

SRI BALAJI SOCIETY'S
Balaji Law College's 10th Moot Court Competition February 2015

Rules of the Competition

Team Composition

- Team shall comprise of three members consisting of two mooters and one researcher.
- Secret codes shall be allotted to each team immediately after the provisional registration form is submitted so that identity of the teams is not disclosed.
- The team code should be used for all further communications and submission of the memorials.
- Teams are expected not to disclose their identity in any manner, which may lead to their disqualification from the competition. Further no scouting is allowed.
- Any discussion by the team members, in respect of competition or moot problem or any substantive matter related with the competition, with the other teams, their faculty (if present), their own friends or any other person, after commencement of the competition, shall be held as breach of Code of Conduct of the Competition and both such teams shall be liable to be disqualified from the Competition.
- Researchers will not be allowed to speak when court is in session. Researcher shall be allowed to interact with the Court Officers only. All reference materials shall be submitted to the Judges through Court Officers only.
- Participants are required to prepare from both the sides of both the problem (Problem 1 and problem 2 for preliminary and final rounds respectively). They are required to argue only for the side which they get as per draw of lots.
- Participants shall have to sit at the place provided by the organizers and wait for their turn.

Language of Court and Eligibility

- Language of the Court shall be English.
- All Law Colleges, Universities and Law Schools in India can send their team(s) for the Competition.
- All regular students of three years or five years Law course during Academic year 2014- 15 are eligible for the Competition.

Venue and Date of Competition

- Competition shall be conducted in Balaji Law College, Survey No- 3/1+4, Aundh –Ravet Road, Tathawade, Pune 411033 from 27th and 28th February 2015. (Detailed Schedule is attached herewith].

Registration

- Teams intending to participate in the Competition are required to submit the provisional registration forms on or before **15th Jan 2015**.
- Teams are required to submit the scanned Provisional Registration Forms duly signed by the Principal of respective college on 15th January and also mail it by post or submit in person.
- The first selection of teams will be on the basis of written memorials.
- The soft copy of the written memorials shall be submitted on or before **30th of January 2015**.
- The memorials will be evaluated by a team of eminent legal experts. **The best 16 teams from registered teams** will be selected after evaluation as per the criteria stated below and will be invited to participate in oral rounds in Pune.
- The result of evaluation of memorials will be declared on **5th of February 2015**.
- Selected team should submit hard copies of memorials on or before **15th February**.
- Short listed teams should report on **27th February at 8.45 a.m.** for final compulsory registration, failing which teams will not be allowed to contest.
- **No registration fee** is required for the participation in the Competition.

Oral Rounds

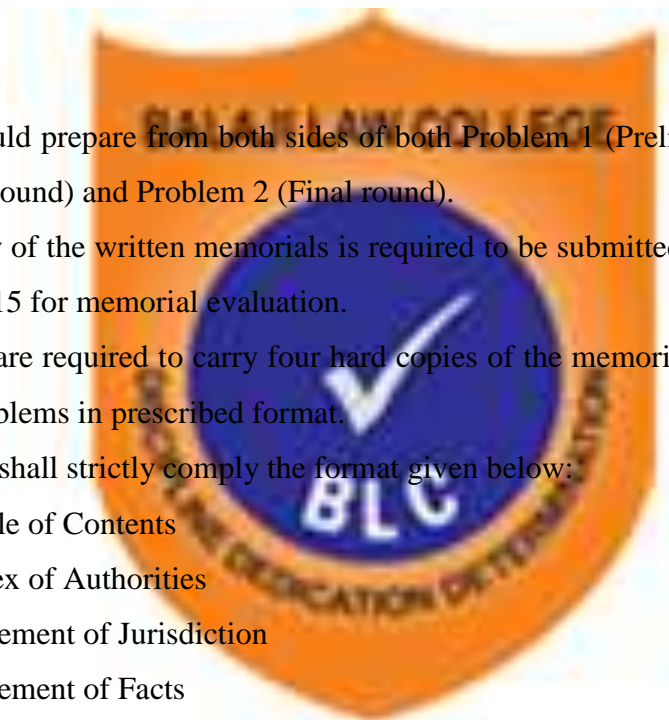
- There shall be preliminary round, semi-final and final.
- Preliminary round and semi-final round shall be based on Problem 1. Lots picked by the participants will determine their side of argument. All teams will argue once from both sides.
- Top 8 teams from the preliminary rounds will qualify to participate in the semi-finals.
- Top 4 teams from semi-final round will qualify to participate in the final based on Problem 2.

Time Allotment

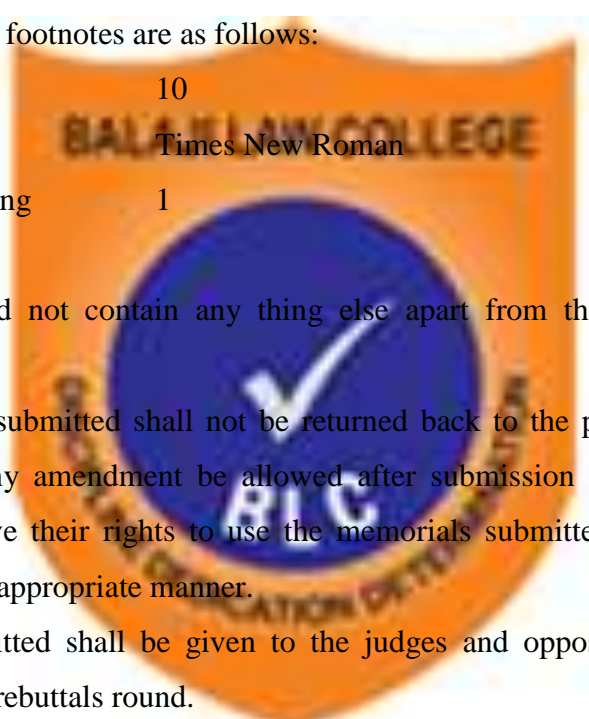
- Each speaker shall be allotted a maximum of 10 min (7+3) for the oral submission including rebuttal and sur-rebuttals in the Preliminary rounds and semi-final rounds. There will be a warning bell after 5 minutes and a final bell after completion of 7 minutes of commencement of arguments by the participant
- For the final rounds, each speaker shall be allotted a maximum of 15 min (10+5) for the oral submission including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. There will be a warning bell after 8 minutes and a final bell after completion of 10 minutes of commencement of argument by the speaker.
- Any extension of time with prior permission from the judge will not lead to deduction of marks.

Memorials

- Teams should prepare from both sides of both Problem 1 (Preliminary round and semi-final round) and Problem 2 (Final round).
- A soft copy of the written memorials is required to be submitted on or before 30th January 2015 for memorial evaluation.
- The teams are required to carry four hard copies of the memorials from each side of both problems in prescribed format.
- Memorials shall strictly comply the format given below:
 - a. Table of Contents
 - b. Index of Authorities
 - c. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - d. Statement of Facts
 - e. Statement of Issues
 - f. Summary Arguments
 - g. Detailed Arguments
 - h. Prayer
 - i. Bibliography
- Memorials should be typed and bound with soft cover.
- Memorials should not exceed 25 pages excluding cover page, table of contents, index of authorities and bibliography.
- Name of the College should not be disclosed anywhere in the memorials.



- Colour code for memorials cover page- the memorials for the petitioners should be in blue, and for respondents should be in pink.
- All citations in the Memorial must be made using the OSCOLA (The Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities) format.
- Typing of memorial should be as per specifications given below:
 - a. Paper size A4
 - b. Font size 12
 - c. Font Type Times New Roman
 - d. Line spacing 1.5
 - e. Margins 1 Inch on each side.
- Specifications for footnotes are as follows:
 - a. Font size 10
 - b. Font type Times New Roman
 - c. Line spacing 1
- Memorials should not contain any thing else apart from the above specified format.
- Memorials once submitted shall not be returned back to the participants in any case nor shall any amendment be allowed after submission of the memorials. Organizers reserve their rights to use the memorials submitted to them as and when required in appropriate manner.
- Memorials submitted shall be given to the judges and opposite teams for the rebuttals and sur-rebuttals round.
- Teams are required to carry their own copies of memorials for the reference during Competition. Organizers are not bound to help teams in such case by providing the copies of memorials submitted.



Distribution of Marks – Each team’s performance will be assessed on basis of total of 100 marks. The distribution of marks for memorials and oral round will be based on criteria given below-

A. Memorials: 40 Marks (Each)

Sr. No	Criteria	Marks Allocated
1.	Language & grammatical accuracy	10
2.	Legal Analysis	10
3.	Clarity of arguments	10
4.	Including compliance of the requisite format , arrangement and citation mode	10
5.	Total	40

B. Oral submissions: 60 Marks (Each)

Sr. No	Criteria	Marks Allocated
1.	Advocacy and presentation skills	20
2.	Knowledge & Application of Law and facts including use of authorities	20
3.	Court Manners	05
4.	Answers to questions from the bench	10
5.	Time Adherence	05
6.	Total	60

- Marks shall be given by the judges separately for different rounds and final marks shall be given as aggregate of the marks given by the judges.

Draw of Lots

- There shall be three rounds of Competition – Preliminary, Semi-final and Final.
- Lots shall be drawn on **27th Feb 2014** at **8:45 am** at Balaji Law College, Pune.
- One team of a college shall compete with the team of other college. Each team will argue for petitioner or respondent respectively as per the draw of lots.

Prizes

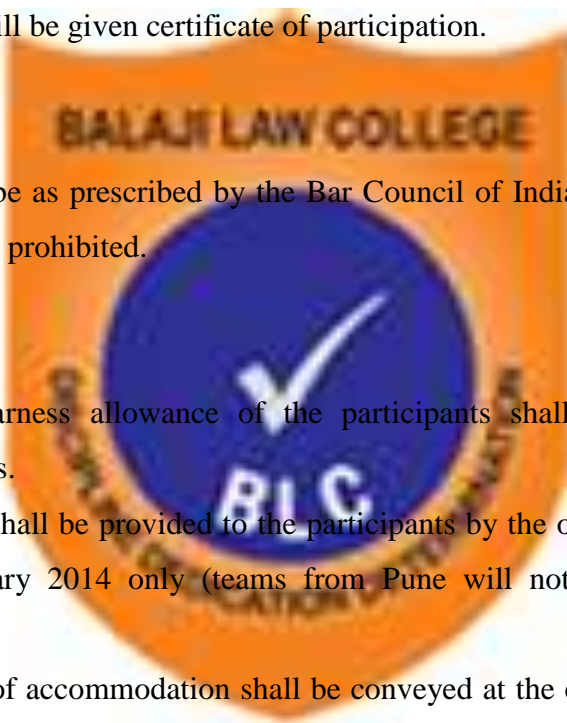
- Team scoring highest number of marks (aggregate of memorials and oral submissions) in the finals will be declared as **winning- team and will be awarded with a trophy and cash prize of Rs. 100,000/-**.
- **1st Runners Up team** will be awarded with individual mementos and **cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-**.
- **2nd Runners Up team** will be awarded with individual mementos & **cash prize of Rs. 25000/-** .
- Best lady advocate and student advocate securing highest individual marks will be declared as **‘Best Lady Advocate’ and ‘Best Student Advocate’** respectively and will be awarded with a memento & **Cash prize of Rs.5000/- each**.
- All participants will be given certificate of participation.

Dress Code

- Dress code shall be as prescribed by the Bar Council of India for the advocates. Gowns are strictly prohibited.

Miscellaneous

- Travelling & dearness allowance of the participants shall be paid by their respective colleges.
- Accommodation shall be provided to the participants by the organizers from 26th to 28th of February 2014 only (teams from Pune will not be provided with accommodation)
- The requirement of accommodation shall be conveyed at the earliest as it will be provided on first come first serve basis due to limited seats.
- Participants must behave in a dignified manner and shall not cause any inconvenience to the volunteers and organizers, failing which the team shall be disqualified from the Competition.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited in the college campus.
- The participants must carry with them photo identity card of their college.
- The decision of the judges shall be final in context of the results of the competition, and no objections will be entertained.
- Mode of communication shall be only through email (blcmoot@gmail.com). Phone calls will be entertained **ONLY** in case of emergency.



Important Dates

Events	Dates
Submission of Provisional Registration forms	15 th January 2015
Submission of Written Memorial (Soft copy)	on or before 30 th January 2015
Declaration of results of memorial evaluation and short listing of participating teams.	5 th February 2015
Submission of Written Memorial (Hard copy) for selected teams only.	15 th February 2015
Reporting, Registration of the teams and Inauguration	27 th February 2015
Draw of lots	27 th February 2015
Preliminary Round	27 th February 2015
Semi-final Round	27 th February 2015
Grand Finals and valedictory	28 th February 2015

