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**REMEMBERING PROFESSOR S.P. SATHE –
17TH INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023**

RULEBOOK



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PART I

GENERAL

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The *Remembering Professor S. P. Sathe - 17th International Moot Court Competition, 2023* (**Competition**) is convened from the 24th to 26th of March 2023 by the Indian Law Society, Pune at the ILS Law College, Pune in a **physical** mode.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. TEAM MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

2.1.1. Students enrolled in a full-time bachelor's (three-year or five-year or the equivalent of the same in a non-Indian university) law program at the time of the Competition are eligible to compete in the Competition. Each College/Law School or University may enroll **one** team only.

2.2. TEAM COMPOSITION

2.2.1. A team shall be composed of either:

- a. Two Members: both speakers, OR
- b. Three Members: two speakers and one researcher.

2.3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

2.3.1. All universities and institutes that receive the official invite from ILS Law College, Pune are welcome to register. Maximum twenty-four (24) teams with the highest memorial scores will qualify to appear in the oral rounds to be held at ILS Law College, Pune.

2.3.2. In case there is an odd number of participating teams, ILS Law College, Pune will nominate a non-competing dummy team that will not proceed beyond preliminary rounds.

2.3.3. Team members must carry current identity cards (Soft/Hard copies) issued to them by their institution. Team members shall not reveal their identity or the identity of their institution at any point while the Competition is in progress, in the memorials, and even at the request of the Judges, failing which the team will face immediate disqualification.



3. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

3.1. The official language of the Competition is **English**. All Competition Rounds including the written submissions (Memorials) shall be in English.

4. DRESS CODE

4.1. The teams are expected to follow a strict dress code of **Western** or **Indian** formals.

5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE COMPETITION MODULE

5.1. Clarifications can be sought by teams regarding the Moot Proposition and the Rulebook by emailing the Organising Committee at spsathemoot@ilslaw.in.

5.2. The Last date to receive the request for clarifications is 11:59 PM IST on **20th of January 2023**.



PART II

REGISTRATION

6. REGISTRATION PROCESS

6.1. INDIAN TEAMS –

6.1.1. Registration for the Competition can be done by filling the google form also available [here](#). The link for payment of registration fees is available [here](#). Teams must first complete the payment and then attach proof of payment in the form of a screenshot in (.jpeg or .jpg format) or a PDF file in the google form before 11:59 PM IST on **15th January 2023**.

6.2. FOREIGN TEAMS –

6.2.1. Registration for the Competition can be done by filling the google form available [here](#). The payment of registration fees shall be done by bank transfer to the bank account details mentioned below. Teams must first complete the payment and then attach proof of payment in the form of a screenshot (.jpeg or .jpg format) or a PDF file in the google form before 11:59 PM IST on **15th January 2023**.

6.2.2. Bank details for payment of registration fees by Foreign Teams:

Bank Account Name: ILS Law College

Name of the Bank: State Bank of India

Account No.: 00000035826339376

Branch: Deccan Gymkhana, Pune

IFSC Code: SBIN0001110

Kindly mention the UTR (Unique Transaction Reference) number in the Registration form.

6.3. No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.

6.4. All teams shall be given a “Team Code” by the Organizing Committee on validation of their Registration Form and confirmation of payment of registration fees. Thereafter, the teams shall use their designated “Team Code” for all correspondence with the Organising Committee.



6.5. The same team code must be used by the teams during the submission of Memorials and all the Rounds of the Competition.

7. REGISTRATION FEE

7.1 INDIAN TEAMS

7.1.1. Registration fee inclusive of GST (Non-refundable) for Memorial Qualifier Round for Indian Teams is INR 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only).

7.1.2. Registration fee inclusive of GST (Non-refundable) for Indian teams qualifying for the oral rounds is INR 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only).

7.2 FOREIGN TEAMS

7.2.1. Registration fee inclusive of GST (Non-refundable) for Memorial Qualifier Round for Foreign Teams is USD 60 (US Dollars Fifty only).

7.2.2. Registration fee (Non-refundable) for foreign teams qualifying for the oral rounds is USD 180 (US Dollars One Hundred Fifty only).

7.2.3. All administrative charges leviable by the bank are to be borne by the registering teams.

8. ACCOMMODATION

8.1. Teams can avail accommodation for the days of the competition only, i.e., 24th, 25th and 26th (till checkout) of March 2023. (2 nights and 3 days). Shall the participants wish to stay the night of the 26th of March 2023 or arrive a day early i.e., on the 23rd of March 2023, they will have to bear the accommodation costs.



PART III

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

9. ROUNDS

The Competition will be conducted in two stages (Memorial Round and Oral Rounds).

9.1. MEMORIAL ROUND:

All memorials submitted before the memorial submission deadline on behalf of teams that meet the eligibility criteria laid down in Rule 2 and having paid the proper registration fees as laid down in Rule 7 shall be evaluated. Each participating team shall be required to submit memorials for both the sides (Claimant and Respondent). Maximum 24 Teams based on the total score on their Memorials will qualify for the Oral Rounds to be held from the 24th to 26th of March 2023.

9.2. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

In the preliminary rounds, each team will present arguments once from each of the two sides in two different matches.

9.3. QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS:

Based on the number of teams registering for the competition, the Organising Committee will decide to conduct Quarter Final Round. If the round is conducted, eight teams will proceed to the quarter-final rounds in four Courtrooms on the basis of, firstly total wins, secondly total marks in the preliminary rounds, and lastly, in case of a tie, adding score of the memorial round in the total marks of the preliminary rounds.

9.4. SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS:

Four teams who win in the Quarter-final round on a knock-out basis will proceed to the semi-final rounds in two Courtrooms.

9.5. FINAL ROUND:

The winner from each of the two Courtrooms on a knock-out basis in the semi-final round will proceed to the final round.



10. PROCEEDINGS

10.1. PRELIMINARY, QUARTER-FINAL AND SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS:

The preliminary, quarter-final (if conducted) and semi-final rounds, shall last for a maximum of 60 minutes. Each team will have **30 minutes** for presenting their arguments. This time includes the time for rebuttals or sur-rebuttals. The Judges shall decide whether rebuttals or sur-rebuttals are permitted in their Courtroom. Participants must communicate to the Judges at the beginning of the round, the time reserved by the team for rebuttals or sur-rebuttals. Each speaker shall argue for at least **12 minutes**. For every match only one speaker may make the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal on behalf of the team. The team representing the Claimant will present their pleadings first followed by the team representing the Respondent.

10.2. FINAL ROUND:

The final round shall last for a maximum of 90 minutes. Each team will have **45 minutes** for arguments which is inclusive of the time of rebuttals or sur-rebuttals. The Judges shall decide whether rebuttals or sur-rebuttals are permitted in their Courtroom. Participants must communicate to the Judges at the beginning of the round, the time reserved by the team for rebuttals or sur-rebuttals. Each speaker shall argue for at least **20 minutes**. For every match only one speaker may make the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal on behalf of the team. The team representing the Claimant will present their pleadings first followed by the team representing the Respondent.

10.3. GENERAL RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS

10.3.1. Teams participating in Oral rounds while making their oral pleadings are not confined by the content of their Memorials. Notwithstanding the aforementioned rule, the Judges shall be provided copies of each party's Memorial and the Judges may pose questions to the team with reference to the same.

10.3.2. Teams wishing to cite authorities other than those mentioned in their Memorials may do so only with the prior permission of the Judges. Teams must ensure that these submissions contain no indicators of the team members' or their institute's identities. Additionally, any reference material carried into the Courtroom shall not bear any insignia of the team members or the institute they represent. Using identity indicators on these submissions or reference material will result in disqualification of such team.



10.3.3. No team member shall enter any Courtroom other than their own.

10.3.4. Each team and its members shall be present in the Courtroom only for their proceedings.

10.3.5. Teams are not allowed to use any electronic devices during the proceedings.

10.3.6. The Judges' decision regarding the conduct of proceedings shall be final vis-à-vis their Courtroom.



PART IV

MEMORIALS

11. SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS

11.1. All memorial submissions must conform to the following general criteria. Teams will be penalized for failure to abide by these requirements.

11.2. Soft copies of the memorials must be e-mailed to spsathemoot@ilslaw.in on or before 11:59 PM IST on **5th February 2023**.

12. CONTENTS OF MEMORIALS

Memorials must contain the following:

- i. Cover page stating Title of the Competition, Name of the Forum, Name of the Case, Title of the document (viz. “Memorial for the ___”), and Team Code
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Index of Authorities
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
- v. Statement of Facts
- vi. Issues
- vii. Summary of Arguments
- viii. Arguments Advanced
- ix. Prayer

13. FORMAT OF MEMORIALS

13.1. SOFT COPY:

Each participating team shall submit one Memorial each on behalf of the Claimant and the Respondent. Memorial for each side shall be submitted in two formats- (1) Microsoft Word Document (compatible with Windows) and (2) PDF document. Memorials shall be made and submitted as follows:

- i. **Page Count:** Total: Maximum 35 and for Arguments Advanced: Maximum 20



- ii. **Numbering of pages:** Bottom-Centre.
- iii. **Font:** Times New Roman, 12 points for text, 10 points for footnotes
- iv. **Line Spacing:** 1.5 for text, 1 for block quotes of more than 50 words in the text; 1 for Footnotes.
- v. **Para Spacing:** 2 for text, 1.5 for footnotes.
- vi. **Mode of Citation:** Bluebook 21st edition.
- vii. The document file shall be named: “[TEAM CODE] Memorial for Claimant” and “[TEAM CODE] Memorial for Respondents”.
- viii. **Subject of the mail submitting memorials shall be:** “Memorial – Name of your institution”; e.g.: “Memorial – ABC College”.
- ix. Please note that the name of the institution or any other indication thereof shall not be made on the memorials. Doing so would lead to disqualification of the team.

13.2. HARD COPY

13.2.1 Each team is required to carry a minimum of 5 copies of printed memorials from each side to be submitted to the Organising Committee upon arrival.

14. ADHERENCE OF MEMORIALS TO THE PRESCRIBED FORM AND CONTENT

14.1. Memorials that do not comply with the above specifications will suffer penalty points.

14.2. Marks of memorials will not be counted in the preliminary, quarter-final, or semi-final rounds unless there is a tie.

15. QUALIFICATION OF MEMORIALS AND RANKING

15.1. A Memorial Round will be conducted subsequent to the submission and evaluation of the Memorials.

15.2. A maximum of 24 highest-scoring teams shall be selected based on their Memorial scores. Only these selected teams shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds of the Competition.

15.3. The result of the Memorial Elimination Round shall be notified to the teams on the **15th of February 2023.**



PART V
ADJUDICATION

16. MARKING CRITERIA

16.1. PENALTY

VIOLATION	PENALTY
Failure to include all sections of the Memorials	5 marks for each section
Failure to include necessary information on the cover page of the memorandum	2 marks each
Delay in submission	1 mark per hour of delay
Use of incorrect font style, font size or line spacing	1 mark per violation, maximum of 10 marks per side
Incorrect Margins	2 marks - one-time penalty
Excessive length of any section of the Memorials	5 marks for 200 extra words
Plagiarism in Memorials	10 – 25%: 5 marks Beyond 26% of memorial: disqualified



16.2. ORAL ROUNDS

Each judge in each round will mark each team member according to the criteria given below:

SR. No.	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS	
		Speaker 1	Speaker 2
1.	Knowledge and presentation of facts	10	10
2.	Knowledge and understanding of legal provisions and principles	15	15
3.	Arrangement, presentation and content of arguments	10	10
4.	Logical reasoning, clarity, brevity and ingenuity of arguments	10	10
5.	General Presentation, Court Etiquette, Advocacy Skills, Time Management	5	5
	Sub-Total	50	50
	Total	100	



16.3. MEMORIALS

Each memorial will be marked as follows:

SR. NO.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1.	Proper and articulate analysis of issues arising out of facts	10
2.	Understanding and ability to explain the legal principles clearly	10
3.	Presentation and content of arguments	10
4.	Use of legal sources	10
5.	Variation in approach	10
	Maximum Marks	50
	(Less) Penalty Points	
	Total marks for the memorial	50 (Minus penalty points)

17. AWARDS

17.1. Prizes for the competition are as follows:

- i. **Winning Team:** Trophy and Certificates
- ii. **Runners-up team:** Trophy and Certificates



- iii. **Best and Second-Best Memorials:** Certificates
- iv. **Best and Second-Best Student Advocates of the Competition:** Certificates
- v. **Best Speaker of the Finals:** Certificates
- vi. **Justice V. A. Naik Prize for the Best team from Maharashtra:** Trophy and Certificates

17.2. Members of each team will receive a certificate of participation.



PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

18. CONFIRMATION OF TRAVEL ITINERARY

18.1. Participating Teams must confirm their travel itinerary by 11:59 PM IST on **25th February 2023** and communicate the same to the Organising Committee by email to spsathemoot@ilslaw.in.

19. ORGANISERS' EXTRA-ORDINARY POWER

19.1. All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

19.2. The Organising Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, and immoral conduct.

19.3. The Organising Committee's decision regarding the interpretation of rules or any other matter relating to the competition will be final and binding.

19.4. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organising Committee's decision on the same shall be final and binding.

19.5. The Organising Committee reserves the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

19.6. The institution follows a *Zero Tolerance Policy* towards Sexual Harassment and Ragging. Institution reserves the right to disqualify the participants for engaging in such conduct, without prejudice to any other action which can be initiated under appropriate law.

19.7. Any issue or matter concerning the Competition will be decided by the Organising Committee. Any grievance may be addressed to the Principal, ILS Law College, whose decision shall be final.

20. DISCLAIMER

20.1. The material in the Moot Proposition is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead. The material in the Moot Proposition is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely coincidental.



21. TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION

Event	Date
Release of the problem	23 rd December 2022
Registrations open	23 rd December 2022
Registrations close	15 th January 2023
Last date for seeking clarifications	20 th January 2023
Release of clarifications	25 th January 2023
Memorial submission deadline	5 th February 2023
Announcement of teams qualifying for oral rounds	15 th February 2023
Confirmation of travel itinerary by email	25 th February 2023
Draw of lots, exchange of memorials and inauguration ceremony	24 th March 2023
Preliminary Rounds (1 & 2) and Quarter Finals (if necessary)	25 th March 2023
Semi-finals, Finals and Valedictory Ceremony	26 th March 2023



22. CONTACT DETAILS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Email Address for Correspondence: spsathemoot@ilslaw.in

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