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5TH SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, HYDERABAD NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION-2021

8th - 10th January, 2021

RULES

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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, constituent of the Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune has announced its **5th Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, National Moot Court Competition – 2021**, to be held from 8th-10th January, 2021 to enable law students from all across India to participate and showcase their majesty over law and legal principles in a virtual moot court competition;

THEREFORE, the Moot Court Association of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, hereby makes the following rules, namely: -

CHAPTER I

1. **SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:** These rules may be called ‘NMCC Rules, 2021’.

1.1 They shall come in to force from the date of publication, on the official website of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad www.slsh.edu.in.

1.2 The rules are reviewed annually and are subject to change. Reliance should be placed only on ‘NMCC Rules, 2021’ and not on any previously applicable rules.

2. **DEFINITIONS:** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

2.1 ‘Bench’ refers to the members duly invited by the institute, to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively;

2.2 ‘Clarifications’ means explanation published by the institute on the moot problem, at any point of time of the competition or a query posed by any competing team within the given deadline;

2.3 ‘Competition’ means the ‘5th Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad Virtual National Moot Court Competition – 2021’;

2.4 ‘Governing Council’ means the student-faculty-staff body appointed for the administration and smooth conduct of the competition, including all other members conferred with powers on ad-hoc basis by the ‘Ex-officio Chairperson’ or ‘Faculty In-charge’ of the Moot Court Association of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad;

2.5 ‘Institution’ means and includes ‘Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad’, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune;

2.6 ‘Memorial Round’ refers to the assessment of memorials, submitted by teams, on the predefined criterion, hereinafter mentioned in these rules;

2.7 ‘Moot Problem’ means a set of facts published by the institution for competition;

- 2.8 'Oral Round' refers to the oral pleadings made by the teams before the bench during any of the rounds of assessment, including time given for rebuttal;
- 2.9 'Team Code' means a unique code assigned by the institution to the applied and registered team;
- 2.10 'Team' means and includes only *bona fide* representatives of any University, may that be state or central or any other department recognized/authorized by the Bar Council of India to impart law degrees, and who have applied and registered for the competition by complying with the procedure prescribed in these present rules;
3. In these rules, unless otherwise stated, a reference to a rule is reference to that rule in 'NMCC Rules, 2021'.
4. **INTERPRETATION:** The Governing Council reserves the right to interpret the rules as it deems fit in order to ensure fairness and equality in the competition. Any such interpretation shall be conclusive and the decision of the Governing Council for the application of the rules shall be final and binding.
- 4.1 The Governing Council may also amend, modify, change or repeal any rule from 'NMCC Rules, 2021'; the same shall be communicated to the teams in due time. In case of any conflict, the decision of the Governing Council shall be final and binding.

CHAPTER II

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- 11** Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law course may apply to participate in 5th Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad National Moot Court Competition, 2021.
- 12** Students enrolled and pursuing post-graduate diploma or short-term certificate courses in law are not eligible to apply.
- 13** Students from any University/Department/Institute not recognized by the Bar Council of India, to impart law degrees are not eligible to apply.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- 21** A team may consist of maximum three members and a minimum of two members.
- 22** A team may consist of 3 members that shall include two orators and one researcher.
- 23** If a team consists of two members, both members shall be the orators.
- 24** All three members of a team should belong to the same institution.
- 25** Any team, intending to change the team composition of the team shall intimate the Governing Council by sending an e-mail at mca@slsh.edu.in.
- 26** Any person, other than the registered team members, is not eligible to avail facilities reserved for the student participants.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1 GENERAL

- 3.1.1** Each team shall provisionally register for the 5th Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, National Moot Court Competition, filling the [provisional registration form](#) through this link latest by **23rd October, 2020, 11:59 pm**.
- 3.1.2** Provisional registration after the given deadline shall not be accepted, under any circumstances.
- 3.1.3** On receipt of the duly filled provisional registration form, the institute shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt.

3.14 After the deadline for the provisional registration expires, the Governing Council shall respond to each provisionally registered team, as specified under clause 3.1.1, with a unique team code, which shall be used to identify the teams during the competition.

3.15 On completion of the aforementioned registration process, any team may withdraw from the competition by duly filling the [withdrawal form](#) on or before **18th November, 2020**.

32 REGISTRATION FEE:

3.21 The registration fee for the competition is Rs. 600 per team. (In words- Rupees Six Hundred per team inclusive of 18% GST.

3.22 The registration fee is to be paid only by the teams that are selected for the Oral Rounds in accordance with Rule 4.1, Chapter III.

33 PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE:

3.31 The registration fee for the ‘5th Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, National Moot Court Competition’ is to be paid through a wire transfer only. The required details for the same are contained in **Annexure I**. No other payment method shall be accepted.

3.32 The deadline for payment of the registration fee is **3rd January, 2021**.

3.33 Any additional charges incurred by the team while making the wire transfer are to be borne by the team.

3.34 All teams must attach a screenshot/scanned copy of the receipt generated on payment of the registration fee to the form as specified under

34 COMPLETION OF REGISTRATION PROCESS:

3.41 Only selected teams as per Rule 4.1, Chapter III shall fill in the [final registration form](#) along with the receipt generated after the completion of the wire transfer of the registration fee. The softcopies of the aforementioned documents must be attached to the registration form and submitted within the deadline of payment of

registration fee i.e. **on or before 5:00 pm, 3rd January, 2021**. Registration to 5th Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad National Moot Court Competition shall be deemed to be confirmed only on completion of all the formalities as specified under clause 3.4.1, failure to do so, may be treated as withdrawal from the competition and no claim of what so ever nature shall be entertained.

3.4.2 On completion of the registration process, any team may withdraw from the competition by duly filling the withdrawal form as specified under 3.1.5, Chapter II. No refund shall be given under any circumstance in case of such withdrawal.

4 CLARIFICATIONS:

4.1 Clarifications can be sought on any part of the moot proposition and must be clear. These clarifications are to be sent via e-mail at mca@slsh.edu.in.

4.2 It is at the discretion of the Governing Council to decide whether a clarification sought for is valid and is to be clarified.

4.3 The clarification e-mails are to be sent **on or before, 30th October, 2020**.

5 ANONYMITY OF TEAMS:

5.1 Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form during the Competition, except by the means of their Team Code allotted by the Governing Council.

5.2 Teams must not reveal the name of their institution or names of the participants, anywhere in the memorials or in the course of the oral arguments. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc.

5.3 Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification mark(s)/seal(s) of the Team. If any such mark(s)/seal(s) exist, it must be rendered unrecognizable before being presented to the judges

5.4 Any violation of Rules 5.1-5.3 shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Governing Council. The decision of the Governing Council in this regard shall be final and binding; not subject to challenge.

5.5 While submitting the memorial, the e-mail should have no reference to the name of the institution and should only contain the team code.

CHAPTER III

1. MEMORIALS AND MEMORIAL ROUND:

1.1 GENERAL:

- 1.1.1** Each team shall research into the domain of moot problem and subject to Rules 1.2.2-1.2.5, Chapter III prepare memorial from both sides, namely, petitioner/appellant and respondent.
- 1.1.2** The memorial scores will contribute to decide the selection of the teams for the Oral Rounds.

1.2 FORMAT OF MEMORIAL:

- 1.2.1** The memorials are to be submitted in the format prescribed under Rules 1.2.2- 1.2.4., Chapter III. If a team fails to comply with the given format, it may be penalized in the form of deductions from the memorial marks.
- 1.2.2** The memorials shall contain all of, and only, the following heads, namely-
- a.** Cover Page (It shall include the team code of the team on upper right-hand corner, name of the case, parties for whom written submissions are made, name of the forum approached for dispute resolution and year. Cover page of the memorial on behalf of petitioner/appellant shall be in blue, and respondent shall be in red.)
 - b.** Table of Contents
 - c.** List of Abbreviations
 - d.** Index of Authorities
 - e.** Statement of Jurisdiction
 - f.** Statement of Facts
 - g.** Issues Raised
 - h.** Summary of Arguments
 - i.** Arguments Advanced
 - j.** Prayer

1.2.3 FONT AND SPACING:

- a. All written submissions shall be typed on A4 size paper in the following format in Times New Roman (font type), in 12 points (font size), line spacing 1.5, both sides Justified, and headings to be bold in the same font and size.
- b. Written submission shall contain a border.
- c. Each page shall have 1-inch margin from each side.

1.2.4 The memorial shall not contain more than 25 pages (excluding cover page, table of content and index).

1.2.5 FORMATTING AND CITATIONS: All teams shall give footnotes by adhering to Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citations (20th Edition).

1.2.6 PLAGIARISM: The governing council reserves the right to disqualify a team, at any stage of the competition, if the memorial or any other part thereof, if found to be plagiarized.

2. SUBMISSION OF SOFTCOPIES:

2.1 Each provisionally registered team shall submit a soft copy, both in Microsoft Word format and PDF format (.docx and .pdf) of the memorials from both sides [here](#) on or before **12th December, 2020, 11: 59pm.**

2.2 Submissions made after the specified deadline may lead to penalties in the form of deductions from the memorial marks.

3. ASSESSMENT OF MEMORIALS: The memorials shall be assessed out of 100 marks, by a team of experts on the predetermined criterion, as specified here under:

- a. Clarity of Facts (20 marks)
- b. Use of Law (20 marks)

- c. Use of Authorities/Precedents (20 marks)
- d. Argumentation and Clarity of thoughts (20 marks)
- e. Presentation (10 marks)
- f. Originality (10 marks)

4. MEMORIAL ROUND:

- 4.1 A certain number of teams shall be selected for the Oral Rounds purely based on the marks obtained by the team in the Memorial Round.
- 4.2 Result of the Memorial Round shall be final and non-reviewable on any grounds.
- 4.3 The Governing Council shall communicate the result of the Memorial Round to each team.
- 4.4 The result so published shall include a list of the selected teams and a waiting list of a few additional teams.
- 4.5 The teams in the waiting list shall be allowed to participate only in the occasion of withdrawal of a selected team from the competition. Such information shall be brought to the notice of the wait-listed team by the Governing Council in due time.

5. RIGHTS OVER THE MEMORIALS :

The administrating authority of the competition reserves the rights to disseminate and produce the memorials as and when deemed necessary for the purpose of the competition. Submission of the memorials will constitute the team's consent to do the same. The administrating authority will not take any responsibility for the mistakes found in the final submission of the memorials.

CHAPTER IV

1. DRESS CODE:

1.1 The participants shall adhere to the following dress code while in the virtual court rooms:

- a. Ladies: White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers or skirt along with a black blazer and black shoes.
- b. Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers, a black tie, a black blazer and black shoes.

2. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

2.1 GENERAL:

- 211** The competition will be held for three days, 8th-10th January, 2021. Information relating to Draw of Lots will be communicated at a later stage.
- 212** The competition shall consist of Preliminary Round, Quarter Final Round, Semi-Final Round and the Final Round.

2.2 PRELIMINARY ROUND:

- 221** Subject to Rule 2.1.2, Chapter IV the Preliminary Rounds and Quarter final round shall be held.
- 222** The rounds shall be conducted virtually by way of video conferencing, the details of the platform will be given to the teams prior to the competition. The Meeting ID, Password and Link will be communicated to the teams via email.
- 223** Each team shall argue once from the side allotted to them through the Draw of Lots which shall be notified to the teams shortly after the Opening Ceremony. The Memorials will be made available to the teams and judges on the chosen platform for video conferencing.
- 224** Each team shall strictly get a total time of 30 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and maximum 3 minutes for the Rebuttals and 1 minute of sur-rebuttal is permitted.
- 225** At the beginning of the preliminary rounds, the teams shall specify the time distribution for their rebuttals of each speaker to the moderator. The rebuttal round

proceeding shall be initiated once the moderator informs the team about the commencement of the time limit.

- 226** The commencement of sur-rebuttal round shall be informed to the teams by the moderator and the procedure will be same as that of the rebuttal round. (as specified under rule 2.2.5)
- 227** Only after being allowed by the moderator a speaker shall unmute his mic.

3. ELIMINATION ROUNDS

3.1 QUARTER ROUNDS:

- 311** 8 teams with the highest score in the Preliminary Rounds shall proceed to the Quarter-Finals.
- 312** In case of a tie in scores calculated, the team with higher score in the Written Submission (Memorials) shall proceed to this round.
- 313** Each team shall strictly get a total time of 30 minutes to argue, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and 3 minutes for the Rebuttals and 1 minute of sur-rebuttal is permitted.
- 314** A time-extension for a maximum of 2 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge which shall include sur-rebuttal in the case of Respondent if sought for.
- 315** At the beginning of the quarter final round the teams shall specify the time distribution for of each speaker and for rebuttal to the moderator. The rebuttal round proceeding shall be initiated once the moderator informs the team about the commencement of the time limit.

3.2 SEMI-FINAL ROUND:

- 3.2.1.** The semi-final round shall be conducted through video-conferencing, the details of which shall be communicated as they qualify.
- 3.2.2.** The winning team of each round shall proceed to the Semi-Finals. In case of a tie, the team with a higher score in Written Submission shall qualify.
- 3.2.3.** Each team shall get a total time of 40 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 15 minutes per speaker including maximum 5 minutes for the Rebuttals, if permitted.

3.2.4. Rebuttals shall only be permitted to the Petitioner/Appellant and in no circumstance whatsoever, shall the Respondent be allowed to spare any separate time for Rebuttal.

3.2.5. A time-extension for a maximum of 2 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge which shall include sur-rebuttal in the case of Respondent if sought for.

3.3 FINAL ROUND:

331 The top two teams from the Semi Final Round shall qualify for the Final round. It shall be a knock out round, where the side for pleading shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.

332 The Final round shall be conducted through video-conferencing. The meeting Id and password will be informed to the teams through email.

333 The winning team of each round shall proceed to the Finals. In case of a tie, the team with a higher score in Written Submission shall qualify.

334 Each team shall get a total time of 50 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 20 minutes per speaker including maximum 5 minutes for the Rebuttals, if permitted.

335 Rebuttals shall only be permitted to the Petitioner/Appellant and in no circumstance whatsoever, shall the Respondent be allowed to spare any separate time for Rebuttal.

336 Each team will get a minimum of 40 minutes to argue, with an additional 5 minutes for Rebuttal.

4. ASSESSMENT CRITERION FOR ORAL PLEADINGS:

4.1 Team performance of the orators shall be judged in all rounds on the basis of following criterion-

- a.** Knowledge of the Facts (20 marks)
- b.** Application of Laws to the Fact and Interpretation (20 marks)
- c.** Argumentative Skills (20 marks)
- d.** Clarity of Thoughts and Expression (20 marks)
- e.** Court Mannerisms (10 marks)

f. Response to Questions (10 marks)

5. RULES FOR QUALIFICATION:

5.1 The preliminary round shall be decided on the basis of allocation of a total of 100 marks; which includes 30 percent of the marks of memorial round and 70 percent of the marks of oral pleadings. The team scoring the highest out of 100 in the round will be declared as the winner.

5.2 In the Quarter final round, marks obtained out of 100 in the oral pleadings will be the only decisive factor for determining which team will qualify for the Semi Final Round. In case of a tie in oral pleading marks, then the memorial marks will determine the qualifying team. Even then if the tie persists, the team with the highest individual score will qualify for the Semi Final Round.

5.3 In the Semi Final round, marks obtained out of 100 in the oral pleadings will be the only decisive factor for determining which team will qualify for the Final Round. In case of a tie in the oral pleading marks, the memorial marks will determine the qualifying team. Even then if the tie persists, the team with the highest individual score will qualify for the Final Round.

5.4 In the Final Round average marks obtained in the oral pleadings out of 100 will be the only decisive factor in determining the team that has won the competition. In case of a tie in the oral pleading marks, the marks obtained in the memorial round will determine the winner. Even then if a tie persists, the team with the highest individual score will be declared as the winner of the competition.

6. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

6.1 The winner of the Final Round shall be declared as the “Winner” of the competition and shall be awarded a certificate of merit.

6.2 The other team that made it to the Final Round shall be declared “Runners up” and shall awarded be a certificate of merit.

6.3 Best Speaker shall be determined on the basis of the highest average marks obtained in the preliminary round, and shall be awarded a certificate of merit.

6.4 Best Memorial shall be determined on the basis of the highest marks obtained in the memorial round, and shall be awarded a certificate of merit.

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6.5 Every participating team shall be awarded a 'Certificate of Participation'. No

'Certificate of Participation' shall be granted to those teams who have not qualified the memorial round.

6.6 Trophy, Gifts, Cash prizes and other prizes given by sponsors, if any, shall be additional to what has been mentioned.

6.7 E-certificates will be granted for both the certificate of appreciation and certificate of appreciation.

CHAPTER V

1. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

1.1 No team shall indulge themselves in any act of misconduct in or outside of the court room, undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition. If done, it may lead to immediate disqualification.

1.2 Any behavior of indiscipline with the Governing Council or any other staff member or student volunteer shall be dealt with strictly.

1.3 No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round.

1.4 Any attempt to approach the framer of the moot problem or judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be met with strict consequences.

ANNEXURE-I

PAYMENT DETAILS

The teams that qualify for the oral rounds shall wire transfer an amount of INR. 600 (Rupees Six Hundred Only.), inclusive of GST @ 18%

Bank: Andhra Bank

A/C Holder Name: Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad

A/C No.: 216310100005057

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