

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. AIM & PURPOSE

C.L. Agrawal Memorial National Moot Court Competition has been conceived with the aim of creating opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in law besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.

II. VENUE AND DATE

8th C.L. AGRAWAL MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024, shall be held at *School of Law, Raffles University, Neemrana, Rajasthan* from 8th to 10th March, 2024.

III. THE COMPETITION SHALL BE HELD IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

IV. ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION

- (i) Each team shall comprise of three (3) members out of which two (2) will be speakers and one (1) researcher. An observer is allowed to be brought to the competition with a condition that he/ she shall not intervene in any proceedings.
- (ii) The competition is open for bonafide students pursuing 5 Years and 3 Years Law programs in India.
- (iii) Each Law College shall be eligible to send one team. Each team shall be provided with the TEAM CODE. Team should not disclose the identity of their institution in course of proceedings in the court rooms; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification.

V. REGISTRATION

- (i) The teams are requested to send an e-copy of the Registration Form to mcc@rafflesuniversity.edu.in on or before 21-02-2024.
- (ii) A registration fee (Non- Refundable) of Rs. 4500 /- (Rupees Four Thousand and Five Hundred Only) is to be paid by way of Online Money Transfer / UPI / Paytm / Google in favour of Raffles University. The charges for observer will be Rs. 800 (Eight Hundred only) per day.

(iii) Payment to be done by online mode. Details are as follows-

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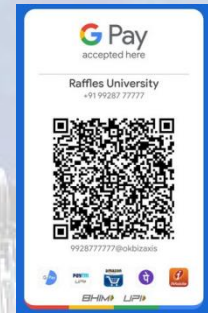
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Details- Student's Name and College/ Institution Name



The scanned copy of the receipt of online payment (or issues related to payment) must be submitted by email to mcc@rafflesuniversity.edu.in

- (iv) 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.
- (v) Teams should clearly mention the participants name including year/ semester of study.
- (vi) The moot court will be conducted on Date: 8th March to 10th March 2024.

The inauguration function will commence sharp at 04:00 PM on 08/03/2024 followed by draw of lots.

VI. DRESS CODE

Inside the court room, the participants must strictly follow the below-mentioned dress code.

- (i) Females: White Salwar kurta & Dupatta or white shirt and black Trousers along with black coat and tie.
- (ii) Males: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

VII. COMPETITION ROUNDS

There shall be **Two Preliminary Rounds, Octa-Finals, Quarter-Finals, Semifinals, and a Final Round** spreading over a period of 3 Days.

Preliminary Rounds

- (i) In preliminary rounds each team shall argue from **both the sides (Plaintiff and Defendant)**.
- (ii) The team shall be credited with a WIN in a preliminary round if their round total is more than opposing team.

- (iii) The marks of the EACH preliminary round shall be the cumulative of the marks of both the speakers and the marks of the memorial of the side in which they are appearing.
- (iv) The total marks of the preliminary rounds shall be the sum total of the marks of both the prelim rounds.
- (v) **No team shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.**
- (vi) **TOP SIXTEEN (16)** teams shall move to the Octa-Finals on the basis of the marks of the preliminary rounds.
- (vii) The following criteria shall be observed in deciding teams which are to move forward to Octa-Finals: -
 - a) The teams that have TWO wins in preliminary rounds shall proceed to the Octa-Finals.
 - b) In case less than 16 teams score two wins then teams that have 1:1 WIN LOSS ratio shall advance based on their aggregate score in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - c) Teams that have TWO wins shall be given preference over those which have 1 WIN and 1 LOSS.
- (viii) In case of a tie between two or more teams, the aggregate of the score of oral submissions of the speakers shall be taken into consideration.

Octa-finals

- (i) **Happening of Octa-Finals is subject to change in case participating teams' number is less than 30.**
- (ii) It shall be a **knock- out** round and the winner of each round shall move forward to the quarter finals.
- (iii) The criteria of marking in this round are aggregate of the marks of both the speakers in that round.
- (iv) In case of tie between teams, in Octa-Finals, the aggregate marks of memorial of the side in which the teams are appearing shall be counted. The Team with highest marks moves ahead.

Quarter-Finals

- (i) Eight (8) teams shall compete in quarter final. Criteria for qualifying to quarter finals have been mentioned in previous clauses.
- (ii) It shall be a **knock-out** round. The winner of each round shall move to the semi-final. Four (4) teams shall move to semi-finals.
- (iii) The criteria of marking in this round are aggregate of the marks of both the speakers in that round.
- (iv) In case of tie between teams, in Quarter Finals, the aggregate of the marks of

memorials of the side in which the teams are appearing shall be counted. The team with highest marks moves ahead.

Semi-Finals / Final

- (i) Four (4) teams shall compete in semifinals. The criteria of qualifying in semifinals have been mentioned in pervious clauses.
- (ii) It shall be a knock-out round. The winner of each round shall move to the final.
- (iii) The criteria of marking in this round are aggregate of the marks of both the speakers in that round.
- (iv) In case of tie between team, in semifinals, the aggregate of the marks of memorials of the side in which the teams are appearing shall be counted. Team with highest marks moves ahead.
- (v) There shall be one (1) FINAL Round.
- (vi) The marking criteria in Final Round is same as that of semifinal.

Note: The teams shall be allotted their respective sides through draw of lots.

VIII. MEMORIAL

- (i) All teams must submit Memorials/ Written Submissions for both sides (Plaintiff-Defendant).
 - a. Memorials must contain the following:
 - b. Cover page / Cause title
 - c. Index
 - d. Index of Authorities
 - e. Table of Cases
 - f. List of Abbreviations
 - g. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - h. Synopsis of Facts
 - i. Issues Raised
 - j. Summary of Arguments
 - k. Arguments / Pleadings
 - l. Conclusion / Prayer.
- (ii) **The arguments shall not exceed Twenty (20) pages and the Memorial shall not exceed Forty (40) pages.**
- (iii) **The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size page in Font type: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, 1.5 - line spacing & 1-inch margin on each side. For citation Blue Book 20th edition must be followed.**

- (iv) The Cover Page of the Memorial must follow the following color scheme, **Blue for the Plaintiff Cover Page and Red for the Defendant Cover Page.**
- (v) The Memorial must be "**Spiral Binding**" ONLY. **No services regarding spiral binding will be provided by the university.**
- (vi) If any team needs to get photocopies done in the university, it would be charged.
- (vii) The Memorial must not contain any Annexure/ Photographs/ Sketches/ Exhibits/ Affidavits etc.
- (viii) Memorials that do not comply with the above- mentioned specifications will be fined.
- (ix) Soft copy for each side (Plaintiff and Defendant) must reach the organizers latest by **01-03-2024 (Friday)** to Moot Court Committee at mcc@rafflesuniversity.edu.in, and hard copy of the same and compendium shall reach the School of Law, Raffles University, Japanese Zone, NH- 48, Neemrana- 301705 District- Alwar, Rajasthan, India latest by **04-03-2024 (Monday)**. Total of 5 hard copies must be submitted to the organizers out of which 2 of each side are to be delivered by **04-03-2024 (Monday)**.
- (x) Identification of any type shall attract severe penalty.

IX. MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS

- (i) Memorial from each side shall carry total of hundred (100) marks.
- (ii) The following shall be the criteria for marking the memorials.

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
1.	Analysis of Issues	20
2.	Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general	10
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis of issues arising out of facts	10
4.	Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues	10
5.	Presentation of Arguments	20
6.	Use of legal sources: Customs, Precedents and General Principles of Law	10
7.	Variety and depth of research	10
8.	Variation in approach- New Points of Law, Unique Interpretation of Facts/Issues, etc.	10

- (iii) A penalty of two (2) marks for each side of memorial shall be entailed on each day default in submissions of memorials

X. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- (i) Each team shall comprise of two (2) speakers, as has been specified earlier.
- (ii) Each team will have a maximum of **Thirty (30) minutes to present their Oral Submissions in Preliminary Rounds**. No speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than Seventeen (17) minutes. This includes the time the speaker addresses the Court during the rebuttal. The maximum time for rebuttal is Five (5) minutes.
- (iii) **Passing of chits will only be allowed during Preliminary rounds**. The **maximum time allotted in Octa and Quarter Finals is Forty (40) minutes for oral submission** and no speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than Twenty-Two (22) minutes inclusive of Five (5) minutes for rebuttal.
- (iv) The **semifinal rounds will be of Forty- five (45) minutes and the final round will be of fifty (50) minutes for each team**. No speaker shall be allowed to address the court for more than Twenty-Five (25) minutes and Twenty- Eight (28) respectively.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his / her time, he/she shall entail penalty which shall be upon the discretion of the judges.
- (vii) **Speakers shall not be allowed to pass annexure to the judges; instead, the teams may make a Compendium of annexure that shall be given to the judges before the start of proceedings**.
- (viii) 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.

XI. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ARGUMENTS

- (i) Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge.
- (ii) The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks allocated to each Speaker by each Judge in the Round:

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
1.	Appreciation and Application 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
	TOTAL	100

(iii) The decision of the judges as to the Marks allocated to any team shall be final.

XII. AWARDS

- (i) **Rs. 20,000/-** Cash Prize and Trophy to the Winners.
- (ii) **Rs. 10,000/-** Cash Prize and Trophy to the Runner ups.
- (iii) **Rs. 5000/-** Cash Prize and Trophy to the Best Speaker.
- (iv) **Rs. 7000/-** Cash Prize and Trophy for the Best Memorial.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

- (i) No team or any of its members or anyone connected with any team will be permitted to sit or hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams while that team is competing in the competition. For the violation of this rule strict action may be taken against the team, even ranging to the disqualification of the team from the competition. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, and immoral conduct.
- (ii) If there is any dispute regarding 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- Organizer reserve the right to change/modify any rules if required/necessary for successful completion of the event.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Start of online registration	28.01.2024
Last date for online registration	21.02.2024
Last date for payment of registration fee	24.02.2024
Last date for receiving copies of registration form/approval letter along with details of registration fee payment	26.02.2024
Last date for the questions clarification of problem	29.02.2024
Last date for submission of memorials (both applicant and respondent) soft copy by email	01.03.2024
Last date for submission of memorials (both applicant and respondent) hard copy by post	04.03.2024
Orientation / Inaugural	08.03.2024
Prelims-1/ Prelims-2/ Octa-final/ Quarter final	09.03.2024
Semi-final/ Final / Valediction and Prize distribution	10.03.2024