

## OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE SURANA & SURANA SAARC ROUNDS OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> STETSON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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The Surana & Surana India SAARC Rounds Will Be Conducted Offline. The National Administrator Reserves the Right To Modify Or Supplement The Rules For Any Reason

1. These rules (modified to an extent from the rules of international rounds) shall be the official rules for the **Surana & Surana SAARC Rounds** of the **28<sup>th</sup> Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition** – 2023-24. The SAARC 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 teams of SAARC 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 2023-24 Stetson (SAARC) will have a single Round in India. Besides India – Individual SAARC countries Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka may have rounds in their respective countries under supervision of Surana & Surana The competition is open to teams from SAARC member countries viz., Afghanistan, Bhutan, Maldives & Nepal . The competition will be held in **English language**.

#### 4. The Venue & Schedule:

<b>Faculty of Law, SRM UNIVERSITY, DELHI- NCR, SONEPAT 39, Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Delhi-NCR, Sonapat (Haryana) 131029</b>	
<b>FACULTY SUPERVISOR (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh Professor &amp; Dean, Faculty of Law Email: <a href="mailto:stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in">stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in</a></b>	
<b>STUDENT VOLUNTEER 1: Mr. Amar Gaur Mobile: +91 9350125219 Email: amargaur2002@gmail.com (Hospitality Committee)</b>	<b>STUDENT VOLUNTEER 2: Ms. Varsha Dwivedi Mobile: +919674924258 Email: dwivedivarsha977@gmail.com (Hospitality Committee)</b>
<b>STUDENT VOLUNTEER 3: Mr. Lakshay Bhardwaj Mobile: +91 9811106995 Email: lakshaybhardwajdm@gmail.com (Transport Committee)</b>	<b>STUDENT VOLUNTEER 4: Ms. Pragati Mobile: +91 9472877519 Email: pragatipari19@gmail.com (Transport Committee)</b>
<b>1 – 3 Dec 2023 (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) &	

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Quarter Finals (will be held if registered teams are 16 & above)  
(Day 3) Semi Finals (forenoon), Final (afternoon) followed by valediction and prize distribution.

All teams will be provided boarding and lodging only for the duration of the competition (max 3 days)

## 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 **SAARC** 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 teams shall be eligible to participate in the International rounds subject to the criteria laid down by International rules, and requisite approvals. Teams that have up to 5 members in the **SAARC** 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 2023-24 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 scores will be added to oral scores 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 scores)

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- ii. **Octa / Quarter / Semi Finals:** The teams will be power protected. 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 semifinal 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 SAARC 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.

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- iv. Each memorial must include the following sections, in the order listed: front cover page, table of contents, index of authorities, questions presented, statement of jurisdiction, statement of facts, summary of argument, argument with point headings, conclusion, signature block and affidavit.
- v. 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).
- vi. 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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 5.00 p.m. EST (Eastern Standard Time) to [kpratt2@law.stetson.edu](mailto:kpratt2@law.stetson.edu) with the subject line “2023 IEMCC Memorial XXXX” – SAARC Rounds (WHERE XXXX is the team’s assigned identification number) along with a signed affidavit which is supposed to be in a separate file from the memorial but attached to the same email with a copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com)
- vii. The, Soft copies of both Applicant & Respondent memorials to be submitted (only 2 complete files containing all parts of memorials) by separate email latest by **12<sup>th</sup> November 2023** for purpose of evaluation in MS Word format to [stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in](mailto:stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in) with a copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com). The subject of email be titled as “**Team Code – Memorials “SURANA & SURANA SAARC ROUNDS – 28<sup>th</sup> SIEMCC”**”. Both memorials to be submitted as two separate attachments saved as “**TC – Applicant**” & “**TC – Respondent**” where TC stands for **Team Code**. Late submissions will attract penalty of 5 point per memorial for each day of delay.
- viii. 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.( SAARC Rounds)
- ix. 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 & Accommodation

- i. Online registrations will be open from **20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. Teams must **register online** latest by **10<sup>th</sup> November 2023** 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 SAARC Rounds.**

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- 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 on page 8. Registrations without the registration form / approval letter from the college / institution / University as mentioned above is not valid. Only 1 approved team from a college / institution would be eligible to participate.
- iii. In addition to the online registration as mentioned above, teams must ensure that duly filled in scanned form/letter is electronically mailed to , **SRM University, Sonapat**, latest by **10<sup>th</sup> November 2023** **with subject "SURANA & SURANA SAARC ROUNDS -28<sup>TH</sup> STETSON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023-24 REGISTRATION"**. Address for communication is same as mentioned in Rule 4, "The Venue & Schedule".  
Email registration form / approval letter to: [stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in](mailto:stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in)
- iv. The organizers would provide accommodation for only 3 participants per team during the days of competition. **Accommodation request for additional members may be placed immediately after registration to the SRM University at a nominal tariff of Rs. 1800 per day. Please contact [stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in](mailto:stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in) / Student Coordinators of the Hospitality Committee.** . 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) with a copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) in advance through their respective institutions.

### 11. International Finals

The Top four or more teams subject to fulfillment criteria of the International Rules based on number of participants will represent the World finals on **April 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, 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.**

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### 12. Administrators

**National Administrator: Mr. Preetam Surana**, Partner – Dispute Resolution & Head Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai - 600 004; Email: [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com)

**Administrator in charge: Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh**, Dean, Faculty of Law, SRM University Delhi- NCR, Sonapat (Haryana) (hereinafter called “SRMUH”) situated at 39, Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Delhi-NCR, Sonapat (Haryana) 131029. Email: [stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in](mailto:stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in)

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

**Mr. Preetam Surana**

**National Administrator**

**Email:**

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

Ph: 91 – 044 – 2812 0000.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Online Registration	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Last date for Online Registration	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Last date for receiving soft copies of Reg Form / approval letter by e mail	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Submission of electronic copies of memorials to Stetson University and Surana & Surana	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 5pm EST
Last Date for Submission of Memorials ( <i>Electronic Copy</i> ) by email to SRM University and Surana & Surana	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Last date for submission of Travel plan	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Registration / orientation of teams / Submission of Memorials (Hard copy – 5 Nos each side)	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
Prelims, Octa / Quarter Finals	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
Semifinals & Finals	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023
Stetson World Finals (Florida USA)	10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2024



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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.				
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4.				
5.				
<b>Team's preferred Tel No. &amp; Email id for communication:</b>				

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



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**TRAVEL PLAN**

TO BE EMAILED TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AT [stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in](mailto:stetson@srmuniversity.ac.in) ON OR BEFORE 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

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 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. No. of members \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Additional Accommodation Request for \_\_\_\_\_ members  
(incase members are more than 3)

3. Any other details:

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(Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution)

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

**TRANSPORT:**

Head: Mr. Lakshay Bhardwaj  
Co- head: Ms. Pragati  
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