

DEVI SHARVANI EDUCATION SOCIETY'S



V. M. SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW

Miramar- Panaji- Goa

THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY

presents

V. M. SALGAOCAR MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022

Date of Competition : 23rd – 24th April 2022.

Mode of conducting Competition : ONLINE.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility for participation:

Only bonafide students pursuing LL. B Three years/Five Years course in any Law College/Law University recognised by the Bar Council of India, are eligible to participate.

2. Team:

A team shall consist of two Mooters. Having a Researcher in the team is, optional.

3. Registration and selection of teams:

- 3.1. Interested Institutions may register for the Competition by filling the application form given at page no.5. Also available at www.vmslaw.edu.in as part of the Moot Competition Rules Document.
- 3.2 The Organizing Committee will thereafter shortlist the teams selected for participating in the competition, based on the previous 3 years mooting experience and achievements of the College.

- 3.3 The list of selected teams will be available on College website on 10th March 2022 at 5 p.m.
- 3.4 Only the teams so selected, shall pay the registration fees strictly on or before 12th March 2022, failing which the team will be disqualified from participating.
- 3.5 In case a team has paid the fees but is unable to participate in the competition, there shall be no refund of fees.

4. Dates of the rounds

- 4.1 The Preliminary rounds and Quarter Finals will be held on 23rd April 2022.
- 4.2 The Semifinal rounds and Final round will be held on 24rd April 2022.

5. Memorials

- 5.1 The moot court problem can be downloaded from the college website www.vmslaw.edu.in
- 5.2 The teams shall prepare a well-researched moot court memorial for both sides and submit to the organisers on or before 10th of April 2022 by email to vmsnationalmoot@vmslaw.edu.in
- 5.3 Memorial shall be assessed out of 20 marks which will be added to the marks secured in the oral arguments, which shall be for 80 marks.
- 5.4 The written memorial shall not exceed 25 pages, all inclusive.
- 5.5 The line spacing shall be 1.5, margin all sides 1", font – Times New Roman, Font size – 12.
- 5.6 The footnoting shall be as per Bluebook Uniform Style of Citation (21st Edition 2020).
- 5.7 The identity of the College shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial.
- 5.8 The memorial shall be emailed as a PDF attachment, titled Petitioner/Respondent respectively.

6 The Competition procedure: PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- 6.1 The participating team has to argue the same problem in all the rounds, namely Preliminary Round I, Preliminary Round 2, Quarter Final, Semi Final Round and the Final Round.
- 6.2 The teams in each group shall be chosen by draw of lots during the orientation program.
- 6.3 Each of the Court Rooms shall be presided over by a minimum of two judges.
- 6.4 Each team will be given maximum **30 minutes only**. However, one speaker shall not exceed a maximum of 15 minutes. Petitioners may reserve 5 minutes for rebuttal if they wish, within the allotted 30 minutes time available for the team. No surrebuttal is allowed.
- 6.5 Top 12 teams shall qualify to the quarter final round on basis of the scores for Oral presentation in the preliminary rounds. In case of a tie, the

qualifying team will be decided on basis of memorial marks. In case of further tie, the qualifying teams shall be decided on basis of draw of lots.

7 COMPETITION PROCEDURE: QUARTER FINAL

- 7.1 Quarter final round is a knock out round.
- 7.2 The twelve quarterfinalists shall be ranked from 1 to 12 on the basis of their aggregate scores in the preliminary rounds. The parties shall compete in the following order on basis of their rank.

Rank 1	Rank 12
Rank 2	Rank 11
Rank 3	Rank 10
Rank 4	Rank 9
Rank 5	Rank 8
Rank 6	Rank 7

- 7.3 The sides for argument shall be allotted on the basis of draw of lots that shall be conducted following the declaration of results of the preliminary rounds.

8 The Competition Procedure: SEMIFINALS AND FINAL

- 8.1 Semi-final round is a knock out round. The six winning teams of quarter final, will proceed to the Semi-finals.
- 8.2 The six semifinalists shall be ranked from 1 to 6 on the basis of their aggregate scores in the quarter final rounds. The sides for argument shall be allotted on the basis of draw of lots that shall be conducted following the declaration of results of the quarter final rounds

They shall compete in the following order:

Rank 1	Rank 6
Rank 2	Rank 5
Rank 3	Rank 4

- 8.3 In the Semifinal round, each team shall have 30 minutes, however, one speaker shall not exceed a maximum of 15 minutes. The petitioners may reserve 5 minutes for rebuttal within the allotted time of 30 mins. No sur-rebuttal is allowed.
- 8.4 All the winners of each semifinal will be based only on the performance in the semifinal rounds and the top two teams shall proceed to Semi-final.

8.5 The sides to be argued by either of the teams in the final rounds shall be decided by draw of lots following declaration of the semifinal results.

8.6 In the Final round, each team shall have 35 minutes, however, one speaker shall not exceed a maximum of 20 minutes, and 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal by petitioners. No surrebuttal is allowed

9. Clarifications regarding the Moot Problem:

Any queries regarding the moot problem should be communicated to vmsnationalmoot@vmslaw.edu.in latest by 10th March 2022.

- No queries will be entertained thereafter.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 6.1. The Dress Code shall be as prescribed for Advocates. However, Collar Bands and Advocates' gowns are not permitted.
- 6.2. At the time of oral submissions, the participants shall not reveal the name of their college or university. Any such attempt will result in disqualification of the team.

7. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT (ARGUMENTS – 80 MARKS)

1. Appreciation of facts
2. Correct articulation of legal issues and analysis
3. Knowledge of law and interpretation
4. Response to queries from judges
5. Advocacy skills
6. Use of authorities and citations
7. Language and style
8. Clarity, brevity and ingenuity
9. General impression and court manners

8. **Technical support:**

- 8.1 The competition will be conducted through online platform.
- 8.2 Link for the sessions will be sent to the teams prior, through the whatsapp group formed for that purpose.
- 8.3 Participants are required to login using laptop/desktop only.
- 8.4 Participants shall ensure that the camera position and the background is set professionally. Unprofessionalism would lead to negative marking/disqualification.
- 8.5 The participants are required to ensure that there is good connectivity on their side during the competition (Atleast 2 mbps speed).
- 8.6 In case any team loses connectivity during the Competition session, it will be given max 10 mins to join back. In case the team is unable to join in the given 10 mins the teams will be disqualified from the round and the other team will be judged solely on basis of its performance.

9. **Grievance Redressal:**

- 9.1 Any grievance shall be addressed to the Grievance Committee in writing.
- 9.2 Decision of the Committee shall be final.

AWARDS

Winner	– 50,000/- + Certificate of Merit
Runner Up	- 30,000/- + Certificate of Merit
Best Advocate	– 20,000/- + Certificate of Merit
Best Memorial	– 10,000/- + Certificate

All other participants shall receive participation certificate.

Registration details:

- Registration fees for participation is, INR 3000 per team (Irrespective of presence or absence of researcher).
- Payment shall be made only after being intimated so by the Organisers.
- Payment details will be shared with the shortlisted candidates only.
- Click here to register → <https://forms.gle/xcdwTss3eYW6UruY8>

For queries:

For any queries/clarifications:

Email: vmsnationalmoot@vmslaw.edu.in .

Contact: Dr. Mrunmayi M.Vaidya, Coordinator (Faculty) (Mob-9822789209)

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For details and updates about the Competition, pls check college website at www.vmslaw.edu.in

Important Dates

Release of problem	25th February 2022.
Last date for registration	5th March 2022.
Intimation about selection by the Organisers	10th March 2022.
Payment of Fees	12th March 2022.
Submission of Memorial	10th April 2022.