



GALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY

**1STGALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY NATIONAL
TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION (ONLINE) 2020-21**

SCHOOL OF LAW

GALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY

(22nd May to 23rd May, 2021)

VENUE: GALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY

Rules and regulations

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Rules and Regulations

I. Aim and Purpose

The aim of this competition is to bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical life. A Trial Advocacy Competition creates a platform for the students where they exhibit their skills that they will need in the future. As our esteemed Dean mentioned, the bread and butter of an advocate is dependent on his ability to build a case, using witnesses and documentary evidence effectively. A Trial Advocacy Competition recreates this atmosphere and allows the students to hone their abilities in this direction.

II. Venue

1st Galgotias University National Trial Advocacy Competition (Online) 2020-21 will be hosted at the Campus of Galgotias University from 22nd May, 2021 to 23rd May, 2021. Galgotias University is devoted to excellence in teaching, research and innovation, and to develop leaders who'll make a difference to the world. The University, which is based in Greater Noida, has an enrolment of over 15,000 students across more than 100 Undergraduate and Post Graduate programs.

III. Language

The Trial Advocacy Competition and all its proceedings and documents will be in English only.

IV. Eligibility

The competition is open for students who are studying three year LL.B. or five year integrated LL.B. course during the current academic year. The college/university must be affiliated to the Bar Council of India.

V. Team Limit and Composition

a. Every college can be represented only by one team consisting of three members. Each team should consist of 2 speakers and one researcher.

b. The team composition included in the registration form shall be considered final. Any changes will have to be intimated in the form of an e-mail to the tac.gusol@gmail.com at the earliest date possible. These requests will only be entertained up to 8 days before the date of registration at the venue. These requests will be entertained only on a case by case basis and a

decision will be taken by the Trial Advocacy Dispute Redressal Forum (“TADRF”) and their decision will be final.

c. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of the court and Court Administrators in case of illness of the designated speakers.

d. There shall be Registration cap of 20 teams, and the registration will be accepted on first come first serve basis.

VI. Dress Code

All the participants are required to adhere to the following dress code:

Boys: Black and White Western Formals with Black Blazer.

Girls: Black and White Western/Indian Formals with Black Blazer.

VII. Registration

a. Registration fees for this competition will be **Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only)** per college per team.

b. Teams that are interested in registering will first need to write a mail to tac.gusol@gmail.com expressing their interest to participate.

c. On receiving a confirmation mail for us, the teams will need to email the soft copy of the documents listed below, to the tac.gusol@gmail.com address by **30th March, 2021** to complete the registration process.

i. *Scanned Copy of the duly filled Registration Form.*

ii. *Scanned copy of the NEFT Acknowledgement.*

NEFT Details:

For Funds Transfer by NEFT

Bank Name: Punjab National Bank

Bank Branch: Punjab National Bank, Sector 63, Gautam Buddha Nagar-201301, Uttar Pradesh.

IFSC (Indian Financial System Code): PUNB0671700

Account Name: Galgotias University, Uttar Pradesh

Account Number: 6420000100006861

VIII. Oral Submissions

A. Pre-trial Session and Other Information

- Organizers shall provide the witnesses for all the rounds.
- The witness list for the Prosecution and Defence shall be as provided in the Brief. No other witnesses will be entertained.
- Teams shall submit a list of witnesses they intend to examine to the Court Coordinator at the end of the draw of lots for all the rounds. A minimum of 1 witness should be chosen by each team.
- Participants shall be allotted 30 minutes to brief their witness just before the trial begins for the qualifying and semi-final rounds. For the Final Round 45 minutes are allotted for briefing the witnesses.
- Teams shall brief the witnesses within the prescribed time.
- Teams shall plan to examine any of the witnesses from the list within the allotted time.
- Each counsel shall examine the witnesses of either side in every round.
- Any one of the witnesses may turn hostile in any or all the rounds and the participants should be prepared to handle the situation.
- Order of conducting trial amongst the two co-counsels shall be notified to the Court-Officers prior to the commencement of each Round.

B. Trial Session

i. Qualifying Round

There will be one round for each team (Prosecution or Defence) to be determined by a draw of lots.

- Each team shall appear one side compulsorily before a new bench of Judges and against a new participating team.
- Teams cannot use any electronic devices other than the one they're using to log in from, like laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc. during the court proceedings.
- Each team shall have 1 hour (Cumulative) time to complete its Opening Statement, Examination-in-Chief, Cross Examination and Closing Statement for one appearance.
- Four teams shall qualify for semi-finals based on the highest number of wins and the aggregate marks in each round shall be considered. In case of tie, team with highest

marks in orals will qualify to the semi-finals. In case of further tie the decision of the organizers shall be final.

- All records and documents are presumed to be in the custody of the courts.
- No additional affidavits, memorandum, witnesses, documentary or other evidence can be introduced by the team during the trial. Non-adherence to this rule will invite immediate disqualification.

ii. **Semi-Final Round**

- Each team shall appear once and the side they represent shall be determined by a draw of lots.
- Each team shall have 1 hour (Cumulative) time to complete its Opening Statement, Examination –in- Chief, Cross Examination and Closing Statement.
- Teams cannot use any electronic devices other than the one they're using to log in from, like laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc. during the court proceedings.
- This is a Knock-Out Round where the team that wins qualifies to the Final Round.
- All records and documents are presumed to be in the custody of the courts.
- No additional affidavits, memorandum, witnesses, documentary or other evidence can be introduced by the team during the trial. Non-adherence to this rule will invite immediate disqualification.

iii. **Final Round**

- Each team shall appear once and the side they represent shall be determined by a draw of lots
- Each team shall have 1 hour and 20 minutes (Cumulative) time to complete its Opening Statement, Examination –in- Chief, Cross Examination and Closing Statement.
- Teams cannot use any electronic devices other than the one they're using to log in from, like laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc. during the court proceedings.
- This is a Knock-Out Round. The highest scoring team of this round shall be adjudged the Winner of the competition and the other team will hold the Runners-Up position.

IX. Scouting

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification.

X. Evaluation

Oral Submissions

Parameters for Adjudgment (Total: 100 Marks)

- I. Knowledge of facts.
- II. Logic, reasoning, clarity and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
- III. Articulation, persuasiveness & deference to court.
- IV. Adherence to trial procedures and rules.
- V. Ingenuity & innovate ability to argue by analogy.
- VI. Choice of witnesses and ability to elicit favourable facts from the witnesses.
- VII. Building a favourable case by using the witnesses and evidence given.
- VIII. General Impression.

XI. Anonymity

a. Student Counsel may introduce herself/himself to the court in the usual manner and may also state her/his names. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the awards ceremony.

b. Further, all team members shall refrain from identifying a team's school/college/university at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school/college/university clothing, ties, patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

c. Any violation of the aforementioned rules will attract severe penalties. The penalty will be determined on a case by case basis by the TADRF. The decision of TADRF will be final.

XII. Decision of the Judges and the Organising Committee is final and binding.

XIII. Awards

Winning Team: Rs. 40,000

Runner Up Team: Rs. 30,000

Best Advocate: Rs. 10,000

Best Memorial: Rs. 10,000

Best Researcher: Rs. 10,000

XIV. Clarifications

For further clarifications, please contact:

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Annexure I – Important Dates

Last Date for E-mail Submission of the Registration Form and NEFT Acknowledgement.	30 th March, 2021
Last Date of Postal Receipt of the Registration Form and NEFT Acknowledgement.	10 th April, 2021
Inauguration & Desk Registration.	22 nd May, 2021
Qualifying Round.	22 nd May, 2021
Semi Final Rounds, Final Round & Valedictory.	23 rd May, 2021

Annexure II- Postal Address of Institution

Venue of the Trial Advocacy Court Competition.

Plot No. 2, Yamuna Expressway, Opposite, Buddha International Circuit, Sector 17A,
Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh 203201.

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<http://bils.ac.in/campus-tour.htm>

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