

31st March - 2nd April, 2017

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RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Introduction

a) Short Title:

These Rules shall be called the '6th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2017'.

b) Definitions:

Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein under as-

- i. "Administrator" shall mean Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.
- ii. "Competition" means 6th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2017
- iii. "Participating Team" means the team which is eligible to participate in the competition as per the rules of the memorial selection round.
- iv. "Participating Institution" shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams.
- v. "Rules" means the rules of the competition given in this document.
- vi. "Organizers" means the Moot Court Committee, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.

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2. GENERAL RULES

a) Date & venue of the competition

The 6th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2017 will be held from 31st March, 2017 to 2nd April, 2017 at the campus building of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.

b) Team Eligibility & Team Composition:

- i. Participation is strictly restricted to *bona fide* law students enrolled in the three year or five year LL.B. degree course in any institution in India.
- ii. Only one team is permitted to participate from each registered institution.
- iii. Each team shall comprise of three members. In a team consisting of three members, two of the members shall be designated as 'Speaker' and the third member shall be designated as 'Researcher'.
- iv. In the event a team consists of two members then such team shall designate both the members as speakers and no member in the team shall be allowed to be represented as a researcher and take the researcher's test.

c) Registration Procedure:

- i. Provisional Registration (filled in Annexure-1 Form with the seal of the Institution) of the participating institutions shall be sent by e-mail to mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in on or before 20th January, 2016, 11:59 PM.
- ii. The Organising Committee shall confirm the participation of the Institution by a Confirmation Email by 22nd January, 2017.
- iii. On receipt of such Confirmation Email alone, the Provisional Registration of that Institution is deemed to have been accepted and confirmed for participation. The Confirmation Email shall contain the Team Code assigned by the Organising Committee and the Participating Teams shall specify only the Team Code in all their Correspondences.

- iv. The confirmed Teams shall complete the provisional Registration Formalities by sending the Hard Copy of the said Registration Form (Annexure-1) so as to reach the Organising Committee on or before 28th January, 2017, 05:00 PM via Speed Post only.
- v. Registration Fee: Participants may kindly note that the registration fees for the competition is INR 3000/- which shall be paid through a demand draft only after the communication of the results of the memorial selection rounds. The demand draft of INR 3,000/- (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only) shall be drawn in favour of "REGISTRAR, RGNUL, PUNJAB" payable at Patiala and a soft copy of the same must be sent at mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in on or before 13th March, 2017, 11.59 PM. The hard copy of the same accompanied with the travel form must reach the organizers on or before 16th March, 2017, 05:00 PM via Speed Post only.
- vi. The participating/selected teams must send their Registration Forms/demand draft only through Speed Post as courier or any other mailing service does not deliver at our campus. The teams shall solely be responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of Registration Form.
- vii. The address for correspondence is as specified in Rule 10 (a).
- viii. No alteration in the Team Composition shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
 - ix. The duly filled Travel Form (Annexure-II) is to be e-mailed by the selected teams to mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in on or before 13th March, 2017, 11:59 PM. The hard copy of the same accompanied with the demand draft must reach the organizers on or before 16th March, 2017, 05:00 PM via Speed Post only.

d) Dress Code:

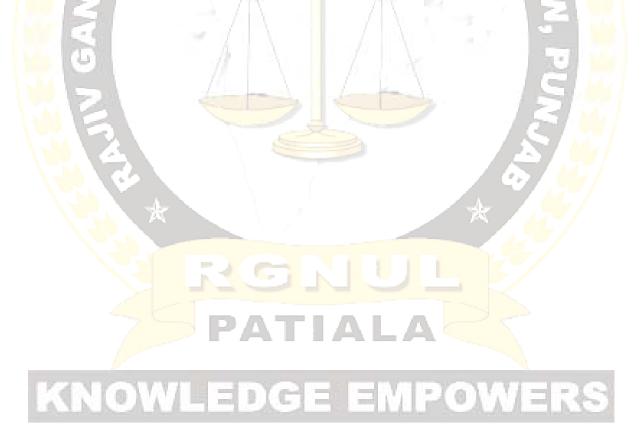
- i. Participants shall be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. Robes and collar bands are not permitted.
- ii. The Dress Code for the Inauguration, Researcher's Test, Oral Rounds and Valedictory & Prize Distribution shall strictly be:

- a. For **Gentlemen** Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants and a black blazer); and
- b. For Ladies Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants/black formal skirt and a black blazer) or Indian Formals (white kurta with black pants and either a black waistcoat or black blazer).
- iii. On **other occasions** while on campus, participants may wear casuals or formals at their convenience.

3. CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifications to the Moot Proposition and the Rules regarding submission of the Memorandum shall be sought by sending an e-mail to mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in on or before 25th

January, 2017, 11:59 PM. Clarifications sent after this date shall not be entertained.



4. MEMORANDUM/WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

a) Memorial Selection Round

All submissions shall be subject to a memorial selection round. Participants are requested to kindly note that **only Forty (40) memorials** shall be selected and the results will be intimated to the selected teams through email.

b) Submission of memorandum:

- i. Participants are required to submit Memorandums or Written Submissions for both the Petitioner and the Respondent.
- ii. Teams shall e-mail two Soft Copies each of the Memorandums, in PDF and Microsoft Word format (.doc), i.e. four (4) separate file attachments, titled "Team Code P" and "Team Code R" for the Petitioner and Respondent respectively, on or before 26th February, 2017, 11:59 PM to mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in. For example, if the assigned team code is TC-21, the team shall title the Memorandums as "TC-21P" and "TC-21R" respectively.
- iii. Only the Team Code shall be specified on the Memorandum. Any reference to the participating institution/college/university shall result in immediate disqualification.
- iv. Teams shall send One (1) Hard Copy each of the Petitioner and Respondent Memorandums on or before 2nd March, 2017, 05:00 PM via Speed Post to the address mentioned in Rule 9.1. Late submission shall attract penalties in accordance with Rule 3.3. On mailing the Hard Copy, participants are requested to e-mail mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in providing the relevant Tracking ID or Tracing Consignment Number of the Speed Post.
- v. Late Submissions: If the team fails to submit the soft copy of the written submission; and hard copy of the written submission within the time as stipulated by the committee, such team shall be punishable with a *deduction of 2 marks per day* in the memorial marks. No submissions shall be accepted two days after the date of the official submission of the soft copy.

- vi. No amendment to the memorandum shall be permitted after submission of the soft copies. If there exists a difference between the soft and hard copy of the written submission, then such team shall be disqualified from the competition.
- vii. Five (5) Hard Copies of each of the Petitioner and Respondent Memorandums shall be submitted during the Team Registration on 31st March, 2017.
- viii. Participants are advised to carry additional copies of their Memorandum for their own use. Copies submitted to the Organising Committee shall be used for the evaluation of the Memorandum, for the Exchange of Memorandum and for the Judges Bench for each of the Oral Rounds.
- ix. The Organising Committee reserves the right to use the memorandum submitted by the participating teams, as it deems appropriate. The memorandum submitted shall not be returned to the participants.

c) Contents of the memorandum:

- i. **Printing:** The Memorial must be in English, and must be printed on both sides of A4 size sheets, in black ink. *Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark.*
- ii. Margin: The Memorial must maintain an equal margin of 1 inch on all sides. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per each side of memorandum.
- iii. Font, size and line spacing: The text font should be Times New Roman, size 12 and must be in 1.5 line spacing. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per each side of memorandum.
- iv. Footnotes: The footnotes must be in font Times New Roman, size 10 and singly spaced. The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (19th Edition) should be followed in the memorial throughout. *Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page*.
- v. **Header and Footer:** The font used for the header/footer, if any, shall be Times New Roman, size 10, 1 spacing. *Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per each side of memorandum.*

- vi. The Memorial must contain all of the following sections:
 - a. Cover page;
 - b. Table of Contents;
 - c. Table of Abbreviations;
 - d. Index of Authorities;
 - e. Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - f. Statement of Facts;
 - g. Issues Raised;
 - h. Summary of Arguments;
 - i. Arguments Advanced/ Pleadings;
 - j. Prayer

Non-compliance with respect to sections (a) to (h) and (j) will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each missing section. Non-compliance with respect to section (i) will result in the Memorial not being considered for evaluation at all.

vii. Cover Page: The Cover Page of the Memorial for the Plaintiff/Petitioner/Appellant must be Blue and the Defendant /Respondent must be Red/Pink. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each violation.

The Cover Page of each memorial must contain the following information:

- a. The Team Registration code in the upper right-hand corner. The format of the registration code shall be notified later.
- b. The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;

- c. The year of the Competition;
- d. The name of the case;
- e. The Title of the Memorial (either "Memorial for Plaintiff/Petitioner/Appellant" or "Memorial for Defendant/Respondent").

Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each deviation.

- viii. Index of Authorities: The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the Memorial in which the authority is cited.
- ix. Statement of Facts: The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts. Statement of Facts shall not exceed 2 pages. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each exceeded page.
- x. Summary of Pleadings: The Summary of Pleadings should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not merely be a reproduction of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The Summary of Pleadings should not exceed 2 pages. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each exceeded page.

xi. Arguments Advanced:

- i. All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial. *Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 2 marks*.
- ii. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced and Prayer must not exceed 20 pages. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per exceeded page.
- xii. Substantive/Speaking footnotes are strictly prohibited. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per substantive citation.
- xiii. The aforementioned page limits are inclusive of footnotes.

- xiv. **Binding of Written Submission:** Since the University encourages eco-friendly practices hence, it is recommended that the teams bind their written submission with thread or staple the pages and tape the same or use any eco-friendly method of binding. *Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 2 marks per copy submitted.*
- xv. The written submissions shall be marked on the parameters which are laid down as under:

Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks Allotted
Original Thought, Correct format	20
and citation	
Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Clarity, Organization and Grammar and Style	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
TOTAL	100

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5. ORAL ROUNDS

a) General Procedure

- i. Teams are requested to bring their appropriate institution ID cards along with the five (5) hard copies of the Memorandums for each side to be submitted during the formal registration on 31st March, 2017.
- ii. The language to be used during the Rounds is English.
- iii. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:
 - a. Preliminary Rounds; and
 - b. Advanced Rounds:
 - (i) Quarter-finals,
 - (ii) Semi-finals,
 - (iii) Finals.
- iv. During each of the abovementioned rounds, the order in which the teams shall present their arguments is as follows:
 - a. Petitioner Speaker 1
 - b. Petitioner Speaker 2
 - c. Respondent Speaker 1
 - d. Respondent Speaker 2
 - e. Rebuttal: Petitioner Any one of the two Speakers
 - f. Sur-rebuttal: Respondent Any one of the two Speakers

Sur-rebuttal may be permitted only at the discretion of the Judges.

v. The Best Speaker Award shall be determined on the basis of the individual aggregate 11 | P a g e

score of the Speaker taken only from the Preliminary Rounds.

- vi. The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at the discretion of the Judges.
- vii. Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Memorandum.
- viii. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds.
- ix. Participants may use their own bare acts, print outs and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.
- x. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final.
- xi. So as to ensure uniformity in the marking system all Judges will be provided with a scoring guideline.

b) Splitting Of Time Between Speakers:

- i. Teams shall notify the Bench Clerks of the division of time between the 2 Speakers (including time reserved for Rebuttal & Sur-rebuttal) 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the Rounds.
- ii. If Speaker 1 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved by Speaker 2. Similarly, if Speaker 2 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals/Sur-Rebuttals as the case may be. This rule may not be followed if the additional time is awarded at the discretion of the Judges to not be deducted from the time of the subsequent Speaker.
- iii. While granting additional time, if the additional number of minutes granted is not specified by the Judges, it shall be presumed that the additional time granted is 2 minutes.
- iv. The finality of the decision as to the time structure and the right to Rebut or Sur-rebut

shall vest with the Judges.

c) Compendium:

- i. All relevant case laws and statutory material to be passed on to the Judges during the Oral Rounds may be submitted in the form of a Compendium 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the Rounds to the Bench Clerks.
- ii. The Compendium shall not exceed 50 pages whether printed on one side or both sides. For this purpose, each side shall be considered as one page.
- iii. Participants are also permitted to pass on relevant material to the Judges, at their discretion, any time after the commencement of the Rounds and before its completion.
- iv. The Compendium or other relevant materials shall be returned to the participants after the completion of each Round.
- v. Participants shall ensure that anonymity is not violated while passing on any material to the Judges. If any mark, name, seal, symbol or logo of the institution/college/university is present, participants must ensure that the same is rendered unrecognisable.

d) Exchange Of Memorandum:

- i. The exchange of memorandum shall take place prior to each Oral Round as planned in the Tentative Schedule.
- ii. Teams are prohibited from making any marks on the memorandum thus exchanged.

 Teams are also prohibited from taking photocopies of such memorandums.
- iii. The opponent's memorandum shall be returned to the Bench Clerks after the completion of each Round.

Preliminary Rounds: POWERS

- i. Every team shall argue twice in the Preliminary Rounds, once for the Petitioner and once for the Respondent.
- ii. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

- iii. **Draw of Lots:** The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Draw of lots shall take place on 31st March, 2017.
- iv. **Seeding of Teams:** The top 50% of the selected teams based upon the memorial scores shall be seeded in order of their rank in the memorial. All the seeded teams will not compete against each other in either of the Preliminary Rounds. However, such team may face each other in the Advanced Rounds, subject to their qualification.
- v. Each side shall get a maximum time of **30 minutes** to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 18 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 2 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 1 minute.
- vi. The top eight teams shall qualify to the Advanced Rounds on the basis of the maximum number of wins per team in the Preliminary Rounds. In the event of a tie, the aggregate score of the team in their Oral Rounds alone shall be considered.
- vii. The Best Speaker Award will be awarded on the basis of the scores awarded to the Speakers in the Preliminary Rounds.

f) Advanced Rounds:

- i. Every team shall argue once in each of the Advanced Rounds.
- ii. The side to be argued shall be determined on a Pick of Lots after the declaration of results of Preliminary Rounds.
- iii. The qualification of teams to subsequent rounds shall be on a **knock-out** basis for each of the Advanced Rounds. In the event of a tie, the aggregate score of the team shall be considered.

I. Quarter-Finals

- The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the same as in the Preliminary Rounds.
- ii. The Winners of the Quarter-final shall advance to the Semi-finals.

II. Semi-Finals

- i. Each side shall get a maximum time of **45 minutes** to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 25 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 5 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 2 minutes.
- ii. The Winners of the Semi-finals shall advance to the Final.

III. Final

- i. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the same as in the Semi-finals.
- ii. The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the Winner of the Competition.

g) Scouting:

- i. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Any person may submit a complaint regarding Scouting to the Organising Committee.
- iii. Teams found scouting shall be disqualified immediately.

h) Delays In Appearance/Presentation:

If a team scheduled to take part in a Round does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team present shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.

6. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- i. The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on 31st March, 2017.
- ii. In a team consisting of three members, the member designated as Researcher shall take part in the test.
- iii. Participants are requested to write only the Team Code on the question paper.
- iv. The Researcher's Test shall be objective as well as subjective with the questions based on the applicable law, precedents and facts pertaining to the Moot Proposition.
- v. The duration of the Researcher's Test shall be **90 minutes**.
- vi. No additional material such as the bare text of Acts, Memorandum, etc. apart from stationery may be brought by the participant to the test and no such material shall be provided by the Organising Committee.
- vii. The Winner of the Test shall be determined by the highest score attained and negative marking shall not be given while evaluating.

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7. AWARDS:

The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:

Best Team: the Team winning the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000/- (Indian Rupees Ten Thousand Only)

Runners Up: the runners up team in the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 7000/- (Indian Rupees Seven Thousand Only)

Best Speaker: The speaker having the highest score in the preliminary rounds shall be given a cash prize of INR 4000/- (Indian Rupees Four Thousand Only)

Best Memorial: The team having the highest average memorial score from both sides shall be given a cash prize of INR 5000/- (Indian Rupees Five Thousand Only)

Best Researcher: The participant having the highest score in the researcher's test shall be given a cash prize of INR 4000/- (Indian Rupees Four Thousand Only)

Certificates of merit shall be given to all the teams qualifying for quarter finals and beyond.

Certificate of participation shall be given to all the participating teams.

The awards, certificates of merit and certificates of participation shall be given during the valedictory ceremony to be conducted on April 2nd, 2017

No certificate will be given to the team before or after the valedictory function.

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8. ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT & FOOD

- a. Accommodation and food shall be provided to the participating teams only on the days of the competition.
- b. Any specific requirements regarding accommodation must be specified in the Travel Form. Such requirements may be accommodated at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- c. Facilities such as photocopying, library usage, internet connectivity, etc. may be provided subject to the convenience of the Organising Committee and will be informed to the teams closer to the commencement of the Competition. Irrespective, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for the same.
- d. All facilities shall be provided only to the registered members of a team and no additional members, parents, observers, coaches or faculty advisors shall be accommodated.

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9. MISCELLANEOUS

a) General Etiquette:

- a. Participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Organising Committee, the Judges of the Competition or any of the other participants.
- b. The Organising Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.

b) Interpretation Of Rules & Regulations:

- c. All interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents or other decisions in the administration of the Competition are at the complete discretion of the Organising Committee.
- d. Any decision made by the Organising Committee shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE/CONTACT DETAILS

a) Registration Formalities & Memorandum Submissions:

The physical address for correspondence for all Registration Formalities and Memorandum Submissions is:

Dr. Shilpa Jain

Faculty Co-ordinator, RNMCC

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law

Bhadson Road, Sidhuwal, Patiala, Punjab-147006

b) Moot Proposition And Rules & Regulations:

Any and all clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition and Rules & Regulations shall be sought only via e-mail to mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in

c) Other Queries:

Any other queries (other than the Moot Problem) may be directed at the following persons:

Dr. S <mark>hil</mark> pa Jain	Faculty Co-ordinator	+91-9530585190
Ashutosh Mishra	Student Convenor	+91-7837431439
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Any queries/clarifications regarding the Moot Problem or the Rules of the Competition shall only be in writing, addressed to the email ID provided above.

ANNEXURE - I

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please fill in Capital Letters)

INSTITUTION DETAILS		
NAME OF THE INSTITUTION/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:		
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Address Of The Institution/College/University:		
ADDRESS OF THE INSTITUTION COLLEGE/UNIVERSITI.		
CONTACT No.: E-MAIL ID:		
DADTICIDATING TEAM DETAILS		
PARTICIPATING TEAM DETAILS		
1. Speaker 1 Name:		
SEX: YEAR & COURSE OF STUDY:		
CONTACT No.: E-MAIL ID:		
2. Sprayen 21 Names		
2. Speaker 2 Name:		
SEX: YEAR & COURSE OF STUDY:		
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CONTACT No.:E-MAIL ID:		
3. RESEARCHER NAME: FREE PROMERS		
SEX: YEAR & COURSE OF STUDY:		
CONTACT No.: E-MAIL ID:		



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SPEAKER 1

SPEAKER 2

RESEARCHER

OFFICIAL TEAM CONTACT PERSON (TICK THE APPROPRIATE):

SPEAKER 1/SPEAKER 2/RESEARCHER

D.D. PARTICULARS:

DATE: D.D. No.:

DRAWN ON:

PLACE:

DATE:

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KNOWLEDGE EMPOWERS

SIGNATURE & SEAL OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

ANNEXURE – II

TRAVEL FORM

(Please fill in Capital Letters)

DETAILS OF ARRIVAL

Mode Of Transport (Air/Rail/Road):
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Station Of Arrival:
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FLIGHT/TRAIN/BUS NAME & No.:
DATE & TIME OF ARRIVAL:
DETAILS OF DEPARTURE
Mode Of Transport (Air/Rail/Road):
STATION OF DEPARTURE:
FLIGHT/Train/Bus Name & No.:
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DATE & TIME OF DEPARTURE:
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Any Other Details Concerning Accommodation & Travel:
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Note- No accommodation or transport shall be provided to the teams in case the travel form is not submitted to the organizers.

IMPORTANT DATES

Release of Moot Proposition	24 th December 2016
Last Date for Provisional Registration (Soft Copy)	20 th January, 2017, 11:59 PM
Last date for sending of registration form (Hard Copy)	28 th January, 2017, 05:00 PM
Last date for seeking clarifications	25 th January, 2017
Date for releasing of clarification	31 st January, 2017
Last date for submission of memorials (soft copy)	26 th February, 2017, 11.59 PM
Last date for submission of hard copies of memorials (1 set)	2 nd March, 2017, 05:00 PM
Results of Memorial Selection rounds	10 th March, 2017
Last date for sending demand draft and travel form by selected teams (soft copy)	13 th March, 2017, 11.59 PM
Last date for sending demand draft and travel form by selected teams (hard copy)	16 th March, 2017, 05:00 PM
Dates of the competition	31 st March, 2017-2 nd April, 2017

