

NOVICES MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024,
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-2024 from 27th August to 29th August 2024. **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
9th August 2024	REGISTRATION OF TEAMS
21st August 2024	SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL
23rd August 2024	DRAW OF LOTS
27th August 2024	PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
28th August 2024	QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS
28th August 2024	SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS
29th August 2024	FINAL ROUNDS

MOOTING IS AN ART

III. RULES & REGULATIONS

1. TEAM PRE-REQUISITES:

The language for the Competition shall be English

Each team shall comprise of three members (two Speakers and one Researcher)

Once the team has been registered, no team will be allowed to change the team composition.

Teams are required to register by **9th August 2024** by emailing the team composition at **ailnovices2024@gmail.com**.

2. DRESS CODE:

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. GUIDELINES FOR MEMORIAL:

The following requirements drafts must be strictly followed:

- A. Each team must prepare written arguments for both sides/both parties to the dispute and submit the hard copy of the same by **August 21st, 2024**.
- 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 (i.e. for Plaintiff and for Defendant) on or before **August 21th, 2024 by 2:00 pm** to **Dr Anmolpreet Kaur**.
- D. The written drafts submitted by the teams, shall be between 7 to 10 pages for either party.

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 oral presentations and memorial marks.

B. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

- The Quarter Final would take place on 28th August 2024.
- 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.
- Top 4 teams shall qualify for semi- final rounds on the basis of marks.

C. SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- The Semi-final round would be conducted on 28th August 2024.
- 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.
- Semi-Final will be knock out round.

D. FINAL ROUND

- Finals will be held on 29th August, 2024.
- 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 PRESENTATION & MEMORIAL
(PRELIMINARY ROUNDS)**

1. Knowledge of Law (20)
2. Application of Law to Facts (20)
3. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions (20)
4. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor (5)
5. Time Management and Organization (5)
6. Memorial marks for Preliminary Rounds (30)

7. 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.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

AWARDS

1. Best Team- Cash Prize- Rs.4000/-
2. Runners Up Team- Cash Prize of Rs. 3000/-
3. Best Memorial- Cash Prize of Rs. 1600/-
4. Best Speaker- Cash Prize of Rs.1000/-.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

- a. The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organizers. 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 case of any conflict, the decision of the Principal, Army Institute of Law, Mohali, would be final.

MOOT PROPOSITIONS

1. Sohan and Radhika along with their 8-year-old son Aryan visited the Wildlife Kingdom Zoo near Mohali on 27th July, 2024. The zoo was crowded, with many families enjoying and seeing various animals in the zoo. Aryan 's parents bought him a balloon from a vendor, which he carried excitedly while moving in the zoo.
2. The Wildlife Kingdom Zoo has a "Safari Jungle" exhibit, which features exotic animals in a simulated natural habitat. Visitors can view the animals from a safe distance behind a low wooden fence and a clear sign "Do Not Cross" was also written. This fence is designed to prevent visitors from entering the animal area, where dangerous animals such as lions and leopards are kept.
3. On this particular day, the attendant on duty, Ria, who is responsible for ensuring that all safety protocols are followed and that the visitors remain at a safe distance from the animals, received an urgent phone call regarding delivery of her passport and was busy on phone for some time.
4. Sohan met his friend who was also visiting the zoo along with his wife and son. They got engrossed in their conversation and meanwhile during Ria's absence, Aryan, fascinated by the sight of a leopard lounging in the shade, leaned over the fence to see the movement of leopard. In doing so, his balloon fell into the animal enclosure. Ignoring the "Do Not Cross" signs, Aryan immediately climbed over the fence which was broken, to retrieve his balloon. As he entered to take the balloon, the leopard, feeling threatened pounced on Aryan and caused severe injuries to him.
5. Aryan was rushed to the hospital by his parents as ambulance was not available at the time of incident. He was hospitalized for 15 days. During his stay at hospital, Sohan had to take leave from his work and availed without pay leave. Sohan filed a case against Wildlife Kingdom Zoo for negligence, claiming the damages for injury, medical expenses and the compensation for the loss to him.

Argue from both the sides