



CITY UNIVERSITY MOOTING RULES 2018-19

1. The order of speakers will be Senior Appellant, Senior Respondent, Junior Appellant, Junior Respondent unless the judge says otherwise.
2. Each speaker may speak for 10 minutes. The judge may extend this time at his/her discretion, particularly if he/she has interrupted the speaker with numerous lengthy questions.
3. Speakers are responsible for keeping their own timing.
4. The terms of address are My Lord/ My Lady.
5. Skeleton arguments should be no longer than one side of A4. Skeleton arguments must be exchanged with your direct opponent (e.g. seniors with seniors, juniors with juniors) **48 hours** before the moot takes place. This must be done by email. If the time rule in this provision is breached then the other participants in the moot are entitled to notify the Director of Mooting of this, who will draw this to the attention of the judge prior to the moot. The judge will be entitled to take this into account when assessing the competitor's performance.
6. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain his/her opponent's email address. Usually these take a specific form (firstname.lastname@city.ac.uk) but if you have any difficulties please ask the law school admin team law@city.ac.uk.
7. Skeleton Arguments are not to be sent to the Director of Mooting unless otherwise stated.
8. A total of 4 authorities (cases, statutes, secondary sources) may be referred to by each competitor in addition to any authorities mentioned in the moot problem itself. Appeals of the same matter with the same parties are considered as the same authority. Any authorities referred to in a quotation from a secondary source will count towards the total of authorities.
9. The decision of the judge is final.
10. There are no official criteria for assessment however recommended assessment criteria will be suggested to judges before the moot takes place and will consist of: materials (bundles), content, strategy, etiquette and procedure, advocacy and persuasion.
11. There is no right of reply for either party.
12. Moot announcements, schedules will be posted on the Lawbore Mooting page: <http://mooting.lawbore.net> with problems emailed directly to students or placed on Moodle.
13. Failure to adhere to any of these rules will be considered an irregularity, the outcome of which is at the discretion of the moot judge.

14. The GDL Internal Moot Competition ('The Competition') will consist of 4 rounds. The First Round will ideally consist of 32 moot teams (however this is dependent on sign ups); the Second Round 16 moot teams; the Semi-Final Round 4 moot teams, and the Final Round 1 moot team.
15. The Competition is open to all Graduate Diploma in Law students currently enrolled at City, University of London.
16. Should the number of competitors who enter the Competition exceed 128, then teams of five will be established beginning with Team 32 and progressing in reverse numeric order to Team 1. Should the number of competitors exceed 160, then teams of six will be established beginning with Team 32 and progressing in reverse numeric order to Team 1. Should the number of competitors be less than 128 then teams of three will be established.
17. Competitors will be assessed on an individual basis, not as a team.
18. Two winners will be selected from each moot team in the First Round for a total of 64.
19. Where the teams are fewer than 32 in the First Round, a number of extra 'wildcard' places may be available. This will be based on the recommendations of the judges.
20. Team allocation in the Second Round will be according to alphabetical order by surname.
21. One winner will be selected from each moot team in the Second Round for a total of 16.
22. Team allocation in the Semi-Final will be according to reverse alphabetical order by surname.
23. One winner will be selected from each moot team in the Semi-Final round for a total of 4.
24. Formal business attire is required for all rounds of the competition.
25. The designation of each competitor in the Final Round will be determined by alphabetical order of surname.
26. Prizes of unspecified amounts will be awarded to the First Place and Second Place winners of the Final Round.
27. Moot bundles may be kept by the Director of Mooting.
28. Should a competitor wish to move to a different moot team he/she must obtain permission from all members of his/her old and new team of the move in a timely fashion.
29. If a competitor is the sole respondent or appellant in his/her moot team of 3 then he/she must argue only the one ground for which they have been identified (ie either senior only or junior only).
30. If a competitor is one of three respondents or appellants in his/her moot team of 5 or 6, then he/she must argue only the one ground for which they have been identified (ie either senior only or junior only). The fact that this may result in repeated material (ie there will be two seniors or two juniors) will not affect the assessment of that competitor's performance.