

# RULES

## PRE-MOOT | SRI LANKA 2023

14th - 16th March 2023



## **1. VENUE**

- 1.1. Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka 2023 will be held **in-person in Colombo, Sri Lanka** from the **14th to the 16th of March 2023**.
- 1.2. The General Rounds will take place on the **14th and 15th of March 2023**. The Semi-Final Rounds and the Final Round will take place on the **16th of March 2023**.
- 1.3. Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka will be conducted in English.

## **2. RULES**

- 2.1. The Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka Rules are supplementary to the Vis Moot Rules. The 30th Vis Moot Rules can be found **[here](#)**.
- 2.2. In the event of any ambiguity or apparent contradiction between the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka Rules and the Vis Moot Rules, these Rules shall prevail for the purpose of the conduct of the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka.

## **3. APPLICATION AND ADMISSION**

- 3.1. Registration is a two-step process consisting of completion of the application form and the payment of the registration fee.
- 3.2. **Procedure of Application**
  - 3.2.1. Each academic institution can only delegate one team to participate in the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka, and all teams must be affiliated with academic institutions.
  - 3.2.2. Each registered team must have a minimum of two students, but there is no limitation on the maximum number of students in each team. The same Vis Moot Rules that determine the composition of a team are applicable to teams registering for the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka 2023.
  - 3.2.3. To submit an application, please complete the Microsoft form accessible on the **Moot Court Bench Website**, which can also be found **[here](#)**.
  - 3.2.4. The nominated contact person in completing the registration form is also confirming that they have the authority of the university or other higher educational institution to register a team on behalf of the university or institution.
  - 3.2.5. The deadline for applications is Monday, **16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, 23:59 (GMT+5:30)**. The selected teams will be notified of their admission to the competition on or before the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 by email.

3.2.6. Submitting an application does not confirm participation in Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka 2023. A separate confirmation email and account details to proceed with the payment of the registration fee will be sent by the Organising Committee on or before the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, if your application is successful.

### 3.3. Registration

3.3.1. The registration fee for the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka 2023 is **USD 500 (Five Hundred United States Dollars)** per team. The standard registration fee of USD 500 applies to teams of four (4) participants and one (1) coach. For any additional participant an **additional USD 100** will be incurred.

3.3.2. The registration fee is payable via bank transfer/online payments, within **14 days of receiving the confirmation email** of the team's selection to the competition. The transfer must indicate the name of the university for which the transfer was made. Any banking charges/transfer fees must be borne by the transferor. The Moot Court Bench will provide requisite payment instructions with the confirmation email as well as an invoice upon request. Once the payment is made, the teams must send a payment confirmation via email to [premoot@themootcourtbench.com](mailto:premoot@themootcourtbench.com).

3.3.3. Failure to duly pay the registration fee, either by failing to pay on time or in full will result in the revocation of the team's place at the competition.

3.3.4. The registration fee is non-refundable.

3.3.5. Upon confirmation of payment, the principal contact person from the registered team will receive an email confirming registration in the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka 2023.

3.3.6. The registration fee only covers the costs of the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka 2023 events. It will **NOT** cover any accommodation or travel expenses.

### 3.4. Disclosures by the team

3.4.1. Following Rule 85 of the 30th Vis Moot Rules, all participating teams are required to disclose their team pairings to the Organising Committee of the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka as soon as the Vis Moot and Vis (East) Moot pairings are released to avoid any conflicts of interest.

3.4.2. The participating teams must raise any potential conflict of interest by no later than Monday, **22nd February 2023, 23:59 (GMT+5:30)**. The Organising Committee of the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka is not responsible for any breach of the Vis Moot or Vis (East) Moot Rules by the teams participating in the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka 2023.

#### **4. REFUSAL OR CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION**

- 4.1. The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse or cancel the registration of any team, and such refusal or cancellation is in the absolute discretion of the Organising Committee deciding jointly.

#### **5. WRITTEN MEMORANDA AND OUTLINES**

- 5.1. Teams are not required to submit any written memoranda as only their oral advocacy skills will be taken into account for the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka 2023.

#### **6. PROCEDURAL RULES OF ORAL HEARINGS**

- 6.1. In addition to the Vis Moot Rules the following Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka Rules will apply:
- 6.2. Venue. As indicated above in paragraph 1.1, all hearings of the Pre - Moot | Sri Lanka 2023 will take place in-person in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Detailed information on the specific location(s) will be provided in due course.
- 6.3. The Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka organizers may assign for each argument a 'moderator' to ensure abidance by the present Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka Rules.
- 6.4. Each team will plead four times in the general rounds, twice as claimant and twice as respondent.
- 6.5. At the end of the argument, arbitrators may offer immediate verbal feedback to teams.

#### **7. SCORING**

- 7.1. Scoring of teams participating will follow Rule 73 of the 30th Vis Moot Rules.
- 7.2. Scores may vary from 50 to 100 as per the following:
  - a. Excellent: 91-100;
  - b. Very Good: 75-90;
  - c. Good: 60-74; and
  - d. Improvement needed: 50-59.
- 7.3. Each arbitrator is expected to make an individual decision as to the score to be awarded. Nevertheless, a widely divergent score, whether higher or lower than the others, raises questions as to the criteria used by the arbitrator in question. As such, arbitrators are encouraged to confer with a view to having scores that are within the same band ((50 - 59 = improvement needed); (60 - 74 = good); (75 - 90 = very good); (91 - 100 = excellent)) or otherwise generally within 10 marks.

- 7.4. There is no requirement that the arbitral panel agree on the scores to be allocated to each pleader. However, the arbitral panels may, and are strongly encouraged to, discuss scoring at the end of a hearing and prior to submitting the scores through the link. Arbitrators are also encouraged to consider a few words of constructive advice that they can give to the students as feedback to help them improve their arguments.
- 7.5. The Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka organizers shall notify teams as soon as practicable after the general rounds of those teams who have qualified to the elimination rounds.

## **8. DISCLAIMERS**

- 8.1. By participating in the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka, arbitrators, team members and coaches agree to disclose their personal information specified in the registration form to the Organising Committee of the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka, members of the arbitral tribunal and the opposing team.
- 8.2. This information is necessary for scheduling and technical purposes. All personal information will be stored by the Organising Committee of the Pre Moot and will not be shared with anyone except for the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka Working and Organising Committee involved in the organisation of the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka.
- 8.3. The Organising Committee, including the MCB, will not be responsible for any activities teams choose to participate in external to the Pre-Moot Rounds.
- 8.4. The Organising Committee has the right to set, amend and/or revise these Rules without prior notice and/or release any supplemental or amending regulations which shall be made available to the public within 2 days of such amendment on the [Moot Court Bench Website](#). The amendments shall take effects upon being made accessible on the [website](#).
- 8.5. The interpretation of the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka Rules is within the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 8.6. By agreeing to participate in Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka, all teams and arbitrators acknowledge that the Organising Committee have full and final discretion in managing the Pre-Moot Sri Lanka.
- 8.7. All questions about the Pre-Moot | Sri Lanka Rules should be directed to the Organising Committee at [premoot@themootcourtbench.com](mailto:premoot@themootcourtbench.com). Any decision made by the Organising Committee is final and binding.