

National Schools Moot Court Competition Program

What is the National Schools Moot Court Competition?

It is a practical and experiential learning programme, with the Constitution as its core component. The programme forms part of Human rights education and assists learners to understand that everyone has an inherent right to be treated equally and with dignity. It further inculcates in the learner the view of the supremacy of the Constitution and the rule of law. Lastly, it is the gate way towards a career in the legal profession and active responsible citizenry.

Stages

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Stage 1

- **Essay writing**
- Are you in grade 10 or 11? Participate in essay writing, as respondent and applicant. Use the Moot Court Problem Statement and the Resource Pack. The process takes place between January - July 20

Stage 2

- **Provincial Rounds**
- Once selected through essay writing process, prepare an oral argument presentation for the Provincial Rounds. They will take place between

Stage 3

- **National Rounds**
- Once selected as part of the Provincial Finalists, you will have an opportunity to participate in the National Rounds on

Stage 4

- **Biennial International School Moot Court**
- As a National finalist you stand a chance to represent South Africa during the biennial school Moot Court. The event will be held in K 2022

Work out how your argument is to progress

Arrange each point in a sensible (practical) order

Familiarize yourself with the area of law in question (Resource Pack)

Make a proper note of the full citations upon which you intend to rely on

Refer to authorities for every passage cited from a judgment

Rebuttal: applicant should listen carefully and respond to the respondent

STEPS TO FOLLOW 1

Compiling the heads of arguments (essays)

Words

Read the Moot Problem Statement (Moot Facts) very carefully

Identify the problem areas from the reading of the facts

Identify what the problem is, before attempting to solve it.

Re-write what you think is the problem in your own words

STEPS TO FOLLOW 2

Presenting legal arguments

Moot argument must be based on the law

Decide what you want to argue (identify sections from the Constitution)

BASIC MOOTING HINTS

Secondary sources are not binding on the court.

'Okay' and 'All right' are not acceptable

Language-terminology

My Lord

Co-Counsel

Opposing counsel

May it please the Court



Basic Education
Justice and Constitutional
Development

