



# **7<sup>TH</sup> AURO NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2021**

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## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

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### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. These are the rules for the 7<sup>th</sup> AURO National Moot Court Competition, 2021 (ANMCC).
2. The 7<sup>th</sup> ANMCC, 2021 shall be held from **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**, virtually.
3. The Organizing Committee (OC) shall function as the point of contact, and any change in the Rules of the Competition shall be notified by email to all the participating teams.
4. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereinunder. Participants are required to comply with the same.
5. The official email for all correspondence with respect to the Competition is [anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in](mailto:anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in).

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

1. “Bluebook” means the Bluebook Method of Citation (20<sup>th</sup> edition).
2. “Clarifications” refer to the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Problem. They shall form part of the Moot Problem.
3. “Competition” means the 7<sup>th</sup> AURO National Moot Court Competition, 2021.
4. “Compendium” means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Oral Pleading Session.
5. “Identity” means any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team and the state or region where such Institution/College/University is located, and includes any identification marks/seal of the Team or the Institution/ College/University represented.
6. “Official Website” means the website of the Competition <https://moot2021.aurouniversity.ac.in/>.
7. “Speaker” means one of the two designated speakers in a Team.
8. “Organizing Committee” or “OC” means the committee, including any other

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authorized persons, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and of all events relating to the Competition.

9. "Rebuttals" refer to the set of arguments/challenges that the Petitioner/Appellant shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Speakers.
10. "Sur-rebuttals" means the defense presented by the Respondent in response to the Rebuttals.
11. "Researcher" means that member of a Team who appears for the Researchers' Test.
12. "Researchers' Test" means an online test conducted during the Competition to adjudge the knowledge of the researchers.
13. "Team" means representatives of any College/Institution/University who have registered themselves for participating in the Competition.
14. "Team Code" means the code allotted to a Team.
15. "Written Submission" means the memorandum for both the parties submitted by the Team.

### **III. DATE OF THE COMPETITION**

7<sup>th</sup> ANMCC, 2021 shall be held virtually from **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

### **IV. LANGUAGE**

The competition shall be conducted in English language.

### **V. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION**

1. The Competition is open to all students who are enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate law course or its equivalent, conducted by any recognized College/ Institution/ University i.e. 3 Year LL.B. Program or 5 Year LL.B. Program.
2. A recognized College/Institution/University shall be entitled to send only one Team to the Competition.
3. Each Team shall comprise of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. In a Team comprising of two members, both the members shall be designated as Speakers. In a Team

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comprising of three members, two members shall be designated as Speakers, and the third member shall be designated as the Researcher.

4. The researcher shall be allowed to argue only with the prior permission of the Bench and OC, in case of illness of the designated speaker/s or in accordance with the rules stated further.
5. Any additional member or Team Coach shall not be allowed to be a part of the virtual proceedings.

### VI. REGISTRATION

#### 1. General Rules

- a. Each team must register by filling the registration form available at <https://forms.gle/HMK16h8GPbc8ffhw7> .
  - b. Each Team must register themselves on or before **March 12, 2021** (11:59 P.M IST) at [moot2021.aurouniversity.ac.in](http://moot2021.aurouniversity.ac.in).
  - c. Every team, after making the payment and submitting the registration form, must mail the OC at [anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in](mailto:anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in), intimating the details of the team.
  - d. For the purpose of having an efficient competition, there is a capping of only **32 teams on first-come-first-serve** basis who shall be allowed to participate in this competition.
  - e. Once a Team registers by completing the formalities given in Rules VI (1) and (2), a Team Code (*hereinafter* 'Code') shall be assigned to the Teams.
  - f. Any change in the contact details of Team members must be notified to the OC at [anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in](mailto:anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in) the earliest. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition, unless such a Team withdraws or is disqualified from the Competition.
  - g. Any change in the composition of team members may be approved by OC, provided that any change may not be entertained before 10 days of the Competition.
- #### 2. Registration Fee
- a. The payment of **INR 1,500/-** can be made at

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<http://aurofees.arouniversity.ac.in/EventRegistration.aspx>.

- b. Screenshot of payment has to be attached while filling the registration form.

### VII. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

1. The Competition shall be conducted over a period of three days from **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**, virtually.
2. Schedule of the Competition is available at [moot2021.arouniversity.ac.in](http://moot2021.arouniversity.ac.in).
3. There will be two preliminary rounds, an octa-final, a quarter final, a semi-final and a final round. (Any change in the number of rounds, shall be intimated by the OC.)
4. The Teams participating in any of the rounds will be provided a copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session by the OC.
5. The researcher shall be present at the time of oral pleadings.
6. The Researcher can present the Compendium via screen sharing feature, only with the prior permission of the Bench.
7. Rounds shall be in the following format.

#### A. Preliminary Rounds

- i. There will be two Preliminary Rounds, and each Team shall argue once as the Petitioner/Appellant and once as the Respondent/Defendant.
- ii. The pairing of Teams for the Preliminary Rounds shall be done by way of power matchups.
- iii. No two Teams shall argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- iv. Each team will get a total of **30 minutes** to present their case.
- v. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court clerk before arguments begin.
- vi. Extension of time will be permitted only on the discretion of the Bench.
- vii. Top 16 Teams will qualify to the Octa-Finals.
- viii. Teams will be ranked as per the following scheme:
  - o Firstly, on the basis of total wins after the two Preliminary Rounds.
  - o If there is a tie in the total wins, the rank will be determined on the

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basis of overall marks in the Oral Rounds.

- If a tie still persists, it will be resolved on the basis of the scores of Written Submission of the Teams.
- Furthermore, if the tie still persists, it will be resolved by marks in Researcher's Test.

### B. Octa-Final/ Quarter-Final/ Semi-Final/ Final Rounds

i. The Octa-Final will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for this round shall be done by way of power matchup. Determination of the qualifying team will be made on a knockout basis on scores of Oral Sessions.

- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Division of time shall be at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker. It shall be informed to the court clerk before the commencement of Oral Pleadings.
- Extension of time may be permitted solely on the discretion of the Bench.

ii. The Quarter-Final Rounds will be knockout rounds. Pairing of the Teams for this round shall be done by way of draw of lots. Determination of the qualifying team will be made on a knockout basis on scores of Oral Sessions.

- Each team will get a total of **40 minutes** to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 15 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court clerk before arguments begin.
- Extension of time will be permitted at the discretion of the Bench.

iii. Semi-Final Rounds will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be done by way of draw of lots. The determination of the qualifying team will be made on a knockout basis on scores of

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### Oral Sessions.

- Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case inclusive of rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 15 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court clerk before arguments begin.

- iv. In the Final Rounds of the Competition, the sides for which the Teams will argue will be determined through a draw of lots. The determination of winner will be made on a knockout basis on scores of Oral Sessions.
- Each team will get a total of 50 minutes to present their case inclusive of rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
  - The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 20 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court clerk before arguments begin.

### VIII. ORAL PLEADING SESSIONS

1. Teams shall submit their oral pleadings throughout the Competition in the following order:
  - Speaker 1 for Petitioner/Appellant
  - Speaker 2 for Petitioner/Appellant
  - Speaker 1 for Respondent/ Defendant
  - Speaker 2 for Respondent /Defendant
2. Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be, shall be presented only by one of the Speakers of the Team. Rebuttals of the Petitioner/Appellant shall be limited to responding to the oral pleadings of the Respondent. Sur-rebuttals of the Respondent shall be limited to responding to the Rebuttals of the Petitioner/Appellant.
3. Before the commencement of Oral Pleading Session of a Team, Speakers of the Team shall inform the Court Clerk regarding the following, after which this information shall not be amended:
  - The Speaker delivering rebuttals or sur-rebuttals, as the case maybe.

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- Time reserved by each speaker for Oral Pleadings, as well as for Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals.
  - In case any opponent Team fails to appear in an Oral Pleading Session, the round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter Team had been present and arguing.
4. The dress code for the Competition shall be:
- Female(s): White salwar and kurta or White Shirt and Black pant along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.
  - Male(s): White shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.
5. No Team shall, reserve more than **3 minutes** for the rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals for all the rounds except for the Preliminary Rounds.

### IX. MODE OF ONLINE ROUNDS

1. All rounds, except the Final Round, shall be conducted on **Google Meet**. Final Round shall be conducted on **Zoom application**. All teams are requested to download **Google Meet Application** and **Zoom Application** on their laptops/phones beforehand.
2. Participants have to ensure high speed 4G internet connection with good audio and video facilities. It is advisable to the participants to use laptops or PC for the oral rounds.
3. The background of the participants should be preferably plain. The background / surroundings of the participants should not be or project either through signage, color, logo, emblem, infrastructure or any other form of display which would reveal the identity of the participants and / or the institution they represent.
4. Utmost care to be taken as regards to external sound or noise while the proceedings are on. During the oral round proceedings ensure that the same is conducted from a noise free room.
5. At the time when the other participant is speaking, you are expected to keep your mic on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she may be disqualified.
6. A buffer time up to 10 minutes may be granted to the participants, on the discretion of judges, in case of connectivity issues.



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7. After the lapse of 10 minutes, the Researcher shall take over the Oral Proceedings.
8. Speaker, while pleading, must keep his/her camera on.

### X. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

Teams may seek Clarifications via e-mail to [anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in](mailto:anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in), latest by **March 7, 2021**, 11:59 P.M. A compilation of all Clarifications shall be posted on the Official Website by **March 10, 2021**.

### XI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

1. Results will be announced after the completion of the preliminary/octa/quarter/ semi- final rounds. The Final results and the winners of various categories will be announced only during the valedictory/ prize distribution ceremony.
2. Score sheet of any participant, in no case, be revealed before the conclusion of the 7<sup>th</sup> AURO National Moot Court Competition, 2021.

### XII. SCOUTING

Teams will not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other teams except the final rounds. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification.

### XIII. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed, non-conformities of which will be penalized.

1. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Applicants and Respondent).
2. The **soft copy** of the Memorials for the Applicant and the Respondent should be mailed to [anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in](mailto:anmcc2021@aurouniversity.edu.in) on or before **March 22, 2021**.
3. Each Team shall send a soft copy of the Written Submission from each side in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) formats.

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4. Any soft copy submission made after the aforementioned deadline will be considered as a late submission and shall be penalized with 5 marks for each day of delay till **March 24, 2021 (11:59 P.M.)**.
5. Any soft copy submission after March 24, 2021 (after 11:59 P.M. IST) shall not be accepted and the Team will not be allowed to participate in the Competition, except at the discretion of the OC.
6. The decision of the OC shall be final in this regard.
7. Where a Team makes multiple soft copy submissions, the first in time shall be considered as final submission.
8. It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the soft copy of the Written Submissions are submitted as four 4 separate file attachments : Two (2) as Written Submission for the Complainant (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word format), and Two (2) as Written Submission for the Respondent (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word format)
9. The files should be named according to the Team Code and the side for which the Written Submission is prepared. The Team Code (T.) on the upper-right hand corner of the cover page is to follow the same format. (*For instance, Team 01 will name its Written Submission for the Petitioner/Appellant as **T.01P** and that for the Respondent as **T.01R.***)
10. Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted, **no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed** in any manner whatsoever.
11. Written Submissions shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team. Written Submissions should not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or College/Institution/University represented by the Team.
12. The Written Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads in the underneath order, non-conformity of which shall be penalized:
  - a. Cover Page
  - b. Table of Contents
  - c. List of Abbreviations
  - d. Index of Authorities
  - e. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 1 page)
  - f. Statement of Jurisdiction
  - g. Issues Raised

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- h. Summary of Pleadings (not exceeding 2 pages)
- i. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 25 pages)
- j. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

13. The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information:

- a. The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner.
- b. The name and year of the Competition.
- c. The name of the case.
- d. Name of the forum resolving the dispute.
- e. The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared.

The following color schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page Submission:

- Petitioner – Blue
- Respondent – Red

14. The cause title of the competition, i.e. **“7<sup>th</sup> AURO National Moot Court Competition 2021”** shall be mentioned as the header of every page contained in the memorial.

15. All authorities cited in the Written Submission must be included in the Index of Authorities.

16. The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:

- a. Page size : A4
- b. Font type : Times New Roman
- c. Font size : 12
- d. Line spacing : 1.5
- e. Paragraph spacing : 1
- f. Body of text : Justified
- g. Margin : 1 inch on all sides

17. For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a. Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes following the **Bluebook Method of Citation (20<sup>th</sup> edition)**.
- b. Footnotes should be limited only to citations, and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments.

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- c. Font type : Times New Roman
- d. Font size : 10
- e. Line spacing : 1
- f. Paragraph spacing : 0
- g. No additional space between 2 footnotes
- h. Body of text : Justified

### XIV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

#### 1. Evaluation Criteria for Oral Pleading Sessions

The Oral Pleading Sessions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks by the Bench as:

- a. Knowledge of Law – 20 Marks
- b. Application of Law to Facts – 30 Marks
- c. Ingenuity & Ability to Answer – 20 Marks
- d. Style, Poise, Courtesy & Demeanor – 10 Marks
- e. Time Management – 10 Marks
- f. Organization & Argumentative Skills – 10 Marks

\*Decision of the Panel regarding the allocation of marks shall be final.

\*To ensure uniformity, each Panelist will be briefed in advance regarding the marking criteria.

#### 2. Evaluation Criteria for Written Submissions

Written Submissions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks as per the following criteria:

- a. Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction - 10
- b. Knowledge of Law and Facts -20
- c. Interpretation and Application of Law to Facts - 30
- d. Use of Authorities -10
- e. Organization of Arguments – 10
- f. Originality and Innovation -10
- g. Presentation Style and General Impression- 10

### XV. AWARDS :

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Winning Team	Rs.40,000/-
Runner-up Team	Rs.20,000/-
Best Memorial	Rs.10,000/-
Second Best Memorial	Rs.5,000/-
Best Researcher	Rs.10,000/-
Best Student Advocate	Rs.10,000/-
Second Best Student Advocate	Rs.5,000/-

### XVI. ANONYMITY

1. Student Counsel may introduce herself/himself to the Court through their Team Codes, their names and the side represented. However, the team's college/ institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time.
2. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's college/ institution at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, ties, patches, or pins or uploading any material (such as a book with a college logo, or college seal).
3. If anything on the material presented before the Bench /carried into the virtual courtroom reveals the Team's Identity, the Team shall be rendered disqualified.
4. Any attempt by a Team or a member of the Team to contact, either directly or indirectly, the drafter of the Moot Problem for any reason whatsoever after the release of the Moot Proposition and before the Competition ends shall lead to disqualification of such Team from the Competition.
5. In case of non-conformity to the rules, change in penalty, if any, shall be determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and shall not be subject to challenge.

### XVII. FINALITY

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Decision of the judges shall be final in adjudication of the Oral Rounds.

### **XVIII. RESEARCHERS' TEST**

1. The Researcher's Test shall be conducted via online medium.
2. The Researcher's Test shall be in the format of both Multiple & Subjective questions based on the applicable laws, precedents, and facts pertaining to the Moot Proposition. Duration for the same shall be 30 minutes.
3. Participation in the Researcher's Test is mandatory for all the Teams, failure of which may result in disqualification, subject to the discretion of the OC.
4. Participants shall ensure complete integrity and shall not resort to unfair means while attempting the test. Any such attempt shall result in disqualification.
5. In case of Teams with three members, only the pre-designated Researcher shall appear for the test, and such Researcher shall not be allowed to address the Bench during the Oral Pleading Sessions.
6. In case of Teams with two members, either of the members may appear for the test. However, in such a situation name of the person appearing the test must be disclosed to the OC at the time of registration.
7. No notes, legal texts, books or any other reference material or electronic aid shall be permitted during the Researchers' Test.

### **XIX. COPYRIGHT**

1. Copyright over memorials submitted shall vest completely and fully in, AURO University, Surat. AURO University or ALC shall not, in any way, be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and/or exhibition of these material and/or for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

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2. Distribution of these materials on the affiliated websites such as <https://moot2021.auruniversity.ac.in/> shall not constitute consent to any use of these material for commercial redistribution either via the Internet or using some other form of hypertext distribution.

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