



H V PERERA QC MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The present rules only govern the procedure of the H V Perera QC Memorial Moot Court Competition also referred to as The Victor's Moot (hereinafter "The Competition") organized by the Moot Society of Sri Lanka Law College (hereinafter "The Organizers").
- 1.2. Teams must refer and follow the Timeline (hereinafter "The Timeline") updated annually and published in the Official Website (hereinafter "the website").

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to teams composed of students:

- 2.1. enrolled in either, an undergraduate programme in law or equivalent professional qualification at a University or other institution AND
- 2.2. who have not received their undergraduate qualification or any other professional qualification in the legal field (Attorney at law, Barristers, Solicitors, etc.) at the time of oral hearings.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

Each University shall be represented by one (1) team. Each team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) members and a maximum of five (5) members consisting of four (4) speakers and one (1) researcher. The selection process and eligibility of the team is the sole responsibility of each University.

4. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The Competition, including all forms of oral and written submissions, shall be in English.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Duly completed registration form, together with the registration fee and a confirmation of eligibility of competitors by the University, must be submitted on or before the deadline date as specified in the Timeline. Substitution of names shall not be permitted after the registration deadline.
- 5.2. Teams may participate in the Competition by making an application to the Organisers via e-mail to thevictorsmoot@gmail.com or by post at the following address:

*Moot Society
Sri Lanka Law College 244,
Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12
Sri Lanka*

5.3.Registration fee shall be LKR. 10,000 per Sri Lankan team. Registration fee for foreign teams shall be USD 170.

5.4.Registration fee for Sri Lankan teams shall be made by bank deposit.

“Moot Society of Sri Lanka Law College NMCC Account”

A/C Number: 8232002565

Bank: Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC

Branch: Hulftsdorp Branch

The scanned copy of receipt of payment must be sent to the Organisers via email.

5.5.Registration fee for teams outside of Sri Lanka shall be must be wire transferred as follows.

“Moot Society of Sri Lanka Law College NMCC Account”

Bank: Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC

Branch: Hulftsdorp

Swift Code: CCEYLKLX

Bank Code: 7056

Branch Code 0232

A/C Number: 8232002565

5.6.Upon completion of registration, each team shall be given a team number. Thereafter all correspondence shall be in reference to the team number, through the nominated email address on registration.

5.7.The same team code must be used by the teams during the submission of Memorials and during all the Rounds of the Competition.

5.8.Accommodation will be provide for Foreign teams..

6. DRESS CODE

The dress code for the rounds of the competition shall be formal. The dress code for all the functions at the competition shall be smart casual.

7. THE COMPROMIS

7.1.The Organisers shall invite a duly qualified person to draft the compromis. The author of the case shall remain anonymous till the inaugural session of the Competition.

- 7.2. The Organisers will distribute the Compromis on the date specified in the Timeline via the website and the same Compromis will be used throughout the Competition. If the release of the Compromis is delayed for any reason, a notice will be emailed and teams will be given extra time for the submission of memorials.
- 7.3. Teams are to identify the subject matter of the moot based on the moot case and all literature provided with the Compromis.
- 7.4. Teams cannot introduce new facts outside what is available in the Compromis.
- 7.5. Requests for clarifications regarding the compromis or its interpretation, shall be made prior to the deadline specified in the Timeline. Any such request shall be made by email to thevictorsmoot@gmail.com.
- 7.6. Answers to clarifications issued will be distributed to all teams through email correspondence on the date specified in the Timeline. Clarifications issued become part of the problem.
- 7.7. Requests for clarification shall:
- 7.7.1. Cite the page number of the problem to which their request relates;
 - 7.7.2. Be limited to matters that would appear to have legal significance in the context of the problem (not simple typographical errors, for example).
 - 7.7.3. Include a short explanation of the expected significance of the clarification if possible.

8. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS (MEMORIALS)

- 8.1. Each team must prepare written submissions in support of the legal position of both the claimant party as well as the respondent party.
- 8.2. Each team is to submit an electronic version of both their written submissions in both PDF and Microsoft Word(.docx/ .doc) with only the
- 8.2.1. Team code for Claimant
 - 8.2.2. Team code as Respondent
- (with no reference to the university name or its logo), through email to thevictorsmoot@gmail.com on or before 12pm(Sri Lankan Time) on the date specified in the Timeline. Additionally, two (2) hardcopies each of the written submissions (four in total), with only the team number on it, must be submitted on the date specified on the Timeline.

- 8.3. Any team that fails to submit written submissions (softcopy and or hardcopy) on time will not be eligible to win either the Best or Runner up memorial award.
- 8.4. The Cover Page of the Memorial must have the following colour scheme:
 Blue: Appellant Cover Page
 Red: Respondent Cover Page
- 8.5. All teams will receive the memorials of the teams they are scheduled to meet in the oral rounds no less than one week prior to the competition by email. Only memorials electronically received by the deadline (time) will be considered for the memorial prize.
- 8.6. Each individual Memorial shall not exceed a limit of 25 pages, excluding the Cover Page, and pages containing the Table of Contents, and Bibliographical Lists (cases, legal texts, statutory instruments etc.).
- 8.7. The Memorial shall be formatted according to the following specifications:
- 8.7.1. Typed on standard A4 size page
- 8.7.2. Font type: Times New Roman.
- 8.7.3. Font size for body text: 12; the text of the written submission must have one and a half spacing. Font size for footnotes: 10; text of footnotes may be single-spaced. However, two separate footnotes must be double spaced.
- 8.7.4. Margin: 1 inch (2.54cm) margin on each side of the A4 size page
- 8.7.5. Footnotes must follow the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities(OSCOLA).
- 8.7.6. Quotations of sources outside of the memorial of fifty words or more in any part of the memorial shall be block quoted and must be in italics.
- 8.7.7. The Memorial must not contain any Annexure/Photographs/Sketches/ Exhibits/Affidavits etc.
- 8.8. Any Written Submission failing to adhere to any of the specifications enumerated will be penalized according to the scheme provided below:

8.4	2 each
8.6	1 each for every additional page
8.7.1	1 mark
8.7.2	1 mark
8.7.3	0.5 marks each (maximum 2)
8.7.4	1 mark
8.7.5	4 marks
8.7.6	1 mark each
Maximum deductible from Total Aggregate	15 marks

8.9.The Following will be the marking criteria and the marks allocate to each category:

Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
Knowledge of the Law and Extent of Research	30
Proper and Articulate Analysis, Clarity and Organization	25
Knowledge of Facts	15
Evidence of Original Thought	20
Grammar and Style	10
TOTAL	100

9. ORAL HEARING

9.1.The competition shall be held over a period of four (4) days and will comprise four (4) Preliminary Rounds, one (1) Semi-Final Round and one (1) Final Round of Arguments. Depending on the number of Teams that apply the organizers retain the right to hold an additional a Quarter Final Round. Other than the preliminary round, all other rounds shall be held on an elimination basis.

9.2.Each team shall argue for both the sides (Applicant and Respondent) twice in the Preliminary rounds. In case of a tie at the end of the Preliminary Rounds, the team with the higher Memorial Score will advance to the Semi-finals.

9.3.Only two speakers may present Oral Submissions in any given round. No researcher shall be permitted to present Oral Submissions in any given round.

9.4.Teams need not restrict their Oral Submissions to the Memorial.

9.5.Teams must submit in writing an outline Outline of Arguments to both their opponents as well as the Arbitration Panel prior to the commencement of the Oral Hearing.

9.6.Each team will have a maximum of 40 minutes to present their Oral Submissions. The Speaking order and time allocations must be determined by Teams and conveyed to the Arbitration Panel prior to the Commencement of Each round.

9.7.Each speaker will be marked on a total of hundred (100) marks by each Arbitration Panel. The average of the marks of all Arbitration Panels will be taken as the final score.

9.8.The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks allocated to each speaker by each Arbitrator in the Round:

Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
Knowledge of the Law and Facts	25
Application of Law to the Facts	20
Use of Authorities	10
Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions,	15
Clarity of Thought	10
Style, Poise, Courtesy, & Demeanour	10
Time Management & Organization of Arguments	10
TOTAL ORAL SUBMISSION SCORE PER SPEAKER	100

10. SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

10.1.All teams will be expected to carry along any case law(s) and authorities to which they intend to refer. Teams must note that they will not be permitted to submit any material to the Arbitration Panels if such material bears the name or seal of their College/University.

10.2.Any additional material intended to be submitted to the Arbitration Panel must be submitted to the opponent

10.3.During the course of oral submissions, the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever.

10.4.Further the participants will not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops, mobile phones and/or any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions. However, with permission from the Arbitration Panel, participants may use an electronic device to assist in timing their oral submissions.

10.5.If at any instance a submission is made with any material in violation of the above rules and if any picture, sketches, photos, cartoons, caricatures, audio film, video film, projector-slide or a computer generated image is submitted or presented to court, the teams shall be disqualified from the competition forthwith.

11. RESEARCHER TEST

- 11.1. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on the date specified on the Timeline.
- 11.2. Participation in the Researchers' Test shall be restricted to the team member designated as a Researcher. Teams that do not have a designated Researcher shall be exempted from participation.
- 11.3. The Researchers' Test shall test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Compromis and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Compromis.
- 11.4. The duration of the Researchers' Test shall be One (1) hour and it shall be in a Multiple Choice format.
- 11.5. The Researchers' Test shall be closed book, without notes, books nor any other material, either as print, electronic nor otherwise, permitted to be referred at the time of the said Test.

12. AWARDS

- 12.1. A Rolling Trophy for the Best Team and a Rolling Trophy for the 2nd Best Team.
- 12.2. An award for the Best Memorial and an award for the Runner-up Memorial.
- 12.3. An award for the Best Speaker, an award for the 2nd Best Speaker. The Best Speaker and Runner up Speaker Awards will be determined by the highest aggregate score of all rounds that the contestant has argued divided by the number of rounds. A Speaker must present Oral Submissions on behalf of BOTH the Appellant and Respondent AT LEAST ONCE (1) in order to be eligible for either.
- 12.4. An award for the Best Researcher.
- 12.5. All participants will receive Certificates of Participation.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1. Any Team where at least one of its members, including the Researcher, Coach or Faculty Adviser, is found in the Preliminary Rounds to be
 - 13.1.1. viewing Moots with the intention of affording their team an unfair advantage or
 - 13.1.2. engaging in any other form of scouting

shall be liable for a maximum penalty of up to 50% deduction of the total oral submission score all subsequent Preliminary Rounds.

- 13.2. Any team that will require the assistance of the Researcher during oral submissions shall be liable to a maximum penalty of up to 15% deduction of the Total Oral Submission Score in the Round in Question.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

14.1. Extra-Ordinary Power of the Moot Society

- 14.1.1. All participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession. The Moot Society reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, and immoral conduct.
- 14.1.2. If a Team believes that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, within half an hour after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, register a complaint with the Moot Society.
- 14.1.3. Team(s) shall not approach the Arbitration Panel with any complaints, under any circumstances whatsoever.
- 14.1.4. The Moot Society's decision as regards interpretation of the rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding.
- 14.1.5. In case of a situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the Moot Society's decision on the same shall be final and binding.
- 14.1.6. The Moot Society reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required as they may deem appropriate.