

THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY MOOT COURT SOCIETY

27th ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2016



OFFICIAL RULES

1. **Date and venue:** The **27th All India Moot Court Competition** under the auspices of the Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Society (hereinafter the ‘society’) will be held from 11th to 13th of February 2016 at the Kerala Law Academy (KLA) Campus, Peroorkada, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. **Team Composition:**
 - a. The Competition is open to all Law Colleges and Faculties/University Departments of Law in India recognised by the Bar Council of India. The participation is limited to LL.B/ B.L./ B.G.L. students both in the Three year Scheme and Five Year Scheme. Students doing post graduation in law and students undergoing correspondence courses are not eligible to participate in the Competition.
 - b. Only one team from each participating colleges shall be registered for the competition. Each team shall comprise of three members (two speakers and one researcher)
3. **Registration:** Provisional Registration of the team for the competition shall be done by sending email to **kla@asianetindia.com/ keralalawacademy@gmail.com**. Upon receipt of email confirmation from us, please confirm your participation by sending duly filled pro forma along with the travel plan and a **Registration fee of Rs. 5000/-**, to be paid in the form of Demand Draft **payable at Thiruvananthapuram**, drawn in favour of “**Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Society**”, on or before 20th January 2016.

Registration forms shall be sent to:

The General Secretary
Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Society
Kerala law Academy Law College
Peroorkada, Thiruvananthapuram -695005

4. **ACCOMMODATION:** Accommodation and other facilities shall be provided for the team members by the organizers from 10th evening to 14th morning. **The girls should take compulsory accommodation in the College Ladies Hostel.**
5. **DRESS CODE:** The dress code for the competition is formal. Men are required to wear a Black suit with a white shirt and a black tie. Women are required to wear a white shirt, Black trousers/skirt and a black jacket or Salwar kameez and black jacket. Gowns and bands are not permitted to be worn by the Participants in the Competition.
6. **MEMORIALS:**
 - a. Each team is expected to be ready with written briefs and oral arguments to argue for either side of the case. The Court will follow its own procedure within the accepted norms of judicial practice, and in case of doubt or dispute in the matter of procedure or facts, the decision of the presiding member of the Panel of Judges of each Court shall be final
 - b. **One hard copy of memorial for the Petitioner and the Respondent has to reach the College on 3rd February 2016 for memorial evaluation.** Additionally, Five hard copies of Memorials for the petitioner and Five hard copies of the memorials for the respondent shall be submitted at the time of registration on 11-2-2016. The memorials will be handed over to the Panel of Judges for the award of marks.
 - c. The Memorials shall not contain any information that will reveal the identity of the participating team. The violation of which will attract penalty.

7. Content :

- a) Memorial dealing with jurisdiction, issues involved in the problem, summary of arguments and arguments supported by authorities, conclusions and prayers shall be prepared by each team both for the petitioner's side and respondent's side. The body of the Memorial shall not exceed more than **25 typed pages**. The cover page, table of contents, index of authorities, jurisdiction, statement of facts, questions presented, summary of pleadings, title page and back cover are not included in these 25 pages. But these 25 pages will include the pleadings, conclusions, and footnotes. Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the Memorials shall not be included in any other section of the Memorials.
- b) The following content specifications must be strictly adhered to:
1. Language - English
 2. Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts
 3. Line Spacing (General) - 1.5 lines
 4. Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts
 5. Line Spacing (Footnotes) - Single line
 6. Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides
 7. Cover Specification
Petitioner - Blue
Respondent - Red

8. Evaluation:

- a) There shall be a Quorum of judges selected for each court from among a panel of judges constituted for the purpose including eminent Judges, Lawyers, and Law Teachers from all over India. The finals will be presided by a full bench of sitting Judges of the High Court of Kerala.

b) Marks will be awarded to the memorials by the Committee of Judges out of a maximum of 20 marks. Each Court will assign marks for oral arguments to each individual participant and the team. Each individual's marks for oral arguments will be added with memorial marks to make the individual's marks out of 100. Out of 100 marks, the division of marks for each individual participant is as follows:

1. Written Memorial - 20 marks
2. Oral Arguments - 80 marks

c) The Evaluation of the oral arguments will be based on:-

- Knowledge & Use of facts
- Correct articulation of facts, factual analysis & use of evidence
- Correct articulation of legal issues and legal analysis
- Knowledge of law & its interpretation
- Use of authorities and citations
- Response to questions
- Skills of advocacy & Persuasiveness
- Language & style
- Clarity, brevity & ingenuity
- Court manners and general impression

- Marks are awarded on agreed criteria by the Committee of Judges and the factors constituting the criteria shall be such as “EXCELLENT”, “GOOD”, “AVERAGE”, and “POOR”, based on the performance of the participants. The decision of the Committee of Judges shall be final.
- The individual prizes will be awarded on the basis of total marks secured by the individual participant in the preliminary round.

9. **ORAL ROUNDS :**

- a. The order of the competitions including the days, if any, and the side (petitioner/respondent) for which each team appears will be declared on the basis of taking lots before the commencement of the competition during the briefing session. The entire scheme of the competition thus drawn out will be notified to the participating teams. The Society reserves the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams, in case, it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/teams at the last minute, or if the competing teams had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem. The host team, if it gets qualified for the finals, will not be eligible to participate in the finals of the competition.
- b. The duration of each Court will not exceed **one hour and ten minutes**. To be precise each participating team will get 35 minutes including the rebuttals/sur-rebuttal. One speaker must speak not less than 10 minutes.
- c. **REBUTTAL/SUR-REBUTTAL:** The maximum time provided would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal). In case any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional time that was used, will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allocated for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, as the case may be. The teams can reserve maximum of **5 minutes** for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/sur-rebuttal will vest with the Judges.
- d. The language of the Court will be **English**.
- e. During the oral rounds, the team shall not be allowed to use any type of electronic devices such as *laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc.*

10. AWARDS:

- Best Team
 - Second Best Team
 - Best Student Advocate
 - Second Best Student Advocate
 - Best Lady Advocate
 - Best Memorial
- b) All the participants will be awarded certificates of participation and the same will be given only at the valedictory function and not thereafter.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **SECRECY OF IDENTITY:** During the course of the Oral Submissions, the speaker shall neither reveal his/her identity nor the identity of their College/University by any means whatsoever. Such actions on part of any member of the team will lead to disqualification of the team from the competition.
- b. **SCOUTING:** Scouting is strictly prohibited. Teams found scouting will be disqualified immediately.
- c. **APPEAL COMMITTEE :** In case of complaints/disputes, the same shall be submitted to the Appealate committee, which shall consist of Dr. Lekshmi Nair, the Principal of KLA as its President and the General Secretary of the Society and the decision of the Appealate committee shall be final.
- d. There will be a briefing session for all the participants on 11th February 2016 (Thursday) followed by a draw of lots & exchange of memorials after the inaugural function.

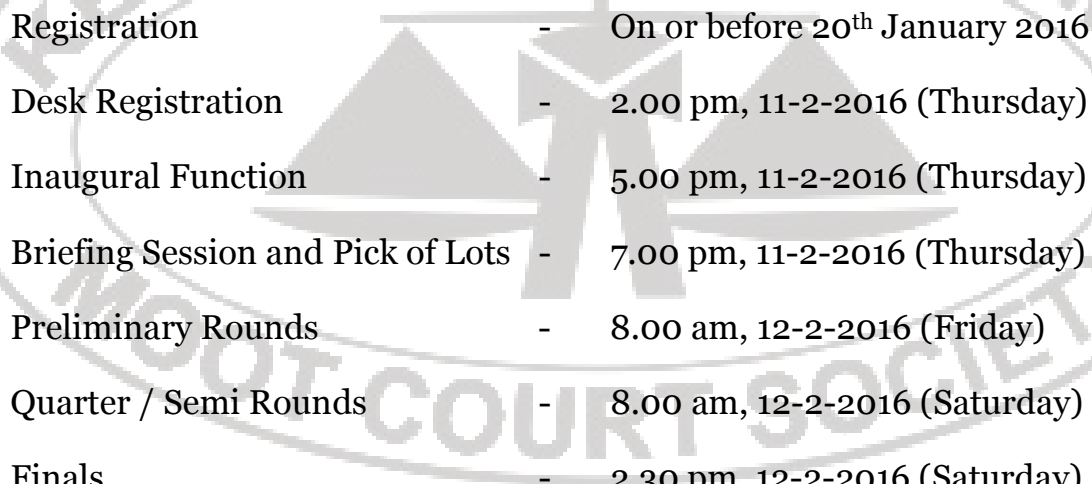
- e. **RECEPTION:** The teams will be received from 10th of February 2016 onwards at the Airport/ Railway/ Bus station if the time of arrival is intimated in advance. Or else the team may report at the Reception Committee office at the KERALA LAW ACADEMY LAW COLLEGE CAMPUS on 11th of February 2016. Intimation may be given to:

Convener - Vishnu Nair +91 9526670772

Transportation Committee - Gokul Sudhakar +91 9562877414

or mail at kla@asianetindia.com/ keralalawacademy@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION



Registration	-	On or before 20 th January 2016
Desk Registration	-	2.00 pm, 11-2-2016 (Thursday)
Inaugural Function	-	5.00 pm, 11-2-2016 (Thursday)
Briefing Session and Pick of Lots	-	7.00 pm, 11-2-2016 (Thursday)
Preliminary Rounds	-	8.00 am, 12-2-2016 (Friday)
Quarter / Semi Rounds	-	8.00 am, 12-2-2016 (Saturday)
Finals	-	2.30 pm, 12-2-2016 (Saturday)
Valedictory Function & Prize Distribution	-	5.00 pm, 13-2-2016 (Saturday)

ALL THE BEST