

4<sup>th</sup> Online National Moot Court Competition, 2021



***ANAND LAW COLLEGE &***

***ANAND COLLEGE OF LEGAL STUDIES***

**4<sup>TH</sup> ONLINE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## SCHEDULE

Key Dates	Key Events
<b>1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021</b>	<b>Release of Moot Problem and Rule Book for Anand Law College &amp; Anand College of Legal Studies Online Moot Court Competition 2020-21</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021</b>	<b>Commencement of Registration (Google Form: <a href="https://forms.gle/WWjrEQaNX16BDUuc6">https://forms.gle/WWjrEQaNX16BDUuc6</a>)</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021</b>	<b>Last date for Registration</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021</b>	<b>Last date for seeking clarifications</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021</b>	<b>Last Date for sending Registration Form along with Demand Draft</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021</b>	<b>Last Date for Submission of Memorials (soft copy) PDF Format (the link for the Google Form shall be shared with the registered participants after last date of registration)</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021</b>	<b>Preliminary Rounds</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021</b>	<b>Semi-Finals &amp; Final Round</b>

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **I. Aims & Purpose**

The Anand Law College & Anand College of Legal Studies jointly organize the 4<sup>th</sup> *Online National Moot Court Competition, 2021* to enable students to familiarize themselves with the law and practice of the National Law.

### **II. Definitions**

Definitions: Unless otherwise stated, the following shall be construed as under:

- **“Administrator”** shall mean the Anand Law College & Anand College of Legal Studies.
- **“Clarification”** shall mean any questions, inquiries or doubts sent by a registered team to the organizers seeking any factual clarification in the Moot Court problem. The clarifications, if any, provided by the college shall be considered as if it were a part of the moot Proposition and shall have no individual significance.
- **“Competition”** means the 4<sup>th</sup> Online National Moot Court Competition, 2020-21.
- **“Institution”** means any recognized Law School/College or University.
- **“Participating Team”** means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules for registration.
- **“Participating Institution”** shall be presumed to be the parent Institution of the participating teams.
- **“Organizer”** means the Anand Law College & Anand College of Legal Studies, Anand, GUJARAT.
- **“Rebuttals”** refer to those arguments/questions that the Complainant may raise to the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators. This shall be replied to in the appropriate manner by the Respondent. (Applicable for only Semi final and Final Rounds).
- **“Written Submission”** means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any team.

### **III. General Rules**

**Dress Code:** The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any virtual court room during the Competition.

**Female(s):** Black colored salwar or trouser, white colored kurta or shirt & suit (black)

**Male(s):** White shirt with tie and black colored trouser / suit (black)

**Language:** The language of the Competition shall be English.

### **IV. Eligibility and Team Composition**

**Eligibility:** All students currently enrolled in three year or five-year LL.B. in any Law School/College/University in India, are eligible to participate in the Competition.

Any recognized Institution/College/University shall be entitled to send only one team to the Competition.

**Team Composition:**

Each team shall be comprised of maximum 3 members, i.e. **2 Mooter(s)/ and 1 Researcher**. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. Teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration.

Under no condition shall a team consisting more than 3 members be allowed to participate.

**V. Anonymity of Teams**

Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city at any time before or during the competition.

**The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name etc. of the University represented.**

**Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team. If any such mark/seal exists, it must be rendered unrecognizable.**

Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizer. Such decision shall be final.

**VI. Registration**

Each team can provisionally register by filling the Google Form provided in the Schedule on page 2. Registration is strictly on first come first served basis. The last date for provisional registration is 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.

After filling the Google Form, the teams would be sent a Registration Form through email.

To complete the process of registration, all participating teams are required to submit the complete registration form, duly signed and stamped by the Head of Institution/Principal/Head of Department along with the Demand Draft (DD) of **Rs.800/-** in favour of “**Anand Law College, Anand**”. The aforementioned documents must be sent (by post or courier) to Anand Law College [Managed by Shri RamkrishnaSeva Mandal], latest by **10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**.

**Address:**

**SRKSM Campus, Opp. Town Hall, Near Electric Grid, Anand – 388001, Gujarat, India.**

**NOTE:**

- **Any form received through any other method such as e-mail, etc. would not be considered.**
- **Any form received after the last day of registration will not be allowed.**
- **The teams shall be solely responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of Registration Form.**

**Change in Team Composition:**

Any change in team composition will not be entertained after the registration.

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In case of any unforeseen contingency where it becomes imperative to change the team composition, the participating team shall send an application through mail to the Administrator, mentioning the compelling reason for the change. However, the change in the composition shall be done at the discretion of the Administrator.

### **VII. Researchers' Test**

The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on the First Day of the Competition that is, 27<sup>th</sup> February through Google Forms.

The duration of the test shall be forty-five (45) minutes only. **No other time-slot or extra time would be provided to any team in any circumstances.**

The test shall consist of objective questions based on General Principles of the Statement of Facts, matter(s) of Law involved in the Moot and General Principles of National and International Law. The Researchers' Test shall test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Moot Problem and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Moot Problem.

**ONLY the Researcher as mentioned in the Registration Form is eligible to take the online researcher test.**

### **Format of the Competition and Oral Arguments**

The Competition is divided into 3 rounds:

1. Preliminary Rounds
2. Semi-Final Round
3. Final Round
  - a. Inaugural ceremony, orientation and draw of lots will be on **27<sup>th</sup>February 2021 (Saturday)**
  - b. There will be one preliminary round on **27<sup>th</sup>February 2021 (Saturday)**.
  - c. Top six teams will qualify for semi-finals which will be held on **28<sup>th</sup>February, 2021 (Sunday)**
  - d. Top two teams will qualify for final which will be held on **28<sup>th</sup>February, 2021 (Sunday)**

**Note:** The rounds will be conducted on online platform.

- The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the Court Bailiff/clerk prior to the commencement of each Round. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed.
- Teams shall not disclose, in any manner what so ever for the entire duration of the Rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent, even if asked by the judges and should therefore, join the session using their team code and speaker code only.
- Team scores shall not be disclosed after every round. Teams must not make any attempt to gather any such information, until notified by the Organizing Committee.

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- Absence of any team or failure of any team to login to any of the oral submissions round on the required time will render disqualification of the team for that round. In such a case, their opponent shall make their oral submissions *ex parte* and the calculations shall be made accordingly.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. Discrepancy shall not be permitted.
- Evaluation shall be done on the basis of the following criteria:

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Written Memorials	30
Oral arguments	40
Time adherence	15
Overall performance	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

- Any team which violates any of the Rules with respect to the Oral Pleading Sessions may be penalized. The decision of the Bench shall be final in this regard.

### **Preliminary Rounds:**

- There will be only one round in the Preliminary Round. The round is an Audio- video recording round. The qualification to the Semi-finals round shall be based on the Audio-video recording. Each oralist will send the recording of 5 minutes so each team has to send two recordings, one from Oralist 1 and another from Oralist 2. The recording will be from any one side that will be decided on the bases of draw of lots. The video has to be uploaded on Google Drive. Top eight teams with highest aggregate score of both the Oralist shall advance to the semi-finals. The Teams qualified for the Quarter Final Round will be on different parameters which includes body Language, Command on Language, Factual clarity, Legal Provisions and Authorities cited.

### **Semi-Final Rounds:**

- 8 teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- Semi-Final Round shall be a knock-out round.
- The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals. The side of the team shall be decided by way of draw of lots.
- Each team shall be allotted total of 30 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 17 minutes and minimum of 13 minutes per speaker.
- A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved per team for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be exclusive of the above time-limits.
- Evaluation in the Semi-final round shall be done on the following basis:

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Application of Law	25
Advocacy and Presentation	20
Answer to Court Question	20

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Interpretation and use of facts	15
Time adherence	10
Overall performance	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### Finals:

- In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided based on the aggregate score. No memorial score will be added in the finals.
- Each team will be allotted a total of 45 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum 15 minutes per speaker.
- The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be given at the discretion of the judges which shall be exclusive of the above time-limits in both semi-final and final rounds.
- Evaluation in the Final round shall be done in the following manner:

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Application of Law	20
Advocacy and Presentation	15
Court Etiquettes	10
Answer to Court Question	15
Interpretation and use of facts	10
Research Relevant to the case	10
Time adherence	10
Overall performance	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### VII. Rules for Written Submission/Memoriale Valuation

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed:

- a) Each Team is required to prepare a Memorial for both, the Petitioner and the Respondent of the Case. It is to be noted with caution that the forum selected by the team shall remain same both for the Petitioner and the Respondent.
- b) Soft copy of the memorials, one from the Appellant and other from the Respondent in .pdf format must be uploaded on Google Form, the link for which shall be sent after final registration. Another soft copy of the memorials shall be emailed to ([aclsmccompetition@gmail.com](mailto:aclsmccompetition@gmail.com)) with the subject “**Memorials for Team Code**”. 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 TM01) TM01(A) or TM01(R).
- c) **Each Memorial shall be presented in the following order:**
  1. Front cover
  2. Title page

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3. Table of contents
4. List of abbreviations
5. Index of authorities (list of sources)
6. Statement of facts
7. Issues
8. Summary of arguments
9. Arguments in advance
10. Submissions/Prayer
11. Optional: Annex (max two (2) pages); and
12. Back cover

### **d) Memorial Format**

1. Each team must submit its Memorial in MS-Word format.
2. Each team must submit its Memorials in size 12 Times New Roman font style and footnotes in size 10 Times New Roman font style.
3. Each page must have a margin of at least 1.25 cm on every side of the text.
4. Memorials must be continuously page-numbered, excluding the front- cover.

### **e) Spacing**

1. The text of the Memorial must be 1.5 spaced and footnotes must be single spaced.
2. Headings and subheadings of more than one line in length must be single spaced.

- Front Cover Requirements

The front cover must contain the following information:

1. Team code
2. Title of the Competition
3. Title of the case

3. The following color schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Written Submission:

A) Petitioner- **BLUE**

B) Respondent- **RED**

4. Each team must **omit** the following references in their Memorials:

1. The names of team members;
2. The name of its university/Institute/College.

### **f) Page Limit**



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Each Memorial must not exceed 25 pages, in which the advanced arguments should not exceed more than 15 pages.

There is no page-limit on minimum pages.

### **g) Draw of lots**

- a. Draw of lots shall be conducted on **27<sup>th</sup> February 2021** after inaugural session.

### **h) Penalties [Memorials]**

Late Submission	3 marks per memorial every 12 hours after the deadline of submission. Disqualification beyond 48 hours.
Wrong file name	1 mark per memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one File	1 mark per Memorial
Exceeding page limits	1 mark per exceeding page
Failure to include the sections in the Memorial	3 marks per section
Failure to include the required information on the cover page	1 mark per violation
Failure to use the correct colour coding	2 marks per Memorial

## **VIII. The Breaker**

In the event of tie between the marks of two teams, following criteria shall be considered in order of their mentioning;

### **1. Preliminary Round**

- a. Memorial Marks
- b. Application of legal principles

### **2. Semi-finals**

- a. Memorial marks
- b. Response to the queries of the Court

## **IX. Virtual Platform Rules**

- The participants must ensure that they have a strong internet connection with good audio and video facilities. The organizers shall not be held responsible for any glitches arising out of poor network or other technical issues. However, the organizers may provide a reasonable time (about 4 to 5 minutes) to come back to a Virtual Court Room if a participant is logged out because of poor network connectivity. The discretion to wait any longer will be with the judge(s).
- The participants (speakers) must ensure that any noise or audio other than the voice of the participant should not disturb the other participants during the online oral rounds. At the

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time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute.

- The Participants are expected to be seated in a quiet room free from any echo and isolated from any form of disturbance by any other person.
- The Participants should make sure that the Background is plain and sober which does not disturb the judges. The participants should prefer a White background.
- During the course of the Oral Submissions no speaker shall reveal his/her identity or the identity of his/her college/university by any means whatsoever. Thus, all participants must join the session using their team code and speaker code. In the event any participant reveals his/ her identity or the identity of his/ her college/ university, the team shall be marked negatively as deemed appropriate by the judges.
- All participants should be online on time which is mentioned in the invitation link mail.

### **X. Categories of the Awards**

The following awards will be given after the Final Round:

- a) Winner - Trophy and Certificate
- b) Runner-up Team - Trophy and Certificate
- c) Best Counsel/Mooter - Trophy and Certificate
- d) Best Memorial - Trophy and Certificate
- e) Best Researcher - Trophy and Certificate

### **XI. Complaint Procedure**

If a Team believes that an infraction of the Rules has occurred during Preliminary Round, Semi Round and final Round the Team may notify the Court Officer in writing within five (5) minutes of the conclusion of that Round.

### **XII. Miscellaneous:**

1. The scouting of any type will amount to disqualification of the team from the competition.
2. The organizers reserve all the rights to change any of the above rules if so require and as they deem appropriate.
3. All communications regarding the competition are to be addressed to [aclsmccompetition@gmail.com](mailto:aclsmccompetition@gmail.com)

**XIII. For any queries participants are welcomed to call:**

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