



ALLIANCE UNIVERSITY

*Private University established in Karnataka State by Act No.34 of year 2010
Recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi*

Alliance School of Law

THE ALLIANCE MOOT COURT COMMITTEE REGULATIONS, 2021 (AMENDED JULY 2022)



Copyright © 2022 by Alliance University. These Regulations were drafted by AMCC for Alliance University. All rights reserved. This document or any portion thereof may not be reproduced or used in any manner whatsoever without the express written permission of Alliance University.

THE ALLIANCE MOOT COURT COMMITTEE REGULATIONS 2021
(Amended July 2022)

Preamble – Whereas it is expedient to regulate the moot court and other allied activities in Alliance School of Law in a fair and just manner and to provide and facilitate an opportunity for the students at the school to participate in moot courts and to realize their true potential;

The following regulation is hereby adopted.

CHAPTER 1

PRELIMINARY

1. Short Title and Commencement

- (1) These regulations may be called as The Alliance Moot Court Committee Regulations 2021.
- (2) They shall come into effect from February 08, 2021.

2. Definitions

In This Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) **“Academic Year”** means the academic year beginning in the month of June of one year till the month of May in the next year subject to any modification made in the Academic Calendar of the School.
- (2) **“AMCC”** means the Alliance Moot Court Committee constituted under Chapter 2 of This Regulation.
- (3) **“Competition(s)”** means and includes moot courts, mock trials, client counselling, negotiation, judgment writing, trial advocacy moots and such other competitions.
- (4) **“Dean”** refers to the Dean of the School or a person who is officiating in such capacity from time to time.
- (5) **“ISMC Competition”** means the Intra-School Moot Court Competition conducted pursuant to Chapter 4 of This Regulation.
- (6) **“Memorial(s)”** mean the written submissions made in a moot court competition.

- (7) **“Oralist(s)”** refers to the members of a team who shall advance the oral arguments in a moot court competition.
- (8) **“Researcher”** refers to the member who is not an Oralist and who aids the Oralists in the research of the problem.
- (9) **“the School”** means the Alliance School of Law, Alliance University.
- (10) **“the University”** means Alliance University.
- (11) **“This Regulation”** means The Alliance Moot Court Committee Regulations 2021 as from time to time modified, amended or supplemented.

CHAPTER 2

ALLIANCE MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

3. Constitution of AMCC

- (1) There shall be constituted the Alliance Moot Court Committee under the aegis of the School for the regulation and control of all activities pertaining to various national and international Competitions.
- (2) The AMCC shall comprise of different sub-committees constituted for the various activities of the committee which include conducting Moot Court, Drafting, Judgement Writing, Debate and Client Counseling.

4. Composition of AMCC

- (1) The AMCC shall comprise of members from the faculty of the School as nominated by the School of Law from time to time.
- (2) The Dean of the School shall be the *ex-officio* Chairperson of the AMCC.
- (3) The Committee shall comprise of a minimum of 15 and not more than 20 student members as nominated by the members of AMCC.
- (4) The student representative shall have such functions as determined by the faculty and the discharge of these functions shall be under the supervision of the AMCC
- (5) The student-AMCC shall comprise of student members from all the five batches of under-graduate programs.

- (6) One student from the 4th Year and one student from the 3rd Year shall be nominated as the Student Convenor and Student Co-Convenor respectively of the AMCC by the Faculty-AMCC.

CHAPTER 3

FUNCTIONS OF AMCC

5. Functions

Subject to the rules and directions of the University and of the School, that may be issued from time to time, the AMCC shall discharge such functions as are mentioned in this Chapter of This Regulation.

6. Primary Functions

Without prejudice to the generality of the scope of the AMCC as provided in section 3 (1), the primary functions of the AMCC shall include:

- (1) Organizing an annual ISMC Competition exclusively for the students of the School in accordance with Chapter 4 of This Regulation;
- (2) Organizing Inter-University National / International Competitions either hosted by the University independently or in association with other agencies in accordance with such rules as may be approved by the faculty-AMCC for the purpose;

7. Facilitating and coordinating the participation of the students of the School in various national and international Competitions in accordance with Chapter 5 Ancillary Functions

The ancillary functions of the AMCC shall include:

- (1) Maintaining a record of all participation by students of the School in the various Competitions;
- (2) Providing faculty assistance for the teams that participate in the various Competitions.
- (3) Providing any other support, subject to the rules of the University and the School, to enable teams to participate in the various Competitions.
- (4) Organizing moot court orientation programs for students of the School including training on memorial drafting, research methodology and using electronic databases.

CHAPTER 4

INTRA-SCHOOL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

8. ISMC Competition

- (1) The AMCC shall organize an annual ISMC Competition in order to select teams that shall represent the University in various national and international Competitions.
- (2) The ISMC Competition shall be organized subject to the provisions contained in this Chapter.

9. ISMC Competition Notification

- (1) The AMCC shall issue a notification regarding the organizing of the ISMC Competition.
- (2) Such notification shall be issued at least thirty days prior to the scheduled dates of the competition.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (2) above, the AMCC may conduct the ISMC competition within thirty days of the notification if the AMCC members unanimously resolve that circumstances require an expeditious conduct of the competition.

10. Registration of Teams

- (1) Within one week of the issue of notification, any student member of the School who wishes to participate in the ISMC Competition, shall form a team of his or her choice and register for the competition in the manner provided in the notification.
- (2) Each team shall comprise of three members, of whom, two members must be identified as Oralists and one member as the Researcher.
- (3) Within two days of the last date for registration for the competition, the AMCC shall allot the team codes and also the side for which each team has to argue in the competition.
- (4) Once a team is allotted a particular side to argue under sub-clause (3) above, no application to switch side will be entertained. Any such request shall be summarily rejected.
- (5) A team that has registered for the ISMC Competition shall not be permitted to withdraw from the competition. In the event of such withdrawal, the members

of such team shall not be permitted to participate in the succeeding edition of the ISMC Competition as well.

- (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (5) of this provision, on application to the AMCC, if the majority of the members of the AMCC is satisfied of the reason for withdrawal, it may permit such members of the team to participate in the succeeding edition of the ISMC Competition.

11. Memorials

- (1) Each team shall submit two copies of the Memorials for the side that they have been allotted within the last date as may be provided for the purpose in the notification issued under section 10 of this Regulation.
- (2) If any team submits a memorial for a side that has not been allotted to them, they will be disqualified from participating in the competition and the penalty provided under section 11(5) shall apply to such team.
- (3) The Memorials shall not exceed fifteen pages. In computing the number of pages, the cover page, table of contents and index of authorities shall be excluded.
- (4) The Memorials are to contain only the Team Codes. No names of the participants should be displayed anywhere in the memorials.
- (5) Any breach of sub-clause (4) above can lead to disqualification of the Memorial from evaluation and the team shall be awarded zero marks for Memorials.

12. Oral Rounds

- (1) Each team in the competition shall be provided a maximum of twenty minutes to present their case. The Oralists may divide this time between themselves in such a manner that each Oralist at least speaks for a minimum of seven minutes.
- (2) The second Oralist in each team will speak only after the first Oralist completes his set of arguments. Oralists shall not present the arguments alternatively.
- (3) The team speaking first (appellants / prosecution / petitioners as the case may be), shall have an opportunity to reserve time for rebuttal, subject to a maximum time-limit of five minutes.
- (4) The team speaking second (respondents / accused / defendants as the case may

be) shall be provided an opportunity for sur-rebuttal at the discretion of the judges.

13. Final Score

- (1) The maximum marks for the oral rounds for each Oralist is thirty thus leading to a total of sixty marks for a team. The criteria for the distribution of the marks are as set in Schedule I of This Regulation.
- (2) The maximum marks for the Memorial evaluation for each team is forty. The criteria for the distribution of the marks are as set in Schedule II of This Regulation.
- (3) The final team score shall be the sum of the marks scored under sub-clauses 1 and 2 thus leading to a maximum total of one hundred marks.

14. Rank List

- (1) The AMCC shall prepare and publish a rank list based on the final score of the various teams that participated in the ISMC Competition.
- (2) Teams that have scored a total of forty or less marks shall however be omitted from the rank list.

CHAPTER 5

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIONS

15. Allocation of Competitions

- (1) The AMCC shall allot the various Competitions to the teams that have found a place in the rank list published under section 16 of This Regulation.
- (2) The teams shall be allowed to choose the Competition of their choice in the order of the rank list.

16. Screening Process

- (1) Not later than one week before a team is scheduled to leave for a Competition allotted to them under section 17 of This Regulation, the team shall submit their memorials and also present their arguments before a panel constituted by the AMCC for the purpose.
- (2) If the panel constituted under sub-clause (1) above, feels that the preparation of the team is inadequate and that the team is not in a position to compete effectively in the scheduled Competition, the team shall be denied permission to participate in the Competition. In such an event no other team in their stead

shall be allowed to represent the University in the Competition.

- (3) The decision of the panel shall be final and binding. The panel shall also be required to give their feedback to the concerned team members and the AMCC.
- (4) For purposes of sub-clause (1) in this section, it is clarified that it shall be the duty of the respective team to bring to the attention of the AMCC of the approaching Competition and the need for conducting the screening process.
- (5) The Committee can avail the help of the subject expert of the relevant Moot Problem. Such faculty shall be asked to be part of the screening process of the teams.

17. Final Approval

- (1) The Committee after through screening process if finds the team well prepared will give the final approval for the participation in the competitions.

18. Withdrawal from Competition

- (1) A team that has been allotted a Competition under section 17 of This Regulation, shall not be permitted to withdraw from the Competition.
- (2) If a team withdraws from the allotted Competition, the team shall forfeit their right to participate in any Competition in that Academic Year.
- (3) Provided that, on an application by the team in this regard, the AMCC is of the opinion that there is a reasonable and justified grounds for withdrawal, it may permit the team to participate in any other Competition that may remain unallotted.
- (4) Provided further, if the faculty-AMCC has reason to believe that a withdrawal of a team is unreasonable and unjustified, the team shall forfeit their right to participate in any External or Internal Competition for next 6 Months.

19. Cancellation of Competition

- (1) In the event that a Competition allotted to a team is cancelled due to no fault on the part of the team, the AMCC, at its sole discretion, shall allot the next available Competition to such team.

20. Team Split

- (1) Once a team registers for the IMCC under the Regulation, reconstitution of the team for the Academic Year is strongly discouraged and in the event of such split the team is liable to forfeit their right to participate in any Competition

for next 4 Months.

- (2) Notwithstanding anything said in sub-clause (1) above, if for some reason, a member is unable to participate with the other two members in any Competition, such member shall inform the AMCC in writing of the inability to participate and if deemed fit, the AMCC at its sole discretion, may permit any student member from the first year to be included in the team so as to enable the participation of the team in the Competition.
- (3) In deciding a matter under sub-clause (2) above, regard shall be had as to whether there is sufficient time for the reconstituted team to effectively prepare for the Competition.

CHAPTER 6

UNIVERSITY ASSISTANCE

21. Faculty Assistance

- (1) Upon the allotment of a Competition to a team, the AMCC shall request any member of the faculty of the School to provide assistance to the team in their research of the moot problem and for the overall preparation for the Competition.
- (2) The faculty assistance under sub-clause (1) above shall be limited to clearing of doubts that the teams might have, at a time convenient to the concerned faculty.

CHAPTER 7

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

22. Grievance Redressal

- (1) Any student member of the School shall seek redress of any grievance in relation to the conduct of any member of the AMCC by submitting in writing a letter to the Coordinator of AMCC.
- (2) An appeal from the decision of the Coordinator can be made to the AMCC and shall be decided by a majority of the members.
- (3) Any student member of the School shall seek redress of any grievance in relation to the conduct of any member of the AMCC by submitting in writing a letter to the chairperson of the AMCC. The decision of the chairperson in this regard shall be final and binding.

CHAPTER 8**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS****23. Disciplinary Powers**

- (1) If the AMCC is of the opinion that a member of the Student Representative of AMCC or the member of any team is at any time guilty of misconduct or conduct unbecoming of a student of the University, the student may be issued a notice requiring him, within such reasonable time as the AMCC may prescribe, to show cause in writing as to why disciplinary proceedings shall not be initiated against such person.
- (2) Upon receipt of the response of such person, the AMCC either after providing an opportunity for oral hearing or otherwise take such decision as it thinks fit including:
 - i. Make a finding that the student is not guilty of any misconduct
 - ii. Make a finding that the student is guilty of misconduct.
- (3) In the event the AMCC finds the student guilty of misconduct, the AMCC is vested with the powers *inter alia*:
 - i. To admonish the student and to warn him from repeating such conduct;
 - ii. To suspend him from the membership of the AMCC either for the Academic Year or if deemed fit for the remaining period of study in the University;
 - iii. To withdraw any of the University Assistance provided under Chapter 6 of This Regulation.
- (4) All decisions of the AMCC pursuant to this section shall be by a majority of the members and shall be final and binding.
- (5) In cases deemed fit, the Faculty-AMCC shall refer the issue to the appropriate disciplinary committee of the University for further action.

24. Amendments

- (1) Any amendment to This Regulation may be made by the consent of the majority of the members of the AMCC.
- (2) Any amendment made pursuant to the sub-clause (1) above shall be duly notified and circulated to all student members of the School.

25. Residuary Power

- (1) All disputes as to the interpretation of the provisions of This Regulation, shall be decided by the AMCC whose decision shall be final and binding.
- (2) The AMCC shall have authority to frame temporary rules and guidelines in case of any special circumstances or emergencies not provided for in This Regulation.
- (3) The AMCC shall after making of such rules pursuant to sub-clause (1) above, shall endeavor to incorporate the same into This Regulation at the earliest

SCHEDULE I

INTRA-SCHOOL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

MOOT SCORE SHEET

Team Code	Oralists	Knowledge of facts	Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts	Persuasiveness	Deference to the court	Understanding of the laws directly applicable to the issues	Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)	Total	Team Total
		Max. 5	Max. 5	Max. 5	Max. 5	Max. 5	Max. 5	Max. 30	Max. 60
	Oralist 1								
	Oralist 2								

Assessment Guidelines:

Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Poor
Marks	5	3 - 4	2	0 - 1

Name of the Judge:

Signature of the Judge:

SCHEDULE II

INTRA-SCHOOL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

MEMORIAL SCORE SHEET

Sl. No	Team Code	Proper and articulate analysis	Extent and use of research	Citation of sources	Grammar and style	Total
(Max Marks)		15	10	10	5	40
01						
02						

Assessment Guideline:

Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Poor
Marks	5	3 - 4	2	0 - 1

Name of the Judge:

Signature of the Judge: