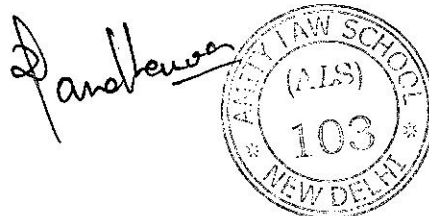
1. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 1.1. Teams must not reveal their identity, anywhere in the Memorial. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever, any logo, pins, badges, etc., in the Memorials. A Team must only be identified by the Team Code that has been allotted to it by the Organizing Committee.
- 1.2. Violation of Rule 1.1 will result in disqualification.

2. MEMORIALS

- 2.1. The memorial carries a weightage of 100 marks.
- 2.2. Each participating team must prepare one memorial for the side allotted.
- 2.3. All memorials must be in English with equal margins of **one inch** on all sides.
- 2.4. Text font the General Section must be **Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.0 line spacing**.
- 2.5. Text font for the Substantive Section must be **Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing**.
- 2.6. Text font for the footnotes must be **Times New Roman, size 10, with single line spacing**. All footnotes must be cited uniformly and as per the 19th Bluebook Edition of Citation Format. Failure to do so will result in penalties in memorial scores.
- 2.7. Character spacing must not be condensed in any manner.
- 2.8. The Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following sections:
 - a) Cover Page;

GENERAL SECTION
 - b) Table of Contents;
 - c) List of Abbreviations;
 - d) Index of Authorities;
 - e) Statement of Jurisdiction;



- f) Statement of Facts;
- g) Questions/Issues Presented;
- h) Summary of Arguments;

SUBSTANTIVE SECTION

- i) Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
- j) Prayer

2.9. The Cover Page must consist:

- a) Team Code in the upper right-hand corner;
- b) Name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
- c) Year of the competition;
- d) Cause title (name of the case, inclusive of case number, name of parties, etc.)
- e) Title of memorandum (either "Memorandum for Petitioner/Appellant" or "Memorandum for Respondent")
- f) The cover page must be of the following colour:
 - Blue for Appellants/Petitioners
 - Red for Respondents

2.10. The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. The Index must indicate the page number(s) of the Memorial where the authority is cited.

2.11. The Statement of Facts must contain a concise summary of the facts presented in the Moot Problem and should not be a mere reproduction of the same. The Statement of Facts **must not exceed a total of 2 pages**.

2.12. The Summary of Arguments should contain a concise summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not be a mere reproduction of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The Summary of Arguments **must not exceed a total of 2 pages**.

2.13. The Substantive Part i.e., the Arguments Advanced/Pleadings and Prayer, **must not exceed 25 pages**.



2.14. The Memorials must be emailed by the designated team contact, in both Word Document (.doc/.docx) and PDF Format to alsdnationals2017@gmail.com by 11:59 pm IST (Indian Standard Time) on 29th September 2017. Both the files must be attached in the same email with the **team codes as file names**.

2.15. There will be no hard copy submissions. This is a paper-free moot and minimum paper use will be appreciated.

3. PENALTIES

3.1. Failure to comply with font and spacing rules contained in Rule 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 will entail deduction of **one mark per page with the violation**.

3.2. Failure to comply with the 19th Bluebook Edition of Citation Format contained in Rule 2.6 will entail deduction of **one mark per 15 violations**.

3.3. Failure to comply with Rule 2.8 and omission to include any part of the memorial will entail a deduction of **three marks per such violation**.

3.4. Failure to comply with Rule 2.9 and omission to include any component of the Cover Page will entail a deduction of **one mark per such violation**.

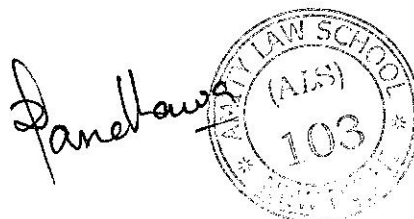
3.5. Failure to comply with Rule 2.11 will result in deduction of **one mark per page exceeded**.

3.6. Failure to comply with Rule 2.12 will result in deduction of **one mark per page exceeded**.

3.7. Failure to comply with Rule 2.13 will entail a penalty of **one mark per page exceeded**.

3.8. The Memoranda must be emailed to alsdnationals2017@gmail.com by 11:59 pm IST (Indian Standard Time) on 29th September 2017. For every hour of delay in memorial submission from the prescribed time of submission, until 6 hours post the deadline, **one mark shall be deducted**. Post 6 hours after the submission deadline, up to 12 hours, **10 marks shall be deducted in total**. Any memorandum submitted 12 hours after the **time prescribed above will not be accepted**.

Note: The above deduction would apply even if the delay were not of a complete hour. Hence, for example, a memorial submitted at 12:01 am would still be subject to a 1 mark deduction.



4. PLEADINGS

- 4.1 The pleadings will take place on the 8th October 2017 in Amity Law School, Delhi.
- 4.2 Based on the memorial score, **the top 24 teams** shall qualify to argue in the oral rounds.
- 4.3 Each oral round shall, subject to the discretion of the judges, consist of sixty (60) minutes of argument, which shall be presented in English. The Applicant and the Respondent shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes each, subject to the discretion of the judges. Both members designated as Speakers from each team shall make oral presentations.
- 4.4 Each team shall distribute its allocated thirty (30) minutes between:
- i). The 2 speakers designated for that round and
 - ii). The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, as the case may be.
- Each Speaker must be allocated a minimum of ten minutes (10), not including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, which must be informed to the court masters before the round begins. The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal must be allocated a minimum of one (1) minute, and a maximum of five (5) minutes. One speaker must present the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal only.
- 4.5 No documents or chits may be passed, nor any verbal communications be made between the speaker on the podium and his/her team members, unless expressly authorized by the bench. Doing so without permission will lead to disqualification.
- However, team members are free to communicate in a non-obtrusive manner among them while a speaker is arguing.
- 4.6 The dress code for the competition is professional court attire.
- 4.7 Teams wishing to make a compiled research material ("Compendium") may submit it to the manager/timekeeper prior to the oral rounds, which will be studied by the judges at their discretion. Please bear in mind, this is a paperless moot, minimum wastage of paper will be appreciated.
- 4.8 During the oral rounds teams would not be allowed to use any electronic devices, like laptops, LCD projectors, video camera, mobile phones etc.



5. COMPETITION FORMAT & PROCEDURE

5.1 The Competition shall comprise 2 rounds – a memorial elimination round and a ranking round. Only those teams that qualify based on the scores of the memorial elimination round shall be allowed to argue in the ranking rounds.

5.2 Each Memorial will be evaluated on a scale of 0- 100 marks.

5.3. The scores of the ranking round shall be calculated thus:

Judge 1 (Speaker 1+Speaker 2) + Judge 2(Speaker 1+ Speaker 2) + Judge 3(Speaker 1 + Speaker 2).

Speaker scores alone shall decide the rank of the team. The memorial scores shall play no role at this stage.

5.4. Teams, their members, or any person associated with a team, are not permitted to be present at, or hear, or in any way observe, a round in which that team is not participating. Scouting in any form shall entail disqualification of the team.

5.5. Teams will be then allowed to choose moots according to their ranks.

5.6. A spreadsheet detailing all scores of both rounds, shall be released by the Organizing Committee within 3 weeks of the declaration of ranks. Teams are requested to not inquire after the same. Original score sheets will be accessible should a team submit a written request to the moot court faculty, within 1 week of the receipt of request.

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