

GENERAL RULES OF THE JURIS OPEN 2017

1. Juris Open -2017 will be held from 3rd to 5th February 2017. It includes following competitions:
 - Moot Court
 - Legal Drafting
 - Law Quiz
 - Trouble Shoot.
2. Participation in all the competitions is compulsory. Attendance of all participants for each competition is compulsory failing which the Participation Certificates will not be given.
3. Language for all the competitions shall be English.
4. Eligibility:
 - a. Participants are required to be *bona fide* students currently pursuing Bachelors Degree in law i.e. 3 Year LL.B. Programme or 5 Year LL.B. Programme from Law schools/colleges recognized by the Bar Council of India.
 - b. Only one team per college shall participate in Juris Open 2017.
 - c. Participation shall be restricted to the 16 teams who have registered by paying the registration fee. College reserves the right to choose the teams.
5. Team Composition
 - a. Each team shall necessarily comprise of FOUR members.
 - b. Team composition cannot be altered after registration.
 - c. Each team member shall participate in at least one event.
6. Confirmation and Registration:
 - a. The Registration fee shall be paid by a Demand Draft of Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only), which includes lodging, boarding, **Breakfast, Lunch**, and local conveyance during the days of the competition.
 - b. The demand draft shall be drawn in favour of **“The Principal, G. R. Kare College of Law, Margao, Goa”**
 - c. The team shall confirm the participation through e-mail to jurisopen.grkel@vvm.edu.in by sending scanned copy of the registration form and the demand draft of Rs. 3000/- on or before 5th January 2017
 - d. The team shall send the hardcopy of the duly filled registration form along with the DD so as to reach us on or before 10th January 2017 at the following address:

**The Principal,
G. R. Kare College of Law
Shree Damodar Educational Campus
G. R. Kare Road
Tansor, Comba
Margao- Goa
403601.**

7. For the competitions, the participants shall be strictly dressed in Advocates' attire, except the use of bands.
8. When on college campus, the participants are required to dress in a manner befitting their profession. Dressing up in shorts and revealing clothes is not permitted.
9. Canvassing is strictly prohibited. Canvassing shall result in disqualification and in case of default, the organizers decision shall be final.
10. **Lodging and Boarding:** The Organizers shall provide lodging and boarding to the registered participants from 3rd February 2017 night to 5th February 2017 night (3 nights). The organisers shall specifically allot accommodation to team members.
11. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a. All registered teams are required to report on 3rd February 2017 at the registration desk at G.R. Kare college of Law, Margao at 3 p.m.
 - b. Each team shall be given a code at the time of registration. The teams shall not reveal the identity of their College/University in their written submissions or during the Competitions.
 - c. The participants shall strictly follow the timings of each event, failing which the participants may be disqualified from that event.
 - d. The decision of the judges in each event is final and the organizers reserve the right of final interpretation of rules.
 - e. The participants shall maintain discipline and specified dress code throughout the event.
 - f. The Organizers reserve the right to change the rules of any event at any time of the competition by giving a reasonable notice, and the same shall not be disputed.
 - g. The decision of the Grievance Redressal Committee shall be final and binding on any matter including circumstances not envisaged in the rules of the Juris Open 2017.
 - h. All the participants shall carry their College/University Identity Cards at all times and produce the same as and when required by the Organizers

- i. The participating teams shall abide by all the rules and regulations of Juris Open 2017.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

MOOT COURT

- WINNERS - Cash prize Rs. 9000/- +certificate +Trophy
- RUNNERS UP Cash prize Rs. 5000/- +certificate+ Trophy
- BEST ADVOCATE Cash prize Rs. 3000/- + certificate+ Trophy
- BEST MEMORIAL Cash prize Rs. 3000/- + certificate +Trophy

LAW QUIZ

- WINNER Cash prize Rs. 6000/- + certificate +Trophy
- RUNNERS UP Cash prize Rs. 3000/- +certificate

LEGAL DRAFTING

- WINNER Cash prize Rs. 3000/- +certificate
- RUNNERS Cash prize Rs. 1500/- + certificate

TROUBLESHOOT

- WINNER Cash prize Rs. 3000/- +certificate
- RUNNERS Cash prize Rs. 1500/- + certificate

JURIS OPEN CHAMPIONS TROPHY

RULES FOR MOOT COURT COMPETITION

1. Eligibility and Participation

- 1.1) All Law Colleges and Law Schools recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the competition.
- 1.2) The team shall comprise of Two Mooters and one researcher, all of whom shall be regular bonafide students of the institution. Only students from amongst the under graduate five year integrated LL.B. degree and three year Degree law programmes are eligible. Students pursuing Masters degree in Law or any post graduate degree in Law are not eligible to be team members. Only ONE team from each Law College/School shall be permitted to register.
- 1.3) The two designated mooters shall be the speakers and shall put forth oral arguments in the competition and the researcher shall not be permitted to put forth oral arguments.

2. Memorial Requirements and Evaluation

- 2.1) Each participating team shall prepare written arguments (memorials) - Petitioner and Respondent.
- 2.2) The memorials shall have a soft cover and must be firmly stapled but NOT spiral bound.
- 2.3) The cover page of the Memorial must follow the colour scheme:
 - Blue for the Petitioner cover page
 - Red for the Respondent cover page
- 2.4) All memorials shall be in the English language and compulsorily contain the following requirements:
 - 2.2.1) A memorial shall be printed on one side of the A4 size page only. The text font for the main body shall be 12, Times New Roman with font spacing of 1.5 and text font for the footnotes shall be 10, Times New Roman with font spacing of 1.0. The margins shall be 1.5 inch on the left side and 1.0 inch on other sides.
 - 2.2.2) The character spacing should be normal and neither expanded nor condensed.
 - 2.2.3) The memorial shall contain the following:
 - a) Cover Page
 - b) Table of Content
 - c) Table of Abbreviation;
 - d) Index of Authorities;
 - e) Statement of Jurisdiction;

- f) Questions Presented;
 - g) Statement of Facts;
 - h) Summary of Pleadings (in maximum of 20 pages);
 - i) Pleadings/Arguments Advanced;
 - j) Conclusion/Prayer for Relief;
- 2.2.4) The memorial shall not contain any Annexure / Photographs / Sketches / Exhibits / Affidavit etc
- 2.2.5) The participating team shall not disclose their identity in any way whatsoever in the memorial. Any violation of this clause will lead to disqualification.
- 2.2.6) All teams must send 8 (Eight) copies of the Memorial for each side and also mail a copy to juris.grkcl@vvm.edu.in in PDF Format.
- 2.2.7) A covering letter must be enclosed with the Memorials specifying the name of the College/University of the participating team
- 2.2.8) Memorials must reach the college (postal address is disclosed in the General Rules) address latest by **25th January 2017**. Delay in the submission of memorials will attract a penalty of 2 marks per day up-till a period of one week (7 days). A delay beyond the stipulated 7 days, will make the team ineligible the “Best Memorial” Award.
- 2.2.9) The teams are also requested to intimate the posting details (date, time, mode, etc.) to the following email address : juris.grkcl@vvm.edu.in
- 2.2.10) Memorial will be evaluated for the total of 100 marks as under by a team of judges:

S.No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
1.	Proper cause title, statement of jurisdiction and presentation of questions	5+5+10
2.	Interpretation of facts	15
3.	Application of relevant law to the case	15
4.	Coherent and logical written arguments advanced	20
5.	Logical use of case law	20

6	Legality of Reliefs prayed for	10
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2.2.11) Memorial marks will be used only for memorial prizes. However, in case of a tie in oral round rankings, memorial evaluation will be considered to identify the higher rank.

2.2.12) There will be no exchange of memorials between the team prior to the competition.

2.2.13) After the completion of the Competition, the Organizers shall reserve the right to use the memorials submitted by the participating teams, as they may deem appropriate

3. Conduct of oral arguments and Competition Procedure:

3.1) The competition shall consist of Preliminary Round and Advanced Rounds.

3.2) Details of marking scheme for the oral rounds will be provided in the Orientation session to be conducted on Day 1.

3.3) Each team shall compulsorily present oral arguments for both sides – Petitioner and Respondent in the preliminary rounds to be held on Day 2, in accordance with lots chosen by the representative of the team at the Orientation Session on Day 1.

3.4) Each oral round shall consist of 90 minutes of arguments. The argument shall be in English language. The Claimant and the respondent shall be allotted 45 minutes each including time for rebuttal/surrebuttal, distributed between each of the two mooters. The rebuttal/surrebuttal has to be done by one mooter only and it cannot be claimed as a matter of right.

3.5) The advanced rounds shall consist of two knock out rounds, viz. Four Quarter-Finals and Two Semi-Finals, to be conducted on Day 2 and 3 respectively.

3.6) The Final Round, to be conducted on Day 3, shall determine the winner and the runners up.

a) In order to qualify for quarter final rounds the top eight teams based on oral rounds will be selected, provided the team has won both preliminary rounds;

b) In case there are less than eight teams having won both preliminary rounds then the team with highest marks with win in either preliminary round will be considered.

c) In case of a tie, memorial marks will be considered.

d) The scheme for allotting Petitioner and Respondent in the quarter finals round will be as per drawing of lots.

- e) Winners in the quarter final rounds will be qualified for the Semi Final rounds and allotted petitioner and respondent as per the following merit and identification of sides.
- f) The final round will comprise of the winners of the two Semi Final rounds and petitioner and respondent side will be decided by lots.

4. Miscellaneous

- 4.1)** No member of any team or any individual connected with any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition. The Organizers shall take strict action, including disqualification from the competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.
- 4.2)** All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in Court during the rounds of the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 4.3)** The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- 4.4)** The Organizers decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
- 4.5)** If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizers decision on the same shall be final.
- 4.6)** The Organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

5. Requests for interpretation of the case study and the Rules of the competition

All such requests must be sent via an email to juris.grkcl@vvm.edu.in with the subject of the email as "REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION." The last date for seeking such clarification/interpretation is 15th January 2017.

6. Disclaimer

The Material in the moot court problem is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead. All material in the problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely co-incidental.

RULES FOR LEGAL DRAFTING

The participants come prepared in topics like Drafting a Suit, Writ Petition, PIL's, Written Statement, Conveyances such as Deed of Sale, Agreement of Sale, Deed of Lease and License etc.

GENERAL RULES

1. The nature of the draft required to be drafted will be notified at the time of participation i.e. it will be in the form of a The participants will be given a Question paper of one hour duration given to the participants for the purpose of answering.
2. Only ONE member from the team should participate in this event.
3. The draft must be submitted in English only.
4. Each entry shall be scrutinized by a panel of experts.
5. Each entry shall be marked out of 100 points on the basis of the following criteria

Sr.no.	Topic	Points
a.	Understanding of facts	20 points
b.	Understanding of Law	20points
c.	Comprehensive identification of issues and creativity	20 points
d.	Language	20 points
e.	Structure / Coherence	20 points

6. Special consideration will be placed on originality, applicability and feasibility of legal drafting, extent of research and most importantly the scope of the draft.
7. All entries will be marked anonymously. Every team shall be allotted a team code after registering for the competition, the team members shall only use their code during the competition.
8. No team member shall disclose their identity anywhere during their submission. Non-compliance with this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the said team.

9. The team may request clarification by emailing on juris.grkcl@vvm.edu.in The last date of seeking clarification is 15th January 2017.
10. The participants are required to draft as per the instructions provided to them. The participants are expected to actively take part in the same.
11. The decision of the organizers with regards to the competition, eligibility, submission, selection criteria, results or any other matter shall be final and binding.

RULES OF THE QUIZ COMPETITION

1. Participation for this event is compulsory.
2. A team shall consist of two participants.
3. The participants shall not be allowed to use mobiles or other electronic instruments.
4. Replacement of any participant of a team is not allowed after registration.
5. All questions will be based on general principles of laws including the following specific areas:
 - Indian Constitution
 - Law of Torts
 - Law of Contract
 - General Knowledge
 - Current Affairs
6. The decision of the quiz-master will be final and binding.

QUALIFYING ROUND

- Each team would be given a set of questions containing 30 questions multiple choice objective type questions.
- The time limit is 30 minutes.
- The top 5 teams would be selected for the STAGE ROUNDS.
- In case of a tie between 2 or more teams, further 5 questions would be asked for final selection.
- The selected teams shall have to appear for the FINAL ON-STAGE ROUNDS.

FINAL ON-STAGE ROUNDS

The On-Stage Quiz shall consist of several rounds including audio-visual, buzzer and rapid-fire rounds.

The decision of the quiz-master will be final and will not be subjected to any change.

TROUBLESHOOT

(Finding legal solutions to a given problem)

1. Only one member of each team can participate in this event
2. The problem for the competition will be given on the spot
3. The participants are required to provide most suitable legal solution to the given problem
4. The duration of the competition is one hour
5. The participants will not be allowed to refer books, mobile phones or any other reference material during the event.
6. Further rules will be provided on the day of event.