

NOVICES MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2022, ORGANISED BY
ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW MOOT COURT SOCIETY



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Army Institute of Law, Mohali

I. ABOUT NOVICES

Army Institute of Law, Mohali, will be hosting Novice-2022 from 29th September to 4th October 2022. **Novice Moot Court Competition** is an annual event in which the students who join the course of B.A.LL.B. are introduced to the activity of mooting. Moot is the mock activity on how the legal proceedings take place in the courts.

Novice is a beginner's guide for the First year's students to make them learn formal legal writing and drafting, to develop good and effective oratory skills and to work as a team in coordination with each other.

II. DATE SCHEDULE

Date	Event
15th September 2022	Registration of Teams
28th September 2022	Draw of Lots/Declaration of Match Ups
29th and 30th September 2022	Preliminary Rounds
3rd October 2022	Quarter Final Rounds
3rd October 2022	Semi-Final Rounds
4th October 2022	Final Rounds

III. RULES & REGULATIONS

1. TEAM PRE-REQUISITES:

The language for the Competition shall be English

The team shall comprise of only two Speakers per team.

In the event of odd number of students- team comprising of one person, he/she will be representing both the speakers and hence, will adhere to the requisite stipulated time limit of two speakers.

Team Composition should be emailed at ainovices2022@gmail.com by 15th Sept.2022 by 3:00pm.

2. DRESSCODE:

The dress code for the oral rounds shall be advocate's attire, i.e. Black and White combination including Blazer and Formal Shoes. The participants are requested to dress up in Western Formals for the other events taking place during the competition.

3. DRAFT FOR ARGUMENTS:

The following requirements drafts must be strictly followed:

- A. Each team must prepare written arguments for both sides for both parties to the dispute and submit the soft copy of the same through email: ainovices2022@gmail.com
- B. Once the drafts have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed. The Cover page of drafts for the Plaintiffs should be in BLUE and Defendants should be in RED.
- C. All participating teams shall submit hard copy of one set of written drafts (Plaintiffs and Defendants) to the organizers on or before 28th September, 2022.
- D. The written drafts submitted by the teams, shall not exceed 5 pages for either party.
- E. The ILI Footnoting style is to be followed.

4. ROUNDS

There will be rounds consisting of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Final Round, Semi-Final Round and consequently Final Round.

A. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- These rounds of competition will consist of 20 minutes for oral pleadings.
- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 8 minutes per speaker. The said 20 minutes should include a maximum of 2 minutes for the Rebuttals.
- At the beginning of the round, the teams shall specify the time distribution for each speaker and rebuttal to the moderator.
- Top 8 teams shall qualify for quarter final rounds on the basis of marks.

B. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

- The Quarter Final would take place on 3rd October, 2022.
- The Quarter-final round of competition will consist of 20 minutes for oral pleadings.
- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 8 minutes per speaker. The said 20 minutes should include a maximum of 2 minutes for the Rebuttals.
- At the beginning of the round, the teams shall specify the time distribution for each speaker and rebuttal to the moderator.
- This round will be the knock-out round, and four teams will qualify for the semi-final round.
- The winning team of each round shall proceed to the Semi-Finals

C. SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- The Semi-final round would be conducted on 3rd October, 2022
- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 8 minutes per speaker. The said 20 minutes should include a maximum of 2 minutes for the Rebuttals.

D. FINALROUND

- Finals will be held on 4th October, 2022.
- Each team shall get a total time of 25 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker. The said 25 minutes should include a maximum of 3 minutes for the Rebuttals.

5. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Knowledge of Law (30)
2. Application of Law to Facts (25)
3. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions (30)
4. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour (10)
5. Time Management and Organization (5)

6. SCOUTING

- a. Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other team till the time the team is declared to have advanced to the next round. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- b. Any team can file a written complaint with the Administrator, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the Administrator will be final.
- c. The other team member shall sit with the speaker at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

AWARDS

1. Best Team- Rs. 4000/-
2. Runners Up Team- Rs. 3000/-
3. Best Speaker- Rs. 1500/-
4. Second best speaker- Rs. 1000/-

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

- a. The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organisers. Deference to the Judges of the Moot Court Competition is expected to be maintained during the online proceedings
- b. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

DELAYS IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION

- a. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 5 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.
- b. The criteria of rebuttals shall not be considered in such cases for evaluation in place of which an average for the same would be given on the basis of the marks scored by such team on other criteria.

INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

- a. The Organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
- b. If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizer's decision on the same shall be final.
- c. The Organizer's reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate at any time
- d. Any dispute arising in the moot court rooms during the rounds would be at the discretion of the presiding officer of the respective courtroom.
- e. In any kind of dispute, the decision of the Moot Court Society would be final.

MOOT PROPOSITION

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1. Ayur Herbal Drink is one of the key brands in the health food drinks variety available in India. It is a brand owned by the Healthy Food Products Ltd.
2. It claims to have been clinically proven to make adults who drink this beverage regularly lose weight.
3. It further asserts that regular consumption of the drink combined with a healthy diet and a daily workout of 30 minutes can lead to quantifiable weight loss. In mid-2021 Ayur Herbal Drink Ltd aired an advertisement and declared that one cup of the drink will boost immunity and make a person lose 2kgs in a month.
4. Mr Anjum, a computer technician in a leading MNC, on seeing the advertisement bought the Herbal Drink and consumed it regularly.
5. He also joined a gym but due to his long working hours, he regularly missed his work-out session.
6. He religiously consumed the drink for 08 months.
7. In May 2022, Anjum suddenly noticed that he has gained weight and he fell ill. He had to be hospitalised and had to take leave for almost a month. A scan was done and was diagnosed with fatty liver disease. The probable cause according to the doctor was prolonged consumption of some herbs and sedentary life style.
8. A suit has been filed in the Mohali District Consumer Redressal Forum by Mr. Anjum. He claims that Herbal Drink gave a fallacious implication regarding their product and he claimed damages of Rs.10,00,000/- from Healthy Food Products Ltd.

Argue from both sides.