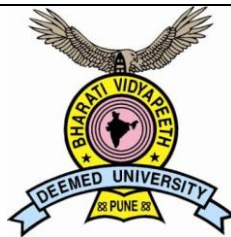


**THE OFFICIAL RULES  
OF  
JUSTICE P.N. BHAGWATI 2<sup>nd</sup>  
INTERNATIONAL  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

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**BHARATI VIDYAPEETH DEEMED UNIVERSITY  
NEW LAW COLLEGE, PUNE (INDIA)**

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# **PREAMBLE**

## ***BHARATI VIDYAPEETH DEEMED UNIVERSITY NEW LAW COLLEGE, PUNE.***

***Pursuing*** our mission to spread fragrance of law and to ensure real taste of justice to the masses

***Chasing*** our goal of dissemination of the knowledge of the laws and professional expertise in the process of law

***Shaping*** the destiny of the students of law towards the making of good lawyers who are alive to the role that law plays in the social, political and economic advancements

***Making*** the students to uphold the dignity of human being

***Encouraging*** to foster respect for international treaty, obligations and promoting international mutual understanding

***Rejoicing and spreading*** the culture of human rights across the global setting by this Competition

***Adopts the following Official Rules of the Competition by resolution of Members of the Organizing Committee:***

**1) Name of the competition:** Justice PN Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition on Human Rights-II

**2) Organizers:** Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, New Law College, Pune (BVDU NLC), NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade.

**3) Venue:** Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, New Law College, Pune (BVDU NLC), NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade. Bharati Vidyapeeth Educational Complex, Erandawane, Paud Road, Pune-411038.

**4) Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> February, 2012

**5) Subject Matter:** Hypothetical problem.

**6) Eligibility and Registration:**

All law schools, law faculties, and institutions with international law-related degree programs are eligible to participate in the Competition. All determinations of eligibility are in the discretion of the Dean & Principal, BVDU NLC.

A person may be a Team Member if he or she:

- (a) is pursuing a law degree or an international law-related degree; and
- (b) is enrolled at an eligible institution as a full-time student during the relevant Competition Year and plans to participate in the Competition on behalf of that institution; and
- (c) has not engaged in the practice of law in any jurisdiction after graduating from any type of law degree program.

7) The **last date** for registration will be 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

8) The organizing committee will have the sole and absolute discretion to short list the participants. The decision of organizing committee will be final and binding on all concerned.

9) The short listed teams will be required to reconfirm their participation and their acceptance of being bound by the rules of the competition within the time stipulated by the organizing committee.

## **TEAM COMPOSITION**

Each team shall comprise of two speakers and one researcher. The team shall send their particulars to the organizers by the dates to be decided by the administrators, on the college letterhead duly signed by the Principal/Directors/Dean as the case may be. The teams shall additionally send their particulars by email to organizers.

## **LANGUAGE**

The competition shall be conducted strictly in English.

## **ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL**

1. The organizers will not be responsible for making travel arrangements or providing any charges whatsoever for teams participating in the competition.
2. Teams requiring transfer from to hotel on arrival/departure would be required to provide clear details and particulars of arrival and departure details at least fifteen (15) days before the date of competition.
3. The organizers will provide boarding and lodging for three days namely, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 to three participants only.
4. The organizer will not be responsible for providing accommodation or transfer to any other accompanying person with the team.
5. The organizer will not be responsible for providing or arranging transport or accommodation for teams arriving prior to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
6. Participating teams are requested to reserve their travelling tickets well in advance and make their travel comfortable

## **COMPETITION ROUNDS:** (subject to change)

1. There shall be two (2) preliminary round including quarterfinal of arguments per team, one from each side (subject to the number of teams participating).
2. There shall be semi final round of four teams as per the rank they got in the quarterfinals.
3. Final Round.

## MEMORIALS

1. Each team shall submit memorials / written submissions for both the sides.
2. The memorial shall be typed on A4 size page in Font type: Times New Roman Font  
Size; 12, Double spacing and 1 inch margin on each side. Each team is required to submit three copies of memorial and compilation for each side.
3. The hard copies of the memorials **four copies each from the sides in both cases** must be reached to the organizing committee on or before **25th January, 2012**.
4. The soft copy of the memorial shall also be sent through e-mail to the organizers.

## ORAL SUBMISSIONS

Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case during the preliminary / quarterfinal / semi final rounds.

Provided that the time to present the case during the final round will be 45 minutes.

1. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members. Five (5) minutes will be provided for rebuttal including surrebuttal.
2. The division of time must be communicated to the organizers at the orientation and to the court officer before commencing arguments.
3. There shall be warning bell three (3) minutes before the competition of the allocated time for each speaker and there shall be a final bell on the completion of the allocated time.
4. If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of the allocated time, the additional time which he or she speak for will be deducted from the time allocated to his or her co-speaker, as the case may be. However, no speaker shall be allowed to present his arguments beyond the maximum time.
5. Each speaker must introduce himself or herself to the court using only his identification code and team code given to him at the time of orientation.

## SCORING FOR MEMORIALS:

1. The marking criteria for memorials shall be as provided herein under:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>
Adhering to specifications on memorial	10
Substance of memorial (including legal research)	40
Presentations skills	20
Application of facts to the law	20
General Organization	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## SCORING FOR ORAL SUBMISSIONS:

- Each speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks per judge in each round aggregating to 300 marks.
- The team score shall be the total marks awarded to both the speakers.
- The marking criteria for oral submissions shall be as provided herein under.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>
Knowledge and Application of law	35
Answer to Court Questions	20
Advocacy/ Presentations	20
Perusal of facts	15
Perusal of Memorials in the Course of Oral Submissions	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## JUDGES

Judges for the competition will be selected by the organizing committee

## **SCOUTING**

- a) No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court rooms in which that team is one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition. They shall remain present in the lounge provided for them.
- b) No member of any team shall interact with any person except fellow participants and the organizers.
- c) Any team found in the violation of the above-mentioned rule shall be disqualified forthwith.
- d) Team found attempting to approach and influencing Judges, Administrators or Organizers shall be disqualified.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

- (a) The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- (b) The dress code for the Participants shall be prescribed for the Advocate.

## **INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

- (a) The organizing committee's decision 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 organizing committee's decision on the same shall be final.
- (c) The organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they deem appropriate.



❖ **Any clarifications for the competition can be sought from:**

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