

RULEBOOK

II JECRC NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2021

➤ GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These are the rules for the 2nd JECRC National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021.
2. The 2nd JECRC National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021 will be held from August 07th to 09th 2021, on a Virtual Platform.
3. The Organizing Committee (OC) shall function as the point of contact, and any changes in the Rules of the Competition shall be notified by e-mail to all participating teams.
4. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
5. The official e-mail for all correspondence concerning the Competition is ju.mootcourt@jecrcu.edu.in.
6. The students must be present in their formal uniform i.e., White shirt, Black Tie and a Black Coat.
7. Selection will be on a first come first basis as there will be limited seats.
8. The language must be English in all the rounds.

NOTE: *No approval from the respective institute of the participants is required for participation.*

➤ ELIGIBILITY

Students of three-year or five-year integrated law degree courses from any University/Law School/College/Department are eligible to participate in the Competition. However, a maximum of one Team shall be allowed to participate from any one University/Law School/College/Department.

➤ TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each Team shall consist only of three members, comprising two speakers and one researcher.
2. Any alteration of the names of the team members shall be informed through writing mail to ju.mootcourt@jecrcu.edu.in .
3. Once the Competition commences, the team composition cannot be altered under any circumstances whatsoever. The inability of any team member to participate in accordance with the rules of this Competition shall lead to immediate disqualification of the Team from the Competition.

➤ **PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

1. The teams interested in participating are required to confirm their participation by filling up the [Google form](#). The link of which is [Google Form](#) .
2. The last date of final registration and payment is July 20th, 2021
3. In order to complete the registration process, a team would be required to fill up all the credentials provided in the Google form, including identity cards
4. Teams interested in participating will send in the required registration amount of Rs.1500/- via internet banking or any other mode to the following transaction details:

Account No.-	61285714302
Name	Priyanshi Khunteta
Bank	State Bank of India
Branch	Kishanpole Bazar, Jaipur
IFSC Code	SBIN0031462

5. On receipt of the Google form and the payment, the Team shall be formally registered as a participant for the event, and a team code shall be generated. A confirmatory e-mail, together with the team code, shall be sent. Thereafter, all the registered teams shall identify and refer themselves using the allotted team code only for all further correspondence with the organizing committee.

➤ **MEMORIAL**

1. All memorials submitted for the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules as stated below.
2. Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both sides, i.e., the Applicant(s)/ Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and the Respondent(s) of the case.
3. A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team. The Written Submissions shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the Identity of the Team, its members (not limited to the name of the participants), or the Institution/College/ University represented by the Team.
4. The memorials must contain the following sections in the Order as stated below-
 - Cover Page
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Table of Contents

- Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Issue
 - Arguments Advanced (25 pages)
 - List of Abbreviations
 - Prayer (1 page)
5. The memorials as a whole should not exceed 40 pages, including the cover page. Non-compliance with the above criteria shall result in a penalty of two marks per missing section.
 6. The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information:
 - The Team Code in the upper right-hand
 - The name and year of the Competition
 - The name of the case
 - The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared
 - Name of the forum resolving the dispute
 7. The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:
 - Paper size: A4
 - Font type: Times New Roman
 - Font size: 12
 - Line spacing: 1.5
 - Body of text: Justified
 - Margin: 1 inch on all sides
 - For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:
 - Font type: Times New Roman
 - Font size: 10
 - Line spacing: 1
 - Paragraph spacing: 0
 - No additional space between 2 footnotes
 - Body of text: Justified
 8. The teams have to use the citation method as stated in the 20th edition of the Blue Book, for citation throughout the memorial, with strict adherence.
 9. The Written Submission has to be submitted only in soft copy.
 10. The cover page of the soft copies of the Written Submissions shall comply with the following color scheme:
 11. Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) – Blue (in any shade)
 12. Respondent(s) – Red (in any shade)

13. Each Team shall send a soft copy of the Written Submissions, via electronic mail, on or before July 25th, 2021 to ju.mootcourt@jecrcu.edu.in.
14. Each Team has to send four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Written Submission for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner (s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format) and two (2) as Written Submission for the Respondent (s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format)
15. The name should be according to the Team Code and the side for which the Written Submission is prepared. (For instance, Team 01 will name its Written Submission for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) as 01A and Written Submission for the Respondent(s) as 01R.) Use of any other format (example, "Team 01A" or "Team 01R") will be penalized.
16. A Compendium submission is not mandatory. In case a team wants to submit a compendium, the deadline for the same is July 25th, 2021. Irrespective of the compendium submission, presentation via screen sharing shall only be allowed at the discretion of the Judges.

➤ **STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION**

1. The Competition shall be conducted for three days from August 07, 2021, and August 9th, 2021.
2. The timeline of the event is further attached to this document.
3. There will be a researcher test which will take place on August 7th 2021
4. The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions:
 - a. The Preliminary Rounds;
 - b. The Quarter-Final Rounds;
 - c. The Semi-Final Rounds;
 - d. The Final Round.
5. The Teams participating in a Round will be provided with a soft copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session

➤ **PRELIMINARY ROUND**

1. To determine the Order of participation in the event's preliminary rounds, all the registered teams shall participate in a draw of lots to be conducted for that purpose. Such a draw of lots shall take place on August 06th, 2021. The exchange of memorials shall be conducted immediately after the draw of lots.
2. For the preliminary rounds, every Team shall argue twice: once for Petitioner and once for Respondent (Prelims-I and Prelims-II round).
3. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
4. In determining the scores in the preliminary rounds, memorial scores will be added to the oral scores.

➤ QUARTER-FINALS, SEMI-FINALS, AND FINALS

1. The top eight teams of the preliminary rounds shall qualify for the Quarter-final rounds.
2. From the Quarterfinal rounds, winning teams from each round shall proceed to the subsequent stages of the Competition on a knock-out basis, with the memorial scores of the teams taking into consideration at all stages, as per the formula stated below-
 - (i) Quarter-Finals = Preliminary Round Oral Scores + Memorial Scores
 - (ii) Semi-Finals = Quarter Final Round Oral Scores + Memorial Scores
 - (iii) Finals = Semi-Final Round Oral Scores + Memorial Scores
3. In case of a tie between two teams in any of the rounds, oral scores will be considered to break the deadlock. If the tie still exists, the oral score of the best speaker of each Team will be deemed to break the tie. If the tie continues, the memorial score of the Team will be considered to break the tie. In case the tie further exists, the toss of the coin shall decide the result.

➤ RESULTS

1. The results shall be announced shortly after each round
2. The final round results shall be announced at the valedictory and award ceremony, to be held on August 9th, 2021.

➤ ORAL ROUNDS

1. There shall be 3 rounds where the participants present their cases in front of the Court via live video presentations on **Microsoft Teams**. The Judges may pose questions to the participants.
2. Each Team will get a total of 30 minutes during the preliminary round to present their case. For the Quarterfinal rounds, each Team will be permitted a total time of 30 minutes, while for the Semi-final rounds team will be permitted a total time of 40 minutes and for the Final round, each Team will be permitted a total time of 45 minutes. The time stated above includes the time required for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
3. For all the rounds, 2 minutes for rebuttal and 1 minute for sur rebuttal will be allowed.
4. In certain cases, the judges may grant extra time to the participants by virtue of their discretion. However, the participants are requested to adhere to the given time.
5. Any team exceeding the time limit stated above shall be penalized with a deduction of one mark for every two minutes exceeded.

6. The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the Team subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
7. The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
8. The researcher shall be present with the speakers during the oral rounds.

➤ **AWARDS**

1. **Winning Team Award** - The winning Team will receive a prize worth Rs. 15,000/-.
2. **First Runner-Up Team Award** -The first runners-up Team will receive a prize worth Rs. 11,000/-.
3. **Best Student Advocate/Counsel** - The Best Student Advocate/Counsel will receive a prize worth Rs. 5,100/- .
4. **First Runner-Up Student Advocate/Counsel** - The first runners-up Student Advocate/Counsel will receive a prize worth Rs. 3,100/-.
5. **Best Memorial** -The Team submitting the best memorial will receive a prize worth Rs. 5,100/-.
6. **Best Researcher** - The Best Researcher will receive a prize worth Rs. 3,100/-.
7. **First Runner-Up Researcher** - The First Runners-Up Researcher will receive a prize worth Rs. 2,100/-

**Trophies will be delivered to the respective winners at their place.*

➤ **SCOUTING**

For the preliminary rounds, apart from the participant teams for such round, the members of the other teams are not allowed to observe such round. Scouting is strictly prohibited, and scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

➤ **ANONYMITY**

- Teams shall not reveal their Identity in any form, except employing the Team Code assigned to them.
- All team members must refrain from disclosing the Identity of their institutions at any time and in any manner during the entire Competition.
- Teams shall not, in any way, reveal their Identity in the Written Submissions or the course of the Oral Pleadings Session. The Written Submissions shall not bear the logo, name, etc. of the Team, its members of the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.
- Non-compliance with this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the Team.

➤ **FINALITY OF DECISIONS**

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final. For all purposes and in any dispute, the decision of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Competition shall be final and binding.

➤ **CLARIFICATIONS**

1. Any query pertaining to the Moot Problem shall be sent to ju.mootcourt@jecrcu.edu.in by July 7, 2021. Questions submitted / clarification sought through any other means other than by e-mail shall not be entertained
2. A consolidated response for all questions and clarifications shall be mailed to all the participating teams on July 10, 2021.

➤ **EVALUATION CRITERIA- Written Submissions (100MARKS)**

S.No.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2	Interpretation of Law and Application of Facts	10
3	Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction	10
4	Use of Authorities	10
5	Authoritativeness and Persuasiveness	10
6	Organization of Arguments	10
7	Clarity of Thoughts	10
8	Originality and Innovation	10
9	Presentation Style	10
10	General Impression	10
	TOTAL	100

➤ **EVALUATION CRITERIA- Oral Submissions [100]**

	CRITERIA	MARKS
1.	Application and Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2.	Use of Authorities and Interpretation of Law	20
3.	Clarity of thoughts, Expression and Argumentative Skills	20
4.	Organization of Arguments and reference to Written Submission	20

5.	Response to Questions and Court Room Manner	20
	TOTAL	100

➤ **PENALTY**

PENALTY	MARKS DEDUCTION
Late Submission	2 marks (upto 12hours)
Non-Uniformity in Citation	0.25 marks per citation
Exceeding Prescribed Word Limit	1.5 mark per page

➤ **TECHNICAL GUIDELINES**

1. All pleadings to be conducted for the II JECRC National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021 will be conducted through/on the Microsoft Teams. All Participants are required to download the web application for the same on their desktops prior to the Competition.
2. Participants must ensure that their audio and video run effectively on the application on their desktop.
3. Participants must ensure that they have a strong internet connection with good audio and video facilities during oral rounds.
4. Participants must ensure that their name on Microsoft Teams is set up as their team code and their status in the Team concerned; for example- Members of Team 203 will be 203S1 (Speaker 1) 203S2 (Speaker 2), and 203R (Researcher). Participants will not be allowed to enter the courtroom unless their names are changed.
5. All Rounds of the Competition shall be conducted in virtual courtrooms. Teams shall be sent the details of the courtrooms where their rounds will be held, well in advance before the competition. Teams must join the courtroom 15 minutes prior to the time indicated for their rounds in the detailed schedule.
6. Teams will be required to wait in the waiting room for the meeting while the judges concerned are ready to begin the rounds. An OC Member will be admitting the participants only when the judges are prepared for the same. The OC Member also has the discretion to remove a participant from the waiting room if the participants have not used the name as required.
7. Team Members must ensure that their audio and video are both on when they join the virtual courtroom. Upon entering, the Team Members will first be asked the division of time that they wish to follow in their Oral Pleading Sessions by a Court Clerk. Teams are free to specify their time division in the chat box or by speaking. Team Members must comply with time limits and the Order of speaking that they indicate to the Court Clerk.

8. The Court Clerk will keep time during each round. The Court Clerk will, by way of a message in the Chat on Microsoft Teams, indicate to the Speakers and the judges the time remaining, at the 10 minutes remaining mark, the 5 minutes remaining mark, and the 2 minutes remaining mark, and when the time allotted has elapsed. Participants are requested to pay heed to the time provided.
9. Any extension of time due to connectivity issues will be provided at the discretion of the Bench.
10. Team Members will be given Chat Access to chat with each other. However, the use of any foul language or any inappropriate comments will lead to the removal of the Team immediately from the Oral Pleading Session. Subsequently, the Team may be disqualified. Participants are barred from using the Chat option to converse with the opposite Team or the judges. In technical difficulties, they may only text the OC members in the meeting and not the judges.
11. No recording, whether audio or video, of the whole or any part of a round, is permitted by any team.
12. Participants must keep their video on throughout the oral round. The computer or laptop shall be kept at a certain distance to ensure that the participant's hands are clearly visible.
13. Participants can only share their screens if the Judges demand to do so. In any other case, sharing the screen is not permitted.

Important Dates & Timeline

II JECRC National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021.	
Release of Proposition and Rules	25-Jun-21
Commencement of Registration	25-Jun-21
Last Date for Clarifications	7-Jul-21
Release of Clarifications	10-Jul-21
Last Date for Registration	20-Jul-21
Last Date for Memorial Submission	25-Jul-21
Memorial Exchange and Spin the Wheel	August 6 (4pm to 5pm)

Oral Rounds		
7-Aug-21	8-Aug-21	9-Aug-21
Inaugural (10am to 11am)	Prelims Round-2 (10am Onwards)	Semi-finals (10am Onwards)
Prelims Round-1 (1pm Onwards)	Prelims Results & Spin the Wheel (2pm Onwards)	Semifinals Results (12:30pm)
Researcher's Test (6pm)	Quarterfinals (4pm Onwards)	Finals (2pm Onwards)
	Quarterfinals Results & Spin the Wheel (7pm Onwards)	Valedictory & Winners (5pm Onwards)

Please Note: - The organizers hold the authority to alter the timings (if needed) and the same shall be binding on all the Participants.

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