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NIRMALA DEVI BAM MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

CHAPTER 5



19-21 MAY, 2023

RULES & REGULATIONS

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These rules shall be the official rules for Moot Court Competition to be held on 19th, 20th and 21th of May, 2023 at Indore Institute of Law. All the participating teams must strictly adhere to these rules in every circumstance.

1) Competition Committee and Forum

- Moot Court Society, Placement Society and Nayay Sarthi Club 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 they deem appropriate. 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.

2) Interpretation Clause & Eligibility

- Interpretation Clause:

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

1. '*Bench Memorandum*' means the memorandum of Laws and authorities concerning the Problem.
2. '*Compendium*' means the Compiled Research Material.
3. '*Competition Rules*' means the Official Rules and Regulations of the Competition as amended from time to time.
4. '*I.S.T.*' means Indian Standard Time.

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5. ‘*Memorials*’ means the Written Submissions of a team, submitted pursuant to these rules.
6. ‘*Moot Court Society*’ for the purpose of this Moot Court Competition means the Committee as for the administration and conduct of the Competition, including any other authorized person, and of all events leading to the Competition.
7. ‘*Oral Pleading*’ means the pleading before a Panel as explained under “Evaluation Criteria for Written Submission”.
8. ‘*Panel*’ mean the Adjudicators of an Oral Pleading Session collectively.
9. ‘*Participant*’ means any member of the Participating Team.
10. ‘*Penalty*’ means the consequence of a rule violation, whether disqualification or the deduction of points.
11. ‘*Petitioner*’ means the side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Applicant at any given point in the Competition.
12. ‘*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.
13. ‘*Researcher*’ means that member of the Team who is not a Speaker.
14. ‘*Respondent*’ means the side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the Competition.
15. ‘*Speaker*’ means the designated speaker of the Team.
16. ‘*Team Code*’ means the code allocated to a Team at the time of registration.

- Eligibility

Students enrolled in a full-time or part-time law programme at the time of the competition are eligible to compete in the Competition. Each College/Law School or University may enter one team ONLY.

3) Team Composition

- A team consisting of three members that satisfies the eligibility Criteria can participate.

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- Each team shall comprise of two speakers and one Researcher.
- Only the speakers are allowed to present and argue. The researcher will not be given a chance to speak unless specifically allowed by the Judges. However, he/she can pass on the hand written notes to the Speakers with the permission of the Judges.
- No team member may be replaced after the team's memorial has been received by the Competition Committee, except with the express written consent of the Competition Committee, which will require a showing of good cause.

4) Dress Code

- Ladies: Black and white salwar, kurta, sari or pant/suit or Western formals
- Gentlemen: White shirt with black tie, black trousers, black coat, white socks and black shoes

5) Competition Format

- The competition shall consist of Researcher's Test followed by four rounds namely Preliminary, Quarter-final, Semi-Finals and Final rounds.
- Note: Quarter Final Rounds is subjected to the participation of teams.

6) Preliminary Rounds

- There shall be two Preliminary rounds each team shall argue for both sides.
- Matching of each team shall be done by the Draw of Lots
- Each team will be allotted **20 minutes for the arguments including time for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal.**
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members.
- The division of time must be communicated to the court clerks before commencing arguments.

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- If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of the allocated time, the additional time which he or she speak for will be deducted from the time allocated to his or her co-speaker there will be a deduction of marks on per extra minute taken, as the case may be. However, no speaker shall be allowed to present his arguments beyond the maximum time.
- Each speaker must introduce himself or herself to the court using only his identification code and team code given to him/her at the time of memorial submission.
- A team shall be credited with a win in the Preliminary Rounds if their **Round Total** is greater than the opposing team.
- Teams with two wins will qualify for Quarter-Final. In case there are more than eight teams with two wins, round total will be used to decide the top eight.
- In case of tie still the scores allotted in **Understanding of Law and Procedure** will be added to decide the winner.

7) Quarter Final & Semi Final Rounds

- Quarter Final Round subjected to the participation of teams
- Total of eight teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the Quarter-Final round and then four teams to the semi-final round.
- Matching of each team shall be done by the Draw of Lots.
- Each team will be allotted **30 minutes for the arguments including time for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal.**
- The Quarter- final & Semi-Final Round will be a “Knock-out” Round where the winner of each quarter-final will move to Semi-Final Round and then advance to the Final Round.
- A team shall be credited with a win in the Quarter- final &Semi-Final Round if their **Round Total** is greater than the opposing team.
- In case of tie in Semi-Final Round pairing, total scores allotted in **Understanding of Law and Procedure** will be considered to decide the winner.

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8) Final Round

- Winners of each Semi-Final round will qualify for the final round.
- Each team will be allotted **45 minutes for the arguments including time for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal.**

9) Ex-Parte Proceedings

- At the outset, if a team fails to appear **within 10 minutes of the scheduled time** (in any of the four rounds) then the oral round of the attending party may proceed **Ex parte.**

10. Memorandum Specifications

- Each participating team shall prepare **both memorials and counter memorials, in English.** All teams are to submit their copies to organizers in hard copy to the organizers before the deadline specified by the organizing committee. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the competition.
- Memorials from each side should **not contain more than 25 pages (which constitutes summary of facts & arguments, arguments advanced and prayer).** It must contain one-inch margin from each side.
- The memorial must typed and double-spaced. A team does not violate the double-spacing requirement by including written material properly that is single spaced, such as a block quote.
- The memorial shall consist of following:
 1. Cover Page
 2. Table of Contents
 3. Index of Authorities
 4. Statement of Jurisdiction
 5. Summary of Issues raised/questions presented
 6. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings [1 to 3 Page]
 7. Arguments Advanced/Pleadings [not more than 20 pages]
 8. Prayer for Relief [1 Page]
 9. Annexure [optional]

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- The following sections **DO NOT** count towards the word limit:
 1. Front and back cover pages
 2. Table of contents,
 3. Index of authority,
 4. Statement of jurisdiction,
 5. Summary of facts,
 6. Questions presented
 7. Signature block,
 8. Appropriate appendices.
- All citations must adhere to Blue Book 20th Edition and fulfill the following requirements:
 - Font Type: Times New Roman
 - Font Size: 12
 - Foot Notes Font Type: Times New Roman
 - Foot Notes Font Size: 10

****Memorials that do not follow the above mentioned specifications shall be penalized.**

- Memorial cover page shall follow the following Color Scheme:
 1. Petitioner/Appellants- Blue
 2. Respondents- Red

11. Service of Memorial

- All the participants must submit EIGHT (8) copies of the Memorial for both sides.
- The soft copy of the memorial shall also be sent through e-mail on mootcourtsociety@iconeducation.co.in latest by 5th of May 2023, before 5:00 pm.
- The memorial should be sent as an email attachment in Word format. Do not send the memorial as a PDF-file.
- Subject of the email shall “Memorial for “team code”. Please name the memorial using your team’s Code and “P” for Petitioner or “R” for Respondent. For example, if you are assigned team number NBMC55 the file name should be NBMC55P.doc or NBMC55R.doc.

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- The submission of hard copies should be done latest by 8th of MAY 2023 at Indore Institute of Law, Campus before 5:00 pm.
- All the participants are required to e-mail the scanned copy of the transit receipt and in case of any mishaps happening during the transit the organizing committee won't be responsible.
- Memorials that arrive after the deadline may receive a deduction for being submitted late.

12. Anonymity

- Each team will be awarded a code number after registration and that number alone shall be marked on the memorials.
- Identity of the team or the names of the participants must not be revealed in the Memorial in any manner whatsoever and all teams must send the Memorial with a covering letter specifying the name and contact details of the Team Members and their designated Team Code.
- Name of the school/University shall not be mentioned on any compendium or material to be presented the bench. Failure to compliance will lead to disqualification of such compendium or material from presentation.

13. Evaluation Method

Following schematics will be followed in the competition for the scoring of the teams:

A) Evaluation of Oral Rounds

Each speaker shall be marked on total of 100 marks by each Judge. The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each category:

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1.	Understanding of Law and Procedure	30
2.	Application of Facts	20
3.	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	15
4.	Use of Authority	5
5.	Organization and Flow of Arguments	10
6.	Reference to Memorials	10
7.	Advocacy Skills, Court Craft and Demeanor	10
8.	Total	100

- Marks allotted by the Judges shall be final.

B) Evaluation of Memorial

- The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each category:

1.	Knowledge of Law and Extent of Research	30
2.	Proper and Articulate Analysis, Clarity and Organization	25
3.	Knowledge of Facts	25
4.	Evidence of Original Thought	10
5.	Correct Format and Citation	10
6.	Total	100

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C) Researcher's Test

- The Researchers' test will be conducted on the day one of the competition
- The duration of the test will be of sixty minutes (60 minutes) only.
- The test shall consist of Objective / Subjective question based on the Principles of laws applicable and the case study.

14. AWARDS

1.	Winning Team	Cash Prize of Rs 31000/- , Trophy & Certificate
2.	Runner Up Team	Cash Prize of Rs 21000/- , Trophy & Certificate
3.	Second Runner-Up	Cash Prize of Rs 11000/- , Trophy & Certificate
4.	Best Mooter	Cash Prize of Rs 5100/-, Trophy & Certificate
5.	Best Researcher	Cash Prize of Rs 5100/-, Trophy & Certificate
6.	Best Memorial	Cash Prize of Rs 5100/-, Trophy & Certificate
7.	Participating Teams	Participation Certificates

**For Best Mooter award, the points scored from the preliminary rounds alone will be counted.

**Best Researcher will be decided on the basis of scores in Researchers' Test.

**Best Memorial will be decided on the basis of score of memorials allotted in preliminary round

15. Registration Process

The following steps have to be strictly adhered to by all the teams interested to participate in the competition:

1) Registration link- <https://forms.gle/Ybn9HjkbHpYfq7k86>

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2) Submit the details via Google form by 1st May, 2023. For any query/clarification, kindly mail at mootcourtsociety@iconeducation.co.in.

3) Important Registration Deadlines:

1.	Last date for Registration	5th May2023
2.	Last date for seeking clarification	6th May 2023
3.	Last date for Submission of Memorial (Electronic copy)	8th May 2023
4.	Last date for submission of memorial (Hard copy)	10th May 2023
5.	Reporting, Researcher's Test, Draw of lots and Exchange of Memorials	19th May 2023
6.	Preliminary Round 1 and Preliminary Round 2	20th May 2023
7.	Quarter-Final	20th May 2023
8.	Semi-Final & Final	21st May 2023

Note: In order to avail the accommodation facility for the three days i.e. for 19th, 20th and 21st May 2033, the teams needs to pay a sum of Rs.3500 along with the registration fees. Any team who wishes to manage their own accommodation are free to make their personal arrangements.

4) The teams are required to wire-transfer the Registration Fees at the Razor-Pay link below-

<https://rzp.io/l/ndbm>

5) Interested participants are required to strictly adhere to the following deadlines

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16. Miscellaneous

- All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- The Competition committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Moot Court competition.
- Upon completion of the competition, the competition committee reserves the exclusive right to use the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.
- Participating teams should carry with them required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of competition.
- Team found attempting to approach and influencing Judges/Administrators/Organizers shall be disqualified.
- No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court rooms in which that team is one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition.

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17. Organizing Committee

For any queries you can reach to our member of Organizing committee in the normal working hours.

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