



Frequently Asked Questions

Registration and Eligibility

Question: Can you help me find a mooting partner?

Answer: Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to link up potential partners. You might try using social media or Mootis, the social media network specifically for aspiring lawyers.

Question: I graduated a couple of years ago and am now interested in pursuing a career at the Bar. Am I eligible to enter the moot?

Answer: No, you must be enrolled as a student (full or part time) *at the time of registration*. The closing date for registration is 28 March 2022.

Question: I am currently on a gap year but have accepted a place on the BTC to commence in September 2022 and have begun the process of registering. Am I eligible to enter the moot?

Answer: Unless you are fully registered with an educational establishment *at the time of registration*, you are not eligible to enter the Moot.

Question: I am currently an undergraduate/BTC student, but will complete my course in June 2022, before the Grand Final of the Moot. Am I eligible to enter the moot?

Answer: Yes, you are eligible as you are a student of a higher/further education establishment *at the time of registration*. It does not matter that you will graduate before the Grand Final.

Moot Problems

Question: Can I ask for a moot problem to be clarified?

Answer: It is not generally possible to give guidance beyond the terms of the moot problem, as this could unfairly advantage one team over the others. However, if a genuine ambiguity has arisen in a problem, this will be taken into account when judging the outcome of a particular round.

Round 1: Written Advocacy

Question: Do we need to provide electronic copies of authorities referred to in our written arguments?

Answer: We would appreciate it if each team could provide pdf versions of the authorities they rely on at the same time as they submit their written arguments.

Question: We are instructed that our written arguments should be no longer than two A4 pages in length. Does that include the heading?



Answer: Yes, the total length of the written argument must not exceed two pages, following the formatting instructions given in the moot problem.

Subsequent Rounds: Oral Advocacy

Question: Will we have to be prepared to represent either party, or will we be assigned a role in advance?

Answer: *For Rounds 2 and Round 3 (held on the same day), you must prepare to argue on behalf of both the Appellant and the Respondent. Whether you will argue on behalf of the Appellant or the Respondent in Round 2 will be decided by the drawing of lots no later than 30 minutes before beginning oral submissions. If you are successful in progression to Round 3, roles will be re-allocated using the same process.*

For the Quarter-Final, you will be allocated the role of Appellant or Respondent at the same time as the moot problem is emailed to you. You are not required to prepare to represent the other side in this Round.

For the Semi-Final and the Grand Final, you must prepare to argue on behalf of both the Appellant and the Respondent. Whether you will argue on behalf of the Appellant or the Respondent will be decided by the drawing of lots no later than 30 minutes before beginning oral submissions.

Question: In the oral advocacy rounds (Round 2 onwards) are we allowed to rely on authorities other than those you have provided in the moot problem?

Answer: No, you may only refer to the authorities we have provided.

Question: Can we rely on non-legal authority or materials?

Answer: No, you may only deploy the authorities provided in the moot problem in your submissions.

Question: In the oral advocacy rounds (Round 2 onwards) are we allowed to submit skeleton arguments?

Answer: No, you may not submit a skeleton argument in any of the oral advocacy rounds. You also do not need to prepare any bundles for the Moot Judge/opposing team.

Practicalities and Logistics

Question: When will rounds take place?

Answer: Dates are still being finalised at this stage, however we can confirm that rounds will not be held on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.

Question: We have been invited to attend an in-person round, but we live a long way from London. Is there any possibility of being reimbursed for travel expenses?



Answer: The Organisers do have the discretion to make an *ex gratia* payment to Teams as a contribution to travel/accommodation expenses incurred in attending the in-person rounds. If your financial circumstances would otherwise be a barrier to you participating in the Moot, please email us at timesmoot@2tg.co.uk.

Question: What is the dress code for the rounds?

Answer: Business attire.

Question: Due to unforeseen circumstances, I will not be able to attend a round of the Moot, however my partner is still able to participate. Can my place be taken by somebody else?

Answer: Team members may not be substituted in any circumstances. If a single team member is not available on the date of a moot round due to sickness or other exceptional circumstances, the Co-Ordinator may, in their absolute discretion, permit the remaining Team member to conduct the Moot on behalf of *both* participants (i.e. act as both Junior and Senior Counsel). Such discretion will normally only be exercised if the circumstances preventing the absent Team member's attendance were (a) outside their control and (b) unforeseeable. It is not anticipated that it would ever be appropriate to exercise this discretion twice for the same Team.

Coaching and Mentoring

Question: Can we seek help from a teacher or lecturer in relation to the Moot?

Answer: Mooters may receive a measure of coaching/mentoring. However, the content of your submissions (both written and oral) must be your own original work. This means that while mentors can give general feedback, they may not suggest specific cases or lines of argument. We would investigate a situation where a number of teams from the same educational establishment appeared to have striking similarities in their submissions.

Question: Are we allowed to organise practice moots around the moot problem?

Answer: You are permitted to rehearse your submissions with each other or a third party, as long as the content of your submission is your own original work.

Any Other Questions

Question: I have a question that is not addressed in these FAQs, who do I ask for help?

Answer: If you have a question that is not addressed here, feel free to email us on timesmoot@2tg.co.uk.