

LLOYD TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION 3.0

[RULES AND REGULATIONS]

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Competition

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH

VASHISHTHA LAW OFFICE





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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

1. The Lloyd Trial Advocacy Competition is a competition limited to the students of Lloyd Law College to cultivate, enhance, appreciate, honor and reward the trial legal skills amongst the budding lawyers. It is to simulate real Trial Courts scenarios, training participants in legal practices and to promote and sustain competitive spirit to ensure the development of advocacy finesse.
2. After achieving the goals behind the idea of initial editions of L-TAC, the Lloyd Law College is proud to extend the series to the 3rd edition in association with Vashistha Law Offices and hence, designed LTAC in the year 2020, keeping in view the restrictions imposed by several governmental authorities to contain the spread of COVID-19. The LTAC 3.0 is the 3rd edition of L-TAC.
3. However, LTAC is based on the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974) but for the purpose of Competition, LTAC have its own Procedure and Rules. Therefore, Lloyd Trial Advocacy Competition (Rules & Regulations) is a Special Code of Rules and shall have the same effect as that of Special Law defined in Section 41 of Indian Penal Code (Act 45 of 1860).



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CHAPTER-I **PRELIMINARY**

1. Short title:

These Rules may be called the Lloyd Trial Advocacy Rules, 2020.

2. Extent and commencement:

(1) It extends to the students of the Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida.

(2) It shall come into force on 15th September, 2020.

3. Definitions:

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, –

- (a) “Applicant” means a student either from BA.LLB. or LL.B. who has filled or will fill the registration form under Rule 6;
- (b) “competition” means Lloyd Trial Advocacy Competition 2020;
- (c) “court” includes the courts mentioned in rule 13;
- (d) “misconduct” envisages breach of discipline, and include wrongful omission or commission of any act whether done or omitted to be done intentionally or knowingly, and shall also include any act, or omission, made forbidden by CHAPTER VII;
- (e) "OC" means the organizing committee of the LTAC – 2020-21;
- (f) “participant” means a person who has been selected on the basis of merit list prepared under Rule 8;
- (g) “registry” means LTAC Registry that shall be constituted by the LTAC-OC;
- (h) “Rule” means these rules, i.e. 3rd Lloyd Trial Advocacy Competition Rules and Regulations 2020 and also includes the rules made by the LTAC-OC under rule 36.
- (i) “selected participant” means a participant who has been selected for next rounds of Trial Advocacy on the basis of merit list of the former round;



4. Exceptions and exemptions clause:

Nothing in these rules shall affect or deemed to affect any rule of law not inconsistent with these rules.

**CHAPTER-II
REGISTRATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

5. Tenure of the competition:

The competition shall be held from September 2020 to March, 2021 in accordance with the First Schedule.

6. Registration process:

(1) Whoever wants to participate in the competition shall provisionally **register by submitting the online registration form available at <https://form.jotform.com/lta2020/register> by 05th October, 2020.**

(2) Any number of applicants may participate in the Screening Round.

(3) The OC will send and **declare the result on 18th October, 2020 to the registered mail IDs of applicants.**

(4) Subject to the above clauses, the OC may make specific rules in relation to the registrations.

7. Screening Rounds

(1) There shall be two stages of screening rounds, i.e. Written Test and Personal Interview.

(2) All the applicants shall be allowed to appear in the online written [Subjective or Objective or both].

(3) Top 100 participants of written test shall be selected for personal interview stage.

(4) An applicant shall not be allowed more than one attempt.

(5) The syllabus of the Screening Rounds includes Code of Criminal Procedure, Indian Penal Code and Evidence Act that shall be provided at your mail post provisional registration.

(6) The screening test shall be open book.

8. Participant composition and eligibility:

(1) Each team must comprise only of 1 member.



- (2) An applicant must be a regular bona-fide student of Lloyd Law College. Provided that **no member of a participant shall be in Semester-I as on date 05.10.2020.**

9. Stages of the competition:

- (1) The competition shall be conducted in various stages as per the calendar shown in the First Schedule.
- (2) Each participant shall have to pass through each of the stages in accordance with the elimination rules.
- (3) There will be various elimination rounds at different level and only a designated number of participants will take part in consecutive rounds in accordance with the Second Schedule.

**CHAPTER-III
STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION**

10. Language of the competition:

- (1) The language for the competition shall be English.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (1), shall bar any participant to use Hindi in a few exceptional documents wherever it is needed provided that the participant shall have to provide a translated English version of that document if the court requires so.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (1), shall bar any participant to partially plead orally in Hindi during the proceedings if it is permitted by the presiding officer of the court.
- (4) Any assisting person to the participant including the accused person, witness, victim, complainant, police official can use Hindi during the proceeding and the language used by him shall not affect the marking adversely.

11. Form of dresses to be worn by participants:

- (1) A participant appearing as advocates before any court including the High Court shall wear a black coat, white shirt, black pant, and white bands with advocates' gown as part of his dress, which shall be sober and dignified. Provided that the female participants may wear black and white sarees, or Punjab dress at the place of shirt and pant.



- (2) Nothing in sub-clause (1) shall prevent any participant from wearing other formal dress till the period of lockdown. Provided that in all circumstances, wearing of white shirt/ saree/punjabi kurti shall be compulsory.

12. Jurisdiction applicable:

- (1) For the purpose of the competition;
 - i.) The Delhi State jurisdiction shall be applicable.
 - ii.) The Delhi State has four districts including the district of Indraprastha.
- (2) All the Delhi High Court Rules and other rules applicable to the courts of Delhi shall be applicable to the respected courts constituted under clause 13.
- (3) The crime scene in each case shall be the district of Indraprastha.

13. Constitution of courts:

- (1) There shall be constitution of one court of Sessions in the district of Indraprastha, Delhi namely “District and Sessions Courts, Indraprastha”.
- (2) There shall be a High Court of Delhi which shall entertain original petition and miscellaneous petition as per the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974). Provided that the High Court may entertain Writ Jurisdiction only on special circumstances.
- (3) There shall not be constitution of the Supreme Court for the purpose of filing of any appeal, writ or other petition.

14. Police stations:

District and Sessions Court of Indraprastha shall have jurisdiction over Indraprastha district comprised of four police stations namely: Nazirabad, Jam Nagar, Savant Kunj, and Model City.

15. Court fees:

- (1) In every petition, application, reply, affidavit, etc., wherever the court fee is required, the following words “**COURT FEES**” shall be written at the place of court fees.
- (2) Only the court fee shall be written wherever required and other fees like welfare ticket etc. shall be deemed to be pasted in every petition.
- (3) The amount of the court fee shall not be entered. It shall be deemed that the wherever court fee is pasted, it is pasted of the accurate value.



- (4) No participant shall be required to pay any actual fee to the registry during filing or attestation.

16. Proceedings:

- (1) The proceedings of Round I, II, III, IV, IV and miscellaneous rounds shall be conducted online through a video conferencing app. Provided that the registry shall not be responsible for any adverse effect including connectivity issue, privacy concern, and felicitation of documents to the judge and time management.
- (2) The proceedings of Round V shall be conducted physically at Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida.
- (3) The registry may allow the oral pleading of Round V on a video conferencing app. Provided that the registry shall not be responsible for any adverse effect including connectivity issue, privacy concern, and felicitation of documents to the judge and time management.
- (4) For the purpose of this clause, the Registry may take any decision through Notification which shall be final and binding.

17. Time bound proceedings:

- (1) This clause shall not be applicable on miscellaneous proceedings.
- (2) The proceedings may be time bound. Provided that Registry shall provide atleast 120 minutes time to each case in each round. Provided further that the presiding judge shall have the final authority to increase or decrease the time limit.

18. Specific provisions as to Rounds:

- (1) Round I shall be submitted in *.pdf* format.
- (2) In Round II, III, IV, V and miscellaneous proceedings, it is mandatory for a participant to get such important persons (like Investigating Officer, Victim, Complainant etc.) present before the court as required by the law.
- (3) In Round III and IV, not more than 10 witnesses shall be allowed from a participant.

CHAPTER-IV MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS

19. When miscellaneous applications can be filed:

- (1) Any participant may file miscellaneous application or petition before any court including the high court as per the provisions of these rules.



(2) The miscellaneous application can be filed from the date of registration of F.I.R. till the oral rounds of Round IV.

(3) The miscellaneous application cannot be filed on the day of trial proceedings.

(4) No participant shall file more than 3 miscellaneous applications in relation to one case.

20. Who cannot file miscellaneous application:

No eliminated participant can file any miscellaneous application.

21. Of what miscellaneous applications can be filed:(1) No miscellaneous application can be filed except:

i) Application u/s 436, 437, 438, 439 and 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974) and

ii) Application under article 226 of the Constitution of India.

(3) The miscellaneous application shall be filed in soft copy (.pdf format only).

22. Power of registry in respect to miscellaneous application:

(1) The registry shall have the power to fix the duration for filing of miscellaneous application.

(2) The registry may extend the jurisdiction of filing of the applications.

(3) The registry may issue notification in respect to any matter concerned with the miscellaneous applications.

**CHAPTER-V
EVALUATION AND JUDGES**

23. Who can be a judge:

The OC may approach anyone as a judge in trial proceedings who

i) is an advocate, or

ii) is or has been a judge of any court, or

iii) is an associate or partner in a law firm, or

iv) has been a judge in L-TAC 2019-20.

24. Quorum:

(1) In all the proceedings, there shall be single or division bench in accordance with the law.



(2) In finals rounds, the number of judges may be increased and no one shall be allowed to challenge the bench on quorum.

25. Evaluation:

(1) The participant shall be evaluated in each round and stage in accordance with the score plan as specified in the Fourth Schedule.

(2) It is the discretion of the registry to disclose the scoresheets to the participants.

(3) A participant after elimination may request the registry to get their scoresheet disclosed to them.

**CHAPTER-VI
WORKSHOPS**

26. Workshops:

(1) The registry may organize any workshop before or after any proceeding through video conferencing app, which shall be compulsory for each selected participant to attend.

(2) Failing to clause (2) shall award a penalty of (-2) marks in the ongoing round.

(3) A participant absenting 3 workshops shall be eliminated from the Competition and he/she can raise the appeal to the DRDC within 2 days of elimination notice.

27. Briefing session:

(1) The registry shall take a briefing session with all the participants on one day and participants can have all their doubts cleared there.

(2) Each participant shall be present at the briefing session.

(4) Failing to clause (2) shall award a penalty of (-4) marks in the 1st round score.

28. Identity Card:

Each participant shall be provided with an Enrollment Number that shall work as their Identity Card, when quoted.



CHAPTER-VII

CODE OF CONDUCT

29. Decorum of the court:

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

30. Dispute Redressal and Disciplinary Committee:

Any dispute related to the competition including disciplinary complaints shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Committee [DRDC]. The faculty incharge of the OC shall constitute one or more such committees, each of which shall consist of five members of whom, –

- (i) Two members are the Faculty Coordinators of the competition;
- (ii) Two members are the representative of the OC.
- (iii) One member is from amongst eminent faculties/patrons which shall be nominated by the chairman of the competition.

Provided, in case the accused or the complainant is a female, two members in the panel shall be female. Provided further that faculty coordinator may nominate the name of another faculty at his place for any reason.

31. Misconduct:

(1) Declining, withdrawing or termination of participation:

A participant is said to withdraw its participation from the competition who, –

- (a) Fails to appear in any LTAC proceeding; or
- (b) Withdraws, without the consent and knowledge of the registry; from any LTAC proceeding or
- (c) fails to pay, within reasonable time but not less than 5 days, the amount payable to LTAC Registry,

(2) False complaint:

A participant, who files false complaint against any participant, any member of the OC (including volunteer), without any reasonable ground, commits a misconduct under this section.



(3) Defamation:

A participant, by words either spoken or intended to be read, or by signs or by visible representations, makes or publishes any imputation concerning any participant or any member of the OC (including volunteer) in whole or in part intending to harm, or knowing or having reason to believe that such imputation will harm, the reputation of such person, is said to defame that person.

(4) Bribe:

A participant who offers, or gives, bribe in any kind including money to or from any participant or member of OC (including volunteer) for the purpose of bribe or undue advantage in the competition, commits “bribe”

(5) Failure to return case files when eliminated:

A participant who fails to return the case files (from the side of defence) when eliminated, or asked, by the OC, commits a misconduct under this clause.

(6) Fraud:

A participant who gives, or prepares, or fabricates, false information or document, commits “fraud”.

(7) Interpolation:

A participant who manipulates the court, or otherwise interpolates in the judgment, or order, commits “interpolation”.

(8) Forgery:

A participant who forges document with an intention or having the knowledge to mislead the Court or the Registry, commits forgery.

(9) Giving false information:

A participant who lies in any court including the High Court, or Registry or to the OC (including volunteer) is said to have committed a misconduct under this provision.

32. Procedure and powers of DRDC:

- (1) Where on receipt of a complaint or otherwise the OC has reason to believe that any participant has been guilty of any misconduct as prescribed in clause 31, it shall refer the case for disposal to its DRDC.



- (2) The DRDC shall, on application made to it by any person interested, fix a date for the hearing of the case and shall cause a notice thereof to be given to the participant concerned and to the OC.
- (3) The DRDC after giving the participant concerned and the OC an opportunity of being heard, may make one or more of the following orders, namely: –
 - a) Dismiss the complaint, or
 - b) Reprimand the participant, or
 - c) Suspend the participant from the ongoing edition of the competition, or
 - d) Not to allow participation of the participant in any upcoming editions of Lloyd Trial Advocacy Competition, or
 - e) Direct the participant to pay the fee with double multiplier, or
 - f) Fine of not less than Rs 200 but may extend upto Rs 1500, or
 - g) Refer the matter to the CDC of the College, or
 - h) Any other order it may deem fit.

CHAPTER-VIII **OF MISCELLANEOUS**

33. Stenographer:

There shall be one stenographer in each court room. Provided that the registry may designate such additional number of stenographers as it deem fit proper from time to time.

34. Attendance:

- (1) Participants, stenographers and other members who may be engaged by the registry or LTAC-OC shall be given deemed attendance. Provided that he/she shall have his case listed on that day and he is marked present in the court room.
- (2) The accused persons and witnesses including victims, complainants, investigating officers shall also be provided deemed attendance for the day they are required by the court. Provided that the interested participant shall have to provide the details to the registry within seven days or the time as it deems fit proper to the registry.

35. Awards:

The awards of the competition shall be given in accordance with the Third schedule.

36. Power to make rules for the competition:



The OC may, by notification through email or WhatsApp group or by publishing on its official website, amend, omit any clause or make additional rules for carrying out the purposes of this competition including rules with respect to any matter.



THE FIRST SCHEDULE

[See Clause 5 and 9]

LTAC - 03 : CALENDER 2020

EVENT		TENTATIVE DATE
APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS		
Notification	Online	15 th September, 2020
Online Application – Last Date	Online	05 th October, 2020
Screening Round I - Written Test	Online	7 th October, 2020
Declaration of Result of Written Test	Online [Email]	11 th October, 2020
Screening Round II – Personal Interview	Online	14-17 th October, 2020
Declaration of Result of Top 50	Online [Email]	18 th October, 2020
Orientation and Briefing Session	Online	21 st October, 2020
PRE-TRIAL PROCESS		
Workshop on Trial Procedure and Investigation Process	Online	26 th October, 2020
Meeting the First Informant and filing of FIR and Report u/s 157 Cr.P.C.	Online [Email]	10 th November, 2020
Workshop 2 and 3 on Chargesheet	Online	During 15 th -28 th November, 2020
Filing of Police Report [Chargesheet] u/s 173 before appropriate Court	Online [Email]	05 th December, 2020
Result of Selected Chargesheets	Online [Email]	13 th December, 2020
FRAMING OF CHARGES		
Workshop on How to Argue at Admission Stage and Charge-Framing Stage	Online	20 th December, 2020
Arguments – Admission & Charge Stage, Bail	Online	26 th - 30 th December, 2020



Result to cases selected for PE	Online [Email]	31 st December, 2020
PROSECUTION WITNESS STAGE		
Workshop on Prosecution Evidence Stage	Online	03 rd January, 2021
Prosecution Evidence & Production of Witnesses (Examination-in-chief, Cross-Examination, and Re-Examination)	Online	16 th – 17 th January, 2021 23 rd – 24 th January, 2021
Result to cases selected for DE	Online [Email]	24 th January, 2021
DEFENCE EVIDENCE STAGE		
Workshop on Defence Evidence Stage	Online	31 st January, 2021
Filing of Application u/s 313 Cr.P.C.	Online [Email]	15 th February, 2021
Filing of Answers to Application filed u/s 313 Cr.P.C.	Online [Email]	20 th February, 2021
Defence Evidence & Production of Witnesses (Examination-in-chief, Cross-Examination, and Re-Examination)	Online	27 th – 28 th February, 2021
Result of cases selected for Finals	Online	28 th February, 2021
FINAL ARGUMENTS & VALEDICTORY		
Workshop on Final Arguments Stage	Online	06 th March, 2021
Filing of Memo u/s 314 Cr.P.C. [Prosecution]	Online [Email]	11 th March, 2021
Filing of Memo u/s 314 Cr.P.C. [Defence]	Online [Email]	15 th March, 2021
Final Arguments	Online	27 th – 28 th March, 2021
Valedictory Ceremony	Online	

** The dates are subject to change especially for the reason of University exams.*



THE SECOND SCHEDULE

[See Clause 9]

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSECUTIVE STAGES

All participants registering till 24TH September 2020 will participate in selection

50 selected participants will participate in “Pre-trial process”.

36 best participants will participate in “Arguments on Framing of Charges”

24 best participants will participate in “Prosecution Evidence”

12 best participants will participate in “Defence Evidence”

4 best participants will participate in “Final/ Closing Arguments”



THE THIRD SCHEDULE

[See Clause 35]

AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENT	REWARD
BEST PARTICIPANTS	
BEST PARTICIPANT	Trophy, Certificate of Merit, Internship with a Reputed Advocate, and Cash Prize of Rs 15,000/-
2ND BEST PARTICIPANT	Trophy, Certificate of Merit, Internship with a Reputed Advocate, and Cash Prize of Rs 10,000/-
3RD BEST PARTICIPANT	Certificate of Merit, Internship with a Reputed Advocate, and Cash Prize of Rs 5,000/-
4TH BEST PARTICIPANT	Certificate of Merit, Internship with a Reputed Advocate
BEST LEGAL DRAFT	
BEST LEGAL DRAFT	Certificate of Merit, Internship with a Reputed Advocate, and Cash Prize of Rs 5,000/-
2ND BEST LEGAL DRAFT	Certificate of Merit, Internship with a Reputed Advocate, and Cash Prize of Rs 3,000/-
3RD BEST LEGAL DRAFT	Certificate of Merit, Internship with a Reputed Advocate, and Cash Prize of Rs 2,000/-
BEST WITNESS	
10 BESTWITNESSES	Certificate of Merit and Cash Prize of Rs 1,000/- to each 05best witnesses
PARTICIPATION	
PARTICIPANT	Certificate of Participation, and Advocate's Band



THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

(See Clause 25)

SCHEME FOR EVALUATION OF MARKS

ROUND I	PRE-TRIAL PROCESS [90 Marks]			
	Meeting with First Informant	FIR	Report u/s 157 CrPC	Final Chargesheet
	10	15	5	70
	Total = Score of Round I			100 Marks
ROUND II	ARGUMENTS ON FRAMING OF CHARGE [90 Marks]			
	As Public Prosecutor		As Defence Lawyer <i>[Defence will have to file Bail Application for this Round]</i>	
	60		40 [20 Drafting + 20 Arguments]	
	Total = Score of Round [I +II]			200 Marks
ROUND III	PROSECUTION EVIDENCE STAGE [100 Marks]			
	As Public Prosecutor		As Defence Lawyer	
	50		50	
	Total = Score of Round [I +II+III]			300 Marks
ROUND IV	DEFENCE EVIDENCE STAGE [100 Marks]			
	As Public Prosecutor		As Defence Lawyer	
	50		50	
	Total = Score of Round [I +II+III+IV]			400 Marks
ROUND V	FINAL/CLOSING ARGUMENTS [100 Marks]			
	As Public Prosecutor		As Defence Lawyer	
	50		50	
	Total = Score of Round [I +II+III+IV+V]			500 Marks

* Each miscellaneous application shall be evaluated out of 03 marks.

* Participants shall file Application and Answers u/s 313 CrPC and Memo of Final Arguments u/s 314 CrPC. No submission of it may lead to penalty of (-8) marks from total score of ongoing round..