

## **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

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These rules shall be the official rules for Moot Court Competition to be held 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Indore Institute of Law. All the participating teams must strictly adhere to these rules in every circumstance.

### **COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND FORUM**

Moot Court Society will be the Competition committee for the purpose of this competition.

In case of any dispute or difficulty arising out of or during the course of the competition, the Competition Committee shall have the sole and absolute authority to remove such difficulty and resolve the dispute.

The Competition committee's decision as regards the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the Moot Court competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules the decision of the Competition committee shall be final.

The Competition committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as modifications to the rules. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.

The Competition committee shall not be held responsible for any loss or non-delivery of the Memorials.

### **INTERPRETATION CLAUSE**

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

- Bench Memorandum means the memorandum of laws and authorities concerning the problem.
- Compendium means the compiled research material.
- Competition Rules means the official rules regulations of the competition as amended from time to time. Competition' means this 3<sup>rd</sup> Smt. Nirmala Devi Bam International Moot Court Competition, 2021. I.S.T: means Indian Standard Time.
- Memorial means the written Submissions of a team, submitted pursuant to these rules.

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- Moot Court Society ( in after MCS) for the purpose competition means the committee as for the administration and conduct of the competition any other authorized person and of all events leading to the co petition.
- Oral Pleading means the pleading before a panels explained under "Evaluation Criteria for Written Submission".
- Panel means the adjudicators of an Oral Pleading Session collected Participant' means any member of the participating team.
- Penalty means the consequences of rule violation, whether disqualification or deduction of points.
- Petitioner side of the team which argues on behalf of applicant at any given point in the any given point in the competition.
- Rebuttals refer to the set of arguments/challenges that the applicant shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the orators. This shall be replied to in the appropriate manner by the respondent.
- Researcher means the member of the team who is not speaker.
- Respondent means the side of the team which argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the competition.
- Speaker means the designated speaker of the team.
- Team Code means the code allocated to a team through a draw of lots.

**GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES**

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1. The mode of competition is Virtual Mode through Microsoft Teams Application.
2. Participants should have good internet service so that there is minimum chance for network problem during the competition.
3. Students enrolled in an undergraduate & postgraduate law course or its equivalent by any recognized college/ university/ institution are eligible to participate in the Competition.
4. Any college/university/institution, whose students full the eligibility criteria or for exceptional circumstances have been deemed by the organizers to be eligible for this Competition, shall be entitled to send only one team to the Competition, subject to the completion of registration formalities as detailed in the 'Invite' to the Competition.
5. Each team may comprise a minimum of two (2) and not more than three (3) members. The team composition shall be of two (2) speakers only (in case of 'two speakers' team, anyone of the speakers would be designated as 'researcher' for appearing in the Researchers Test). If the team composition is of three (3) members than it shall comprise of two (2) speakers and one Researcher (Who shall the designated as a researcher for appearing the Researchers test)
6. Each team shall prepare memorandums for both the sides, that is, the Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and the Respondent(s). The soft copy of the memoranda must be emailed to [mootcourtsociety@iconeducation.co.in](mailto:mootcourtsociety@iconeducation.co.in) , on or before 25<sup>th</sup> May ,2021 (at or before 23:59 hours IST).

**COMPETITION FORMATS**

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1. There will be two (2) Preliminary Rounds to ensure that each team is given the opportunity to argue from both sides of the Proposition. The fixtures for the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined by draw of lots.
2. The 8 winning team shall process to quarter rounds in which there shall be to Knockout Rounds & shall argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots. The 8 teams shall be qualified on the basis of two wins in Preliminary Rounds 1&2.
3. Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds on a knock out basis. The team with more points shall proceed to the final round. In case of a tie, the team with higher aggregate speaker scores will be declared the winner for that round. If the aggregate speaker scores of the teams are the same, then the team with higher gross memorandum score i.e., the score of the memorandum without deducting penalties shall be ranked higher.
  1. The four (4) teams that proceed to the Semi Final Rounds, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
  2. Two (2) teams shall qualify for the Final Round on a knock out basis, i.e., the winner of each Semi Final Rounds shall qualify to the Final round.
  3. The two (2) teams that proceed to the Final Round, as determined by the rules above, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
  4. The team which wins the Final Round shall be declared as the 'Winning Team'. The other team shall be declared as the 'Runners-Up Team'.

**MEMORANDUM SPECIFICATIONS**

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10. Each memorandum shall necessarily consist of the following and only the following sections:

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Issues for Consideration
- Summary of Arguments
- Written Submissions
- Prayer

11. Each memorandum shall have the following and only the following on its cover page:

- The team code on the top right hand corner of the cover page.
- The name and place of the forum.
- The relevant legal provision on under which field.
- Memorandum filed on behalf of appellant/Claimant/ Respondent.
- Name of parties and their status.

12. A team code shall be assigned to each of the participating teams at the culmination of Registration formalities. Names of the participants or of the institution being represented must not be mentioned anywhere in the memorandum. Any other mark, character or text that reveals the identity of the team members or of the institution being represented would also be considered a violation of this Rule. Violation of this Rule shall attract severe penalty at the sole discretion of the Competition Committee.

13. The soft copies of the memoranda must bear a cover page in conformity with the following scheme -

Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s): Blue; respondent(s): Red

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14. The electronic copy of each memorandum must reach e-mail address: [mootcourtsociety@iconeducation.co.in](mailto:mootcourtsociety@iconeducation.co.in) by 11:59 PM on 25<sup>th</sup> may 2021. With the subject of the e-mail being memoranda for< Team Code>- XYZ.

15. The memoranda must only be in PDF format. The file names of the soft copy of the memoranda must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: 01-A or 01-R, where 'A' and 'R' represent the teams set out in the Proposition.

**FORMATTING SPECIFICATIONS**

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16. The Memorials should be typed on documents compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 (or higher) only.

17. The page size should be A4; Font shall be 'Times New Roman' throughout the document with font size 12 (including headings), 1.5 lines spacing & 1 Inch margin on each side.

18. Footnotes shall be in 'Times New Roman' with Font Size 10 and 1.0 spacing.

19. The Participants may use uniform page borders.

20. The Memorials shall use The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition), for formatting of all cited authorities.

21. Word limits for various parts of the memorandum are as follows:

- Statement of Facts: 1000 words
- Summary of Arguments: 1000 words
- Written Submissions and Prayer: 10000 words (inclusive of footnotes)

Note: The organizers of the Competition reserve the right to not evaluate arguments that go beyond the prescribed word limit.

22. Any substantial similarity, in part or in whole, between a memorandum of a team and any other literary work shall amount to plagiarism and that team shall be disqualified.

23. In case the soft copy of the memoranda is submitted than once, the soft copy sent last shall be considered for all purposes of the Competition.

24. No amendments can be made to the memoranda after submission. Any distinction or difference between the soft and hard copies of the memoranda would attract a penalty, as determined by the Competition Committee. The organizers reserves the right to determined which of such differing memoranda would be considered for evaluation.

**MEMORANDUM EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Memoranda shall be evaluated on the following basis:-

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Application and Appreciation of Facts	20 marks
Identification of Issues	10 marks
Application of Legal Principles authorities and precedent	20 marks
Marks Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning	20 marks
Lucidity and Writing Skills	10 marks
Proper Footnoting and Formatting	10 marks

**ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

25. The language of the Court shall be English only.

26. The time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes for each team this shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The team cannot allocate less than 12 minutes to either speaker.

27. Only one speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut, as minutes. The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the respondent's -rebuttal is automatically waived as well.

28. The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the bailiff prior to the commencement of each round.

29. There shall be no communication between the members seated on the table and the speaker making oral submissions.

31. Teams shall not be permitted to use any electronic devices while their rounds are in session.



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32. The teams shall not disclose, in any manner whatsoever, or entire duration of the rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent.

33. Teams can pass on E compendium of the sources they cite in their memoranda if so requested by the judges.

34. In every round of the Competition, teams arguing for the Petitioner/Claimant/Complainant/Applicant will argue their case first.

#### **EVALUATION OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

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<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Structure, Articulation & Clarity	20 Marks
Application of Legal Principles and Use of Authorities	20 Marks
Knowledge and Marshalling of Facts	20 Marks
Persuasiveness ,Ingenuity & Response to Questions	20 Marks
Court Etiquette ,Presentation Style and Time Management	20 Marks

#### **SCOUTING**

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35. No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the Competition. The organizers may take appropriate action, including disqualification from the Competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means

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**EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDUMS**

36. There shall be an exchange of memoranda between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as determined by a draw of lots, prior to all the competition.
37. The teams are prohibited from making any marks on the exchanged memoranda.
38. The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the exchanged memoranda.

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**CASH PRIZES & E-CERTIFICATE**

- Winner – Rs. 21,000 + E-Certificate of Merit
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up – Rs. 15,000 + E-Certificate of Merit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up – Rs. 7,000 + E-Certificate of Merit
- Best Memorial – Rs. 5,000 + E-Certificate of Merit
- Best Speaker – Rs. 3,100 + E-Certificate of Merit
- Best Researcher – Rs. 3,100 + E-Certificate of Merit
- E certificate will be provided to all participants

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**REGISTRATION PROCESS (STEP PLAN)**

The following steps have to be strictly followed by the respective teams interested to Participate in the competition –

Registration Google form link is <https://forms.gle/HAzzbmRuPmovHcWV7>

Submit the details via goggle form by 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 of the scanned form to the prescribed mail id [mootcourtsociety@iconeducation.co.in](mailto:mootcourtsociety@iconeducation.co.in) and E copy latest by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Registration Amount: 600 Rs. per Team

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- (a) Registration starts: 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2021
- (b) Registration closes: 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2021
- (c) Memorial Submission (E Copy): 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (by 11:59 PM)
- (d) Event Days
  - Inaugural Ceremony, Draw of lots and Researchers Test - 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021
  - Preliminary 1, Preliminary 2, Quarter-final 1- 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021
  - Semi Finals, Finals & Valedictory Day – 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

*Teams are required to wire-transfer the registration fee/amount to the details mentioned below:-*

- *Name: Indore Institute of Law*
- *Account Number: 53001040267*
- *IFSC Code: SBIN0030450*
- *Bank: State Bank of India*
- *Branch: Sch. No. 54, AB Road Indore.*

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