

OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

9th

SHRINJ YASASWY MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024



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ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

(A) ABOUT ICAI LAW SCHOOL, IFHE, HYDERABAD

- The ICAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad is a promising destination for the students desirous of making law as their Dream “Career”. The ICAI Law School is a constituent unit of the ICAI Foundation for Higher Education (A Deemed-to-be University) established under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, located in the lush green environment in the vicinity of historical city of Hyderabad, and its programs are recognized by the Bar Council of India. It provides a blend of theory and practice, law, management, humanities and technology.

(B) ADMINISTRATION

- The Shri N J Yasaswy Memorial 9th National Moot Court Competition, 2024 shall be administered by the ICAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, India, deemed to be University.
- The Competition is scheduled to be organized from 30th August to 01st September. The Competition shall be in an offline format for all the participating teams.

(C) LANGUAGE

The language of the Competition shall be English. All the oral and written submissions are required to be made in English only.

(D) STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall comprise a total of two stage, which are as follows:

(a) Stage I: Memorial Submission

In this stage, the teams who have registered for the Competition shall submit their memorials as instructed. This includes the submission of Soft-Copy and Hard-Copy of the memorials as per the instructions given.

(b) Stage II: Oral Rounds

The teams which have made the submissions as per Stage I of the Competition shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds, which shall include the Researcher’s Test.


(E) INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

The Organizing Institution / Organizers have the final authority to interpret and amend the provisions contained in the Rulebook. The Organizers reserve the right to make changes as deemed necessary. Any changes made shall be communicated to the participating teams through the official email-ID.



PARTICIPATION, ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

(A) ADMINISTRATION

- The Competition is open for registration for all the UNDERGRADUATE students pursuing a recognized Bachelor of Law (or international equivalent) Programme, from the Institute recognized by the Country.
- Only one team can register from a particular University/College/Law School for participation in the Competition.
- A team shall not be permitted to have members from more than one University/College/Law School.
- Teams which have completed the registration process shall receive  subscription for the duration of the Competition, for the purpose of Research.

(B) TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each Team shall comprise three members, wherein two of them shall perform the role of a speaker, and one member shall be the researcher in the researcher's test.
- The substitution of any Team Member(s) shall not be permitted after the registration deadline except under exceptional circumstances, and only with the permission of the Organizers.

(C) REGISTRATION

- The teams shall have to register themselves by completing the registration process, which includes making payment, and submission of Final Registration Form link no later than **July 05th 2024 (11:59 P.M. IST)**.
- Upon successful completion of the Registration Form, the teams shall receive an email from the Organizers within 05 (five) working days informing them of their successful registration.
(Note: Incomplete registration forms shall not be accepted)
- The Early-bird Registration fee for registration and participation in the Competition is INR. 2500/- (without Accommodation) and INR. 2500+5000/- (with Accommodation)
- The Regular Registration fee for registration and participation in the Competition is INR. 3000/- (without Accommodation) and INR. 3000+5000/- (with Accommodation)

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- The payment for registration shall be done through the online-payment link as provided in the brochure, via online transfer. Details of the same must also be attached in the Final Registration Form link.

(D) IMPORTANT LINKS

- Payment for Registration (<https://www.ifheindia.org/conference/MootCourtCompetition2024/>)
- Final Registration Form (<https://forms.gle/Sy5gUChsvDa86gyU9>)
- The teams which have successfully registered as aforesaid shall be provided with a Team Code and the Moot Problems 1 & 2 which shall be attached in the email informing the team of their successful registration. The email will be sent on the email address provided by the teams in the contact details forming part of the Registration Form.
- Once the teams have been provided the Team Code, the said code will have to be mentioned by the teams in all future communication(s) with the Organizers.

(E) CLARIFICATIONS

- The teams can seek clarification with respect to the Moot Proposition 1 and Moot Proposition 2 by June 24th, 2024.
- All the teams shall receive the list of clarifications provided for the Moot Proposition 1 and Moot Proposition 2 by June 28th, 2024.
- To seek clarifications, the teams can contact the organizers via email-ID (mootcourt@ifheindia.org), The subject for such email shall be titled as 'Team Code – Clarifications for Moot Propositions'

MEMORIAL SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION

(A) MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

- Teams may raise issues or grounds of challenge other than those indicated in the Statement of Facts, if any.
- Each team shall submit their Memorial (Soft Copy) for the Appellant and the Respondent in **PDF format** and the **word file** for both Moot Problem 1 and Moot Problem 2 on/before **August 02nd 2024 (11:59 P.M. IST)** to the official moot court E-Mail ID. (mootcourt@ifheindia.org).
- The subject for the submission of the memorials shall be – “Memorials (Team Code) – 9th NJYS.”
- Each memorial submitted (Soft Copy) shall be named with the allocated team code followed by the first letter of the side whose arguments are presented in the memorial, i.e., ‘A’ for the Appellants and ‘R’ for the Respondents. For example, the Respondents memorial of team code 25 shall be named as – ‘25R’.
- Teams are requested to ensure that the soft copies via email are sent well in time and that the attachment can be viewed by contacting the Organizers.
- The teams are requested to ensure the submission of a total of three (3) hard copies of each side of the memorial for Moot Problem-1 and three (3) hard copies of each memorial for Moot Problem-2 are submitted at the registration desk during the offline-registration period at the **ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad on August 30th, 2024.**
- The teams are responsible for the submission of the hard copies of the memorial on the above-mentioned date, i.e., August 30th, 2024.
- Memorials submitted after 11:59 PM [IST] on August 02nd, 2024 will incur a deduction of 1 point for each day of delay. It is made clear that such deductions would be made from the cumulative memorial score only.
- Memorials submitted after 11:59 PM [IST] on August 03rd, 2024 shall not be evaluated or accepted and the team shall stand disqualified.
- The teams shall receive a confirmation reply, to acknowledge that the memorials have been received. If no such acknowledgement is made, the team shall contact the organizers for further information/clarifications.

(B) MEMORIAL FORMAT

- All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements and a team will attract negative marking for failure to keep within the limitations as described below:
 - i. All Memorials must be submitted in PDF format and Word file (Soft Copy) in the prescribed format.
 - ii. All Memorials must be submitted (hard copies) at the registration desk as prescribed. The hard copies shall be the original copies of the soft copy, and any changes/alternations made shall lead to disqualification.
 - iii. The font style of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. The font style of the footnotes/endnotes, if any, shall be Times New Roman, size 10, with single (1) line spacing.
 - iv. Footnotes shall follow the format of the '21st Edition of Bluebook' throughout the Memorial.
 - v. Each page must have a margin of atleast an inch on all sides. Content of the memorials can be typed on both the sides of the page.
 - vi. The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages (not including the Cover Page) and shall at least consist of the following parts:
 - (i) Cover Page –
 - a. For Moot Proposition 1 – [blue coloured background for Appellant, and red coloured background for Respondent]
 - b. For Moot Proposition 2 – [Pink coloured background for Appellant, and yellow coloured background for Respondent]
 - (ii) Table of Contents
 - (iii) List of Abbreviations
 - (iv) Index of Authorities
 - (v) Statement of Facts
 - (vi) Issues Raised
 - (vii) Summary of Arguments
 - (viii) Written Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
 - (ix) Prayer
 - vii. The Cover page MUST contain the following:
 - a. Team Code in the upper-right hand corner.
 - b. The edition and year of the Competition.
 - c. The name of the Case

- d. The party for which the Written Submission has been submitted,
- e. Name of the Court/forum resolving/addressing the dispute/matter.
- viii. There will be a deduction of 1.0 points for each page exceeding the 25-page limit, and a deduction of 0.25 points for each ‘objective’ error, i.e., non-adherence to the rules set out herein-above.
- ix. This negative marking (along with the negative marking for delayed submission) shall be deducted once from the total memorial score obtained by a team.

NOTE: For the sake of convenience, the rules refer to the parties as parties as the Appellant and the Respondent. This particular information does not in any way suggest the nature of the moot problem and the same shall be applicable to the adversary parties by whatever name they are called.

(C) MEMORIAL EVALUATION

- Each Memorial shall be evaluated out of 100 points each by the judges.
- The average score of the memorials shall be converted to 20 points and be carried forward for the overall scoring.
- The basis for evaluation of the memorials shall be as follows:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS
Knowledge of Facts & Law	25 points
Extend & use of Research	25 points
Proper & Articulate Analysis	20 points
Clarity & Organization	10 points
Correct Format & Citation	10 points
Grammar & Style	10 points

- After the compliance with Stage I: Memorial Submission, the teams shall be qualified for participating in Stage II: Oral Rounds.

ORAL ROUNDS AND PROCEDURES

(A) ORAL ARGUMENTS

- The Oral Rounds shall be conducted in offline mode, and shall comprise of Researcher's Test, Preliminary Oral Round, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and Final Rounds.
- The language for the Competition shall be English only.
- Each team would be given 30 minutes to present their oral arguments, subject to a minimum of 12 minutes per Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds. This shall include the pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable.
- For the Semi Finals and Final Rounds, each team would be given 45 Minutes to present oral arguments, subjected to a minimum of 20 minutes per speaker. This shall include the pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable.
- The team representing the Appellants shall submit their arguments first, followed by the team representing the Respondents.
- Rebuttal shall only be allowed to the Appellant and will be inclusive of the time designated for each team. The Appellant shall have to specify the length of time they want to set aside for rebuttal, before beginning their oral arguments.
- During Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue once for the Appellant and once for the Respondent. It is clarified that participating teams shall argue for both the Appellants and the Respondents in the Preliminary Round only.
- Teams with two wins in the Preliminary Rounds will go to the Quarter final Rounds. If there are more than 8 teams having two wins each, the teams with two wins each will be ranked according to their total scores and the top eight teams so ranked will go to the quarter final Round. If after ranking of the total scores, teams are still tied, the teams so tied will be ranked according to their memorial scores.
- If there are less than eight teams having two wins each, the teams having two wins each will go to the quarter final Rounds. For the remaining places, teams having less than two wins each will be ranked according to the sum of their highest scores in both Preliminary Rounds, and the top teams thus ranked will be sent to the quarter final Rounds. The Quarter finals shall be a knockout round.
- The Quarter final Rounds shall be succeeded by the Semi-final Round, and the Final Round which shall also be knock out rounds.

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- If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.
- The teams are strictly not allowed to use any electronic devices during the rounds in the Courtroom.
- The teams are not allowed to disclose their names/institution's name during the course of the Competition and shall only use their designated team code.
- It shall be mandatory for the researcher to be required to attend the oral rounds.

(B) COMPENDIUM

- Compendium compilation is not compulsory. It is purely at the discretion of the team and teams can directly submit their compendium at the time of presentation in the Competition.
- Make sure the Compendium is properly paginated.

(C) OVERALL SCORING

- The oral rounds shall be evaluated out of 100 points, and the basis for evaluation shall be as follows:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS
Written Submissions	20 points
Substance in Arguments	40 points
Skills of Advocacy	20 points
Response to questions and Articulation	10 points
General impression, court manners, etc.	10 points

(D) DRESS CODE

- The participating team shall be appropriately attired throughout the conduct of the Competition in the manner provided. The dress code shall strictly be:
 - (a) **For Gentlemen:** Western Formals – (white formal shirt, black formal trousers, and a black blazer with a tie)
 - (b) **For Ladies:** Western Formals – (white formal shirt, black formal trousers, and a black blazer); or Indian Formals – (white kurta, black salwar, black dupatta, and a black blazer)

- Presence of Robes and collar bands in the attire detailed above are strictly prohibited.

(E) RESEARCHER'S TEST

- It is mandatory for each researcher of the participating teams to take the Researcher's Test.
- The speaker is not eligible to participate in the test, and this scoring shall be used to adjudicate the 'Best Researcher' award.
- The Researcher's Test shall be conducted offline, during the course of the Competition, and the date for the test shall be conveyed later via an official email.
- Once the Researcher are seated for taking the test, the organizers shall share the question paper that must be answered by the Researcher, in the specified time, which shall be conveyed later.
- The Researcher cannot communicate with their team members or anyone else during the test.
- The Researcher shall not be allowed to use any written material or electronic devices during the test.

(F) SCOUTING

- Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the organizers immediately, without disturbing the round in progress.
- Any team found scouting will be disqualified immediately.
- Participating students shall be allowed to observe the Final Rounds as per the instructions provided by the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

(G) ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION

- Accommodation shall be provided to only those teams who have opted and have made the payment for accommodation.
- Organizers shall provide the accommodation from the morning of August 30th, 2024, to the evening of September 1st, 2024.
- Food shall be provided to all the teams for the aforementioned duration, and it shall be strictly limited to 03 Members per team.
- Teams are responsible for reaching the venue of the Competition at the designated time, for their active participation and registration.
- For those teams who have opted for accommodation, the transportation to and from the venue shall be provided by the organizers for the aforementioned duration and shall be strictly limited to 03 Members per team.

MISCELLANEOUS

- All queries relating to the problem/markings/etc. may be directed via email to mootcourt@ifheindia.org
- Participants shall only use their Team Code number for identification purposes.
- Any reference to the identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial may lead to disqualification of the team.
- The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final. These Rules are not exhaustive.
- The Organizers reserve the right to modify/change/amend these rules at any point of time either before, during or after the Competition without giving any prior notice to the participating teams.
- If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start time of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present. And also, if the speaker(s) of the team are not able to appear for a period more than 10 minutes in between, the points will be awarded only to the extent to which they have presented, and the next presenter (respondent or defendant) will be asked to make the presentation.
- The teams shall follow all the rules and regulations of the Organizer's Institution, which includes following the Code of Conduct.
- Any misconduct in the form of discrimination, harassment, etc. (verbal/written/physical conduct) which shows aversion or hostility towards any individual may lead to disqualification.
- The Organizers reserve the right to take prudent action against any members partaking in any prohibited conduct, violation of the rules and regulations of the Institution, which includes the imposition of penalties, and in severe cases, disqualification or blacklisting from future editions of the Competition.

OFFICIAL TIMELINE

Last Date for Early Bird Registration	June 14 th , 2024
Last Date to Seek Clarification	June 24 th , 2024
Clarification of Moot Problem	June 28 th , 2024
Last date for Final Registration	July 05 th , 2024
Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	August 02 nd , 2024
Draw of Lots, Researchers Test	August 30 th , 2024
Preliminary and Quarter Finals	August 30 th , 2024 – August 31 st , 2024
Semi Final, Final & Valedictory	September 01 st , 2024

AWARDS

1. Winner Team Award: The winning team shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and cash prize of INR 25,000/-.
2. Runners-up Team Award: The first runners-up team shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and cash prize of INR 15,000/-.
3. 2nd Runners-up Team Award: The second runners-up team shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and cash prize of INR 10,000/-.
4. Best Memorial (Proposition 1): The team with the best memorial (proposition 1) shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and cash prize of INR 5,000/-.
5. Best Memorial (Proposition 2): The team with the best memorial (proposition 2) shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and cash prize of INR 5,000/-.
6. Best Mooter: The best mooter/speaker shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and cash prize of INR 5,000/-.
7. Best Researcher: The best Researcher shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and cash prize of INR 5,000/-.
8. All the participants shall receive a certificate of Participation.

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Further clarifications regarding the Competition may be sought from the Organizing Committee.

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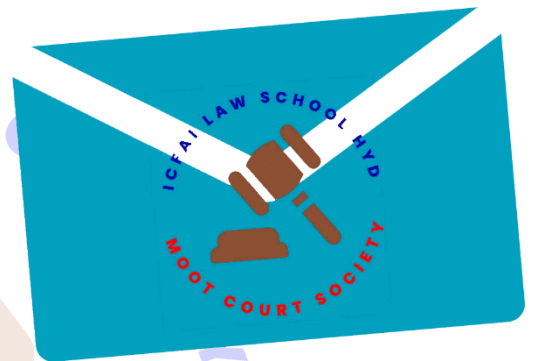
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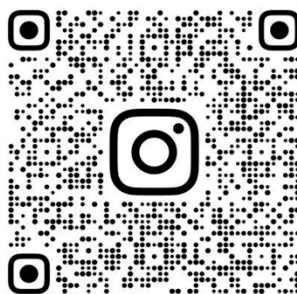
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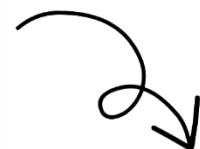
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