

RULES

General

1. **Language:** The official language for the Moot Court Competition shall be English only.
2. **Eligibility:** Students enrolled in regular three-year LL.B., five-year integrated LL.B. program or LL.M. in any recognised University/ Law School/ College/ Department during the present academic year are eligible to participate in the Competition.
3. **Team Composition:** Teams may consist of either two or three members. In situations where there are two participants, one of the members can act as both researcher and speaker. However, in scenarios involving three participants, two individuals will be speakers, while one will be researcher.
4. Any alteration in the status of the team members, whether as a speaker or researcher, shall not be entertained except in case of unprecedented circumstances.
5. **Team Code:** Each team will be provided a team code prior to the submission of memorials *via* e- mail.
6. **Attire:** Participants shall wear Black trousers, white shirt, black blazer, black neck-tie and black formal shoes. However, female participants may choose to wear white salwar kameez, black blazer and black formal shoes.

Format of the Competition

The competition shall consist of Researcher's Test followed by five rounds namely Preliminary-I & Preliminary-II, Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final rounds.

Preliminary Rounds

1. Each team shall argue once from both the sides, *i.e.* **Petitioner and Respondent**, order of which shall be decided by way of draw of lots – to be conducted by the Organizing Committee.

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2. Each team will be allotted 20 minutes for the arguments including time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 12 minutes and minimum of 8 minutes per speaker.
3. At the judges' discretion and in addition to the foregoing time constraints, a maximum of 5 minutes may be set out for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. The judges have the power to decide whether to provide extra time.
4. 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.
5. Each speaker must introduce himself or herself to the court using only with his identification as Speaker-1 or Speaker-2, and team code given to him/her for the memorial's submission.
6. Top eight teams with the highest cumulative score in Preliminary round I and II shall qualify for the Quarter-final round.
7. In case of tie, the scores allotted in "Knowledge of Law and Facts" will be considered to decide the winner.

Quarter-Final and Semi-Final Rounds

1. Total of eight teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the Quarter-final round and then, four teams to the Semi-final round.
2. Matching of each team shall be done by the Draw of Lots.
3. Each team will be allotted 25 minutes for the arguments including time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal in Quarter-final round. Maximum 5 minutes can be reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. Maximum time which can be reserved for each speaker shall be 15 minutes and minimum 10 minutes.
4. Each team will be allotted 30 minutes for the arguments including time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal in Semi-final round. Maximum 5 minutes can be reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. Maximum time which can be reserved for each speaker shall be 18 minutes and minimum 12 minutes.

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5. The time division has to be informed to the Court Room Officer before the beginning of the oral arguments. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.
6. The Quarter-final & Semi-final rounds will be “**Knock-out**” rounds where the winner of each Quarter-final will move to the Semi-final round and similarly, the winner of each semi-final round shall move to final round.
7. In case of tie, the scores allotted in “Knowledge of Law and Facts” will be considered to decide the winner.

Final Round

1. Winners of each Semi-final round will qualify for the Final round.
2. Each team will be allotted 40 minutes for the arguments including time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. Maximum 5 minutes can be reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. Maximum time which can be reserved for one speaker is 25 minutes and minimum 15 minutes.
3. The time division has to be informed to the Court Room Officer before the beginning of the oral arguments. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

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), the oral round of the attending party may proceed *Ex Parte*.

Researcher's Test

1. The member designated as Researcher in each team shall take part in the test.
2. Participants are requested to write only the Team Code on the question paper.
3. Researcher's Test shall be objective as well as descriptive with the questions based on the applicable law, precedents and facts pertaining to the Moot Problem.
4. Researcher's Test shall be of 01-hour duration.
5. Use of mobile phones, laptops or any other electronic gadgets/written material is strictly prohibited during the Researcher Test.

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6. Winner of the Test shall be determined on the basis of highest score attained.

Note: Speakers of any team will not be allowed to sit in the Researcher's Test in any case except in the teams of two members, where one of the members is designated as speaker and researcher both.

Marking Criteria for Oral Rounds

1. Following criteria shall be followed for making in all oral rounds:

S.No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	25
2.	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	25
3.	Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanour	20
4.	Organization and Flow of Arguments	20
5.	Reference to Memorial	10
TOTAL		100

2. **Levy of Maximum Penalties:** Notwithstanding anything in the rules, maximum of 20 marks shall be deducted as penalties for violations of the rules. However, gross violation of rules and regulations may lead to disqualification.

3. **Submission of Authorities:** The teams shall only submit genuine authorities from Journals or other authentic sources. The teams may prepare and submit Compendium of authorities before the beginning of oral arguments to the panel of Judges, otherwise they can only submit authorities with the prior permission of the panel or if demanded by the Judges.

Memorandum Specifications

1. Each participating team is required to prepare both memorial and counter memorial in English. All teams must submit hard copies of these documents to the organizers during the registration process at the venue and provide soft copies through a designated Google Form by the specified submission deadline as

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conveyed by the Organizing Committee. Failure to adhere to these submission requirements will result in disqualification from the competition.

2. The memorial shall be maximum of 40 pages including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be maximum of 25 pages.

Structure of the Memorials

1. Cover Page: The cover page shall contain the Case Title, Side of the written submission, Name and Year of competition and Team Code on Top Right corner. (Note: The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use P for “*Petitioner*” and R for “*Respondent*”. For example: in case the Team Code is 10 the team must write “**TC-10 (P)**” in case of memorial for Petitioner and “**TC-10 (R)**” in case of memorial for Respondent.)
2. Table of Contents
3. List of Abbreviations
4. Index of Authorities
5. Statement of Jurisdiction
6. Statement of Facts
7. Summary of Issues Raised/Questions Presented
8. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings [1 to 3 Page]
3. Arguments Advanced/Pleadings [not more than 25 pages]
4. Prayer for Relief [1 Page]
5. Exhibits (Optional)

Note: Non-compliance with the above criteria shall result in a penalty of two marks per missing above-mentioned essentials.

Guidelines for Formatting

1. Font and Size (Headings) - Times New Roman, 14 pts.; Line Spacing - 1.5 lines.
2. Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts.; Line Spacing - 1.5 lines.
3. Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts.; Line Spacing- 1.0 line.
4. Page Margin - 1 inch on all sides.
5. Font- Times New Roman

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6. Hard copies shall be printed on one side of each page.
7. The citations should be in compliance with the 20th Edition of Bluebook.
8. Memorial cover page shall follow the following colour scheme:
 - Petitioner/Appellant - **Blue**
 - Respondent/Defendant – **Red**
9. Memorials should be in spiral binding.
10. Pages should be numbered at the bottom middle.
11. The memorials shall not contain any photographs/ sketches

Submission of Memorial

1. All the participants must submit 05 hard copies of each Memorial *i.e.* 10 copies in total.
2. The soft copy of the memorial in pdf format shall also be sent *via* mail provided by the Organizing Committee.
3. Memorials that arrive after the deadline may receive a deduction for being submitted late.

Marking Criteria of Written Submission

The maximum score for the memorials shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

S.no.	Criteria	Marks
	Knowledge of Law and Facts	25
	Proper and Articulate Analysis	25
	Extent and Use of Research	25
	Clarity and Organization	15
	Grammar and Style	10
TOTAL		100

Penalties

In addition to the penalties/ deductions mentioned in the other provisions of these Rules, the following penalties may be imposed:

1. **Scouting:** No member of any participating team shall view any other oral rounds while the team is still in the competition. If such an incident comes to the notice of the organizers, the scouting team shall be subject to disqualification. Teams may file a written complaint of scouting to the Organizers. The decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
2. **Non – Disclosure of Identity:** Teams shall not disclose their identity *i.e.* their name, name of the affiliating institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity in both oral and written submissions. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

Results

Results shall be announced shortly after each round. Decision of the judges shall be final. For all purposes and in any dispute, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding. Result of final round shall be announced at the valedictory ceremony.

Clarifications

1. Participating teams may seek clarifications *via* mail on the official email id with subject title as: **“NMCC 2023 – Clarification”**.

The last date to seek clarifications to the Moot Proposition is **16th October, 2023**.

Miscellaneous

1. 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.

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2. The Organizing Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire duration of the Moot Court Competition.
3. The decisions of the Organizing Committee concerning the interpretation of these regulations or any other aspects pertaining to the Moot Court Competition shall be considered conclusive and obligatory. In cases where situations are not explicitly covered by these rules, the determination of the Organizing Committee shall stand as final.
4. The Organizing Committee retains the prerogative to revise, alter or revoke any of the stipulations if deemed necessary and appropriate. Participating teams will be duly notified of any and all such amendments or modifications to the rules.
5. **Copyright:** The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully in the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used, and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials.
6. The official e-mail for all correspondence concerning the Competition is iuj.mc@iujaipur.edu.in