

CAIL 1st DR. N.R. MADHAVA MENON MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2021

RULES

ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL RULES COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. General Rules:

- a. **“Organizers”** means the Moot Court Committee, Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru
- b. **“Competition”** means the **CAIL 1st Dr. N.R. Madhava Menon Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2021**
- c. **“Participating Team”** means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules given below.
- d. **“Participating College/Institution/University”** shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating team.
- e. **“Participants”** means the speakers and the researcher of the Participating Team.
- f. The rules of the Moot Court Committee shall be strictly adhered to. Any deviation from them would attract disqualification or other penalties as decided by the Moot Court Organizers.
- g. Decisions taken by Organizers in case of any doubt, dispute, disqualification etc. shall be final.

2. Date and Venue of the Competition:

The Competition shall be held from 25th to 27th June 2021.

Venue: Google Meet URL which shall be shared with the participants at the appropriate time.

3. Eligibility:

The Competition is open to bona-fide undergraduate students from recognized Colleges/Institutions/Universities who are currently pursuing their bachelor's degree in Law i.e. 3-year LL.B. or 5 year Integrated or Honours LL.B. Programme with all combinations on a regular basis.

4. Team Composition:

- a. Each team shall comprise a maximum of three members and a minimum of two members consisting of either two speakers, or two speakers and one researcher. The number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- b. Teams shall identify the speakers and researcher during registration. No extra member or observer shall be allowed. No swapping of designation of the members shall be allowed.
- c. Not more than one team shall be allowed to register and participate in the competition from the same College/Institution /University.

5. Registration

- a. The Registration process is as follows:
 - i. Teams are required to complete their provisional registration by 15th May, 2021 by 23:59 IST.
 - ii. The provisional registration shall be done by filling up the application available on google form: <https://forms.gle/NJAwhofnFdXMnZ5G8>
 - iii. The final registration must be completed on or before 1st June, 2021 by payment of Rs.4,000/- per team along with an approval from their moot court Faculty Coordinator/Dean/Principal with the details of the participating team to be sent to cailnmcc@calaw.in. The email must also contain a screenshot of the payment details.
 - iv. The registration shall be deemed complete only when provisional registration form is duly filled, approval from moot court Faculty Coordinator/Dean/Principal is received and registration fee is paid.
 - v. Once the final registration is done Teams will get the confirmation email along with their Team Codes.
- b. The confirmation of the names at the time of online registration shall be treated as final and no change of name shall be allowed thereafter, except if it is found to be necessary at the sole discretion of the Organizers.
- c. The registration fee is non-refundable and no claim for refund of fee shall be entertained.

6. Language:

- a. The official working language of the competition shall be English.

7. Dress Code:

- a. Participants shall be in formal wear only. Boys must wear white shirt along with black pants and blazer and girls must wear white kurta/shirt along with black salwar/pant/skirt and blazer. However, robes or collar bands are not allowed.

8. Identification of Participating Team:

- a. Each team will have a team code and each participant shall be given an individual code.
- b. Disclosure of identity of the parent college/institution/university shall be made only in the registration form. Disclosure at any other point of time during the competition shall be liable for penalty which includes disqualification.

9. Anonymity

- a. Participants shall not disclose their names and the identity of their respective college/institution/organization at any time before the award of the ceremony. The individual code and the team code shall be the sole source of identity of the respective teams throughout the competition. Any disclosure against this rule shall invite penalty including disqualification.

10. Inauguration and Draw of Lots

- a. The formal inauguration of the competition shall be held online on 25th June 2021. The draw of lots for the preliminary rounds will take place on the same date after formal inauguration.

11. Structure of the Competition:

a. Selection

- i. There shall be one round each for Preliminary, Semi-Final and Final Round. In the Preliminary, Semi-Final and Final Rounds, each Participating Team shall be given the opportunity to argue for one side i.e., each team shall argue only once against the team determined by and for the side decided by a draw of lots. The side which the participating team must represent at every level will be decided based on draw of lots.
- ii. The selections for Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Final and Final Round shall be on a 'knock-out' basis. From the Preliminary rounds top 4 teams will be selected based on the score and shall qualify for the semi-final rounds. In case of a tie, memorial marks will be taken into consideration. In case of a tie even in memorial marks, the team will be selected based on the decision of the Organizers.

b. Time Limit

- i. Each team will be given a maximum of 30 minutes to present their case orally in the Preliminary Round, 45 minutes in the Semi-Finals and 50 minutes in the Final. The division of time is left to the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for one speaker in Preliminary Round, 30 minutes in Semi-Final round and 35 minutes in Final round.
- ii. Apart from the maximum time provided to each team for the rounds, additional 10 minutes at the end of the round may be given for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, if so desired, at the discretion of the presiding judges. If it is so permitted, then division of time for that purpose between 2 speakers of the team may be communicated to the Court Officer after completion of that Round. The final decision as to the structure and the right to rebut/sur-rebut shall vest with the judges.
- iii. In case any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional time that is used, will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allotted for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, as the case may be.

c. Delay in Appearance/Presentation

If a team scheduled to take part in the oral submissions of a Round does not appear within 5 minutes after the scheduled commencement of such round, the other team shall be allowed to submit *ex-parte*.

12. Evaluation of the Oral Presentation

Evaluation of oral Round shall be adjudged on the following criteria;

1	Organization and presentation of facts	10 marks
2	Application of legal principles	20 marks
3	Innovation in arguments	10 marks
4	Articulation of Issues	10 marks

- Paper Specification - White A4 Sized Paper
- Body of the Memorial - Justified
- Citation style - Harvard Bluebook (20th edn.)

h. The memorial must not contain any identification, mark or symbol identifying the team apart from the team code. Any such identifying mark/ symbol will lead to disqualification of the team.

14. Evaluation of Memorials

Memorials will be judged by a special panel of judges based on the following criteria:

1	Presentation of Facts	15 marks
2	Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning	20 marks
3	Interpretation of Law	20 marks
4	Extent and use of Authority	20 marks
5	Relief Sought	05 marks
6	Format and Citation	10 marks
7	Quality of Language	05 marks
8	Adherence to the Guidelines	05 marks

15. Deduction of marks for late submission of online copies of the Memorials: -

a. Late submission, if any, of soft copies of the memorials may be permitted by the Moot Court Organizing Committee in exceptional circumstances on case to case basis upon prior request of the participants subject to **deduction of 2 marks** per day for late submission of the soft copies and subject to a **maximum limit of 2 days** after which it won't be accepted.

Note: - Participants are requested to strictly adhere to the rules concerning time limit for submission of the memorials.

16. Exchange of Memorials

a. There shall be an exchange of memorials between the respective opponent participating teams as would be placed after the draw of lots in all the rounds of the competition. The Memorials will be sent via email to the respective teams after the draw of lots by the Organizers.

17. Miscellaneous

a. Interpretation of Guidelines:

All interpretations are at the complete discretion of the Moot Court Organizers and the host Institution. The decision so made shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

b. Clarifications:

Communication regarding any clarification or otherwise may be sought through email or through contact number given below by or before 6th June 2021.

E-mail: cainmcc@calaw.in

Contact No.: 9097884608 (Mr. Amartya Choubey)

18. Official Communication

All communication regarding competition shall be made through mail to cailnmcc@calaw.in

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

EVENTS	DATES
1. Last date for provisional registration	15th May 2021
2. Last date for final registration by payment of registration fee	1st June 2021
3. Last date for clarification regarding Moot Problem	6th June 2021
4. Release of clarification regarding Moot Problem	9th June 2021
5. Submission of Written Memorial	12th June 2021
6. Inauguration and Draw of Lots	25th June 20 2021
7. Preliminary Round and Declaration of results	26th June 2021
8. Semi-Final Round; Final Round and Valedictory	27th June 2021