



Nepal School Moots on Human Rights

Kathmandu School of Law

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I. Introduction

1. An informed and continued demand by people of their rights can help ensure human rights.¹ Ensuring human rights is possible only if people understand what it entails to think in human rights terms from an early age.² This is possible through the means of education. Universal Declaration of Human Rights fortifies the importance of education in development and strengthening human rights.³ UN conferences⁴ and UN General Assembly resolutions⁵ have reiterated the importance of education in strengthening human rights.
2. With the rise of moot courts on the global university landscape, it has also become an integral part of the legal education. They can also be used as a powerful tool on the domestic school level. Using moots in schools would help elevate the education, articulation, research as well as oration skills of the students. In order to enhance such skills in human rights law, the Nepal School Moots on Human Rights (hereinafter the Competition) has been envisioned. It is a competition open to all the schools/colleges in Nepal with legal studies in their high school curriculum.
3. In order to convene the Competition, the following “Official Rules” are adopted in order to conduct the Competition effectively.

¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ISSUES/EDUCATION/TRAINING/Pages/HREducationTrainingIndex.aspx>

² Kgomosotho, Gift; Heyns, Christof H.; and Majola, Bongani. (2018) . "Notes From the Field: Bringing New Life to Human Rights Globally: The Powerful Tool of Schools' Moots," International Journal of Human Rights Education, 2(1) . Retrieved from <https://repository.usfca.edu/ijhre/vol2/iss1/8>

³ Article 26 (2), UDHR

⁴ https://legal.un.org/avl/pdf/ha/fatchr/Final_Act_of_TehranConf.pdf

⁵ <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N11/467/04/PDF/N1146704.pdf?OpenElement>



II. Organization of the Competition

4. The Competition is organized by Kathmandu School of Law.

The coordinator for the School Moots are Ms Pranjali Kanel and Anusha Kharel. They can be reached at mootcourts@ksl.edu.np.

5. The Moot Court Competition consists of written memorials (from both Applicant and Respondent sides) and oral hearings.
6. The Competition, both written memorial and oral hearings, shall be conducted in English.
7. The time and venue for oral hearings shall be released on March.

III. Rules

8. Registration and Eligibility:

One team from each participating school/college is eligible to participation in the competition.

9. Each team consists of two members. The team member shall be students of high school studying law in the school/college that they are representing.
10. The school/colleges may appoint coach/advisor to the team which is upon the discretion of the school sending the team.
11. The teams shall have to send an email for registration with a letter of endorsement from the participating law school and a scanned copy of student ID to mootcourts@ksl.edu.np no later than 25th February 2021. The email should clearly list out the names of the team member and the coaches.
12. Upon receipt of the registration, the administrator shall provide respective Team Codes. A training for the participants shall be conducted in Kathmandu School of Law. The date for the same shall communicated to the registered team and team members. The team shall be deemed to have been formally registered after the receipt of the Team Code and participation in the training.



13. The organizers of the Competition shall assign the teams with the tutors*. The tutors will be assigned from a pool of undergraduate and postgraduate students who have previously participated in National and International Moot Court Competitions. The tutors will guide the team of high school students with the basic tenants of legal research and oral skills.
14. Composition and selection of Team Members are entirely under the authority of the respective schools. The schools can convene intramural rounds to determine the composition of its team member.
15. The team registered for the competition are required to participate in the oral hearings as it affects the entire Competition.
16. Substitution of team members after the registration is not permissible unless the team member has to withdraw due to serious or unforeseen circumstances. The team contemplating withdrawal of a team member shall communicate the circumstances of the requested withdrawal to the organizers through the administrator in the given email address. The organizers shall have the discretion to determine the withdrawal of the team members after investigation the circumstances of the withdrawal request.

IV. Written memorials

17. Each team shall submit memorial for each side-Applicant and Respondent of the moot problem.
18. The structure of the memorial shall contain,
 - i. Cover page
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. A table of authorities
 - iv. A brief summary of facts not exceeding 500 words

* The participating school/college can have an advisor or a coach according to their discretion. The tutors are assigned by the Organizers.



- v. A summary of arguments not exceeding 350 words
- vi. Body of Arguments / Pleadings
- vii. Prayer for Relief

19. The body of arguments and prayer of relief must not exceed 3000 words (excluding footnotes and preliminary pages).

20. The cover page shall contain

- i. Team Code (at the top-right corner)
- ii. Name of the Court
- iii. Name of the Case
- iv. Name of the Parties
- v. Side represented (with “A” for applicant and “R” for respondent side on the top right corner-after team code)
- vi. Name of the Competition (in this case, Nepal School Moot on Human Rights)

21. General requirement for memorial

- i. Page side-A4
- ii. Font- Times new Roman, 12
- iii. Margins- 2 com- Top, Bottom, Left, Right
- iv. Line spacing- 1.5
- v. Each page shall be numbered at the bottom right-hand of the page
- vi. Citation- KSL Comprehensive Style to Legal Citation

22. The participating teams shall not be identified by name or in any other way in the memorial except by the designated Team Code provided during registration.



23. Both the memorials from the Applicant and Respondent side must be submitted in a single email with separate attachments. No separate emails are accepted for two sides of memorials.
24. The electronic copies of the memorials of the both side- Applicant and Respondent in both PDF and doc. format must be submitted to the organizers at mootcourts@ksl.edu.np no later than March 25,2021 11:59 pm Nepal Standard Time.
25. With every 6 hours of delay in submitting the memorials, the team shall be penalized by 1 mark.
26. No memorials shall be accepted after 11:59 pm Nepal Standard Time, March 26, 2021. Teams failing to submit memorials within the stipulated time cannot take part in the Oral Rounds.
27. The overall marking of the preliminary rounds will comprise of 50 per cent memorial markings. The semi-finals and finals shall cover 25 per cent of the memorial marking and 75 per cent oral rounds marking.
28. All the memorials in the Competition become the property of the Organizer.

V. Oral Rounds

Oral Rounds rules to be released on first week of March 2020.

VI. Scoring Rules

Rules regarding the scoring of the memorials and oral rounds will be released with the rules for Oral Rounds on the first week of March.

VII. Awards

29. The awards given in the Competition are:
 - i. Best Team Award
 - ii. Runner-Up Team Award
 - iii. Best Memorial Award



- iv. Best Oralist Award (for the finals)
 - v. Best Oralist Award (for the preliminary rounds)
 - vi. Spirit of the Competition
30. Certification of participation shall be provided to all the participating team members and the coaches. Additional certificate for the winners of any awards as mentioned above shall be provided. The names of team members will be exactly as written in the registration. Therefore, it is important that the names of the team members are spelt correctly.

VIII. Miscellaneous

31. Any teams seeking clarification on the problem, rules and administrative issues shall direct their question to the organizers in mootcourts@ksl.edu.np.
32. The organizers shall reserve the exclusive right to amend or suspend any part of or make any addition in these Rules. The Teams shall be communicated by e-mail within 24-hours of such amendments, suspension or addition.
33. The organizers shall have the exclusive right to interpret these Rules and their interpretation and application shall be conclusive.