

Guidelines of All India Moot Court Competition

The All India Moot Court Competition shall be organised every year.

The allotment of All India Moot Court Competition to the Regional Council shall be done in the President's Meeting with Chairmen of Regional Councils or in the TEFC Meeting at the beginning of the calendar year.

The Regional Council / Chapter which is authorized to host the National Final Round of the competition for a particular year, will be required to make announcement well in advance regarding date, venue & place of national final round. Announcement in this regard is to be published in student company secretary and Institute's website. Intimation in this regard is also required to be sent to all Regional Councils / Chapters for informing the students at large

Eligibility Criteria

Participation is restricted to the *bona fide* – registered students of the ICSI. Students will be required to carry their Identity Cards of ICSI with them at the competition.

Practicing Advocates, Chartered Accountants, Cost Accountants are not eligible to participate and the students of ICSI who have cleared all modules of Professional Programme are not eligible to participate.

Pattern of the Competition

The Moot Court Competition will be organised at three levels.

- Chapter Level Round
- Regional Level Round
- National Round

Regional Council/ Chapter which is hosting National round may organise the national round of All India Moot Court Competition in its home city or at any city under its jurisdiction.

Language & Dress code

The Language shall be English and the dress code shall be formal.

Team Composition

Each team shall consist of 2 Students (1 as Petitioner & 1 as Respondent).

National Round

The Winner and First Runner-up of each Regional Level competition shall compete in the National Round, which makes the total number of teams to compete at national round to Eight.

Jury

An eminent jury comprising of three senior professionals with legal acumen and practical experience shall be constituted to adjudge top Teams. Separate jury should be constituted for each Level of competition.

Memorials

The following requirements must be strictly met for each level. Non-conformities will be penalized:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials (Petition, Reply, Rejoinder & Written Notes) for both sides, i.e, (Petitioner and Respondent).
- b. The briefs shall be consistent with the National Company Law Tribunal Rules as amended from time to time.
- c. Once the memorials are submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- d. 3 (three) copies each of the memorials for Petitioner & Respondent + a soft copy to be submitted to the respective Chapter / Region in Charge before the two days of commencement of event. Both memorials should be copied in a single CD. Late submission of memorials will not be allowed.
- e. Memorials must be submitted type written as per National Company Law Tribunal Rules as amended from time to time.

Procedure for Appearance at the competition

Petitioner's Submission	15 minutes
Respondent's Submission (Counter)	15 Minutes
Petitioner's submission (Rebuttal)	15 Minutes

Scouting:

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other team(s). Scouting is strictly prohibited.

Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.

Scoring / Marking Parameters:

- a. Memorials will carry 30% and oral submissions will carry 70% of evaluation.
- b. If the memorials are found to be verbatim reproduction of each other, no points will be awarded for such memorials.
- c. Indicative parameters for scores on the basis of Oral Submission:
 - i. Knowledge of facts
 - ii. Logic, reasoning and clarity
 - iii. Persuasiveness
 - iv. Deference to the court
 - v. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
 - vi. Understanding of the laws directly applicable to the issues
 - vii. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)
- d. **Indicative parameters for scores on the basis of Written Submissions (Memorials) in conformity with National Company Law Tribunal Rules as amended from time to time.**
 - i. Logical progression of ideas
 - ii. Originality in analysis and arguments
 - iii. Effective use of headings to outline arguments
 - iv. Understanding essential legal issues presented
 - v. Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
 - vi. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 - vii. Forceful and persuasive presentation
 - viii. Integration of facts into legal argument
 - ix. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - x. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 - xi. Understanding and analysis of authority
 - xii. Proper use of citations and citation form
 - xiii. Effective use of authority to support arguments
 - xiv. Ability to distinguish adverse cases
 - xv. Neatness, legibility, typos or format errors

Financial Assistance

All efforts will be made to organize the competition through an outside agency which has expertise in conducting such competitions. Efforts should be made to engage any big Law Firm/ Law College which can conduct the competition in a professional way and also sponsor it completely.

After the national round is complete, the host Regional council / Chapter will be required to submit its claim to Institute's HQ along with all accounts of the event with proper justification of

expenditure incurred. Considering the same, Institute's HQ may release the financial support to the host Regional Council / Chapter for conducting national round as per the following :

“Actual amount of deficit on organizational expenses subject to a maximum of Rs.1,00,000/- for national level event. “

Reimbursement of Travelling Expenses

Travelling expenses of team of students for participating at various levels of Competitions will be borne by the respective Regional Councils / Chapters as per provisions given below:

- a. When Chapter's team is visiting their respective Regional Council to participate in the Regional Round, their travelling expenses will be borne by the concerned Chapter (i.e. to & fro bus fare or train fare of 3rd AC from the place of residence of student to the destination of Regional Round).
- b. Similarly, when winners of Regional Round are going to participate in the National Round then travelling expenses of students will be borne by the concerned Regional Council. (i.e. to & fro bus fare or train fare of 3rd AC from the place of residence of student to the destination of National Round).
- c. National winner of this competition shall be given “Memento / Commendation Certificate” at the National Student Conference or at any other function of the Institute. Travelling expenses of such National winners / winning teams who are going to receive the award will be borne by Institute's HQ. (i.e. to & fro bus fare or train fare of 3rd AC from the place of residence of student to the place where the National Student Conference or any other function of institute is held where the award is to be given).

General Guidelines

1. Only organizational expenses are to be included when preparing accounts of the event. It is clarified that travelling expenses of teams of students will not be included in accounts of event.
2. The host Regional Councils/ Chapters are required make all-out efforts to arrange sponsorships from corporates, business establishments and individuals for partially funding the organizational arrangements for the competition.
3. The host Regional Council/ Chapter shall invite the followings to grace the occasion :
 - i) Central Council Members and Regional Council Members belonging to the host city.
 - ii) Regional Council Members (if hosted by Regional Council)
 - iii) Managing Committee Members (if hosted by Chapter)

4. Eminent persons be invited as Chief Guest for the competition. Maximum publicity be generated through print, electronic and social media.
5. The host Regional Council/ Chapter shall be required to submit the following after successful conclusion of the final round of the competition :
 - i) Detailed Report alongwith photographs
 - ii) Income & Expenditure Account (with all supporting documents)

Miscellaneous

1. The decision of the judges as regards the result of the competition will be the final and binding;
2. All participants are expected to maintain decorum in the hall where the event will be held;
3. The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct;
4. The organizer's decision regarding interpretation of rules or any other matter related to competition will be final;
5. If there is any situation not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the Institute shall be final.

Removal of Difficulty

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of these guidelines, Secretary of the Institute may make such provisions or give such directions as appear to be necessary for removal of the difficulty.

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