

AMITY LAW SCHOOL, DELHI
INTRA-TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION
INDUCTION ROUNDS - 2017

RULE BOOK

OBJECT

To develop a practical approach towards the legal profession and inculcate trial advocacy skills among law students so as to encourage research in the field of Criminal Law.

ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- The competition is open to all students of Amity Law School, Delhi from 2nd to 4th year.
- All teams would be registered with a team composition of 3 members. There can be only 2 speakers and 1 researcher/ witness. Each team must specify the two members who would be speaking in a round, prior to the commencement of that particular round.
- Once registration is complete; a team will not be permitted to vary the composition of the team in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the Administrators (at their discretion), if due reason is shown for the same.
- The Administrators reserve the right to disbar any team from participating in the trial.
- There shall be no registration fee for participation in this competition.
- Each team will be provided with a unique team code. The identity of the teams shall not be disclosed at any stage, such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

TEAM CODE

Upon confirmation of participation, each team will be allotted a “Team Code”. The teams shall refer to themselves during the competition using this code only.

DRESS CODE

Participants should be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. The dress code for the speakers and the researcher/ witness shall be Black and White formals.

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CLARIFICATIONS

Any team wishing to make a clarification to the problem may do so by email, listing their questions. The email has to be sent with subject “*seeking clarification*” at alsdnationaltrial2016@gmail.com by 05th Mar 2017.

INDUCTION RULES

Only the teams qualifying for the ranking rounds shall be inducted in the society.

Preliminary Round

1. In the preliminary round, the teams shall be given a chance to argue their side (either Prosecution or Defence) which will be subject to the allotment made by the OC.
2. Qualification of team for the next round will be based on the total marks of the team in the following manner:
 - Oral Arguments (Speaker 1 + Speaker 2).

**The top 12 teams (10 main pool + 2 reserve pool) shall proceed to the Ranking Rounds.*

Recording of Evidence

The team members are required to take notes of the questions and answers during chief / cross examinations.

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MEMORIAL SUBMISSIONS

No memorial submission.

ORAL ARGUMENTS

1. The oral rounds will take place on 18th and 19th March, 2017 in Amity Law School, Delhi (F2-block).
2. During the oral rounds teams would not be allowed to use any electronic devices, like laptops, LCD projectors, video camera, mobile phones etc.
3. Each selected team shall be examining for the prosecution or for the defence.

4. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The time provided to each team shall be maximum of 3 minutes for the opening statement, maximum 10 minutes for examination-in-chief, maximum 15 minutes for cross-examination and maximum 5 minutes for closing statement. However the timings may be extended at the sole discretion of the judges and organizers.

The time provided to each participant shall be as follows;

Opening statement by prosecution – 3 minutes

Opening statement by defense – 3 minutes

Examination-in-chief by prosecution – 10 minutes

Cross-examination by defense- 15 minutes

Examination-in-chief by defense – 10 minutes

Cross-examination by prosecution – 15 minutes

Closing statement by prosecution – 5 minutes

Closing statement by defense – 5 minutes

TOTAL TIME FOR EACH MATCH – UP = 01 hr 06 minutes

5. RANKING ROUNDS

The time provided to each team shall be maximum of 5 minutes for the opening statement, maximum 15 minutes for examination-in-chief, maximum 20 minutes for cross-examination and maximum 7 minutes for closing statement. However the timings may be extended at the sole discretion of the judges and organizers.

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WITNESSES

- a. The prosecution/ defence shall brief their researcher/ witnesses in the Preliminary Round and in the Ranking Round, before the beginning of the trial.
- b. Each witness is bound by the facts contained in his/her own witness statement, the Statement of Facts and/or any necessary documentation relevant to his/her testimony. Fair extrapolations may be allowed, provided reasonable inference may be made from the witness's statement.

LIST OF OBJECTIONS:

These are the instances in which a team may raise objections during the examination of witnesses:

1. Leading Questions
2. Narration
3. Relevance
4. Hearsay
5. First hand Knowledge
6. Opinions
7. Opinions on the Ultimate Issue

The teams may also adopt Additional Rules of Evidence and other Special Procedures as it may deem necessary as per the requirement of the evidence to be presented during the course of trial.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE:

No extraneous evidence or witnesses can be produced except for those provided for in the problem itself.

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MISCELLANEOUS

1. Teams, their members, or any person associated with a team, are not permitted to be present at, or hear, or in any way observe, a round in which that team is not participating. Scouting in any form shall entail disqualification of the team.
 2. The teams will be allocated trials by the society according to their ranks **from June 2017**.
 3. Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract disqualification.
 4. The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.
 5. These rules are not exhaustive and the organising committee reserves its right to amend rules as may be necessary from time to time.
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