



ASGAR KHAN
ADVOCATE
INTERNATIONAL
ONLINE MOOT
COURT
COMPETITION-
2021

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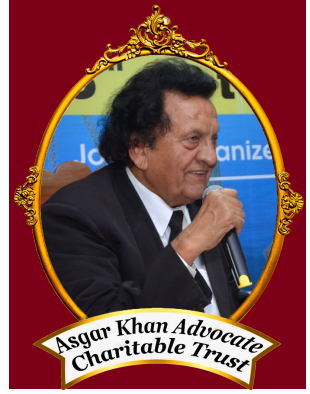


26TH-30TH AUGUST, 2021

MOOT COURT COMPETITION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION



These Rules shall be called the ASGAR KHAN ADVOCATE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE MOOT COURT COMPETITION, Rules 2021.

1.) DATE AND VENUE OF THE COMPETITION:

The Asgar Khan Advocate International Online Moot Court Competition, 2021 will be held from 26th August 2021 to 30th August 2021 on virtual platform. The links of the meeting rooms along with timing details shall be provided to the participants only after timely submission of Memorials and Completion of Registration.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students pursuing three or five years LL.B (or equivalent courses) from any recognized Indian/Foreign University/ School/ Faculty/ Institute are eligible to participate; The Competition is open to all bonafide regular students of recognized Law schools, Law colleges, Universities and Institutions in India or abroad recognized by the Bar Council or State Government or Central Government or any other recognising authority respectively.

3. COMPETITION LANGUAGE

The Official Language of the Competition shall be English.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a) Each participating team shall minimum be comprise of three (3) members where two (2) members, shall be designated as Speakers and one (1) member as Researcher.
- b) Any recognized Indian/ Foreign law school/college/university shall be entitled to send more then one team to the Competition;
- c) No additional member or team coach or faculty will be allowed to join the meeting room during the competition;
- d) Identification Requirements: Since it is a virtual moot, all participants must bear with them at least one identity document for any probable verification during the Moot Court. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution during the course of proceedings in the court rooms or in their memorial; such disclosure shall invite penalties which may include disqualification.

5. REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- a) The registration shall be done by filling up the registration google form.
- b) Interested Participants must Register their Team latest by 31st July, 2021 by 11:59 PM IST;
- c) Teams must submit a screen-shot of Payment of Registration Fees on Whatsapp (+91 9461239898) or send via Email.
- d) The registration shall be considered complete only when the 'Registration Fee' has been paid successfully and the registration form is duly filled with all the credentials.
- e) There are Limited slots for participating teams and hence, the registrations will be done on first come first serve basis;
- h) All the teams must provide their account details (only those details which are required to transfer money to your account) including Account Number and IFSC code. In case these details are wrong then it shall be the sole responsibility of team members for all the consequences arising thereof.
- i) No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organizers.
- j) Teams should clearly mention the participants name, contact number, including year/semester of study.

6. REGISTRATION FEES

- a) A registration fee of INR 5,000 (Five Thousand, Only) shall be submitted by all the teams from University/ School/ Faculty/ Institute/ Colleges in India and Abroad via online transfer /(NEFT/RTGS/UPI)
- b) Registration Fees once paid shall be non-refundable.
- c) The Participating Teams from Outside India shall submit the registration fees amounting to INR 5,000/- in their respective National currency.

For example:

If a participating team belongs to United States of America :
The Indian rupee 5,000 (Five Thousand, Only) = 68.33 USD
Then the team shall have to submit 68.33 USD as registration fees.

d) Details of Online Payment:

- PayPal, Paytm, Phonepe, Googlepay, Amazon pay, BHIM on +91 9461239898
 - UPI- 9461239898@upi
 - For Net Banking Details, Account Details and Other modes of Payment
Kindly Contact - +919461239898, +916367091920
- e) Each team shall be provided with the team code on the date of registration.

7.DRESS CODE OF THE COMPETITION

The Dress Code for the competition during the online Moot Court sessions shall be formal wear. During the Competition, Every Participant must adhere to the dress code even if it is taking place on an online platform.

8.BASIC RULES

- a) The participants have to ensure high speed 4G internet connection with good audio and video facilities;
- b) It is advisable to the participants to use laptops or PC for the oral rounds;
- c) There must not be any noises other than the voice of the participant;
- d) At the time when the other participant is speaking, you are expected to keep your mic on mute;
- e) In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she may be disqualified;

II. MEMORIAL SPECIFICATIONS

I.SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS

- a) Each Team shall prepare and submit a Memorial on behalf of Applicant as well as a Memorial on behalf of Respondents;
- b) Each Team must send the Memorial (Both from the Applicant side and Respondent side) to the Organisers at asgarkhanadvocatemootcourt@gmail.com latest by 23.59 hours(IST) of 20th August,2021 with 'TEAM NAME - MEMORIALS SUBMISSION' as subject of the mail.
- c)The participating teams while submitting their memorials in MS-Word (with .doc or .docx extension) or pdf format via e-mail, must name their respective memorials as A for Applicant or R for Respondent. The memorials shall nowhere mention any particulars, for example, the names, contact numbers, email addresses, etc., of the participants.
- d)A penalty of 1 point per day shall be imposed for any submission made post the deadline specified.
- e)No hard copy of the memorials are to be sent to the organizers.
- f)A penalty of point 2 shall be imposed for revealing any kind of identity in the memorials.

II. COMPOSITION OF MEMORIALS

- (a) The memorials must fulfil all the following specifications:
- Cover page / Cause title.(Blue Cover page for Applicant and Red for Respondent)
 - Table of Contents
 - List of Abbreviations
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Issues and Issues Raised (Additional Issues, if any)
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Argument Advanced
 - Prayer

The memorial shall not be of more than thirty (30) pages and the Argument Advanced shall not exceed more than fifteen (15) pages.

[Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point for every additional page.]

Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 21st Edition.

Each Memorial shall have only the following on its cover page:

- 1) The team code on the upper right hand corner of the cover page;
- 2) The name and place of the forum
- 3) The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
- 4) Name of parties and their status
- 5) On whose behalf the memorial is filed
- 6) Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 16

Formatting Specifications:

For Main Text: All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size.

Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, 1.5 line Spacing and Margins of 1 inch on each side.

For Headings:

Font type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12

For Footnotes: Font type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 10 and Single Line Spacing

Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.

[Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of .25 point for each page.]

- The Memorial must not contain any Annexure/Photographs/ Sketches/Exhibits/Affidavits etc.
- Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the memorials must not be raised in the virtual Court(s).
- The participating teams should retain copies of their memorials for their personal use.

III. PROCEDURE OF THE COMPETITION

I. General Procedure for Oral Proceedings

- a) Language of Oral Submissions: All oral pleadings must be in English.
- b) The oral rounds shall be conducted online. The details of the online platform will be notified to the teams, separately.
- c) There shall be two preliminary rounds, quarter finals, semi finals and a final round spreading over a period of 3 days.
- (d) Memorial exchange will be done through email with the help of the organizing committee after a virtual draw of lots.
- e) Internet Requirements: Participants are advised to use a stable internet connection (a 4G or a WiFi) during the virtual mooting sessions. They are also advised to use Laptops/Desktops and not Mobile Phones during oral pleadings.

The organizers shall not be held responsible for any glitches arising out of poor network or other technical issues.

However, the organizers shall provide a reasonable time (about 10 to 15 minutes) to come back to a virtual courtroom if a participant is logged out because of poor network connectivity.

f) Results of all rounds will be published on our official website <https://akact.in>

g) The results of the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds that will be based solely on oral pleadings will be declared within a maximum of 4 hours from the time of completion of the respective Rounds.

h) A compendium in PDF Format has to be kept ready to present during the sessions and should be sent to the organizers before commencing the proceedings. The Compendium must mention the team code and no other details to be mentioned on compendium which tends to reveal identity of the participants. Such revelation may lead to disqualification of the said team.

II. Preliminary Rounds

- The teams will be arranged and grouped based on drawing of lots and each team will be informed about the team codes and who will contest against whom and for which side the respective teams would put up their oral arguments through mail.

(a) In preliminary rounds each team shall argue from both the sides (applicant and respondent).

(b) No team shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.

(c) TOP EIGHT (8) teams will qualify for the quarter finals on the basis of the marks of the preliminary rounds

(d) Teams shall be credited with a win in a preliminary round if their round total is more than the opposing team.

(e) The marks of each preliminary round shall be the cumulative total of the marks of both the speakers.

(f) The following criteria shall be observed in deciding teams which are to move in quarter-finals.

- The top eight (8) teams that have TWO wins in preliminary rounds shall proceed to the quarter final.
- In case less than 8 teams are able to score two wins then teams that have 1:1 win loss ratio shall advance to quarter finals based on (merit) their higher aggregate score in the Preliminary Rounds.
- Teams that have TWO wins shall be given preference over those which have 1 win.
- In case of a tie between two or more teams, the aggregate total of the score of oral submissions of the speakers and their respective memorials shall be taken into consideration.

III. Quarter Final Rounds

(a) Eight (8) teams shall compete in the quarter final.

(b) It shall be a knockout round. The winner team of each round shall move to the semi-finals. Four (4) teams shall move to the semi-final round.

(c) Marking in this round will aggregate the total of the marks of both the speakers.

(d) In case of tie between teams, in the quarter final round, the aggregate total of the marks of memorials (appellant or respondent) of the teams shall be counted. Team with the highest marks moves ahead.

IV.Semi Final Rounds and Final Round

- (a) Four (4) teams shall compete in semi finals.**
- (b) It shall be a knockout round. The winner of each round shall move to the Final Round.**
- (c) The calculation of final marking in this round will be done through the aggregate total of the marks of both the speakers.**
- (d) In case of tie between teams, in semi finals, the aggregate total of the marks of memorials (appellant or respondent) of the teams shall be counted along with the marks of oral submissions. Team with the highest marks will qualify for the final round.**
- (e) There shall be one (1) FINAL ROUND.**
- (f) The marking criteria in Final Round is same as that of semi final rounds.**

IV.ORAL SUBMISSIONS

1. Preliminary Rounds

- (a) Each Preliminary Round of the Competition shall consist of sixty (60) minutes of Oral Pleadings.**
- (b) Each team will have a maximum of thirty (30) minutes to present their Oral Submissions in Preliminary Rounds. This includes the time the speaker addresses the Court as well as time taken during their rebuttal/surrebuttal.**
- (c) No single Speaker shall plead for more than Seventeen (17) minutes. At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions each team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers.**
- (d) The maximum time for rebuttal/surrebuttal is five (5) minutes.**
- (e) The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/sur-rebuttal will be that of the Bench/Judges.**

2. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals And Final Round

- (a) The maximum time allotted in quarter finals, semi finals and final shall be forty five (45) minutes for each team. This includes the time the speaker addresses the court during rebuttal/surrebuttal.**
- (b) No Speaker shall be allowed to address the court for more than twenty-five (25) minutes. At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions, each team must notify the Court Officer of the period of time that team wishes to reserve for their rebuttal/surrebuttal.**
- (c) A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved for the rebuttal/surrebuttal.**
- (d) If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, he/she shall entail penalty which will be on the discretion of the judges.**
- (e) The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/surrebuttal will be that of the Bench/Judges.**

(f) During the course of oral submissions, the participants will not be permitted to submit any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever.

(g) If at any instance a submission is made with any material in violation to the above clause and if any picture, sketches, photos, cartoons, caricatures, audio film, video film, projector-slide or a computer generated image is submitted or presented to court, the teams shall be disqualified from the competition forthwith.

(h) During the course of the Oral Submissions, no speaker shall reveal his/her identity nor the identity of their University / College by any means whatsoever.

V.AWARDS

**(a) Winning Team (First Prize): INR 21,000*/-
(Twenty One Thousand Only) and E-certificates.**

**(b) Runner Up Team (Second Prize): INR 15,000*/-
(Fifteen Thousand Only) and E-certificates.**

**(c) Best Memorial: INR 8,000*/- (Eight Thousand Only)
and E-certificate.**

**(d) Best Student Advocate: Rs. 5,000*/-
(Five Thousand Only) and E-Certificate
(The Best Student Advocate would be adjudged based on his/her performance his/her oral pleadings in the Preliminary rounds.)**

**(e) Best Researcher: Rs. 5,000*/-
(Five Thousand Only) and E-Certificate**

- **All participants will receive e-certificates for their participation.**
- **An opportunity of Free Publication of worth 3,000/- (Research Article,Case Analysis,Book Review) will be provided to all the participants in ASGAR KHAN ADVOCATE LAW JOURNAL (International Standard Serial Number 2582-6476) Approved and Registered by National Science Library ISSN,New Delhi.(if fulfils the prescribed criteria).**
- **An Opportunity of Internship under Asgar Khan Advocate Charitable Trust (Internship Programme 2021) will be provided to all the participants.**

***The Amount of Prizes are subject to increase on discretion of organisers.**

If the condition of pandemic gets better all the participants including title winners will receive hard copy certificates.

VI. MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIAL

- (a) Memorials from each side shall carry a total of hundred (100) marks.
(b) Following shall be the criteria for marking of the memorials:

Sr.No. allocated	Marking Criteria	Marks
1.	Knowledge of Facts	10
2.	Knowledge of Law	10
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	10
4.	Originality	10
5.	Grammar and Style	10
6.	Correct Format and Citation	10
7.	Extent and Use of Research	20
8.	Clarity and Organization	20
TOTAL :		100

VII. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL ROUNDS

- (a) Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Judge.
(b) The decision of the judges (in marks allocation) will be final.
(c) The following will be the Marking Criteria for each Speaker:-

Sr.No.	Marking Criteria	Marks allocated
1.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
2.	Identification and Articulation of Issues	10
3.	Application of legal principles	10
4.	Use of authorities and precedents	10
5.	Response to questions	10
6.	Presentation skills	10
7.	Clarity of thoughts and logical structure of Arguments	10
8.	Poise and Demeanour	10
9.	Strategy	10
10.	Ingenuity	10

VIII MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) Neither any team or nor anyone connected with any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room (virtual) in which that team is not one of the contesting teams.
- (b) If there is any dispute in regard to the interpretations of the rules or with respect to any matter related to the competition, which is not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the Organizers shall be binding and final.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of teams to access good internet connections. In case of connectivity issues, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Organizers immediately and the decision of the Organizers shall be final.
- (d) In case of any unfair means, the discretion of disqualifying the team will lie with the organizers of the moot court competition.
- (e) In case of conflict, Rules and Regulations laid under this document shall prevail over the brochure.
- Note:** Any dispute regarding the competition or any matter related to the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations shall be referred to the Moot Court Committee and the decisions of the Committee shall be final.
- (f) **Disqualification of Teams:** The organizers of this online Moot Court Competition may disqualify any team if it is not found to adhere to the Rules of this Competition. It may also disqualify a team for any of its unethical or unprofessional conduct.
- (g) **Amendment of the Competition Rules:** The organizers of this online Moot Court Competition may amend the Competition Rules. However, any such amendment shall be brought to the notice of the participating teams.
- (h) **Resolution of Disputes:** Any disputes arising out of the said online Moot Court Competition shall be resolved by the Founder Trustee in consultation with the Managing Trustee and Convener(s), Moot Court Coordinator and Moot Court Committee. The decision of the Board of Trustees shall be final and binding.
- (i) If there is any dispute in regard to the interpretations of the rules or with respect to any matter related to the competition which is not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the organizers shall be binding and final.

Note:

Rules and Procedure along with other details regarding Researcher Test will be published on 21st August 2021.

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