

SYMBIOSIS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2014

(19th -21st September, 2014)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. PRELIMINARY:

The Moot Court Society of Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA (hereinafter MCS-SLSN) announces its First edition of the **SYMBIOSIS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2014** (hereinafter SNMCC)

1.1 DATE: The competition shall take place on 19th, 20th and 21st of September, 2014.

1.2 THEME: The problem of the First SNMCC is based on an integration of Insurance, Arbitration and Contract Law.

2. GENERAL RULES:

2.1 LANGUAGE: The Competition will be conducted in English Language.

2.2 PARTICIPATION: 'SNMCC' is open to all the students pursuing LLB (5 Year Course and 3 Year Course) in any law school in India, recognized by the Bar Council of India. There can only be one participation per institute, i.e., one team per institute.

2.3 TEAM COMPOSITION: A team shall comprise of three members; consisting of two speakers and one researcher. This composition cannot be altered under any circumstances.

2.4 DRESS CODE: 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 from appearing in the oral rounds. The dress code is applicable all the pleading teams.

2.5 COURT MANNERISMS: All participants are required to conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner throughout the competition. All participants are required to act in dignified manner and respect the court. Any member of a participating team must not communicate with the judge/s or opposite counsels in private.

3. REGISTRATION:

3.1 A team may register for the 'SNMCC' by sending the scanned copy of their duly filled registration forms on or before **TUESDAY, 15th JULY, 2014**, and the hard copy latest by **MONDAY 21st JULY, 2014** by 4 pm to:

The Moot Court Society,

Symbiosis Law School Noida,

Plot no. 47/48, Block A,

Sector 62, Noida – 201301 (U.P.) India.

3.2 Only one of the team members on behalf of team shall send the soft copy to **snmcc@symlaw.edu.in** with the subject reading **“Registration for SNMCC 2014 – ‘college name’ ”**

3.3 A 'Registration Code' will be provided to the teams once the registration is completed as per procedure.

3.4 Post the Memorial Elimination round, the teams which qualify for the oral rounds are required to send a soft copy of a Demand Draft of **Rs. 5000** in favour of Symbiosis Law School Noida payable at Noida to **snmcc@symlaw.edu.in** along with the travel plan by **MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2014 by 11.59 PM**, failing which the participation of the team will be cancelled and the next team as per the ranking in memorial marks will be invited in place of the defaulting team.

3.5 The hard copy of the **Demand Draft** and the **travel plan** shall be sent along with the **Hard Copy of the memorials** on or before **FRIDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER 2014 by 4 PM** to:

The Moot Court Society,

Symbiosis Law School Noida,

Plot no. 47/48, Block A,

Sector 62, Noida – 201301 (U.P.) India.

4. TIME:

Any delay in the registration procedure or 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 the team thereafter.

5. MEMORIAL EVALUATION AND ELIMINATION:

- The shall be a memorial elimination round in order to decide the **top 24 teams** on the basis of the marks scored in this round. The scoring criterion for the same is mentioned under rule “**8. Memorial Guidelines**”.
- The teams must send a soft copy of their memorials by **11.59 PM ON FRIDAY 14th AUGUST** to **snmcc@symlaw.edu.in** with the subject of the mail reading **Submission of Soft Copy of memorial - team code**. For e.g. “**Submission of Soft Copy of memorial - RC01**”.
- The results for this round will be announced on **TUESDAY, the 26th OF AUGUST 2014** and the teams which have qualified will be invited for participation in the oral rounds to be held on **19th, 20th and 21st September 2014**.
- Invited teams shall send a soft copy of a **Demand Daft of Rs. 5000**. In favour of Symbiosis Law School Noida along with the travel plan by **11.59 PM ON MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2014** failing which the participation of the team will be cancelled and the next team as per the memorial marks will be invited in place of the defaulting team.
- The hard copy of the DD and the travel plan shall be sent along with the Hard Copy of the memorials by **4 PM on or before FRIDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2014** to:

The Moot Court Society,
Symbiosis Law School Noida,
Plot no. 47/48, Block A,
Sector 62, Noida – 201301 (U.P.) India.

6. ORAL ROUNDS:

- The Oral rounds will be held on **20th and 21st of September 2014**.

- The invited teams shall be present on **19th September 2014 at 3pm** at the registration desk at Symbiosis Law School Noida.
- There shall be two preliminary rounds, one round of quarter finals, one round of semi-finals and subsequently the finals.

6.1 Preliminary Rounds:

- There will be a draw of lots on the 19th of September 2014 will be succeeded by the Inauguration Ceremony and exchange of memorials.
- The oral rounds will begin at **09.30 am** on 20th September 2014.
- A total of 30 minutes will allocated per team for its oral arguments which would include rebuttal and surrebuttal. The allocation of time per speaker will be at the discretion of the team, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- Teams will be divided into 8 groups, with 4 teams in each group. There shall be two sessions of arguments for each team in the prelims against another team in the same group. No two teams will face each other more than once in the prelims.
- **The top team from each group will advance into the quarter finals.** The top team will be decided on the basis of the **number of rounds won** by the team. A team will be deemed to win a round if its total score in the oral round is higher than the team against it in that round.
- In case two or more teams have won the same no. of rounds in a group, total marks of the teams scored in the preliminary rounds will be taken into consideration. If the tie still persists, team with the higher memorial marks shall qualify for the quarter finals.

6.2 Quarter finals:

- The Quarter finals would be held on **20th September 2014.**
- A total of 8 teams will qualify for the quarter finals. The quarter finals will be a knockout round. The team which wins the round against its opponent shall proceed to the semi-finals.

- A total of 30 minutes will be allocated per team for its oral arguments which would include rebuttal and surrebuttal. The allocation of time per speaker will be at the discretion of the team, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- A team will be deemed to win a round if its total score in the oral round is higher than the team against it.

6.3 Semifinals:

- The semi-finals would be held on **21st September 2014**.
- A total of 4 teams will qualify for the semifinals. The semi finals will be a knockout round. The team which wins the round against its opponent shall proceed to the finals.
- A total of 40 minutes will be allocated per team for its oral arguments which would include rebuttal and surrebuttal. The allocation of time per speaker will be at the discretion of the team, subject to a minimum of 15 minutes per speaker.
- A team will be deemed to win a round if its total score in the oral round is higher than the team against it.

6.4 Finals:

- The finals will be held on **21st September 2014**.
- A total of 45 minutes will be allocated per team for its oral arguments which would include rebuttal and surrebuttal. The allocation of time per speaker will be at the discretion of the team, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- Two teams shall qualify for the finals. A team will be deemed to win the Final if its total score in the oral round is higher than the team against it.

6.5 Oral Components:

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks Allotted
1.	Knowledge of Facts	10
2.	Knowledge of Laws	20

3.	Framing of Issues	10
4.	Advocacy (Arguments/ Expressions/ Articulation)	20
5.	Ability to answer questions	10
5.	Use of Authorities	20
6.	Court Mannerisms	10

7. RESEARCHER'S TEST:

- There shall be a Researcher's Test at **8am on Friday, the 19th of September** to determine the Best Researcher of the Competition.
- The researcher of each team participating in the oral rounds is eligible to appear for this test.
- This test shall be a written test which will test the researcher's knowledge and application of the laws involved and the factual details of the present case.
- The duration of this test shall be **1 hour**, i.e. 8 am to 9 am.

8. MEMORIAL GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines must be strictly followed for the memorials:

1. Keeping in mind the importance of minimum wastage and effect on environment the teams are **strictly prohibited** from the **use of plastic** in their memorials and are required to print on **both sides** of the sheet in their memo.
2. Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides.
3. All soft copies must be emailed in PDF Format only.
4. The teams are required to submit 8 hard copies of the memorial for each side by 4 pm on **5th September 2014.**
5. Teams must not disclose the identity of their College/University anywhere in the Memorial, only the Registration Code allotted must appear on the top right side of the cover page. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to disqualification.

6. The content of the hard copies must be the same as that of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to disqualification from the oral rounds.

7. The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper, printed on only one side, and must contain the following sections:

- 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 Arguments;
- viii. Arguments Advanced; and
- ix. Prayer

8. The following format has to be followed:

- Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 14 for heading (bold) and 12 for text , Spacing: 1.5
- For footnotes: Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 10, Spacing: 1
- Margin: 1 inch on all sides of each page
- Page number: On the bottom, right hand side
- Cover Page: **RED** for the Respondent Memorial and **BLUE** for the Petitioner Memorial
- The cover page must contain the 'Registration Code' on the top right hand side.

9. Arguments Advanced must not exceed **25 pages** and the memorial in total must not exceed **40 pages**. Non-compliance with the same would entail penalty of 1 mark per extra page.

10. Noncompliance with the deadlines of memorial submissions shall entail negative marking of **3 marks per day**.

11. The Maximum Marks for each memorial shall be 100 in the following break up:

<u>S. N.</u>	<u>Marking Criteria</u>	<u>Marks allotted</u>
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.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	10

9. SCOUTING AND ANONYMITY:

- The action of gathering any kind of information with respect to the other participants shall be deemed as scouting. This may include trying to gain information regarding proceedings inside the courtrooms, information regarding other teams etc.
- Teams shall not disclose their identity or be allowed to observe the oral rounds of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- Scouting by any team shall entail **instant disqualification**.

10. AWARDS:

There shall be the following awards:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>PRIZE MONEY (Rs.)</u>
Winning team	50,000/-
Runner's up	25,000/-
Best speaker	10,000/-
Best researcher	10,000/-
Best memorial	15,000/-

11. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT:

a. Any team / member found indulged in the consumption / carrying of drugs / alcohol /Arms or ammunitions / immoral / unsocial / illegal activity or any other form(s) of taste / custom / addiction during the course of the competition whether at the SLS NOIDA Premises or at the accommodation provided shall be dealt with immediate expulsion from the SNMCC and further disciplinary action may be instituted by the Disciplinary Committee, SLS NOIDA against such perpetrators.

b. Injury to person or property, ragging, sexual offences, friendly hiding/stealing goods/money among the team or other persons of any character with or without consent formally or informally is within the reach of Rule 11 a.

c. Any act prohibited under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or any other central / state or local law is applicable to regulate the conduct of person / team in all regards. So, any member / team found to have indulged in and detained into the police / enforcement custody will chase their fate personally. SLS-NOIDA shall not be liable for them and their personal activities in such regard.

12. ACCOMMODATION

The Organizers will provide accommodation and meals to members of the participating teams for the duration of the Competition, i.e., 18th September, 2014 (from 12:00 PM) to 22nd September, 2014 (till 12:00 PM). Accommodation will be provided only to outstation teams.

13. SAVINGS:

In case of any dispute arising out of the rules, or otherwise, the decision of the organizing committee would be final and binding.