

**OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE SURANA & SURANA INDIA NATIONAL ROUNDS  
OF THE STETSON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION – 2017 - 18**

1. These rules (modified to an extent from the rules of International rounds) shall be the official rules for the Surana & Surana India National Rounds of the Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition – 2017-18. The India National rounds rules are complementary to the International Rules. Details not specifically mentioned may be referred from the International rules.
2. However, for the World Finals the top 4 teams of India National Rounds are guided by the INTERNATIONAL RULES ONLY. The said rules may be downloaded from <http://www.stetson.edu/law/international/iemcc/index.php>
3. The 2017-18 Stetson (India) will have a single National Round. The competition will be held in **English language**.
4. **The Venue & Schedule:**

<p><b>Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology &amp; Research Academy</b> <b>SASTRA University,</b> Tirumalaisamudram, Thanjavur – 613 401 Faculty Supervisor: <b>Mr. Satishprem</b> Mobile: +91- 80153 85281, <a href="mailto:srsathishprem@gmail.com">srsathishprem@gmail.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:stetsonindia2017@gmail.com">stetsonindia2017@gmail.com</a> Student volunteer: Mr. Samson, Mobile: +91-97150 74774</p>
<p><b>24 – 26 Nov 2017 (Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b> (Day 1) Inauguration, registration, orientation and draw of lots (Day 2) Preliminary rounds, Octa finals (will be held if registered teams are 24 and above) &amp; Quarter Finals (will be held if registered teams are 16 &amp; above) (Day 3) Semi Finals (forenoon), Final (afternoon) followed by valediction and prize distribution</p>
<p>All teams will be provided boarding and lodging only for the duration of the competition (max 3 days)</p>

5. **Team Composition**
  - a. Each team can have two speakers and one researcher. Not more than two additional members (total 5) may accompany a team. Additional members will not participate in the proceedings. All members will be awarded participation certificates. **Additional members will be given only participation certificates, even if their teams win in any category.**
  - b. Team Participating in the India National Rounds from the Host School will be guided by Rule **B. 2** (a – d) of the International Rules.
  - c. **IMPORTANT** – Only 3 members each from the top 4 teams shall be eligible to participate in the International rounds. Teams that have up to 5 members in the India National rounds cannot claim the right to participate in the International rounds for the additional members. Teams are required to mention clearly the name of the additional members in the registration form. Please read International Round Rules carefully.

- d. Only two team members may present arguments or otherwise participate in any particular round (all three may argue during the competition, but only two may argue in any particular round).
- e. Institutions that are using the Stetson 2017 Compromis in the selection rounds for choosing the participants of India National rounds may inform the National Administrator about the number of teams / members that participated in the selection rounds.  
(Refer to IEMCC Rules J. MISCELLANEOUS 1. Use of Problem)

## 6. Rounds

- i. **Prelims:** Every team will argue at least once for Applicant as well as Respondent in the preliminary rounds. Memorial marks will be added to oral marks only in the preliminary rounds (both). The sixteen highest-ranking teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Octa final Rounds. The advancement to Octa / quarter final will be decided on
  - a. Win points
  - b. Win points + Aggregate
  - c. Win points + aggregate (in case of tie minus memorial marks)
- ii. **Octa / Quarter / Semi Finals:** The teams will be power matched. The highest-ranking team will argue against the lowest-ranking team. The highest ranking teams will pick lots for choosing the side of argument.

The time limit is 30 minutes per team for Preliminary, Octa final & Quarter final and 45 minutes per team for Semi Finals and Final round. The time covers oral arguments and rebuttal. The Octa, quarter and semi final rounds are knockout rounds.

## 7. Oral argument

- i. Teams are not allowed to use laptops / computers in the court room during the oral rounds.
- ii. The Judges will NOT announce the results after each oral round. They may be requested to provide a short oral critique at the end of each round
- iii. The administrator(s) will announce the result shortly after the completion of all preliminary rounds. Results of the Octa Final / Quarter Final / Semi Final rounds will be announced shortly after the rounds. The final results and the winners of different categories of prizes will be announced only during the Valediction ceremony.
- iv. For Best Student Advocate award points scored from preliminary rounds alone will be counted.

## 8. Judges

There will be a minimum of two judges for the preliminary / Octa final / Quarter final rounds. In the absence of the Third judge the average marks of the two judges would be the score of the third judge. There will be a minimum of 3 judges for the Semi Finals and Final

## 9. Memorials

- i. The rules concerning the memorials format and page / word limit are same as that of the International Rounds, which can be found in the International rules and regulations available at <http://www.stetson.edu/law/international/iemcc/index.php>
- ii. Memorials should have front and back paper covers as follows (for India National rounds) :  
Applicant – Light Blue paper cover;                      Respondent – Light Red paper cover.

- iii. Use of plastic / cellophane sheets in memorials will attract penalty. Use of Recycled paper is encouraged.
- iv. 5 memorials each of Applicant(s) and Respondent(s) in hard copy MUST be submitted during registration at the venue (Non submission will attract penalty). One memorial each for Applicant and Respondent in hard copy **ONLY BY SPEED POST** has to reach the Supervisor, SASTRA University, Thanjavur, the host institution, latest by **20 Nov 2017, 5.00 p.m.** Late submissions will attract penalty of 1 point per memorial for each day of delay.
- v. Soft copies of both Applicant & Respondent memorials (only 2 complete files containing all parts of memorials) is to be sent by e-mail latest by **17 Nov 2017, 5.00 p.m.** for purpose of evaluation in MS Word format to [stetsonindia2017@gmail.com](mailto:stetsonindia2017@gmail.com) with a copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) and [bowman@law.stetson.edu](mailto:bowman@law.stetson.edu).
- vi. No changes may be made to any written pleading once it has been submitted to a Regional Round. A written pleading submitted to the International Finals must be an exact copy of the written pleading submitted to the Regional Round.
- vii. Memorial scores will be added to the individual oral scores during the preliminary rounds for declaring the winners. Memorial scores will not be added at the knockout stage. (Octa Final, Quarter Final, Semi Final & Final)

## 10. Registration

- i. Online registrations will be open from 31 August 2017. Teams must **register online** latest by **6 November 2017** at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in). Participants will receive an approval as confirmation of their online registration & participation from time to time as and when they register. **There is no registration / participation fee for Surana & Surana India National Rounds.**
- ii. A scanned copy of the approval letter duly signed by any of the following: Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor on the letter head of the participating college/ institution / University is required to be uploaded during the online registration process. The letter must contain names, year/semester of study of the participants. Alternatively, teams may get the signature of any of the aforementioned persons under their official seal on the registration form itself appended below. Registrations without the registration form / approval letter from the college / institution / University as mentioned above is not valid.
- iii. In addition to the online registration as mentioned above, teams must ensure that duly filled in scanned form/letter is electronically mailed to **School of Law, SASTRA University** latest by **10 Nov 2017 with subject "SURANA & SURANA-STETSON MOOT 2017-18 REGISTRATION"**. Address for communication is same as mentioned in Rule 4, "The Venue & Schedule".  
  
Email registration form / approval letter to: [stetsonindia2017@gmail.com](mailto:stetsonindia2017@gmail.com)
- iv. The organizers would provide accommodation and food for only 3 participants per team during the days of competition. **Additional members, if any, must make their own arrangements.** Food will be provided to all participants.
- v. In addition, Surana & Surana will reimburse sleeper class, Non A/c train fare (to & fro) to deserving teams (maximum three members) from remote areas of India. Teams desirous of claiming reimbursement must write to Surana & Surana, 61- 63 Dr. R K Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004 or email to [intellect@lawindia.com](mailto:intellect@lawindia.com) in advance through their respective institutions.

## 11. International Finals

The Top four teams will represent India in the World finals on **22 – 24 March 2018**, at Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61<sup>st</sup> Street South, Gulfport, Florida 33707, USA. **Host Institution may participate in the International Finals if invitation is extended from Stetson Law School, USA.**

## 12. Administrators

**National Administrator: Dr. S. Ravichandran**, Advocate & Head, Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai - 600 004; Email: [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com)

**Administrator in charge: Dr. P. Ravisekhara Raju**, Professor & H.O.D., School of Law Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy, SASTRA University, Tirumalaisamudram, Thanjavur – 613 401. Email: [stetsonindia2017@gmail.com](mailto:stetsonindia2017@gmail.com)

- i. The Administrators' decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.
- ii. Any clarifications regarding Online registration you may please contact

**Dr. S. Ravichandran National**

**Administrator Email:**

[mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com)

Ph: 91 – 044 – 2812 0000, Fax: 91 – 44 – 2812 0001

## IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Online Registration	31 August 2017
Last date for Online Registration	6 November 2017
Last date for receiving soft copies of Reg Form / approval letter by e mail	10 November 2017
Last date for submission of Travel Plan	15 November 2017
Last Date for Submission of Memorials ( Electronic Copy) by email	17 November 2017
Submission of electronic copies of memorials to Stetson University	17 November 2017
Last Date for Submission of Memorials to SASTRA (1 hard copy each for evaluation – No extension will be allowed)	20 November 2017
Reception / orientation of teams	24 November 2017
Prelims, Octa / quarter finals	25 November 2017
Semi finals & Finals	26 November 2017
Stetson World Finals (Florida USA)	22 – 24 March 2018



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DATE:

**REGISTRATION FORM / APPROVAL LETTER**  
(Please fill in capital letters)

**UNDERTAKING**

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
2. We certify that the materials which are being /will be submitted are prepared by us and shall indemnify the organizers for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All details must be provided on the form or can be typed on the participating Institutions letterhead)

**Name of the Institution:**

**Address:**

E-mail:

Ph:

Fax:

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year / semester	Signature
1.				
2.				
3.				
4. Additional member 1				
5. Additional member 2				

**(Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution)**

Duly filled, scanned form / letter to be emailed latest by 10 November 2017

Email letter to: [stetsonindia2017@gmail.com](mailto:stetsonindia2017@gmail.com) with copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com)



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## TRAVEL PLAN

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TO BE EMAILED TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AT [stetsonindia2017@gmail.com](mailto:stetsonindia2017@gmail.com)

ON OR BEFORE 15 NOVEMBER, 2017

1. Name of Institution -

2. Arrival Details -

a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus \_\_\_\_\_

b. Train No. / Bus No. / Flight No. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Estimated Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

3. Any other details:

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(Signature & seal of the Head of the Institution)

***For Travel related issues, please contact:***

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