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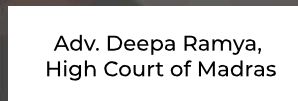
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3rd IFIM NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024

RULEBOOK

26th to 28th July, 2024

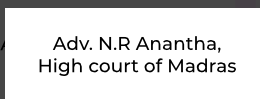
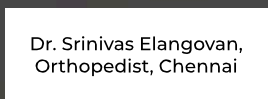
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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 “Competition”** refers to “3rd IFIM National Moot Court Competition, 2024” organized by IFIM Law School, Bengaluru from 26th July to 28th July 2024.
- 1.2 “Rules”** refers to the “3rd IFIM National Moot Court Competition, 2024 - Rulebook”.
- 1.3 “MCC”** refers to the Moot Court Committee of IFIM Law School.
- 1.4 “Organizing Committee”** refers to the Committee constituted by the MCC for conducting the Competition.
- 1.5 “Dispute Resolution Committee”** refers to the committee responsible for resolving any issues raised by the participating teams. The decision of the Committee shall be final and no further appeal is allowed from any decision of the Committee.
- 1.6 “Advanced Rounds”** refers to the knock-out rounds and includes the Pre-Quarter Finals, the Quarter Finals, the Semi-Finals, and the Final Rounds of the Competition.
- 1.7 “Preliminary Rounds”** refers to the set of rounds that shall take place prior to the Advanced Rounds. Their sole purpose is to determine which teams qualify to participate in Phase I of the Advanced Rounds, i.e., the Pre-Quarter Final Rounds.
- 1.8 “Clarifications”** refers to the requests for information with respect to the Moot Proposition, to be submitted by 26th June 2024.
- 1.9 “Compendium”** refers to a collection of judgments and resources used to support the oral and written submissions of the party.
- 1.10 “Participating Team”** implies the team which has registered itself for IFIM NMCC 2024 as per the Rules given below.

2. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 2.1** The rules provided herein are not exhaustive for the competition. Therefore, any and all changes to the Rules can be implemented at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- 2.2** The Dispute Resolution Committee shall serve as the final arbiter of the implementation and interpretation of the Rules.
- 2.3** The Competition shall be in accordance with these Rules. All Participating Teams shall be

presumed to have read and understood these Rules.

2.4 All the rules are to be strictly adhered to and any deviation from the rules would attract disqualification or other penalties mentioned subsequently.

3. GENERAL RULES

3.1 DATES

3.1.1 The Competition shall be organized from 26th July 2024 to 28th July 2024 at IFIM Law School, Opposite Infosys Campus Gate #4 #8P & #9P, KIADB Industrial Area, 1st Phase, Electronic City, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560100.

3.2 LANGUAGE

3.2.1 All oral and written submission are required to be made in English, which shall be the official language of the Competition.

3.3 ELIGIBILITY

3.3.1 The competition is open to all students enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in a 3 year LLB or 5 year LL.B Integrated Program conducted by any institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

3.3.2 A maximum of 2 (two) teams can represent one Institution in this Competition.

3.4 TEAM COMPOSITION

3.4.1 Each team shall consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members.

3.4.2 There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated in a team of 3 while in case of a team of 2, both members of the team shall be considered to be speakers.

3.4.3 Each team will be provided a Team Code which will be communicated to them in due time via email post their successful registration in the Competition.

3.4.4 Teams are strictly prohibited from disclosing their identity or that of their institution or any such information which may disclose their identity throughout the Competition except in the registration form.

3.4.5 The substitution of any team member is not allowed after 13th July 2024, except in extenuating circumstances and only with the permission of the Organizing Committee.

3.5 DRESS CODE

3.5.1 The Participants are required to adhere to the formal dress code mentioned below.

- **Male Participants:** White Shirt, Black Trousers with Tie and Black Blazer.
- **Female Participants:** White Salwar Kurta or Black Pant/ Skirt and White Shirt with Black Blazer.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 In this edition of the Competition, the registration will be restricted to only 32 teams on a first come-first serve basis. Interested Participants may register for the Competition by filling this Google Form Link - <https://forms.gle/LXUeGQVuPKmufjAA7>. Interested Participants must submit the “Registration Form” under Annexure II and a Screenshot of the payment of the Registration Fees in the Google Form mentioned above.
- 4.2 The Interested Teams must register for the Competition by filling the above-mentioned form and making a payment of INR 5,000/- as Registration Fees before 11:59 PM, 24th June 2024. However, Teams can opt for Early Bird Registration by registering before 11:59 PM, 14th June 2024 by paying a discounted amount of INR 4,000/-.
- 4.3 Teams seeking accommodation are required to pay an additional amount of INR 2,000/-. Therefore, Early-Bird Registration with accommodation is INR 6,000/- and Registration post-Early-Bird discount with accommodation is INR 7,000/-.
- 4.4 The last date for Final Registration, unless extended by the Organizing Committee is 11:59 PM, 24th June 2024.
- 4.5 The registration fee should be deposited via bank transfer to the following account:

BANK NAME	Axis Bank
ACCOUNT NAME	IFIM LAW SCHOOL
ACCOUNT NO.	922010033169523
CUSTOMER ID	102021460
BRANCH	Koramangala
IFSC CODE	UTIB0000194

4.6 The Participating Team shall be required to submit the hardcopy of the Registration Form during the Formal Registration on 26th July 2024.

4.7 Registration fee once paid is non-refundable.

5. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

5.1 ROUNDS

5.1.1 The Competition is to be organized in the offline mode at the premises of IFIM Law School. There shall be 2 Preliminary Rounds, a Pre-Quarters Round, a Quarter-Final Round, a Semi-Final Round, and a Final Round conducted during the Competition. Lots picked by the teams will decide the side of the arguments in Preliminary Rounds, Pre-Quarters, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Final Rounds. The conduction of Pre-Quarters Round is solely dependent on the number of teams and is at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

5.1.2 Formal Registration, Inaugural Ceremony, Draw of Lots and Researcher's Test will take place on Friday, 26th July 2024.

5.1.3 Both Preliminary Rounds, Pre-Quarter Rounds and Quarter-Final Rounds will be held on Saturday, 27th July 2024.

5.1.4 The Semi-Final Rounds, Final Round and Valedictory Ceremony will be held on Sunday, 28th July 2024.

5.2 SCORING

5.2.1 Preliminary Rounds will be Qualifying Rounds, whereas all the Advanced Rounds will be Knockout Rounds.

5.2.2 Qualification to the Pre-Quarter Final rounds will be based on number of 'Win Points'. For each win in the Preliminary Rounds, a team earns one Win Point and for each draw, 0.5 Win Point. Top 16 teams with the maximum Win Points will qualify for the Pre-Quarter finals. In case of tied Win Points, the teams' aggregate total from the Preliminary Rounds will serve as a tiebreaker.

5.3 RESEARCHER'S TEST

5.3.1 Researchers' Test shall be conducted for adjudicating the "Best Researcher" on Friday, 26th July 2024. In case of a team of 2 members, one of the speakers shall be eligible to appear for the Researcher's Test and that shall be notified to the Organizers at the time of Formal Registration.

- 5.3.2** The test will compose of 40 multiple-choice questions, each carrying 2.5 marks. Every wrong answer will entail a deduction of 0.5 marks.
- 5.3.3** Usage of any unfair means, including but not limited to mobile phones or any other electronic equipment during the test, will result in immediate disqualification from the Researcher's Test.

6. MEMORIALS

6.1 GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 6.1.1** The requirements for memorials as detailed under this clause must be strictly followed and any non-compliance of the same will attract penalties.
- 6.1.2** Each team must prepare memorials for both sides of the dispute (Informant and Opposite Party).
- 6.1.3** Once the Memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions to the Memorials will be accepted. On discovery of any kind of discrepancy or inconsistency while examining the soft copies of the Memorial simultaneously with the hard copies of the Memorial, the concerned Team shall be liable to a penalty (including disqualification) as may be determined by the Organizing Committee.
- 6.1.4** The last date for submitting the Memorials (for both Informant and Opposite Party sides) in soft copy is 12th July 2024 latest by 11:59 pm (23:59 Hours). The Memorials so submitted shall be judged for the "Best Memorial" Award. No amendments/ improvements shall be allowed subsequent to the referred submission.
- 6.1.5** The soft copy of the Memorials shall be uploaded to the Google Forms Link - <https://forms.gle/uuxU1oxyR36GiuBM6>. The Soft Copy should be uploaded in Microsoft Office Word Format [.doc or .docx] and PDF format [.pdf]. Attachments should be titled as <Team Code> <I> for Informant side and as <Team Code> <O> for Opposite Party side. [E.g., IFIM001 I and IFIM001 O].
- 6.1.6** Four (4) hard copies of each of the memorials for Informant & Opposite Party (excluding copies for use by the team) should be carried by the teams at the time of Formal Registration on 26th July 2024.
- 6.1.7** Any submissions beyond 12th July 2024 latest by 11:59 pm (23:59 Hours) will attract a 1.5 points penalty per side for each hour of delay, subject to a maximum of 30 points deduction. No soft copy submissions shall be accepted in any case after 05:00 PM on 14th July 2024.
- 6.1.8** It shall be the sole responsibility of the respective Participating Teams to ensure that the correct number of soft and hard copies of the Memorials is submitted to the Organizers within the prescribed deadline.

6.2 FORMAT OF MEMORIALS

- 6.2.1 Memorials must be soft bound only.
- 6.2.2 Page numbering should be at the bottom-center of each page.
- 6.2.3 The citation format should be according to the 21st edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.
- 6.2.4 The Memorials shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Participating Team, its Members, or the Institution/College/University so represented.
- 6.2.5 The Body of Arguments should not exceed 25 pages in total. The entire Memorial including the cover page should not exceed 40 pages.
- 6.2.6 The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and Justified, and the font size of footnotes, must be size 10 with single line spacing and Justified. Use of endnotes is not permitted.

6.3 CONTENTS OF THE MEMORIAL

6.3.1 **Cover Page:** The cover page of the memorial must state the following:

- Team Code (on upper right-hand side corner)
- Name of the Competition (Center-aligned)
- Case Before the ____ (Center-aligned)
- The Case Title (Center-aligned)
- Color of the Cover Page must be:
 - Blue in case of Informant
 - Red in case of Opposite Party
- The Party for which the Memorial has been prepared. (center-aligned)

6.3.2 **Table of Contents.**

6.3.3 **Index of Authorities.**

6.3.4 **Statement of Jurisdiction.**

6.3.5 **Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages).**

6.3.6 **Statement of Issues.**

6.3.7 **Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 3 pages).**

6.3.8 **Arguments Advanced/ Body of Arguments (not exceeding 25 pages).**

6.3.9 Prayer (not exceeding 1 page).

7. EVALUATION OF MEMORIALS

7.1 Every Memorial shall be marked on a total of 100 marks and the team memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides. The following shall be the marking scheme:

CRITERIA	MARKS
KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS AND LAW	30
ANALYSIS, ORGANIZATION AND CLARITY	25
EXTENT AND USE OF AUTHORITY	20
CORRECT FORMAT AND CITATION	15
GRAMMAR AND STYLE	10
TOTAL	100

7.2 Rules for Deductions

VIOLATION	PENALTY
Delay in Submission	1.5 marks per memo per hour will be deducted for every hour of delay in submission, subject to a maximum of 30 marks. Disqualification beyond 5PM, 14 th July 2024.
Exceeding the prescribed page limit	1 mark shall be deducted per extra page
Failure to include all sections mentioned under Rule 6.3.	5 marks shall be deducted per section not included.
Non-Adherence to the Guidelines for Cover Page	Up to 5 marks shall be deducted per memorial for not adhering to the instructions.
Breach of Anonymity in Memorial	Disqualification of Team.
Failure to follow guidelines mentioned above	1 mark shall be deducted per violation, subject to a maximum of 10 marks deduction per side.

8. ORAL ROUNDS

- 8.1** In each oral round, a team shall be represented by two speakers to present the arguments. The researcher shall not participate in the arguments but is required to be present during the Oral Rounds.
- 8.2** All teams are expected to carry any case law and authorities with themselves that they intend to refer to. The Participants may carry Electronic Gadgets, however the use of internet during the Oral Rounds is strictly prohibited. Any team found in violation of this rule would be disqualified from the Competition.
- 8.3** Division of time between the Speakers for the Oral Rounds should be informed to the Court Clerks at the beginning of the round. The oral arguments need to be confined to the issues presented in the memorials. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- 8.4** Draw of Lots will be conducted prior to all Rounds to determine the side that the team will be representing. And, Judges may at their discretion, extend the time allotted for the oral arguments.
- 8.5** Preliminary Rounds: Each team will be given a total of 30 minutes to present their case. The time inclusive of questioning by judges. The division of time is left at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 17 minutes per speaker. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. In the Preliminary Rounds, each Team shall argue once as an Informant and once as an Opposite Party.
- 8.6** Pre-Quarters and Quarter-Final Rounds: The time limit in the Pre-Quarters will be 30 minutes per team. The division of time is left at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 17 minutes per speaker. In the Quarter-Final, each team will get a total of 40 minutes to present their case. The division of time is left at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker. A maximum of 5 and 10 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal in the Pre-Quarters and Quarter-Final Rounds.
- 8.7** Semi-Final and Final Rounds: The time limit in the Semi-Finals will be 50 minutes per team. The division of time is left at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 30 minutes per speaker. In the Final Rounds, each team will get a total of 60 minutes to present their case. The division of time is left at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 35 minutes per speaker. A maximum of 15 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

9. EVALUATION OF ORAL ROUNDS

9.1 The Marking Scheme for the evaluation of the oral arguments shall be the following:

CRITERIA	MARKS
KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS AND LAW	20
LOGIC AND REASONING TO APPLY THE LEGAL PRINCIPLES	20
INGENUITY & ABILITY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS	20
TIME MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION	20
COURT ETIQUETTES/ DEFERENCE TO THE COURT	10
PERSUASIVENESS	10
TOTAL	100

10. AWARDS

POSITION	AWARDS
WINNING TEAM	Cash prize of INR 60,000/-, Trophy, an Internship Opportunity with Singhania & Co. LLP, and Three (3) one-year complimentary subscription to SCC Online Web Edition worth INR 72,000/-
RUNNER UP TEAM	Cash prize of INR 40,000/- and an Internship Opportunity at VGB Associates.
BEST SPEAKER – MALE	Cash prize of INR 10,000/-
BEST SPEAKER – FEMALE	Cash prize of INR 10,000/-
BEST RESEARCHER	Cash prize of INR 10,000/-
BEST MEMORIAL – INFORMANT	Cash prize of INR 10,000/-
BEST MEMORIAL – OPPOSITE PARTY	Cash prize of INR 10,000/-

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Note: In addition to the above awards, Certificates of Participation shall be awarded to all the participants.

11. CLARIFICATIONS

11.1 The last date for seeking clarifications on the Moot Proposition is 26th June 2024. Teams may submit their clarifications via a google form which shall be emailed to them post their registration.

11.2 All the clarifications will be emailed to all the participating teams on 1st July 2024. Any delay in release shall be notified to the participants in due time.

12. ACCOMMODATION

12.1 Accommodation shall be provided by the Organizers from the morning of 26th July 2024 to the morning of 29th July 2024. Teams arriving before and after the duration mentioned above shall bear their own costs for accommodation.

13. PLAGIARISM

13.1 Plagiarism found within the Memorials can result in the team's disqualification based on the occurrence's severity. The permissible limit of similarity is 15%, exclusive of citations and footnotes.

14. SCOUTING

14.1 Scouting is strictly prohibited. Teams will not be allowed to observe the Oral Rounds of any other teams. Scouting by any of the teams will result in instant disqualification. Any team can file a written complaint with the Organizers, regarding a case of scouting. In case of any default, the Organizers' decision will be final.

15. ANONYMITY

15.1 Participants/ Participating Teams shall not disclose their names and the identity of their respective institution/ college/university at any time before the award ceremony. Each team shall be issued individual Team codes, at the time of the registration and the same shall be the sole source of identity of the respective teams throughout the competition.

15.2 Non-compliance may result in disqualification or penalties for which the Organizing Committee holds complete authority.

15.3 All Participants shall refrain from wearing, using, or carrying any form of, identifiable items, such as badges, blazers, pins, or any other identifiable material such as a books/bag with a college/university/library logo or seal.

16. COPYRIGHT

16.1 The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully with IFIM Law School, Bengaluru (Karnataka).

16.2 Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of IFIM Law School, Bengaluru. They shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in the collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

17. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

17.1 Intake/ use/ even mere possession of any prohibited substances (e.g., cigarettes/ alcoholic/ narcotic substances) is strictly banned during their stay throughout the competition.

17.2 All the Participants shall be responsible for orderly conduct during the competition. They shall mandatorily observe all rules and regulations that they are subjected to from time to time as per the orders of the Organizers of IFIM NMCC. Violation of any such directives/rules/guidelines shall result in severe penal action to the extent of barring the respective institution from participating in any events organized by IFIM Law School and additional state prosecution may also follow.

17.3 Any complaint or issue raised will be dealt with by the Dispute Resolution Committee.

17.4 Engaging in actions that contravene the established Code of Conduct shall elicit repercussions (or penalty), the determination of which shall rest with the esteemed Dispute Resolution Committee.

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

18.1 In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to contact the following. E-mail correspondence is encouraged. Correspondence on the address given should only be through speed post or courier services.

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Faculty Chair, IFIM MCC'24

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18.2 Please feel free to reach out to the contacts mentioned below in case of any queries.

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19. CONTACTS

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ANNEXURE I - IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
14/06/2024	Last Date for Early Bird Registration
24/06/2024	Last Date for Final Registration
26/06/2024	Last Date for Submission of Clarifications
1/07/2024	Release of Clarification
12/07/2024	Last Date for Submission of Memorials
26/07/2024	1. Inaugural Ceremony 2. Researcher's Test
27/07/2024	1. Preliminary Round I 2. Preliminary Round II 3. Pre-Quarter Finals 4. Quarter Finals
28/07/2024	1. Semi Finals 2. Finals 3. Valedictory Ceremony

ANNEXURE II – REGISTRATION FORMALITIES

REGISTRATION FORM

1. **Name of the Institution/College/University:**

2. **Postal Address:**

3. **Official E-Mail Address:**

4. **Official Telephone No.:**

5. **Faculty In-Charge, Name and Designation:**



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Seal & Signature of the Head of the Institution.

Date:

Place:

TEAM COMPOSITION - DETAILS

SPEAKER 1:

Name	
Course Name and Year of Study	
Sex	
Email Id	
Contact No.	

SPEAKER 2:

Name	
Course Name and Year of Study	
Sex	
Email Id	
Contact No.	

RESEARCHER:

Name	
Course Name and Year of Study	
Sex	
Email Id	
Contact No.	

TEAM MEMBER FOR POINT OF CONTACT (POC):-



DATE:

PLACE:

SIGNATURES

SPEAKER 1	SPEAKER 2	RESEARCHER

REGISTRATION FEE - TRANSACTION DETAILS

Name of the Person Making the Payment	
Contact No.	
Bank A/C Number from which the Payment is Made	
Date and Time of Transaction	
Transaction ID	



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