

THE 8th RLC SAQUIB RIZVI MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

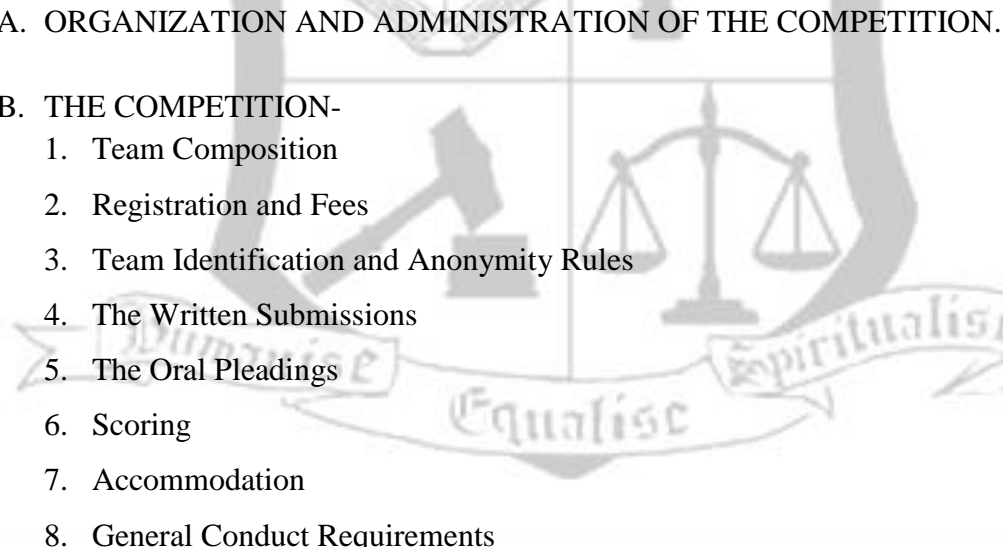
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RULES & REGULATIONS

PREFACE

Rizvi Law College is organizing the 8th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2016-2017. It will be held from 13th January, 2017 to 15th January, 2017 at the College campus located in Bandra (West), Mumbai.

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A. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETITION

The 8th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial Moot Court Competition 2016-2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition") is organized by the Rizvi Law College (hereinafter referred to as the "College"). The Competition is conducted under the supervision of the Students' Bar Forum and the Moots Court Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"). The Committee has authority to interpret the Competition rules, to resolve any complaints or disputes in connection with the Competition, and to amend these rules. The decision of the Committee regarding any aspect of this Competition is final.

B. THE COMPETITION

1. Team Composition

1.1 Teams should comprise of a minimum of **two** members and a maximum of **three** members. Each team must necessarily be composed of **two** speakers.

1.2 All the undergraduates pursuing programme of study that leads to a Bachelors degree in law (**LL.B / BLS**) (either the **three year** or the **five year programme**) at any recognized College/University in India are eligible to apply for participation.

1.3 Advisors and other persons accompanying a team should not be present in a courtroom as their presence is likely to compromise the anonymity of one or both competing teams.

1.4 Only **one team** from an institution is allowed/is eligible to participate in the Competition.

2. Registration and Fees.

2.1 Interested teams are required to fill the Registration form and mail it via e-mail on **mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in** latest by **Thursday, 20th October, 2016.**

2.2 Teams should, thereafter, send by post/courier, the registration forms duly filled along with a fee for administrative purposes of **Rs. 500/- (INR Five Hundred Only)** by **DD favoring “Rizvi Law College”** payable at **Mumbai** so as to reach the organizers latest by **Saturday, 22nd October, 2016.** The Demand Draft would be returned to the team upon their memorials not being selected.

2.3 Thereafter every applied team is to send a soft copy of the memorials latest by, **Thursday, 3rd November, 2016,** upon which, a memorial selection process will decide final teams for **The 8th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2016-2017.**

2.4 The qualifying **twenty four** teams would be announced on the Rizvi Law College website (**www.law.rizvi.edu.in**) on **Tuesday, 13th December, 2016** and would also be intimated on an individual level.

2.5 On intimation of selection for further rounds by the Organizing Committee each team shall revert the aforementioned intimation with a **DD of Rs. 4,000/- (INR Four Thousand Only)** as registration fees for **The 8th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2016-2017** favoring **“Rizvi Law College”** along with **ten** copies of Memorials

from both the sides, i.e., **five** from the **Appellant** side and **five** from the **Respondent** side, as hard copies, on **Tuesday, 20th December, 2016**.

3. Team Identification and Anonymity Rules

3.1 All participants should carry their **College/ University Identity Cards** at the time of registration at the Rizvi Law College Campus on **Friday, 13th January, 2017** as well as at all times thereafter, during the competition.

3.2 At the time of registration at the College campus, the Committee will issue a specific team code to each team. All communication must be made in reference on this team code.

3.3 According to the Anonymity Rule, the Bench and the other teams shall not be aware of the details or information regarding the registered teams or their College/University of origin.

3.4 In this regard, teams are prohibited from and should be careful with respect to disclosing their identities or that of their College/University to anyone except the Committee. They are only allowed to reveal their team codes to the Bench.

3.5 For breaches of the Anonymity Rule that occur in or outside of the Oral Pleading Session, the penalty will be at the discretion of the Committee.

4. The Written Submissions

4.1 A soft copy of the memorials in Adobe PDF format should reach the organizers latest by **Thursday, 3rd November, 2016** on **mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in** with the subject "**Memorial submission**".

4.2 Any delay in submission of the Memorial would entail a **deduction of two marks per day**.

4.3 Memorials will be scored on a scale of **hundred points** with the following parameters:

1. **Scholarly Research.**
2. **Presentation of concise and cogent arguments.**
3. **Writing style and formatting.**

4.4 The above will account for **seventy-five points** of the score.

1. **Technical Matters** will count for **twenty-five points**.

- a. The written memorials submitted by participating teams shall be **evaluated** by **experts** appointed by the **organizing committee** and marks will be awarded for them.
- b. The memorials have to be submitted on **A4 size paper, printed on only one side**, and must contain the following sections:
 - i. Cover Page
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. Index of Authorities
 - iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - v. Statement of Facts
 - vi. Statement of Issues
 - vii. Summary of Arguments/ Summary of Pleadings
 - viii. Arguments Advanced/Pleadings
 - ix. Prayer/Relief
- c. The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.5 spacing.
- d. The footnotes must be in **Times New Roman font, font size 10** with single spacing.

- e. The memorials should have a minimum margin of one inch on all sides of each page. The Arguments Advanced must not exceed thirty pages.
- f. A uniform citation style should be followed throughout the memorial. Speaking footnotes are discouraged.
- g. The **Appellant's** memorial must have a **BLUE** cover page and the **Respondent's** memorial **RED** cover page.
- h. No part of the memorial should contain the **name of the Law School/University or the team members.**
- i. The decision of the judges with respect to the scores shall be final. The decision of the organizers with respect to penalties shall also be final.
- j. The name of the institution must not appear anywhere in the Memorial. However, a covering letter having the name of the institution and other mailing details need to be enclosed along with the memorials.
- k. A Memorial may not be corrected, revised, or supplemented after it has been submitted to the Committee.
- l. By submitting Memorials, teams are understood to have consented to the publication of their Memorials online and in print, and **have assigned copyright ownership to Rizvi Law College.**
- m. The Hard Copy of the memorial is expected to be stitched or stapled. Any other form of binding is not encouraged and will result in negative marking.

5. The Oral Pleadings

- 5.1 Oral arguments will be held in the premises of Rizvi Law College on **Saturday, 14th January, 2017 and Sunday, 15th January, 2017.**

5.2 Each team may use reasonable discretion in allocating the time between two speakers, with each speaker being allocated not less than 40% of the time allocated for the team. The team representing the petitioner (or appellant) may reserve up to five minutes of its time for rebuttal by addressing such request to the Court at the commencement of argument. Up to 3 minutes can be allocated for a sur-rebuttal also. However, a sur-rebuttal will be solely at the discretion of the Court. Decision of the Bench shall be final in this regard. Before commencement of the oral argument, each team must intimate the court clerk about allocation of time between its members. The Court may interrupt the arguments for questions and in its discretion may allow additional time.

5.3 During a round, only the participating members of a team may sit at the counsel table. Other persons from the same institution may be present in the room but may not be seated with and may not confer with those seated at the counsel table.

5.4 The team code shall be decided by the draw of lots

5.5 Each team will be allowed the following time for argument in each round:

Preliminary Round	15 minutes
Quarter Finals	25 minutes
Semi Finals	40 minutes
Final Round	45 minutes

6. Scoring

In each of the preliminary rounds, each speaker who argues will be scored on a scale of 100 points.

1	Application of facts	20 marks
2	Application of law	20 marks
3	Use of Authorities	15 marks
4	Logical coherency in arguments	15 marks
5	Questions from the bench	15 marks
6	Advocacy skills	15 marks
	Total	100 marks

7. Accommodation

7.1 The Organizers will provide meals and refreshments to all the members of the participating teams for the duration of the Competition i.e. from **Friday, 13th January, 2017 to Sunday, 15th January, 2017** (checkout time **12 p.m. – 15th January, 2017**). However accommodation will be **provided to outstation participating team members only**.

7.2 A photo **ID issued by the Government** must be carried by participants to avail accommodation during the event **as per Government regulations**.

8. General Rules of Conduct

8.1 All participants shall conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner throughout the competition.

8.2 Any form of scouting by the teams or their coaches/observers will result in immediate disqualification.

8.3 The organizing committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Competition.

9. Requests For Interpretation Of Rules And Problem

9.1 The Committee will make all necessary interpretations and clarifications of the moot problem and/or the Rules and Regulations. All questions must be submitted to the Committee via email on or before **Saturday, 29th October 2016.**

9.2 The Committee will inform the participating teams of the questions and answers by posting interpretations vide email. Such interpretations will be final. All requests for interpretation should be sent to **mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in**. Subject line to read: Request for Interpretation.

9.3 The organizing committee's decision as regards the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the Moot Court competition shall be

final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final.

9.4 The organizing committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.

10. Receipt Of Moot Court Competition Mailings Presumed

Each team is presumed to have received the Competition mailing or email, addressed to the contact person indicated on the team's registration form. Teams are responsible for providing and updating their contact person's current email address.

11. Awards

11.1 The winning team of the 8th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition will be awarded with a trophy, cash prize of **Rs. 40,000/- (INR Forty Thousand Only)** along with **Internships in prestigious law firms** and other complementary gifts.

11.2 The Runners up team for the 8th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition will also be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of **Rs. 20,000/- (INR Twenty Thousand Only)** along with **Internships in prestigious law firms** and other complementary gifts.

11.3 There will be a Best Speaker prize. This prize will be awarded to the participant who is adjudicated to have performed best during her/his oral presentations. The **Best Speaker** will be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of **Rs. 10,000/- (INR Ten Thousand Only)**.

11.4 There will be a **Best Researcher** prize, based on a researcher's test. The cash prize of **Rs. 10,000/- (INR Ten Thousand Only)** will be awarded. The Researcher Test would be held on **Saturday, 13th January, 2017** after the Registration at the venue.

11.5 Each participant will be given a certificate of participation.

11.6 The coaches and advisors of the participating teams will not be entitled to receive any kind of certificate or award.

12. General Release

Participation in this competition as a team member or in any other capacity constitutes consent to be recorded, including without limitation by audio, video, and still images. Participants are to understand that such recordings may be distributed by means of a variety of media, formats, and contexts, and that this may occur during the competition and thereafter. It is presumed that the participants waive all claims for any compensation and for any damages or other remedies in connection with such recordings and the use thereof.

13. Dates to Remember

EVENT	DAY	DATE
Last Date of registration for the moot	THURSDAY	20 th October, 2016
Last date of application [with DD]	SATURDAY	22 nd October, 2016
Last date of memorial soft copy	THURSDAY	3 rd November, 2016
Announcement of Qualified teams	TUESDAY	13 th December, 2016
Final Registration Fee (After Selection) and Hard Copy Submission	TUESDAY	20 th December, 2016

Teams must note that upon selection for the further rounds of The 8th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2016-2017, any team that defaults in paying the registration fees by the given date shall be replaced by the team serially succeeding them in rank.

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