



ASCENT MOOT, 2014

RULES AND REGULATION

CONCEPT NOTE

AMCC (INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL) is the 3rd Annual Internal Elimination Round for the selection of mootling Contingent-VII of Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA.

Symbiosis Law School,
NOIDA

Moot Court Society

INTRODUCTION:

Moot court society of Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA (hereinafter MCS-SLSN) announces its 3rd Annual edition of ASCENT Moot Court Competition, 2014 (hereinafter AMCC) for the selection (internal moot elimination round) of pleaders and researchers to its Contingent-VII (hereinafter C-VII) for representing Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA in all the External Moot Court Competitions (hereinafter EMCC) during the academic year July 2014 – April 2015.

This time, we are organizing two separate selection rounds named as 'ASCENT-National' and 'ASCENT-International' with separate moot problem for both, participation of a contesting team is possible only in one of them (i.e. either National or International). Each rounds shall happen on the same day and time in different court rooms. Registration, participation, selection and auction in 'ASCENT-National' and 'ASCENT-International' is completely separate. The list of moot competitions that shall be participated and auctioned in each of the 'ASCENT-National' and 'ASCENT-International' rounds are Annexed as 'A' and the preliminary 'Auction Rules' are Annexed as 'B'.

Aspirants perceive themselves in;

- Ability to manage regular internships and running internships during and post academic schedule.
- Ability to manage scheduled internal, external examinations alongside mooting.
- Ability to manage their maximum class attendance, health and deliver work within time.
- Ability to deliver individually and manage team work, (if there will be lapses in the commissioning of work, first time – express warning, second time – express termination).
- Ability to perform without complaints and blame-games.
- Ability to maintain total academic discipline and professional culture.

PRELIMINARY:

The MCS-SLSN is organizing **ASCENT Moot Court Competition** on **Sunday 13.07.2014** at **08.00 hrs IST**. Contestants are requested to follow the rules strictly, in case of ambiguity or doubt, feel free to ask the relevant questions referring to rules etc. through mail to ascentmoot@symlaw.edu.in ;

A. 'ASCENT Moot Court Competition' is 'Internal Elimination' round for the selection of contestants to represent SLS-NOIDA in all/any external moot court competitions.

B. 'External Moot Court Competitions' shall include all inter-collegiate moots that SLS-NOIDA participates from time to time including moot court competitions hosted by or associated with SLS-NOIDA.

C. CONTINGENT-VII means group of students that will be selected out of all the candidates / participants / contestants of AMCC.

D. Only selected candidates of the 'C-VII' will be given an opportunity to represent SLS-NOIDA in 'EMCC' during July 2014 – April 2015.

E. MCS-SLSN shall select 20 members (05x4 teams) for 'International Moots' which can participate only in their dedicated moots. MCS-SLSN shall select 36 members (12x3 teams)

for 'National Moots' which can participate only in their dedicated moots. In case of deficiency in meeting minimum standards of selection or criteria of qualification by the participants, we may contract the total members in 'C-VII' without prior notice and further clarifications.

GENERAL RULES:

1. PARTICIPATION:

1.1. 'AMCC' is open to all the students of BBA/BA.LL.B (Batches: 2010-15, 2011-16, 2012-17 & 2013-18). It is immaterial whether any student of those Batches have participated or not in any edition of the NASCENT/ASCENT MOOT, or, whether they had been selected in Contingents of Nascent-I, II, III, IV and ASCENT-I,II or, have participated or not in any moot competition at any level under our banner/name till date.

1.2. There is only one participation of one contestant in any one team as its member, in either 'ASCENT-National' or 'ASCENT-International', therefore, if the name of anybody is found in more than one team either in 'ASCENT-National' or in 'ASCENT-International', the latest 'AMCC' REGISTRATION FORM will be valid for the individual and team, so, the former 'AMCC' REGISTRATION FORM be disbanded/disqualified for participation, the remaining member shall make a new team within the notified time as per notification and schedule. So one team has to participate in either 'ASCENT-National' or in 'ASCENT-International' only.

1.3. Any contestant applying for and if selected in the International Contingent must necessarily apply within a week of announcement of AMCC-Results and procure her/his valid passport within the shortest time. Those who have the same must check its date of expiry, and kindly submit photostat of the same immediately.

2. REGISTRATION:

A student may register for the 'AMCC' in accordance with the procedure laid down here under:

2.1. Download the 'ASCENT MOOT REGISTRATION FORM' (hereinafter AMRF).

2.2. Fill all the columns of your AMRF, each member of a team must personally sign on the AMRF at the space provided for the same, and self-attest his photograph pasted thereof.

2.3. Scan the duly filled AMRF in PDF format only, give your team-name to the scan page, e.g. 'ABC-XYZ'.

2.4. Attach your (filled + signed + scanned) 'AMRF' in the mail attachment. The SUBJECT of the mail should be 'Registration-National' or 'Registration-International'. The body of the mail should comprise of participants name and reasons for participation in the moot exercise.

2.5. Only one of the team member on behalf of team shall send the same to ascentmoot@symlaw.edu.in

2.6. Please check sent item of your mail delivery confirmation, MCS shall not be liable for the bounced or undelivered mail.

2.7. The registration shall be confirmed by MCS to the participants by sending confirmation in the next 24hrs of 'Last date of Registration for the AMCC, if you don't get response from

us within the stipulated time, kindly check and repeat the mail registration procedure until finally done with.

3. TIME:

3.1. A student may register for the 'AMCC' within the stipulated date and time as mentioned in the schedule announced and the same is attached herewith.

3.2. Any delay in the registration procedure or non-compliance with the registration formalities or partially complying after the expiry of the scheduled dates of registration, **WILL BE TERMED AS NO REGISTRATION**, therefore, no claim subsists for her/him, there are no provisions for any extenuating circumstances.

4. WITHDRAWAL:

4.1. After registering for the 'AMCC', a team can withdraw its participation before the last date of registration is over, as per the schedule and procedure laid down, in the following manner;

4.1.1. Withdrawal of one member of a team is invalidation of that team, therefore, the residual team member has to register as a new team with some other person as a team member, within the stipulated time of registration, as per general procedure and schedule of registration mentioned in the notification,

4.1.2. Withdrawal of one member of a team after expiry of the scheduled date of registration has to be reported earliest or at most by **Monday 5th May, 2014** to ascentmoot@symlaw.edu.in, MCS will designate a team member with the residual contestant, which cannot be denied by him.

5. ABSENCE:

5.1. Team/team member who fails to turn-up for the contest on the pleading day for any reason shall be deemed to have impliedly withdrawn her/his candidature from participating in 'AMCC', thereafter, no claim should subsist for him. There is no provision for any extenuating circumstances.

5.2. Travel, internship, health and climate are not our consideration, these are to be taken care by the contestants themselves.

5.3. The left over member will participate and contest as a 'SINGLE-COUNSEL', whatever points/marks she/he scores, shall be counted in principle on individual basis only, but, she/he even if scores, shall not be in the main list, may only be in the waiting list if found suitable, provided, we publish waiting list if possible anyway as per policy.

6. COMPOSITION:

6.1. It is to be noted that the students are free to form a team (of 2 pleaders only) of their own choice for participating in this round of competition.

6.2. The judge would be marking each team jointly and severally, contestants will be selected as individuals for 'C-VII'.

6.3. The MCS will hold 'National Moot Auction' from 'C-VII-National' and 'International Moot Auction' from 'C-VII-International' based on the 'Auction Rules' annexed here as 'B'.

7. DEEMED ATTENDANCE:

7.1. No exemption in attendance from classes/tutorials/examinations internal or external/internships etc. is available/applicable for the preparation of 'AMCC'.

7.2. The provision of deemed attendance/exemption from classes is completely abolished now for the preparation of any moot competition at any level representing SLS-NOIDA.

7.3. Deemed attendance in case of 'EMCC' will be available only for the duration of travel and competition, excluding Sunday and Holiday. That shall commensurate with the itinerary of the competition and hosts.

7.4. Participants should take note of the rules, 'C-VII' should not raise the issue of exemption further during their preparation for the 'EMCC'.

8. RESEARCHERS:

8.1. There is a separate mandatory researcher test for all the applicants of 'AMCC' for the ranking of all the participants and for selection of researchers in 'C-VII'.

8.2. Researcher's test shall be completely based on the respective moot problem.

8.3. The researcher rank shall be commuted to courtroom rank. The same shall be used in auction as per 'Common Auction Rules-CAR'.

9. SELECTION:

9.1. Pleaders (individual) would be selected on the basis of their memorial and pleading marks.

10. SAVINGS:

10.1. Keeping in view the rules laid in the PRELIMINARY. Anybody who has not participated or participated but not selected in/through 'AMCC' for 'C-VII' is a not part of MCS for mooting for the academic year July 2014 - April 2015.

10.2. No student shall be allowed to participate in any moot court competition at any level except through the express allotment by the MCS of SLS-NOIDA for the purpose.

10.3. Any moot court competition which is not in the participation list of MCS of SLS-NOIDA cannot be participated by any bonafide student of the SLS-NOIDA unless by the express / special permission in compliance with all the rules specially laid down / notified for the same purpose.

10.4. It is not open for anybody to participate in any such competitions which are on the pattern of interviewing techniques, client counseling, mock trials, arbitration, mediations,

conciliation, judgment writing, treaty appreciation etc. unless by the express / special permission in compliance with all the rules specially laid down / notified for the same purpose.

11. ORAL ROUND:

11.1. **DRAW OF LOTS:** There will be pairs of teams available to contest oral rounds in a designated court room, each team shall be arguing only once in the oral pleading round from either side i.e. Plaintiff or Respondent based on the draw of lots in the respective court rooms an hour before the pleading in the presence of the bench. There will be no exchange of memorials among the contestants.

12. TIME DURATION:

12.1. In the oral rounds each team shall speak for a period of not more than 20 minutes, 05 minutes are saved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

12.2. There is no further rebuttal of sur-rebuttal and so on so forth, if it happens, it will not be counted. Except answering the questions and clarification asked by the bench.

12.3. Before the start of the Oral Rounds of any team, the Speakers of the team shall inform the court masters regarding the distribution / allocation of time between them, each speaker shall speak to the minimum of eight (08) minutes.

12.4. The time allotted must be taken care by the pleader; otherwise, bench may take overtime in negative.

13. STANDARDS:

13.1. All the standard moot court mannerism must be followed as per national and international level competition as applicable, keeping in view the subjective law. It cannot be explained as is a matter of evaluation.

14. DRESS CODE:

14.1. The dress code for the competition is advocate uniform as per Advocates Act, 1961 without band and gown. Violation of which will bar a contestant to appear in the 'Oral Round'.

14.2. The dress code is applicable on all the pleading teams.

15. SCOUTING:

15.1. Sitting in other court room(s) or listening to the proceedings of any other team inside their court room is strictly prohibited and is a fit case of SCOUTING and termination of the suspect individual or team.

15.2. MCS-SLSN prohibited the entry of anybody inside the court room except especially/expressly permitted for a designated job. Meaning thereby, even non-participants cannot jump to be audience. If found any, disciplinary action shall be taken against them.

16. EVALUATION OF ORAL ROUNDS:

16.1. The oral pleadings would be marked on the scale of 100 per judge. However for the purpose of calculation the average score of all the judges would be taken to the scale of 100. The oral rounds will be evaluated on the following grounds:-

Marking Criteria (Maximum Marks Allocated)

1. Knowledge of facts	(10)
2. Knowledge of laws	(20)
3. Framing of Issues	(10)
4. Advocacy (Arguments / Expressions/ Articulations)	(30)
5. Use of Authorities	(20)
6. Court Mannerism	(10)

17. MEMORIALS:

SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS:

1. Each team must prepare memorials for both sides (Plaintiff & Respondent) / as applicable parties. The memorial shall be addressed to the respective court of competent jurisdiction.

2. PLAGIARISM & COPYING:

2.1. It is a joint and several duty of the team and its members, that, memorials should not be copied among the contesting teams at all as a whole or in parts, if found so, it will be a serious violation of rules and subject matter of plagiarism, academic indiscipline and breach of law.

2.2. The originator of the material if allowed copying by not taking genuine safe keeping measures, is a proven guilty, similarly, a person lifting the material without proof, authenticity and mentioning the source, presenting any work as his own, is a proven guilty.

2.3. In these cases, how so ever these may be, shall be dealt stringently, so the proven guilty person(s) shall be barred from appearing in the 'Oral Rounds'.

3. SUBMISSION FORMAT:

The soft as well as hard copy submission/printing shall be in the PDF format only. Memorials in any other format shall either be returned or subject to revision of format or unacceptable.

4. SOFT COPY SUBMISSION:

4.1. Soft copy of the memorials (as per format mentioned below) from both sides must be sent as an e-mail attachment to ascentmoot@symlaw.edu.in strictly as per scheduled time and date announced and mentioned. Only one of the team members on behalf of team may send the same.

4.2. The subject of the mail should only be 'ASCENT-National' or 'ASCENT-International', the memorials shall be attached as 'PLAINTIFF-XXX(Team Code)' & 'RESPONDANT-XXX(Team Code)', the text should be addressed to the MCS, sender 'TEAM CODE-TEAM NAME'.

4.3. Delay of each-day in mailing the memorials will invite deduction of 05 marks from both sides of the memorials of the team.

4.4. Please check your sent mail item for the mail delivery confirmation, MCS shall not be liable for the bounced or undelivered mail.

4.5. Please check your same mail inbox within next 24 hrs of last date of submission of Memorials as per schedule, sent as 'ASCENT-National' or 'ASCENT-International' to us, we will acknowledge you the receipt of Memorials, if you don't get response from us within this stipulated 24 hrs, kindly send us an inquiry mail.

4.6. Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted as per schedule, no revisions, additions or formatting will be allowed at the time of hard copy submissions. If found so, there shall be a penalty of 05 marks on each page moderations, applicable to text and footnote both.

4.7. We will not take into account any crashing of hard drive, loss of data, loss of gadgets etc. as a ground of extension of time or delayed submission or concession of time etc. even procuring and producing credible evidences will not bend the rule for any one or for all.

5. HARD COPY SUBMISSION:

5.1. Each team must submit **02 copies** (spiral bound only) of the memorial for the Plaintiff and the Respondent as mentioned in the schedule and announced herewith, to their court master at the time of DRAW OF LOTS.

5.2. Delay of every hour in submitting the memorials will invite deduction of 05 marks from both sides of the memorials of the team.

5.3. The 'Team Code' is to be mentioned on top of the page at the extreme right hand side only on the cover page of both memorials.

5.4. Names of the participating team shall not be mentioned anywhere in the memorial. If the said rule is violated, the memorials shall not be accepted. And consequently, if because of the correction proceedings, the submission of the spiral bound memorials is delayed by the contestant(s), it will attract the penalty of marks as per applicable rule(s).

5.5. Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted as per schedule, no revisions, additions or formatting will be allowed at the time of hard copy submissions. If found so, there shall be a penalty of 05 marks on each page moderations, applicable to text and footnote both. Even formatting, change of colour, spacing, font type/size etc. are tantamount to change in the script and shall attract penalty.

5.6. MCS will not take into account, even on credible evidences, rush or queue at the campus photocopy shop, non-availability of coloured paper, spiral binding unavailable, in-sufficient print out facility at campus computer lab or stationary shop etc. as grounds of extension of time or delayed submission or concession of time etc. in any case, we will not bend the rule for any one or for all.

5.7. **Environment Conscience**

5.7.1. Spiral bound Memorials shall not carry any transparency, plastic front and back cover etc. except the spiral thread. Thick colour paper sheets may be used only for the cover and the back.

5.7.2. There shall be printing of memorials on both sides of the paper.

6. COLOUR SCHEME:

6.1. The colour of the cover page must be **BLUE** in case of plaintiff / petitioner / appellant and **RED** in case of respondent.

6.2. The colour scheme is applicable to both forms (Soft and Hard copy) of memorial submissions.

7. FORMAT OF MEMORIAL

The memorial should consist of the following parts:-

- Cover page
- Table of contents
- Index of authorities
- Statement of jurisdiction
- Statement of facts
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer
 - The following part of the memorial should not exceed 20 typed pages:-
 - Summary of arguments
 - Arguments Advanced
 - Prayer
 - The memorials should be printed on BOTH side of the paper, typed on A-4 sheet with black ink.
 - The font of the body of the memorial should be Times New Roman Size – 12, spacing 1.5.
 - The foot notes should be a Times New Roman Size – 10, spacing single.
 - Memorial must have 1 inch margin on all sides of the each page.
 - Relevant annexure may be kept as compendium if any use to you.

8. EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL:

Every memorial will be marked on the scale of 100. The memorial would be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Marking Criteria (Marks allotted)

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| 1. Summary of facts | (05) |
| 2. Issues raised | (10) |
| 3. Grammar & Style of Presentation | (10) |
| 4. Application of law to facts | (25) |
| 5. Use of authority | (20) |
| 6. Proper citation & correct format | (10) |
| 7. Originality in presentation | (10) |
| 8. General impression & clarity of thought | (10) |

18. SCHEDULE: 'AMCC' problem, applicable rules and schedule are attached herewith.

SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NOIDA		
MOOT COURT SOCIETY		
ASCENT MOOT, 2014		
SCHEDULE & TIMELINES		
<u>S.N.</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Dates & Deadlines</u>
1	Release of Notification and Schedule	Sunday February 23, 2014
2	Release of Moot Problem and Rules	Monday 28th April, 2014
3	Registration by e-mail : <u>Last Date</u>	24:00 hrs Monday 5th May, 2014
4	Clarifications of doubts : <u>Last date</u>	24:00 hrs Monday 5 th May, 2014
5	Submission of Memorials : (Soft copy)	24:00 hrs Sunday 15th June, 2014
6	Submission of Memorials : (Spiral bound)	Sunday 13 th July, 2014
7	Researcher's Test (Mandatory for all participants)	Saturday 12th July, 2014, 12:30-1:30pm
8	Moot Pleading Rounds	Sunday 13th July, 2014, 08:00 am
9	Declaration of Result	Tuesday 15 th July, 2014
10	Auction – National Moots	Sunday 20 th July 2014, 09:00 am
11	Auction – International Moots	Sunday 20 th July 2014, 08:00 am
THANK YOU ALL		

MOOT AUCTION LIST (MAL) - MCS-SLSN

World Class: These are the widely recognised international mooting events where a substantial number of Indian teams participate. These moots enjoy worldwide reputation among law students. MCS-SLSN shall auction the following six moots in the first round of International auction.

Total number of moots in this tier: 06

1. [DM Harish Moot, GLC](#)
2. [Manfred Lachs Space Moot, Asia-Pacific rounds](#)
3. [Henry Dunant Moot \(India qualification rounds to Red Cross Moot\)](#)
4. [Philip C. Jessup North India Rounds](#)
5. [Stetson North India Rounds](#)
6. [Oxford Media Law Moot](#) (National Qualifiers)

International Moots: These moots are internationally prestigious but only currently see limited participation from Indian teams, and are therefore counted on par with Tier 5 moots. This recognises that winning such a competition is noteworthy but that it would be unfair to disadvantage colleges that could not afford to attend these. Around 3-5 Indian teams participate in these moots. MCS-SLSN shall permit the participation of its International contingent for the following moots if in any of the aforementioned moot the claimant reached India Round finals.

Total number of moots: 09

1. [ELSA WTO Asian rounds](#)
2. [Foreign Direct Investment International Moot Competition, California](#)
3. [Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court Competition](#)
4. [ICC Moot, Paris](#)
5. [John Marshall Law School International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law, Chicago](#)
6. [Law Asia International Moot](#)
7. [Leiden-Sarin Air Law Moot](#)
8. [Maritime International Arbitration Moot](#)
9. [Oxford IPR Moot](#)

International Law Moots (India): MCS-SLSN shall permit the participation of its International contingent in the following/PIL moots (within India) after the conclusion of their primary auctioned/allotted round. E.g.

Total number of moots: 05

1. New Law College, BVP Pune
2. Amity Lucknow
3. MATS University
4. Amity Noida-II
5. Karnataka State Law University

National Challengers: Most of the contests in this Tier see participation from the top Indian Law Schools. A large number of them have also carved a niche for themselves in the national mooting scene. MCS-SLSN shall auction the following moots in the first National Auction Round.

Total number of moots in this tier: 25

1. [Bar Council of India Inter-University Moot Court Competition](#)
2. MC Chagla, GLC Mumbai
3. [Amity Law School, Delhi - Moot Court Competition](#)
4. [GNLU International Moot](#)
5. [IICLAM Moot](#)
6. [KK Luthra Criminal Law Moot, Delhi](#)
7. [KLA Moot, Kerala](#)
8. [Nani Palkhiwala Tax Moot, GLC](#)
9. [NLIU Juris Corp Moot Court Competition](#)
10. [NLS International Arbitration](#)
11. [NUJS Herbert Smith Corporate Moot](#)
12. [Surana Corporate Moot](#)
13. [Surana International Technology Moot](#)
14. [Justice Hidayatullah Memorial Moot](#)
15. [NFCG-Nalsar Moot on Corporate Governance](#)
16. [Nalsar BR Sawhney Moot](#)
17. [NLU Antitrust Moot](#)
18. [NLU Delhi All India Corporate Moot](#)
19. [NLS-TIOL Tax moot](#)
20. SP SATHE, ILS-Pune
21. GS Tulsi Criminal Law Moot, NALSAR
22. B KRISHNA, SLS-PUNE
23. [ULC Bangalore Moot](#)
24. SURANA TRIAL ADVOCACY
25. IBAIL-JNU

COMMON AUCTION RULES (CAR)

Rules for the formation of teams for Mooting for the Academic Year 2014-2015

Preamble:

WHEREAS it has come to our attention that some form of autonomy in moot team formation may be step forward to achieve better results in moot practice,

AND WHEREAS the law school is of the opinion that such autonomy in forming teams ought to be made possible, subject to the quality of moot practice being maintained,

NOW THEREFORE the following rules for formation of moot teams for the academic year 2014-2015 are hereby made:

1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement:-

- a. These rules may be called the CAR (Team Formation for 2014-2015), 2014.
- b. They shall come into force with effect from the twelfth day of April, 2014 and shall remain in force until duly modified and / or repealed by appropriate rules in this regard.
- c. These rules shall apply to 'C-VII' of ASCENT MOOT, 14.

2. Definitions:-

- a. Any words used herein but not defined by these rules shall be understood, subject to the context, to have such meaning as is usually assigned to it in the context of moot court competitions, or otherwise, in normal usage.
- b. In case of any ambiguity in interpreting any of the provisions of these rules, such interpretation ought to be preferred, as would give effect to all these rules, over an interpretation that would result in any of these rules being rendered nugatory.
- c. The headings to the rules are merely for convenience and ought to be ignored in interpreting or construing any of these rules.
- d. In case of any ambiguity in construing any of the provisions of these rules, such construction as would further better quality moot practice ought to be preferred.

3. Ranking:-

1. Every mooter who participates in the 'AMCC' shall be judged for being a pleader as well as for being a researcher.
2. Every mooter shall who participates in the 'AMCC' shall have an option of being considered as either a pleader or a researcher for the purpose of their ranking.
3. Accordingly, every mooter shall have a pleaders' rank or, as the case may be, a researcher's rank assigned to them according to the rules hereinafter prescribed.
4. Each mooter shall be allotted scores by external expert judges, based on their performance, judged against criteria already notified.
5. Dependent upon the score that a mooter secures, each mooter shall be assigned a pleaders' rank on the basis of the following system:

- a. In each courtroom, the pleader scoring the highest shall be assigned the rank of 1;
 - b. The pleader scoring the next highest shall be assigned the rank of 2, and so on, until a pleader shall be assigned the researchers' rank in the respective courtroom;
 - c. In case two or more pleader score the same in a courtroom, they shall be assigned the same rank, and the next successive rank, or as the case may be, ranks, equivalent in number to the number of such pleader scoring the same, shall not be allotted to any pleader, in such courtroom;
6. If any mooter opts to be a researcher and not a pleader, such mooter's score in their courtroom shall be struck off from the list of pleaders' rankings and shall not be considered when assigning ranks. The rank space left by this pleader shall not be offered to anybody.
 7. Each mooter shall also be allotted scores by external expert judges, based on their memorial, judged against criteria already notified.
 8. Dependent upon the score that a mooter secures, the mooter shall be assigned a researchers' rank, on the basis of the following system:
 - a. The researcher scoring the highest shall be assigned a rank of 1;
 - b. The researcher scoring the next highest shall be assigned the rank of 2, and so on, until a researcher shall be assigned the researchers' rank to last.
 - c. In case two or more researcher score the same, they shall be assigned the same rank, and the next successive rank, or as the case may be, ranks, equivalent in number to the number of such researcher scoring the same, shall not be allotted to any researcher;
 - d. In any case, there shall not be any more than twenty qualified researchers.
 9. If any mooter opts to be a pleader and not a researcher, such mooter's score shall be struck off from the list of researchers' rankings and shall not be considered when assigning ranks. So, the consolidated list shall be adjusted accordingly.

4. Formation of Teams:-

1. Subject to any rules to the contrary in any competition, a mooting team shall be comprised of four members 'International Moots' and three members 'National Moots', of which two/one member shall be a qualified researcher and the other two members shall be qualified pleaders.
2. If any mooter desires to, or is for any reason otherwise, unable to form a team, the law school shall form a team of two qualified pleaders and a qualified researcher and a team so formed shall be binding upon its members.
3. The sum total of the ranks of the members constituting the team shall be the rank of the team.
4. Before a mooting team or, as the case may be, a mooter desires to bid for a moot during the counselling process as contemplated in rules 5 and 6 herein, the mooting team or, as the case may be, a mooter shall register itself or, as the case may be, a themselves, with the MCS-SLSN at the respective auction as a team.
5. Any team formed as per rule 4 (1) or 4 (2) herein and once registered as per rule 4 (4) herein, shall be final and binding upon the members of the team.
6. If any member, or, as the case may be, any members of any team formed as per rule 4 (1) or 4 (2) herein and once registered as per rule 4 (4) seeks to not remain in such team for the participation in any moot, all members of the said team shall be disentitled from participating in the counselling process as contemplated in rules 5 and 6 herein, or from the expressing an interest to participate in any moot as contemplated in rule 7 herein.

5. Primary Counselling Session and Allocation:-

1. A primary counselling session shall be held on a day to be duly notified when all teams formed as per rule 4 (1) or 4 (2) and registered as per rule 4 (4) herein may participate.
2. The primary counselling session shall be held for every moot for which the MCS-SLSN has already received a request for participation as on the date of the counselling session, as well as for every moot that the law school is reasonably expecting to receive a request for participation.

Explanation: - MCS-SLSN reasonably expect to receive a request for participation, if we received such requests for participations during any two of the past four academic years, subject to one of such years being the academic year 2013-2014.

3. A team formed as per rule 4 (1) or rule 4 (2) and registered as per rule 4 (4) herein shall be entitled to express its desire to participate in a moot as contemplated in rule 5 (2) herein, by "bidding" for such moot.
4. A moot, as contemplated by rule 5 (2) herein, shall be allotted to the team that bids for such moot.
 - a. In case of more teams than one bidding for a moot, the moot shall be allotted to the team having the lowest team rank amongst such teams.
 - b. In case of more teams than one with equal ranks bidding for a moot, the team with the lowest cumulative pleaders' rank shall be allotted the moot.
 - c. In case of more teams than one with equal ranks and with the lowest cumulative pleaders' rank bidding for a moot, the team with the lowest researchers' rank shall be allotted the moot.
 - d. In case of more teams than one with equal ranks and with the lowest cumulative pleaders' rank and with the lowest researchers' rank bidding for a moot, the team with the highest cumulative memorial score shall be allotted the moot.
 - e. In case of more teams than one with equal ranks and with the lowest cumulative pleaders' rank and with the lowest researchers' rank and with the highest cumulative memorial score bidding for a moot, the moot shall be allotted by draw of lots to one of the teams bidding.
5. A moot team has the option of abstaining from bidding during the primary counselling session; such team will not be precluded from bidding for a moot subsequently, as provided under rule 6.
6. Of the moots contemplated under rule 5 (2) herein, where a moot for which a request for participation is already received as on the date of the primary counselling session, and no team bids for such moot during the primary counselling session, the same shall be allotted as per the procedure set out in rule 7 herein.
7. Of the moots contemplated under rule 5 (2) herein, where a moot for which a request for participation has not yet been received, and no team bids for such moot during the primary counselling session, the same shall be allotted as per the procedure set out in rule 6 herein.
8. If a request for participation for a moot is received after the date of the primary counselling session, and such moot is not a moot as contemplated in rule 5 (2) herein, such moot shall be allotted as per the procedure set out in rule 6 herein.

6. Secondary Counselling and allocation:-

1. All moots as contemplated under rules 5 (7) and 5 (8) shall be allotted as per the procedure set out herein.
2. Upon receiving a request for participation for any such moot as contemplated under rule 6 (1) herein, a request for bid shall be made by the law school from the moot teams to whom no moot was allotted during the primary counselling session.
3. Any such team as contemplated in rule 6 (2) herein shall be entitled to express its desire to participate in a moot as contemplated in rule 6 (1) herein, by bidding for such moot.
4. The moot shall be allotted as per the rules set out in rule 5 (4) herein.
5. A moot team has the option of abstaining from bidding when any particular request for bid is made in rule 6 (2) herein; such team will not be precluded from bidding for a moot subsequently, upon a request for bids being made for such subsequent moot, as per rule 6 (2) herein.
6. If no bid is received for a period of two days from the date of request for bids as per rule 6 (2) herein, the moot shall be allotted as per the procedure set out in rule 7 herein.
7. In case a moot allotted to a team under rules 5 or 6 is cancelled, such team is entitled to bid for any moot for which a request for bids is made on any date after the date of cancellation.

7. Open Moots and Allocation:-

1. If a moot, for which the law school has received a request for participation, is not allotted in the primary counselling session as contemplated in rule 5 herein, or in a secondary counselling, as contemplated in rule 6 herein, the same shall be allotted as per the procedure set out herein.
2. Upon a moot for which a request, for participation has been received by the law school, not being allotted during the primary counselling session, or, as the case may be, upon the expiry of two days from the date of announcement of the request for bids as contemplated under rule 6 (2) herein for a moot, a request for expressions of interest shall be made by the law school from the students of the law school.
3. Every member of 'C-VII' shall be entitled to express their interest to participate in such moot, in the manner as shall be prescribed in the notice setting out the request for expressions of interest as contemplated in rule 7 (2) herein, specifying clearly, whether such student desires to participate as a pleader or as a researcher. This expression of interest may be withdrawn at any point of time prior to formation of a team and allocation of the moot to such team, as per these rules. Except to the extent provided in rule 7 (5) herein, no student shall be allowed to change their preference, as between participating as a pleader or as a researcher, after such interest has been expressed.
4. After a reasonable time, not exceeding two days, from the date on which the request for expressions of interest was notified, the law school shall stop accepting any expressions of interest.
5. The moot shall thereafter be allotted to a team of two pleaders and a researcher, or to a team of such further or, as the case may be, lesser, pleaders, or researchers, or both, as required by the rules of the moot, as per the system set out herein:
 - a. If only three students apply, with two of such students expressing an interest to participate as a pleader and the third student expressing an interest to participate as a researcher, the team shall be formed of such three students, with the first two students being made the pleaders and the third student being made the researcher;

- b. if more than two students apply for participating as pleaders, a student with more past mooted achievements shall be given preference while constituting the team;
 - c. of the mooted achievements contemplated in rule 7 (5) (b) herein, pleaders' achievements, such as winning best advocate's award, shall be given greater weightage than researchers' achievements or team achievements, in such order of preference;
 - d. if more than one student applies for participating as a researcher, a student with more past mooted achievements shall be given preference while constituting the team;
 - e. of the mooted achievements contemplated in rule 7 (5) (c) herein, researchers' achievements, such as winning best researcher's award or winning the best memorial award shall be given greater weightage than pleaders' achievements or team achievements, in such order of preference;
 - f. if a team is not constituted as per the rules prescribed in rules 7 (5) (b) to 7 (5) (e) hereinabove, the team shall be sought to be formed by giving preference to the student with more mooted experience;
 - g. if a team is not constituted as per the rules prescribed in rules 7 (5) (b) to 7 (5) (f), the team shall be sought to be formed by giving preference to the student with better academic record;
 - h. if no student has expressed a desire to participate as a researcher, but expressions of interests have been received from more than two students, the third most preferred student, upon following the rules as prescribed in rules 7 (5) (b) to 7 (5) (g), shall be given an opportunity to either participate as a researcher or withdraw their expression of interest;
 - i. if sufficient number of students have not expressed a desire to participate as a pleader, but expressions of interests have been received from more than one student to participate as a researcher, the most preferred student, or as the case may be, students, upon following the rules as prescribed in rules 7 (5) (b) to 7 (5) (g), shall be given an opportunity to participate as a pleader, or, as the case may be, pleaders;
 - j. where a student has changed their preference under rules 7 (5) (h) or 7 (5) (i) or has withdrawn their expression of interest for any reason whatsoever, such student shall not be considered in the respective category, or, as the case may be, in the process, for formation of a team.
6. The decisions of the MCS-SLSN in respect of any of the issues as to the better mooted achievements, better mooted experience, better academic record, and such and other non-quantitative issues herein shall be final and binding upon the students who have submitted their expressions of interest. Provided that a student who disagrees with the said decisions shall be entitled to withdraw their expression of interest prior to actual allocation of the moot.
 7. The timelines mentioned in this rule may be reduced or increased with due prior notice, subject to necessity and expediency, and for reasons to be duly set out in the notice for requests for expressions of interest as contemplated in rule 7 (2) herein.

8. Limitations:-

1. Except to the extent provided in rule 6 (7), no team shall be allowed to withdraw, without providing
2. No team as formed under rules 4 (1) or 4 (2) and duly registered under rule 4 (4) herein shall be entitled to bid for a moot after it has bid for and has already been allotted a moot, regardless of when such moot is or will be conducted.

3. Notwithstanding the rules specified in rule 7 (5), a student who had already been allotted a moot under the rules prescribed in rule 7 shall not be considered for forming a team under rule 7 (5) unless such moot has already been conducted and the student has finished participation in such moot.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing sub rule and the rules specified in rule 7 (5), a student who had already participated in a moot in academic year 2014-2015 shall be given lesser preference to a student who has not been and has not participated in any moot in such academic year.

9. General provisions, Savings and Repeals:-

1. MCS-SLSN shall be at liberty to frame regulations and guidelines for the effective implementation of these rules.
2. All notices, rules, regulations and guidelines that are repugnant to these rules, to the extent not saved by these rules, are hereby repealed.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provision, all actions done and all decisions taken in good faith by the law school as well as any student, based on any such notices, rules, regulations or guidelines, shall be deemed to have been done and taken properly and nothing in these rules shall operate to or be deemed to annul or void any such actions or decisions.

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