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## **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

These rules shall be the official rules for Moot Court Competition to be held 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Indore Institute of Law, Indore. 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 to the interpretation of these rules or any other matter 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 provided:

- (a) 'Bench Memorandum' means the memorandum of laws and authorities concerning the problem.
- (b) 'Compendium' means the complied research material.
- (c) 'Competition Rules' means the official rules regulations of the competition as amended from time to time.



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- (d) 'Competition' means this II Smt. Nirmala Devi Bam International Moot Court Competition, 2020.
- (e) 'I.S.T': means Indian Standard Time.
- (f) 'Memorial' means the written Submissions of a team, submitted pursuant to these rules.
- (g) 'Moot Court Society' ( in after MCS) for the purpose competition means the committee as for the administration and conduct of the competition any other authorised person and of all events leading to the co petition.
- (h) 'Oral Pleading' means the pleading before a panels explained under "Evaluation Criteria for Written Submission".
- (i) 'Panel' mean the adjudicators of an Oral Pleading Session collected Participant' means any member of the participating team.
- (j) 'Penalty' means the consequences of rule violation, whether disqualification or deduction of points.
- (k) 'Petitioner' side of the team which argues on behalf of applicant at any given point in the any given point in the competition.
- (l) '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.
- (m) 'Researcher' means the member of the team who is not speaker.
- (n) 'Respondent' means the side of the team which argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the competition.
- (o) 'Speaker' means the designated speaker of the team.
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## GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Students enrolled in an undergraduate & postgraduate law course or its equivalent by any recognized college/ university/ institution are eligible to participate in the Competition.
2. 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.
3. 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)
4. Each team shall prepare one memorandum for each side, that is, the Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and the
5. Respondent(s). The soft copy of the memoranda must be emailed to [iilmootcourtsociety@gmail.com](mailto:iilmootcourtsociety@gmail.com), on or before 20th April,2020 (at or before 23:59 hours IST).
6. The language of the Competition shall be English



## COMPETITION FORMATS

1. There will be two 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 winning team shall proceed to quarter rounds. In which there shall be two quarter Rounds power match-up.
3. The teams that proceed to quarter Rounds, with the highest round points in each court rooms, each team shall argue only once for the side allotted by draw of lots. The fixtures' for the Quarter Rounds shall be power match-ups.
4. The winning team shall proceed to quarter rounds two in which there shall be quarter rounds match-ups.
5. The teams that proceed to the Quarter Rounds two with the highest round points in each court room, shall argue only once for the side allotted by draw of lots. The fixtures for the Quarter Rounds shall be power match-ups.
6. Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds on a knock out basis, i.e., the winner of Quarter Round two shall qualify to the Semi Final Rounds. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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. The bench strength for this round shall be an odd number but not one (1).
9. 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.



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10. 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'.

Or

Preliminary Round	Arguments from both side	30 minutes per round	
Quarter-Final Round	Argument from One side only	30 minutes	Knock-out
Quarter-Final II Round	Argument from One side only	30 minutes	Knock
Semi-Final Round	Argument from One side only	40 minutes	Knock
Final Round	Argument from One side only	60 minutes	Knock



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## MEMORANDUM SPECIFICATIONS

1. All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules of the Competition.
2. 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
3. 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.
  - 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.
4. 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.



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5. The hard copies of the memorandum must bear a cover page in conformity with the following scheme -  
Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s): Blue; respondent(s): Red
6. The electronic copy of each memorandum must reach e-mail address: [iilmootcourtsociety@gmail.com](mailto:iilmootcourtsociety@gmail.com) 25 April, 2020 by 11:59 PM. With the subject of the e-mail being memoranda for< Team Code>- XYZ.
7. 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.
8. **The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.**
9. Eight (8) hard copies of the memorandum for each side of the Proposition must be submitted to the organizers by 30 April, 2020 that the following address: INDORE INSTITUTE OF LAW "GENDALAL BAM PARISAR" Opp. to IIM, INDORE, RAU PITHAMUR ROAD, Village Dehari- Rangwasa Indore (M.P.) 453556, India



## FORMATTING SPECIFICATIONS

1. The Memorials should be typed on documents compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 (or higher) only.
2. 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.
3. Footnotes shall be in 'Times New Roman' with Font Size 10 and 1.0 spacing.
4. The Participants may use uniform page borders.
5. The Memorials shall use The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition), for formatting of all cited authorities.
6. The Memorial should be spiral bound only. Any other form of binding will attract negative marking. No amendment of the Memorials will be permitted after submission.
7. 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.

8. 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.
9. 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 -44.
10. 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 reserve the right to determine which of such differing memoranda would be considered for evaluation.





## MEMORANDUM EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. *Memorandum shall be evaluated on the*

Criteria	Marks
Application and Appreciation of Facts	20
Identification of Issues	10
Application of Legal Principles authorities and precedent	30
Genuity and Logical Reasoning	10
Lucidity and Writing Skills	20
Proper Footnoting and Formatting	10

2. *Following penalties shall be deducted after each such memorandum has been evaluated.*

Description	Penalty
Failure to include all sections of the Memorandum or the inclusion of un-enumerated section	2
Failure to include necessary information on the cover page of the Memorandum, or the use of a colour on the cover page contrary to the scheme provided	2
Delay in submission of memoranda	2
Use of incorrect font, font size or line spacing	2



<b>violation of the color-code for the cover page</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Delay on the first day for submission of memorial</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Further delay</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cumulative penalty</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Excessive length of any section of the Memorial for every 1000 words exceeded</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Improperly prepared Index of Authorities</b>	<b>2</b>

Further,

Two (2) marks for each such information and each Three (3) marks on the first day of delay, with five (5) marks per day for every day thereafter, subject to a maximum Cumulative penalty of eighteen (18) marks.

One (1) mark per violation, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of ten (10) marks. One (1) mark, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of six (6) marks. Further, such arguments will not be evaluated.

Substantive legal arguments (explanatory footnotes) outside of the approved sections of the Memorandum is One (1) mark, being a one-time penalty only.

Incorrect Margins Two (2) marks, being a one-time penalty only

If the **hard copy has not been submitted till the last date i.e. till 25th April 2019**, then there shall be deduction of **5 marks** of the memorandum of the team.

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## ORAL SUBMISSIONS

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1. The language of the Court shall be English only.
2. 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.
3. Only one speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sub-rebut, as minutes. The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the respondent's -rebuttal is automatically waived as well.
4. The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the bailiff prior to the commencement of each round.
5. There shall be no communication between the members seated on the table and the speaker making oral submissions.
6. Teams shall not be permitted to use any electronic devices while their rounds are in session.
7. The teams shall not disclose, in any manner whatsoever, or the entire duration of the rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent.
8. Teams can pass on compendium of the sources they cite in their memoranda if so requested by the judges.
9. In every round of the Competition, teams arguing for the Petitioner/Claimant/Complainant/Applicant will argue their case first.

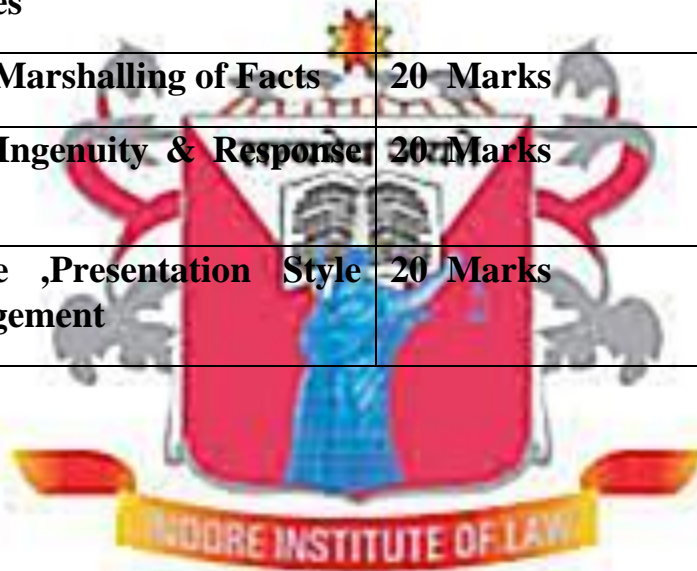


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## EVALUATION OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS

Criterion	Marks
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





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## SCOUTING

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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

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1. 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.
  2. The teams are prohibited from making any marks on the exchanged memoranda.
  3. The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the exchanged memoranda.
  4. At the conclusion of their respective rounds, the teams are required to return the exchanged memoranda to the bailiffs of the Court where the round is so conducted.
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## Important Dates:

1. *Registration starts: 10 February, 2020*
2. *Registration closes: 20th April, 2020*
3. *Memorial Submission (Soft Copy): 25th April, 2020 (by 11:59 PM)*
4. *Memorial Submission (Hard Copy): 30th April, 2020 (by 11:59 PM)*
5. *Event Days:*
  - (a) *15th May, 2020 Inaugural Day, Draw of lots, Researchers Test & Moot Court Competition-*
  - (b) *16th May 2020 Preliminary I, Preliminary 2, Quarter-final I, Quarter-final II*
  - (c) *17th May, 2020 Semi Finals, Finals, Valedictory Day & DJ Night.*

