

Rules & Regulations

**7TH ILNU NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2017
– IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CHAMBERS OF MR. KTS TULSI**

INSTITUTE OF LAW, NIRMA UNIVERSITY
7th NATIONAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION

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1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 These rules are to be called the, Rules for the “7TH ILNU NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2017 – IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CHAMBERS OF MR. KTS TULSI”.

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All the Colleges/ Universities/ Institutes/ Faculties offering Students Bachelors Degree in Law (or any equivalent course) in the current academic year are eligible to participate in the Competition. LLM Degree Course students are not eligible to participate.

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 ‘**Speakers**’ and the remaining **one member** the team as a ‘**Researcher**’.

3.4 Only those members designated as ‘Speaker’ 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 10.01.2017 by sending an email to mootorganizingcommittee.ilnu@nirmauni.ac.in . Each college must ensure that the subject of the mail reads “Confirmation of Participation - 7th ILNU National Moot Court Competition, 2017”. Any emails received after 10.01.2017 will not be considered. The official EMAIL-ID of the participating team shall be communicated to the Organizers at mootorganizingcommittee.ilnu@nirmauni.ac.in, and all the communication regarding the competition shall be done via the registered Email Id only.

4.2 Communication for the same shall be sent on the separate Hard copy of the “**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. The same must reach the Institute of Law, Nirma University by 18.01.2017.

4.3 The Demand 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 24.01.2017.

5. ROUNDS

5.1 The Preliminary Rounds:

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

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

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

5.1.4 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

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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 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.

5.1.5 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. Memorial marks will not be added to the scores in quarter final rounds.

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. Memorial marks will not be added to the scores in semi-final rounds.

5.3.3 The team placed 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. Memorial marks will not be added to the scores in the final rounds.

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

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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.

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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 mootorganizingcommittee.ilnu@nirmauni.ac.in before **23.59 Hrs of 30.01.2017**. The soft copies of the Written Submission/ Memorials must be submitted in **MS Word (.doc or .docx) 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 **05.02.2017** [Total of **18 copies**]. The hard copy of the memorial must addressed to

Moot Court Committee- Organizing

Institute of Law, Nirma University,

Charodi Patia,

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 a detachable 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 separate 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.

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

7.8 Teams must not disclose the identity of their College/University anywhere in the 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 inclusive of prayer.

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. Speaking footnotes are not allowed.

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;

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- Pleadings/Arguments Advanced;
- 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 conveyed to each participating team by 25.01.2017 on the same email id through which the participating team has formally registered themselves. 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
Grand Total	100

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 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.

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)**

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Description	Marks
Knowledge of Law	20
Application of Law to Facts	20
Ingenuity and Ability to Answer to Questions	20
Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour	20
Time Management	10
Organization	10
Grand Total	100

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

8.5 Researchers' Test –

There will be a researchers' test involving questions of facts and Law relating to the problem. The Researchers' test will be a multiple choice based assessment alongside two subjective type questions. Questions of Law may be asked directly or indirectly related to the problem.

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.

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 of a team 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.

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**” and will be awarded certificates, a trophy and cash prize of Rs 30,000/-.
- 13.2 The runner-up of the Final Round will be declared the “**First Runner Up**” and will be awarded certificates, a trophy and cash prize of Rs 20,000/-.
- 13.3 The team placed 3rd will be issued certificates as “**Second Runner Up**”.
- 13.4 The Team with the highest memorial scores will be awarded the “**Best Memorial**” award and will be awarded certificates, a trophy and cash prize of Rs 15,000/-.
- 13.5 The “**Best Advocate**” award shall be determined on the basis of the actual oral points secured in the preliminary rounds and the Oralist securing highest marks will be awarded with a certificate, trophy and a cash prize of Rs 10,000/-.
- 13.6 The “**Best Researcher**” shall be determined on the basis of the marks secured by the Researcher in the Researchers test and the Researcher securing highest marks will be awarded with a certificate, trophy and a cash prize of Rs 10,000.
- 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. Accommodation will only be provided to the registered members of the team. Organizers will not provide accommodation to any other person.

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.

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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:

E-Mail: mootorganizingcommittee.ilnu@nirmauni.ac.in

Note: Last date for seeking clarifications regarding the problem is 10.01.2017

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