

**3<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL IILM MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION, IILM LAW SCHOOL,  
IILM UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM**

**~RULEBOOK~**

**04 April 2024 – 06 April 2024**



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## 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. “**Competition**” refers to the 4<sup>th</sup> IILM National Moot Court Competition, 2024.

1.2. “**Court Bailiff**” refers to the student volunteer who shall be authorized with the duties of maintenance of order in courtroom, time keeping and other duties.

a. “**Institution**” refers to any recognized law school/college or any recognized University.

b. “**Memorial**” refers to the written arguments submitted on behalf of both the sides i.e., Petitioner/Respondent of each participating team.

c. “**Organizing Committee**” refers to the core members of the IILM Moot Court Committee.

d. “**Payment Receipt**” refers to the reference documentation of the payment made in lieu of Registration Fees for the competition.

e. “**Researcher**” refers to the member of the team whose role is to prepare the memorials and appear the researcher’s test. They are restricted from speaking in the oral rounds.

f. “**Rules**” refer to the Official Competition Rules and any applicable supplementary guidelines to these rules published by the Organizing Committee.

g. “**Speaker**” refers to the members of the team who will be pleading before the Judges in the Oral Rounds.

h. “**Valedictory Ceremony**” refers to the closing ceremony of the 4<sup>th</sup> IILM National Moot Court Competition.

## 2. TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Students pursuing either a 3-Year LL.B. degree or a 5-Year Integrated LLB degree from any recognized law school/college or university in India shall be eligible to participate in the competition.

2.2. Any recognized law school/college or university is entitled to register **only 1 team** for the competition.

**2.3.** The participating team shall comprise **a minimum of two and a maximum of three members** of which at least two members are designated as speakers and at least one member is designated as a researcher.

**2.4** In the event where in a team comprises of only two members, one member shall be designated the role of researcher and speaker.

**2.5 No additional member or faculty members** are allowed to accompany the team.

**2.6.** After completing registrations, any changes with respect to the team composition shall be allowed on the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

### **3.LANGUAGE**

The official language of this Competition shall be English.

### **4.REGISTRATION & FEES**

**4.1.** The institutions are required to register their respective teams by filling out the following google form latest by 10<sup>th</sup> March,2024:

<https://forms.gle/nmaVMtUv8ZpxdbjTA>

**4.2.** Registration of a team of an Institution will be confirmed only once the registration fees of **INR 5,000/-** is paid duly on the payment link provided in the registration form.

**4.3.** The teams are required to carry their authorization letters from their respective institutions at the time of the competition and duly submit the online copy at the time of online registration.

**4.4.** Upon confirmation of registration, teams will be allotted their respective Team Codes which shall be the only identification that will be published on the memorials and used in the competition.

## 5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

**5.1.** Participating teams may request for clarifications to the official moot proposition by submitting an email containing their queries to [iilmlawschool@iilm.edu](mailto:iilmlawschool@iilm.edu) by **15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**.

**5.2.** A full list of clarifications shall be released by **20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**.

**5.3.** No further clarifications will be entertained after the list has been released.

## 6. ACCOMMODATION

To be provided by the University

## 7. MEMORIAL

**7.1.** Each team shall prepare a memorial on behalf of the Petitioners and a memorial on behalf of the Respondents which shall comprise of their written submissions.

**7.2.** Soft copies of both memorials must be submitted by each team to [iilmlawschool@iilm.edu](mailto:iilmlawschool@iilm.edu) by 26<sup>th</sup> March with the subject “**Memorial for Team Code\_**”. All attachment names must only contain the Team Code of the respective team and side being represented. *For example, Team Code 7 will submit their memorials with attachment names as 7P for the petitioner memo and 7R for the respondent memo.*

**7.3.** The memorial for each side shall be consolidated in a single file and not in multiple files i.e., one file for each side. Violation of this rule will result in penalties imposed as per these rules.

**7.4.** Four hard copies of Memorials of each side shall be submitted by each team during the time of registration on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

**7.5.** The hardcopies must be identical to the soft copy duly submitted by the team. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition.

**7.6.** Format of Memorial - Each memorial shall contain the following sections in the following order –

**7.6.1i.** Front Page

- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. List of Abbreviations
- iv. Table of Sources/Authorities
- v. Statement of Facts
- vi. Statement of Jurisdiction
- vii. Questions Presented
- viii. Summary of Arguments
- ix. Arguments Advanced
- x. Prayer/Relief Sought

**7.6.2.** Each Memorial shall have only the following details mentioned on the cover page:

- i. The team code on the upper-right corner of the cover page.
- ii. The name and place of forum.
- iii. The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
- iv. Name of the parties and their status
- v. On whose behalf the memorial is filed.

**7.6.3.** The teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the format Bluebook 21<sup>st</sup> Edition.

**7.6.4.** The memorials shall be printed on A4 size sheets following the below mentioned formatting guidelines:

- a. Font – Times New Roman
- b. Font Size – 12
- c. Line Spacing – 1.5
- d. Margin – 1 inch on each side

**Footnoting format**

- a. Font – Times New Roman

b. Font Size – 10

c. Line Spacing – 1

**7.6.5.** The memorials shall be spiral bound, and the following color format must be adhered to by the teams for the cover pages:

Petitioner – Blue

Respondent – Red

## **8.PENALTIES**

**8.1.** In the event where non-compliance or violation of these rules is brought to the notice of the Organizing Committee, an appropriate penalty as per the table mentioned below shall be imposed on the team.

<b>8.1.1.</b>	Missing or additional section	5
<b>8.1.2.</b>	Incorrect order of sections	5
<b>8.1.3.</b>	Incorrect footnoting style	1 per page
<b>8.1.4.</b>	Failure to color code memorials as per the rules	5
<b>8.1.5.</b>	Breach of memorial anonymity rule	DQ
<b>8.1.6.</b>	Exceeding the word limit of the Arguments Advanced section	5
<b>8.1.7.</b>	Substantive text in footnotes	5
<b>8.1.8.</b>	Use of endnotes	5
<b>8.1.9.</b>	Re-submission of memorial not contained in single file	2.5
<b>8.1.10.</b>	Failure to comply with rules of formatting/submissions	1 per mistake

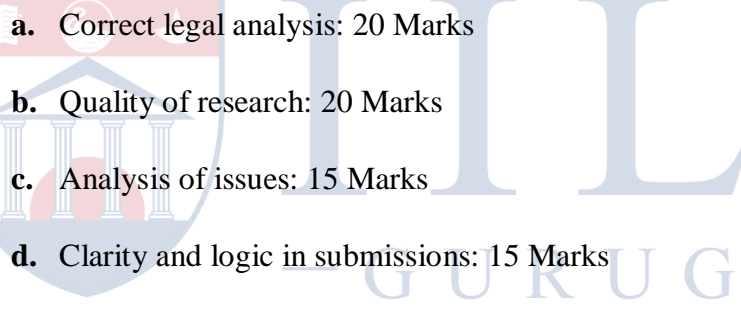
**8.2.** In the event where a team has been alleged to engage in unethical practices which are against the spirit of the competition, the Organizing Committee shall allow the team to present their case and impose penalties accordingly.

## 9. ANONYMITY

- 9.1. The participating teams shall be allotted a Team Code which shall be the only identification that must be used by the teams for the duration of the competition.
- 9.2. No team/team member shall disclose their names or names of the Institutions to which they belong during the oral rounds.
- 9.3. No team/team member shall disclose their names or names of the Institutions to which they belong in the memorials along with any mark of identification apart from the Team Code allotted.
- 9.4. Any violation of this part shall result in immediate disqualification of the team.

## 10. EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL

- 10.1. Each memorial shall be marked on the scale of 100.
- 10.2. The Memorials shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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- a. Correct legal analysis: 20 Marks
  - b. Quality of research: 20 Marks
  - c. Analysis of issues: 15 Marks
  - d. Clarity and logic in submissions: 15 Marks
  - e. Originality of thought: 10 Marks
  - f. Correct primary and alternate submissions: 10 Marks

## 11. EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

- 11.1. Prior to the commencement of each round of the competition, memorials will be exchanged between the teams of each match up.
- 11.2. Teams are prohibited from making any marks, notes, identification marks on any of the memorials during any round of the competition.
- 11.3. Teams are prohibited from duplicating any memorial acquired in the exchange of memorials.

**11.4.** Once the respective rounds are completed, the teams are required to submit the exchanged memorial to the student volunteer present in the courtroom.

## **12. ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

**12.1.** The Speakers of the teams are required to inform the Court Bailiff regarding the time split between each speaker.

**12.2.** The teams are not allowed to use any electronic gadgets including laptops, tablets, or smart watches over the duration of the Oral Rounds. A violation of this rule will result in a penalty imposed as per the discretion of the Judge in the Court Room.

**12.3.** The Speakers are prohibited from disclosing any details relating to their names of the Institutions they belong to during the Oral Rounds. A violation of this rule may result in complete disqualification of the team.

**12.4.** Only one selected member of the team who is also a speaker may delivery Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal arguments.

**12.5.** Teams may choose to waive off rebuttal time as per the side allotted in the round.

**12.6. Judging criteria for oral submissions –**

**12.6.1** Knowledge of law *30 Marks*

**12.6.2** Knowledge of facts *20 Marks*

**12.6.3.** Q/A Ability *20 Marks*

**12.6.4.** Courtroom etiquette *15 Marks*

**12.6.5.** Time Management *15 Marks*

## **13. ROUNDS**

The Oral rounds of the competition shall be held physically in the University over a period of 3 days i.e., 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April. The Opening Ceremony will be conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> April. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds in the format provided below:



### **13.1. Preliminary Rounds**

**13.1.1** Each team will have to present arguments from both the sides.

**13.1.2.** Total time allotted per side in the prelims shall be 30 minutes including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. No speaker may reserve more than 15 minutes for their individual submissions.

**13.1.3.** No team may allot more than 5 minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

**13.1.4.** Time extensions may be given to teams at the discretion of the Judges.

### **13.2. Quarter-final Rounds**

**13.2.1** Total time allotted per side in the quarter-final rounds shall be 40 minutes including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. No speaker may reserve more than 20 minutes for their individual submissions.

**13.2.2.** No team may allot more than 5 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

**13.2.3.** Time extensions may be given to teams at the discretion of the Judges.

### **13.3. Semi-final Rounds**

**13.3.1** Total time allotted per side in the semi-final rounds shall be 45 minutes including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. No speaker may reserve more than 25 minutes for their individual submissions.

**13.3.2.** No team may allot more than 10 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal

**13.3.3.** Time extension may be provided to the teams at the discretion of the Judges.

### **13.4. Final Round**

**13.4.1.** Total time allotted per side in the final round shall be 60 minutes including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. No speaker may reserve more than 30 minutes for their individual submissions.

**13.4.2.** No team may allot more than 10 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

**13.4.3.** Time extension may be provided to the teams at the discretion of the Judges.