



4th AURO NATIONAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION 2018
RULES OF THE COMPETITION



DEFINITIONS

1. **“A.L.C (Auro Litigious Committee) “:-** A.L.C means the official body designated to conduct and regulate all the moot court activities in the AURO Law School, AURO University , Surat .
2. **“Rules”:-**the official competition rules and any applicable supplements to these rules as provided by the organizers.
3. **“Faculty Convener”:-** refers to the principal faculty responsible for the working of ALC.
4. **“Faculty Members”:-** They are the faculty from the school of law who will help the Convenor and the team of A.L.C and ensure smooth working.
5. **“Draw of Lots”:-** means the procedure to determine the side for which each team shall appear and also to determine the sequence of oral pleadings.
6. **“Memorandum”:-** means the written submissions by each participating team, submitted as per the rules.
7. **“Members”:-** it refers to the student members of A.L.C including the members of the core committee who have been inducted through the induction rounds.
8. **“Core Committee”:-** refers to members elected by the members as per the Constitution of ALC and includes the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Additional Secretary-cum-Additional Treasurer.
9. **“Judge”:-** means any person appointed to evaluate the oral pleadings of the participants.
10. **“Organizers”:-** means Auro Litigious Committee (abbreviated as “ALC”), AURO Law School, AURO University, Surat.

11. **“Mooter”**:- means a participant who has registered herself/himself for the competition as per the rules of registration.
12. **“Court clerk”**:- refers to the student volunteers who shall be entrusted with duties such as maintenance of order in a courtroom during the pleadings before the bench and time-keeping of the oral pleadings.
13. **“Penalties”**:- means mark(s) that will be deducted for any violation of rules, pursuant to **chapter 7** of this moot court competition.
14. **“Moot Clarifications”**:- the official clarifications of the competition moot proposition and of the rules, as published by the administrators.
15. **“Participants”**:- means student representatives from colleges participating in the competition.
16. **“Rebuttal”**:- Rebuttal refers to the response given by the petitioner to the respondent’s arguments, where no attempts can be made to introduce new arguments. Petitioners must make their request to reserve time (up to 5 minutes) for a rebuttal prior to the beginning of each round.
17. **“Surrebuttal”**:- Surrebuttal refers to the response given by the respondents to the petitioner’s arguments, where no attempts can be made to introduce new arguments. Respondents must make their request to reserve time (up to 5 minutes) for a rebuttal prior to the beginning of each round.
18. **“Competition”**:- means Auro National Moot Court Competition, 2018.

1. PARTICULARS OF THE COMPETITION

1.1 ORGANIZERS

1.1.1 The competition is being conducted by AURO Law School, AURO University Surat.

1.1.2 The problem for the moot competition is on topic Internet Infidelity.

1.1.3 The competition is to be held from **16th March 2018- 18th March 2018**

1.1.4 AURO Litigious Committee (A.L.C) shall be responsible for all administrative matters concerning the competition and shall render and distribute all necessary information to the participating teams.

1.1.5 The official email for all correspondence is *alc@aurouniversity.edu.in*

1.2 LANGUAGE

1.2.1 The language of the competition shall be strictly in English.

1.3. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

1.3.1 The organizers shall serve as the final authority of implementation and interpretation of these rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

2.1. ELIGIBILITY

2.1.1 All students enrolled bona fide in an undergraduate i.e. 3 years/5years and post graduate law programme conducted by any college or university shall be eligible for participation in competition.

2.1.2 Registration from each university/college/institution is restricted to one team.

2.2 TEAM COMPOSITION

2.2.1 Each team shall constitute minimum of two members and maximum of three members.
In a team comprising of two members the members shall be designated as speakers.
In a team comprising of three members the third member shall be designated as a researcher.

2.2.2 A researcher shall be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Court.

2.2.3 In exceptional cases, with the approval of organizing committee a team may comprise of two members and one of the speakers might also be designated as a researcher.

Note: No additional member or team coach is allowed to accompany the team

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. Teams must register themselves latest by **10th February,2018 (23:59 hours IST)** by sending an email to alc@aurouniversity.edu.in with the subject “*Registration for 4th Auro National Moot Court Competition*” along with scanned copy of the Registration Form.

3.2 You can also deposit the fees by RTGS / NEFT in State Bank of India or in HDFC Bank. Details for RTGS / NEFT are as follows:

State Bank of India

Bhatha Branch, Surat - 394 510.

Account No.31703674530

IFS Code : SBIN0002636

HDFC Bank

Kribhco Town, Surat – 394 270

Account No.50100098732157

IFS Code : HDFC0000904

Note: Incase of NEFT/RTGS please write your reference number instead of demand draft number in registration form.

3.3. For successful registrations, the teams must send hard copy of the registration form latest by **10th February,2018** at the address given below

**AURO Litigious Committee (ALC),
AURO Law School, AURO University
earthspace, Hazira Road, Opp ONGC
Surat - 394510, Gujarat, India**

3.4. Registration fee paid are non-refundable.

4. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

4.1. All teams which have duly registered will be allotted a team code after the deadline for the registration.

4.2. No team shall reveal their identity except by means of their team code during the course of the competition.

4.3. The memorials or any materials (compendium, etc.) to be submitted shall not contain any sign, logo, name etc. revealing the identity of the college/ institution/ university/ team members.

4.4. Any violation with regards to anonymity shall be penalized in accordance with the rules.

4.5. The decision of the A.L.C with regard to the penalty awarded shall be final and binding.

5. CLARIFICATIONS

5.1. The teams may request for clarifications with regards to the moot problem by sending an email to alc@aurouniversity.edu.in latest by **10th February, 2018 (23:59 hours IST)**.

5.2. The clarifications, if any, will be released on the official website by **13th February, 2018**.

6. MEMORIALS

6.1 MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

6.1.1. Each team participating in the competition must prepare one memorial on behalf of petitioner and one on behalf of the respondent.

6.1.2 . Each team must send a soft copy (**in MS Word .doc/.docx & pdf format**) of their memorials for evaluation by **26th February, 2018(23:59 hours IST)** with the subject **“Submission_ANMCC For “Team Code”** to alc@aurouniversity.edu.in. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall not be evaluated. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline.

6.1.3 Four (4) hard copies of memorials from each side, must reach the university on or before **1st March, 2018** at the following given address.

**AURO Litigious Committee (ALC),
AURO Law School, AURO University
earthspace, Hazira Road, Opp ONGC
Surat - 394510, Gujarat, India**

6.1.4 Any change in the composition of the team will not be entertained once the memorials have been submitted.

6.1.5 The file names of the electronic copies of the memorials must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g. (for Team Code 001) **001P** or **001R**, 'P' being for '**Petitioner**' memorial and '**R**' for '**Respondent**' memorial and so forth.

6.1.6 The memorial for each side should be submitted as one single file and not in multiple files. Any violation of this rule shall invite penalty in accordance with **Chapter 7**

6.1.7 Five (5) hard copies for each side of the memorial must be submitted to the organizers at the time of registration on **16th March 2018**.

6.1.8 The hard copies must be identical to the soft copy. Violation of this rule would entail disqualification from the competition.

6.2. MEMORIAL FORMAT

6.2.1 All soft copies of the memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document 2007/2010 format (.doc/.docx).

6.2.2 All pages of the memorial must be of A4 size with an equal margin on each side.

6.2.3 The font style and size of the text of all parts of the memorial, excluding the cover page and page numbers, must be in Times New Roman 12-point. The footnotes shall be in Times New Roman 10-point.

6.2.4 The text of all parts of the memorial must be double-spaced, except for the Cover Page, Table of Contents, Index of Authorities, headings, and footnotes. The footnotes can be separated with single line spacing.

6.2.5 The hard copies of the memorial shall be printed on only one side.

6.3 MEMORIAL CONTENT

6.3.1 The memorials should contain the following sections:

6.3.1.1 Cover Page for Petitioner and Respondent should be colored differently as provided below :-

- Blue Cover – Petitioner
- Red Cover – Respondent

6.3.1.2 Table of Contents

- 6.3.1.3 Index of Authorities
- 6.3.1.4 Statement of Jurisdiction
- 6.3.1.5 Statement of Facts
- 6.3.1.6 Statement of Issues
- 6.3.1.7 Arguments Advanced; and
- 6.3.1.8 Prayer

6.3.2 Each memorial shall have the following on its cover page which has been prescribed below:

- 6.3.2.1 The team code on the upper right hand corner of the cover page
- 6.3.2.2 The name and place of the forum
- 6.3.2.3 The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
- 6.3.2.4 Name of parties and their status
- 6.3.2.5 Memorial Filed on Behalf of _____

6.3.3 Teams shall cite authorities in the memorial using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 19th Edition. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed. The memorial shall be printed on A4 size paper, with the following mandatory formatting specifications:

- 6.3.3.1 Font Type: Times New Roman
- 6.3.3.2 Font Size: 12
- 6.3.3.3 Line Spacing: 1.5
- 6.3.3.4 Margins: 1 inch on each side.

- 6.3.4 The Arguments Advanced should not exceed 20 pages. Non-compliance will result in a penalty as per **Chapter 7**.
- 6.3.5 The memorial as a whole should not exceed 35 pages including the cover page. Non-compliance will result in a penalty as per **Chapter 7**.
- 6.3.6 The citation should be in compliance with the 19th edition of Harvard Bluebook. Noncompliance will result in a penalty as per **Chapter 7**.

6.3.7 The entire content of the soft copies and the hard copies of the memorial shall have to be the same. Noncompliance with this rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.

6.4 MEMORIAL EVALUATION

6.4.1 The memorials of each team shall be evaluated by a panel of three Judges.

6.4.2 The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

Criteria	Marks
<i>Knowledge of law and research</i>	25
<i>Interpretation and application of law</i>	25
<i>Formulation of arguments (clarity of thoughts and articulation of arguments)</i>	20
<i>Adherence to the format and correctness of citations</i>	15
<i>Language and grammar</i>	15
Total	100

7. PENALTIES

Late Submission	1 mark per memorial every 12 hours after the deadline of submission; disqualification beyond hours
Wrong File Name	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one file	2 mark per Memorial
Exceeding total page limits	2 mark per exceeding page

Failure to include the sections in the Memorial (Refer to Rule 6.3.1)	3 marks per chapter
Failure to include the required information on the cover page (Refer to Chapter 6.3.2)	1 mark per violation
Failure to comply with Bluebook 19th Edition for Footnotes (Refer to Chapter 6.3.3)	0.5 mark per footnote
Wrong Font Size as per Chapter 6.3.3	1 mark per page
Wrong Font Style as per Chapter 6.3.3	1 mark per page
Wrong Line Spacing as per Chapter 6.3.3	1 mark per page

8. ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES

8.1 GENERAL PROCEDURES

8.1.1 All the teams participating in the competition will first participate in the preliminary rounds which will be on day 1. There shall be preliminary rounds, pre-quarters rounds, quarter final rounds, semi-final rounds and a final round.

8.1.1.1 Preliminary Rounds

8.1.1.1.1 Preliminary rounds will see all the participants pleading before the court. Respective pleading sides will be communicated to the teams on day 1.

8.1.1.1.2 Each team will have the opportunity to argue only from one side as decided by draw of lots.

8.1.1.1.3 Time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes

for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal. No surrebuttal is allowed. No Speaker may reserve more than fifteen (15) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

8.1.1.1.4 No team shall be allowed more than 5 minutes for rebuttal.

8.1.1.1.5 Only one (1) speaker from the pleading team shall be permitted to rebut.

8.1.1.1.6 Top 16 teams on the basis of total marks will qualify for Pre- quarter rounds.

8.1.1.2 **Pre Quarter Rounds**

8.1.1.2.1 Rules of pre quarter rounds would be same as those of the preliminary rounds

8.1.1.2.2 Top 8 teams on the basis of marks scored in the pre quarter rounds will qualify for quarter rounds.

8.1.1.3 **Quarter Final Rounds**

8.1.1.3.1 Rules of pre quarter rounds would be same as those of the preliminary rounds

8.1.1.3.2 Top 4 teams on the basis of marks scored in the quarter final rounds will qualify for semi-final rounds.

8.1.1.4 **Semi Final Rounds (Aggregate of two)**

8.1.1.4.1 Each team shall present their oral submission from each side in the semi-final rounds. The score will be an aggregate of both the rounds. The top two teams with the highest aggregate score will advance to the final round.

8.1.1.4.2 Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty five (45)

minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal. No speaker may reserve more than twenty-five (25) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

8.1.1.4.3 No team shall be allowed more than 5 minutes for rebuttal. Sur-rebuttal will be allowed in this round.

8.1.1.4.4 Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut.

8.1.1.5 **The Final Round**

8.1.1.5.1 Rules of final rounds would be same as those of the semi final rounds. However, there shall be only one final round, unlike the semi final rounds. This means that each team will make its oral submission representing only one side.

8.1.1.5.2 The winning teams from each of the two semi-final rounds shall advance to the final round. The winner of the final round shall be declared 'Winner of the Competition'.

8.2 PROCEDURE FOR ORAL SUBMISSIONS

8.2.1 The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the teams subject to maximum time allowed for the specific round.

8.2.2 This division of time should be informed to the court clerk before the commencement of the respective oral rounds.

8.2.3 The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.

8.2.4 The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the oral rounds and can be permitted to speak at the discretion of the bench. However, only the two speakers will be allotted marks in oral rounds.

8.2.5 Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher is allowed.

8.2.6 Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 marks per speaker per judge.

8.2.7 The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
<i>Knowledge of Law</i>	25
<i>Knowledge of Fact</i>	15
<i>Language</i>	15
<i>Time, Management and Organization</i>	10
<i>Court Etiquettes</i>	15
<i>Interpretation and use of Authority/ Precedents/ Statutes</i>	20
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>100</u>

9. SCOUTING

9.1 Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited and shall entail instant disqualification.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. **Winning Team** shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 42,500/-
- 10.2 **Runners-Up Team** shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 27,500 /-
- 10.3 **Best Student speaker** shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 12,500/-
- 10.4 **Runner-up student speaker** shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 7,500 /-
- 10.5 The team with the **Best Memorial** will receive a cash prize of Rs.12,500 /-
- 10.6 The team with the **2nd Best Memorial** will receive a cash prize of Rs. 7,500/-
- 10.7 In addition to the above prizes, meritorious certificates and trophies shall be given to the winners. All participants will be given participation certificates.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 FORCE MAJEURE

11.1.1 The organizers reserve absolute right to cancel, defer or postpone indefinitely, the competition in the event of the occurring of any such incident or accident, natural or man caused, in India which is likely to effect the smooth conduct of the competition or is likely to effect the security of the organizers and participants and the Organizers shall not be responsible or liable for loss of any kind caused to anyone whatsoever.

11.2 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.2.1 The mooters must behave in a dignified manner and not cause any inconvenience to the volunteers.
- 11.2.2 Any mooter found misbehaving with other mooters or volunteers will be disqualified immediately.
- 11.2.3 Deference to the judges of the moot court competition must be maintained inside and outside the court hall.
- 11.2.4 Participants will be entirely disqualified from the competition on the following grounds:
- a. *If found smoking or consuming/ carrying drugs or alcohol in the campus.*
 - b. *If found misbehaving, or causing nuisance, or making abusive statements, showing disrespect towards judges, co-participants, students, faculties or members of*

the ALC.

11.3 MISCELLANEOUS

11.3.1 The Organizer's decision with respect to the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizers' decision will be final and binding.

11.3.2 The organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

11.4 DISCLAIMER

11.4.1 Notwithstanding anything stated in the rules, the competition is the only responsibility of the organizers and they shall not be legally or otherwise liable or responsible for any matter or dispute arising outside of the competition.

11.4.2 The organizers shall not be responsible for any dispute arising out of team selection process in the participating teams.

12. ACCOMMODATION& FOOD:

- 12.1. Accommodation and Food will be provided to all the teams by the Organizers.
- 12.2. Accommodation and Food will be provided from 16th March 2018 (10.00 a.m) till 18th March, 2018 (12.00 p.m).
- 12.3. Conveyance will be provided to all the teams from their accommodation place to the University (Competition Venue). So, teams are advised to plan their travel accordingly and inform the organising university through filling the travel form which is available on the website.

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