

FIRST ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2019

Vivekananda Law College, Puttur, D.K



*Unit of Vivekananda Vidyavardhaka Sangha(R.) Puttur
Affiliated to Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi
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COMPETITION – 2019**

FROM: 22nd, 23RD TO 24TH February 2019



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**VIVEKANANDA LAW COLLEGE
NEHARU NAGARA, PUTTUR, DK- 574203.**

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1 The First All India Moot Court Competition will be held at Vivekananda Law College, organized by the Moot Court Society of Vivekananda Law College from **22nd, 23rd to 24th February, 2019**

2. TEAM COMPOSITION

2.1 The competition will be open to the Law colleges, Law schools and Law Departments recognized by the Bar Council of India. **The participation is limited to under graduate students in law, both in the 3-year and 5 year schemes undergoing regular courses.**

2.2 The **institutions** can send a team comprising of three students, which include two speakers and a researcher and **their traveling expenses, shall be borne by the respective institutions.**

3. REGISTRATION

3.1 The last date for **confirmation of participation** is **10th JANUARY 2019** and the Entry is **limited to 30 teams.**

3.2 The **Registration forms** shall be filled with the photos of team members and signature of the Head of the Institution and a scanned copy of the same should be mailed to vlcmootsociety@gmail.com on or before **10th January 2019**.

3.3 Each team shall remit a sum of **Three Thousand Rupees (Rs. 3000/-)** towards registration. The remittance of the same shall be done by DD/ Cheque drawn in favour of **Principal, Vivekananda Law College, Puttur**.

3.4 The scanned copy of DD/ Cheque along with the soft copy of the registration forms should be sent by email to vlcmootsociety@gmail.com on or before **10th January 2019**.

3.5 The hardcopy of the same should be sent by post/ courier to **The Principal, Moot Society, Vivekananda Law College, Puttur, Pin: 574203** and it should reach latest **By 15th February 2019**.

3.6 The teams shall report at the venue **before 2 p.m. on 22nd February 2019**.

4. DRESS CODE

4.1 The **dress code** for the participants during the court sessions shall be as follows:

Female participants : White Salwar Kameez and Black Coat OR

White Shirt, Black Pants and Black Coat.

Male participants : White Shirt and Black Pant with Black Coat and

Black Tie.

Gowns and Bands are **NOT** permitted to be worn by the Participants in the Competition

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

5.1 Each team shall comprise of two speakers, who may be accompanied by one researcher, all of whom shall have to be accordingly designated during the registration process. The names of the speakers and researcher so provided shall not be allowed to be changed subsequently

5.2 Each team will be given a team code and each member shall be given an individual code. The team code shall be sent to the registered teams.

5.3 The team members shall not reveal their identities or that of their institutions in the written submission, supplementary volume or during the oral arguments. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification.

5.4 Scouting is not allowed. Scouting by the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to immediate disqualification of such team. The participants are not supposed to disclose their identity in any manner. The Teams are advised to bring their white paper book, the white paper book should not in any manner disclose the identity.

5.5 If a team scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of a Round does not appear for ten (10) minutes after the scheduled commencement of such Round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions ex-parte

6. MEMORIALS

6.1 The memorials must be typed in English and must be in Times New Roman font having font size 12 and 1.5 space (this size restriction does not apply to foot notes, which shall be in size 10 and line space 'single') with 1 inch margin on all sides printed on one side of A4 size paper. Memorials dealing with *jurisdiction, issues involved, summary of arguments, pleadings, conclusion and prayer* shall be prepared by each team for both the sides. **Issues or pleadings not discussed within the body of the memorial shall neither be included in any other part of the same or be raised before the court.**

6.2 The body of the memorial **shall not exceed 25 pages** and the same would include *jurisdiction, questions presented, summary of pleadings, pleadings, conclusion and prayer, annexure, appendices and footnotes*. The *cover page, table of contents, bibliography, index of authorities, and statement of facts, title page and back cover* are not included in these 25 pages.

6.3 The memorials shall not contain any information that will reveal the identity of the participating team and violation of the same if any shall attract penalties including disqualification from the competition.

6.4 The memorial for the Petitioner should be in **Blue cover** and that of Respondent in **White cover**. The memorials should be paper bound/ staple bound. Comb/ spiral or any other form of binding will be considered as improper binding. Please avoid plastic front sheets/ separators.

6.5 Cover page of the memorial must state the following

- The cause title
- Identity of the brief as Petitioner Or Respondent First All India Moot Court Competition 2019

6.6 The soft copy of the Memorials should be sent to vlcmootsociety@gmail.com on or before **11th February 2019**. Six hard copies of the memorials shall be submitted to **The Principal, Moot Society, Vivekananda Law College, Puttur at the time of reporting at the venue. Late submission would result in deduction of marks.**

6.7 There should not be any disparity between the soft copy and the hard copy. Any violations would attract penalty. All Hard copies and soft copies of the memorials in the competition shall become the property of the Vivekananda Law College Puttur Moot Society.

6.8 **The memorial Marks will be computed to the score of speaker only in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition.**

7. ORAL ROUNDS

7.1 The participants shall only be identified by their respective **Code Numbers** given at the time of their registration and shall refrain from any act which reveals the identity of themselves or their institutions. The participants shall wear the badge provided by the organizers throughout the days of the competition.

7.2 The format of the competition will be as follows :

COMPETITION ROUNDS	BASIS	CRITERIA
Two Preliminary rounds	League	Overall Marks
Quarter Final (Subjects to number of participants)	Knock Out	
Semi Final	Knock Out	
Final		

7.3 Fixture of the competition will be decided by the Organizers before commencement of the sessions. The Moot Society reserves the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams in case it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/teams at the far end or if the competing teams have had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem. In the matter of disputes or complaints, the decision of the Appeal Committee chaired by the Principal, Vivekananda Law College, Puttur will be final.

7.4 Preliminary Round/ Quarter Finals

7.4.1 Each side will have a maximum of 35 minutes to present their case. This would include the time reserved for rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal. The duration of each session will not exceed **one hour ten minutes**.

The team should allocate equitably the time available to the two individual speakers. There will be **TWO** preliminary rounds, so that they get an opportunity to argue on both the sides and **there will be exchange of memorials for the quarter finals**.

7.5 Semi Finals / Finals

7.5.1 Each side will have a maximum of 45 minutes to present their case. This would include the time reserved for rebuttal/ sub-rebuttal. The duration of the **Semi Final Round(s) and Final shall be of One hour 30 minutes which shall include argumentation, rebuttals and sub-rebuttals**.

7.6 The Organizers reserve the right to bring alterations in the duration of the Semi Final and the Final Round. The participants can apportion the time between themselves, but each participant has to argue for a minimum of *ten minutes* in the preliminary and quarter final rounds and for a minimum of *15 minutes* in the semi-final and final rounds.

7.7 **Rebuttal/Sub-Rebuttal:** The maximum time provided would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal/sub-rebuttal. At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court Officer as to the apportioning of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sub-rebuttal). In case any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional time that was used, will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allocated for the rebuttal/sub-rebuttal, as the case may be. The teams can reserve maximum of 5 minutes for the rebuttal/sub-rebuttal. The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/sub-rebuttal shall vest with the Judges.

7.8 The language of the court shall be English. Each team shall be ready with their written briefs and oral arguments for both sides. During the oral rounds, the team shall not be allowed to use any type of electronic devices such as laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc.

8. EVALUATION

8.1 A bench comprising of Three Judges selected from a panel of judges drawn from an array of judicial officers, advocates and academicians will preside over each of the court session. The Final round will be presided over by Three Judges of Higher Courts.

8.2 Each court will assign marks to both individual participant and the team.

8.3 An individual participant will be evaluated to a maximum of 100 marks by each judge. Division of marks will be as follows:

1.	Written Submission (Memorials) (Only for Preliminary rounds)	20 Marks
2.	Oral Arguments	80 Marks

8.4 Marks for oral arguments will be awarded on the following criteria.

Sl.NO	PARTICULARS	MAX. MARKS
1.	Substances in arguments, articulation of factual issues, factual analysis and use of evidence	20 marks
2.	Knowledge of law, interpretation, articulation of legal issues and legal analysis	15 marks
3.	Use of authorities and citations	10 marks
4.	Skills of advocacy, persuasiveness and response to questions	15 marks
5.	Clarity, brevity, ingenuity, language, and style	10 marks
6.	Court manners and general impression	10 marks

8.5. The aggregate marks for oral rounds in quarter finals, Semi- finals and Finals shall be out of 100 and apportionment of the same will be informed during the briefing.

8.6. To bring rationalization in the matter of awarding marks and for judicious evaluation, performances are catalogued into **Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average** and the range of marks to be awarded in each category will be forwarded to the judges.

9. RESEARCHER INTERVIEW

9.1 There will be an interview and test to select the best and second best researcher of the moot court competition.

9.2 For the Best and Second Best Researcher, the judging criteria shall be inclusive of the marks secured for the memorials added to the average of marks they secure during the interview.



10. PRIZES AND AWARDS

10.1 Every participant and researcher will be awarded certificate of participation.

10.2 Honours in this competition include

- i. Best Team
- ii. Second Best Team
- iii. Best Female Student Advocate
- iv. Best Male Student Advocate
- v. Best Memorial
- vi. Best Researcher (1ST& 2nd)
- vii. Best Speaker in Prelims

10.3 Rs. 15,000/- as prize money are slated to be awarded in the competition.

10.4 Rs. 7,500/- will be awarded for runner up

10.5 Other Incentives and Prizes shall be awarded.

11. RECEPTION:

11.1 **The travel plans of the teams** (A scanned copy by email and hard copy by post) **shall be sent to the Convenor, not later than 15th February 2019.** The teams will be received at Railway/Bus stations **from 22nd February, 2019.** However the teams will be free to reach on their own and report at the Vivekananda Law College campus at **NeharuNagara,Puttur.**

11.2 The nearest Airport at Mangalore which is approximately 55 km from the College. The Puttur Town and Junction Railway Stations are less than 4 km and less than 3 km respectively. The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation Bus Station is approximately 4 km away from the college.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROGRAMME

Reporting at the Venue	:	9:00 am – 2:00 p.m. on 22.02.2019(Friday)
Researcher Test and Viva	:	04:00PM onwards on 22.02.2019(Friday)
Inauguration	:	10.00 am. on 23.02.2019 (Saturday)
Preliminary Rounds	:	11.30 a.m. on 23.02.2019 (Saturday)
Quarter final rounds	:	4.00p.m. on 23.02.2019 (Saturday)
Cultural Programme	:	07:30pm onwards on 23.02.2019 (Saturday)
Semi final Rounds	:	9.00 a.m. on 24.02.2019 (Sunday)
Finals	:	2:00 p.m. on 24.02.2019 (Sunday)
Valedictory Function and Prize Distribution	:	3.30 pm 24.02.2019 Sunday



DATES TO BE RECKONED

Last date for Provisional Registration	10 th January 2019
Last Date for Soft Copy of Registration forms and DD/ Cheque	28 th January 2019
Last Date for submitting the Hard Copy of Registration Forms and DD/ Cheque	5 th February 2019
Submission of Soft copy of Memorials	12 th February 2019
Last Date for sending Travel Plans (Both Soft copy and Hard Copy)	15 th February 2019.
Reporting at the venue	22 nd February, before 2.00 PM

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