

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**6<sup>TH</sup> ILNU INTERNATIONAL MOOT  
COURT COMPETITION**

**ORGANISED BY**

**INSTITUTE OF LAW**

**NIRMA UNIVERSITY**

## 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 These rules are to be called the, Rules for the “6<sup>TH</sup> ILNU INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION”.

1.2 Whereas; Organizers means the “INSTITUTE OF LAW, NIRMA UNIVERSITY”.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All the College/ University/ Institute/ Faculties offering Students Bachelors Degree in Law (or any equivalent course) in the current academic year are eligible to participate in the Competition.

2.2 Each participating University/ Schools/ Faculties/ Institute shall be eligible to send one Team to the Competition. The participating Students must be pursuing full-time Bachelors Degree in Law (LL.B / BL) or equivalent programme.

## 3. TEAM COMPOSITION

3.1 The participating University/ Schools/ Faculties/ Institute shall nominate three students for the competition.

3.2 The three students nominated by University/ Schools/ Faculties/ Institute shall constitute one team.

3.3 The participating University/ Schools/ Faculties/ Institute shall designate two **members** of the team as ‘**Mooters**’ and the remaining **one member** the team as a ‘**Researcher**’.

3.4 Only those members designated as Mooter shall be permitted to put forth Oral submissions in the Competition.

3.5 In case of any contingency the Researcher may substitute the Agent only with the prior permission of the Organizer.

## 4. REGISTRATION

4.1 The last date for Registration provisionally through email is 02.01.2016.

4.2 Communication for the same shall be sent on the separate “Registration Form (annexed herewith) completely filled and duly signed by the Head of the participating University/ Schools/ Faculties/ Institute along with a draft for Rs. 3500/- as registration fee.

4.3 The Draft shall be drawn in the favour of “Institute of Law, Nirma University” payable at Ahmedabad.

4.4 In case of any changes in the team composition it shall be conveyed to the organizers stating the reasons for the same before 26.01.2016.

## 5. ROUNDS

### 5.1 The Preliminary Rounds:

5.1.1 The preliminary round shall be conducted on round robin league format.

5.1.2 According to the aforesaid format each participating teams shall be divided into group of three teams.

5.1.3 There will be two preliminary rounds to ensure that each team is given the opportunity to argue from both sides of the proposition.

5.1.4 Top Eight teams in the preliminary rounds shall proceed to the Quarter-Finals.

5.1.5 The advancement to the Quarter-Finals shall be as follows:

a) The teams shall be ranked on the basis of the number of wins secured in the Preliminary Rounds. In case where two or more teams have the secured same number of wins, the Team having higher Cumulative Points in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked higher.

b) In case where two or more teams have secured same number of wins and also the same cumulative points, the team with the higher cumulative oral rounds marks shall

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be ranked higher.

c) In case where two or more teams have the same number of wins, the same cumulative points and also the same cumulative oral rounds marks, then the team with the higher gross memorial score i.e. the score of the memorial without deducting the penalty shall be ranked higher.

5.1.6 Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds.

### 5.2 **Quarter-Final Rounds:**

5.2.1 The eight qualifying teams shall have to argue the case only from one side against the other team.

5.2.2 The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the Quarter-Final Rounds.

5.2.3 Four teams will be qualifying for Semi-Final Rounds on the knock-out basis.

### 5.3 **The Semi-Final Rounds:**

5.3.1 The teams qualifying for the Semi-Final Round shall have to argue the case from one side against the other team. The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the Semi-Final Rounds.

5.3.2 Two teams will be qualifying for the Finals on the knock out basis.

5.3.3 The team places 3rd will be declared as 2nd runner-up and the team place 4th shall be declared as 3rd runner-up. The teams will be issued certificates accordingly.

### 5.4 **The Finals:**

5.4.1 The teams shall be assigned sides by draw of lots.

5.4.2 The team, which scores higher marks in the final round, shall be declared as the Winner.

5.4.3 The other team shall be declared as the 1st Runner –Up.

5.4.4 The decision of the judges presiding over final round shall be conclusive. The same shall be binding on all the participating teams & organizers.

## 6. RULES FOR ORAL SUBMISSIONS

6.1 The Oral submission before Hon'ble Court shall be in English only.

### 6.2 Preliminary Rounds & Quarter Finals

6.2.1 The time limit for competition shall be **25 Minutes** for each team. This shall include the submission of both the Agents from the team.

6.2.2 No Agent shall be permitted to reserve more than **15 Minutes** for his individual oral submission.

6.2.3 The teams shall be allotted 5 minutes for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal after the oral submissions.

### 6.3 Semi-final Round

6.3.1 The time limit for competition shall be **40 Minutes** for each team. This shall include the submission of both the Agents from the team.

6.3.2 No Agent shall be permitted to reserve more than **25 Minutes** for his individual oral submission.

6.3.3 The teams shall be allotted **5 minutes** for rebuttal and sur rebuttal after the oral arguments.

### 6.4 Finals

6.4.1 The time limit for competition shall be **45 Minutes** for each team. This shall include the submission of both the Agents from the team.

6.4.2 No Agent shall be permitted to reserve more than **25 Minutes** for his individual oral submission.

6.4.3 The teams shall be allotted **5 minutes** for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal after the oral arguments.

6.5 Only one member of the team can appear for rebuttal and sur rebuttal.

6.6 The time split among the Agents must be communicated to the Court Marshall in the beginning of the round.

6.7 There will be no extension of the time. However the extension of time is at the

sole discretion of the Hon'ble Judges.

## **7. RULES FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION/ MEMORIALS**

**7.1** The participating teams are required to prepare Written Submission/Memorial from both the sides.

**7.2** All Written Submission/ Memorials must be in English.

**7.3** A copy of each Written Submission/ Memorial shall be mailed to [mootcourt.ilnu@nirmauni.ac.in](mailto:mootcourt.ilnu@nirmauni.ac.in) before **23.59 Hrs of 31.01.2016**. The soft copies of the Written Submission/ Memorials must be submitted in **MS Word and PDF formats both**. The late submission of soft copy shall call for **5 points penalty** for each day.

**7.4** The participating team must also send **9** hard copies of the memorial of both sides by **05 February 2016** [Total of **18 copies**]. The hard copy of the memorial must addressed to

Moot Court Committee- Organizing

Institute of Law

Nirma University

Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad – 382 481, INDIA

**Note: No hardcopy submission would be accepted at the registration desk.**

**7.5** The teams are requested to send the covering letter along with the hard copy of the written submission specifying the name of the University/ Institute/ College/ Faculty and Name of the participants.

**7.6** During oral presentations, the participating teams should retain copies of their Written Submission/Memorial for their personal use. The copies submitted to the organizing committee will not be returned to the participants under any circumstances. There shall be an exchange of Written Submission/Memorial between the respective opponent participating teams.

**7.7** No amendments can be made to the Written Submission/Memorial after submission of the soft copy.

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7.8 The teams shall avoid inclusion of any identifying mark or words in their Written Submission/Memorial.

7.9 All memorials shall be prepared to the following specifications:

7.9.1 **Length:** The total length of each Written Submission/Memorial should not be more than 40 pages. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section should not be more than 25 pages.

7.9.2 Written Submission/Memorial must be typed and submitted on standard A4 size paper sheets, with equal margins of 1 inch on all sides.

7.9.3 The text font for Written Submission/Memorial should be Times New Roman size 12 for the main body, and Times New Roman size 10 for the footnotes.

7.9.4 The team can choose any standard style of footnoting and shall maintain uniformity in the Written Submission/Memorial.

7.9.5 The main body of the Written Submission/Memorial should be in 1.5 line spacing.

The footnotes and headings may be in single line spacing. Character spacing should not be condensed.

7.9.6 There should be double spacing in the beginning of submission for each issue.

7.9.7 Quotations of sources outside of the memorial of fifty words or more in any part of the memorial should be block quoted and must be single-spaced.

7.9.8 The page numbers should be mentioned on the right side at the bottom of each page.

7.9.9 The Written Submission/Memorial must consist of the following parts:

- Cover page;
- Table of Contents;
- Table of Abbreviations;
- List of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Statement of Facts;
- Questions Presented;
- Summary of Pleadings;
- Pleadings/Arguments Advanced;

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- Prayer.

**7.10** The Cover Page of each Written Submission/Memorial must have the following information:

7.10.1 The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;

7.10.2 The title of the competition;

7.10.3 The name of the case;

7.10.4 The Title of the Memorial (either “Memorial for Appellant/ Petitioner/ Applicant” or “Memorial for Respondent/Defendant”).

7.10.5 The cover pages must be Blue for Applicant/Petitioner/Appellant and Red for Respondent.

7.10.6 The upper right side of the cover page must contain the Team Code that shall be assigned to each participating teams during Registration at venue. Names of Participants, or Colleges or Universities ought not to be mentioned anywhere on the Written Submission/Memorial.

**7.11** If two or more Written Submission/Memorial are found to be substantially similar and the Organizer, upon consultation with the memorial judge(s), is of the opinion that there has been copying between the two memorials, then organizers may impose a penalty depending upon the extent of copying.

## 8. ASSESMENT CRITERIA

**8.1** The assessment of the teams during the Moot Court competition shall be out of a maximum of 300 Marks, set out as follows:

**8.2** Written Submissions/Memorials shall carry 100 Marks:

8.2.1 Written Memorials: 100 Marks



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Description	Marks
Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
Articulate Analysis	20
Extent and Use of research	20
Clarity and Organization	20
Format and Citation	10
Grammar and Style	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100</b>

8.2.2 The Written Submission/Memorials submitted by participating teams shall be evaluated by judge(s) appointed by the organizing committee and marks awarded by them shall be final in respect of Written Submission/Memorial.

8.2.3 The marks awarded for the Written Submission/ Memorial will be taken into consideration, along with the marks awarded by judges for the teams during the oral presentation made by them.

8.2.4 Penalties:

Notwithstanding anything written as a part of the above mentioned rules, the following penalties shall be levied on the participants:-

- Delay in submitting soft copy and hard copy of Memorials will attract a penalty of 5 marks per day.
- Violation of prescribe length of Memorial submission will attract a penalty of 3 marks (one time penalty) + 1 point for each additional page subject to maximum of 6 marks.
- Copying of memorial will attract the penalty of Upto 75% of the marks awarded towards the memorials depending upon the extent of copying.
- The hard copies must be exact print outs of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail disqualification

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### 8.3 Oral Submission shall carry 200 Marks

8.3.1 Each Student Counsel will be evaluated on the 100 Marks basis.

8.3.2 Description of marks for Oral Submission per Student Counsel. (100 X 2 = 200 Marks)

Description	Marks
Marshalling of facts	10
Articulation of issues	10
Presentation Skills and Communication Ability	20
Response to Questions of the Court	15
Application of legal principles	20
Use of authorities and precedents	15
Court Room Etiquettes	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100</b>

8.4 The marks awarded for the oral submission shall be final and conclusive for the participating teams and organizers.

## 9. DRESS CODE

9.1 Inside the Court Room the participants shall be in Formal Wears only.

9.1.1 **Female(s):** White salwar and kurta or White Shirt and Black trouser along with Black Blazer and Black Shoes.

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9.1.2 **Male(s):** White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Blazer and Black Shoes.

### **10.RESTRICTION FOR ASSISTANCE TO TEAMS**

**10.1** The research, pleadings and format of Written Submission/Memorial for the Competition must be the exclusive product of the participating team members. Faculty members, coaches and team advisors of the participating team may only render general assistance to the team.

**10.2** No advice, whatsoever, may be taken from any member of another Team or any Coach/ Faculty/ Advisor of another Team during the continuance of the competition.

### **11.ANONYMITY**

**11.1** Participating teams shall not disclose name and/or identity of their University/ Schools/ Faculties/ Institute to other Participating teams before the valedictory session.

**11.2** Each team shall be assigned alpha numerical codes for the competition and the same shall be the sole source of identity of the respective teams throughout the competition.

**11.3** The participating team members shall refrain from wearing, using or carrying any object or article such as bags/ files/ badges/ pins or any other material(s) revealing the identity of participating University/ Schools/ Faculties/ Institute.

### **12.Scouting**

**12.1** Scouting by the Agents, researcher or any other person affiliated with the team will lead to the disqualification of the team.

**12.2** Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting in all forms is strictly prohibited.

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12.3 The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

### 13.AWARDS

Following awards shall be distributed during the award ceremony:

13.1 The winner of the Final Round will be declared the “**Best Team**”.

13.2 The runner-up of the Final Round will be declared the “**First Runner Up**”.

13.3 The team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> will be issued certificate as “**Second Runner Up**”.

13.4 The Team with the highest memorial scores will be awarded the “**Best Memorial**” award.

13.5 The “**Best Advocate**” award shall be determined on the basis of the actual oral points secured in the preliminary rounds.

13.6 In addition to the above awards, certificates shall be issued to all the participants.

### 14.ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRAVEL

Accommodation for the duration of the competition will be provided by the organizers along with meals and transport to/from the place of accommodation.

### 15.INTERPRETATION OF RULES

15.1 The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Organizers shall be conclusive. The decision of the Organizer regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

15.2 All the rules are only inclusive and not exhaustive for the competition.

15.3 Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation where from would attract disqualification.

## 16. QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

In case of any questions related to problem or clarifications regarding the competition, feel free to contact the following:

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