

**4th IILM MOOT COURT COMPETITION,
IILM LAW SCHOOL,
IILM UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM**

~RULEBOOK~

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1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. “Competition” refers to the 4th IILM Moot Court Competition, 2024.

1.2. The following words would have the below stated connotations in context of the Competition:

- a. “Memorial”** refers to the written arguments submitted on behalf of both the sides, i.e., Petitioner/Respondent of each participating team.
- b. “Organizing Committee”** refers to the core members of the IILM Moot Court Committee.
- c. “Payment Receipt”** refers to the reference documentation of the payment made in lieu of Registration Fees for the competition.
- d. “Researcher”** refers to the member of the team whose role is to prepare the memorials and appear the researcher’s test. The researchers may be permitted to speak during the rounds at the discretion of the judges.
- e. “Rules”** refer to the Official Competition Rules and any applicable supplementary guidelines to these rules published by the Organizing Committee.
- f. “Speaker”** refers to the members of the team who will be pleading before the Judges in the Oral Rounds.
- g. “Valedictory Ceremony”** refers to the closing ceremony of the 4th IILM Moot Court Competition.
- h. “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.
- i. “Institution”** refers to any recognized law school/college or any recognized University.

1.3. The competition shall be conducted in an **offline** mode.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Students enrolled in a **3-Year LL.B. program** or a **5-Year Integrated LL.B. program** at any **recognized law school, college, or university in India** shall be eligible to participate in the competition.

2.2 Each **recognized law school, college, or university** may register only **one team** for the competition.

2.3 Each participating team shall comprise a **minimum of two and a maximum of three members**, wherein at least **two members shall be designated as speakers** and at least **one member as a researcher**.

2.4 In the event that a team comprises only **two members**, one member shall assume the dual role of **researcher and speaker**.

2.5 No additional members, including **faculty advisors**, shall be permitted to accompany the team.

2.6 Any **changes in team composition** after registration shall be subject to 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 11th of March, 2025: <https://forms.gle/eKiZj4p4UqJ6HEUT6>.

4.2. The registration of a team from an institution shall be deemed complete only upon the successful payment of the registration fee of INR 7,500/- through the designated payment link provided in the registration form.

4.3. Registrations shall be accepted strictly on a **first-come, first-served basis**, subject to the availability of slots.

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.

4.5. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject any registration that does not comply with the stipulated procedure or is received after the closure of registrations.

4.6. At the time of registration, participants are required to carry their valid **college IDs** for the purpose of verification at the time of **offline rounds**, i.e., 10th of April, 2025.

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 iilmccgurugram@gmail.com by **27th March, 2025**.

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

6. ACCOMMODATION

To be provided by the University. Participants or any individual team member opting for accommodation other than that provided by the Organizers must inform the Organizing Committee in advance at the time of Registration.

7. MEMORIAL

7.1. Each team shall prepare a memorial on behalf of the **Petitioners** and a memorial on behalf of the **Respondents**, comprising their respective written submissions.

7.2. Each team must submit soft copies of both memorials via email to **iilmccgurugram@gmail.com** by **April 4, 2025**, with the subject line: “**Memorial for Team Code**”. The file names of the attachments shall strictly adhere to the format: **[Team Code] P** for the Petitioner’s Memorial and **[Team Code] R** for the Respondent’s Memorial. For instance, Team Code **7** shall submit its memorials as **7P** (Petitioner) and **7R** (Respondent).

7.3. Each memorial shall be submitted as a **single consolidated file per side**. Submission of multiple files for a single memorial shall attract penalties as prescribed under these rules. All soft copies of the Memorandum submitted must be in only PDF format (.pdf). Any Memorial not adhering to the specified format will not be considered and will entail disqualification of the team.

7.4. Teams must carry hard copies for **physical rounds**. Accordingly, each team shall submit **four hard copies of their memorials for each side** at the time of registration on **April 10, 2025**.

7.5. The hard copies submitted must be **identical to the soft copies** previously submitted. Any discrepancy between the hard and soft copies shall result in the **immediate disqualification** of the team from the competition.

7.6. The format of the memorial shall be consistent with the prescribed standard. The cover page must prominently display the respective Team Code on the **upper right-hand corner**, along with all necessary details, including the names of the parties, place of forum and other relevant information.

7.7. Teams shall cite all authorities in the memorial using footnotes, adhering strictly to the **OSCOLA 4th Edition** citation format.

7.8. The entire Memorandum should not contain more than **35 pages**.

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

Text Formatting:

- 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

7.9. The memorials shall be **spiral-bound**, and teams must adhere to the following cover page color scheme:

- Petitioner: Blue
- Respondent: Red

8. PENALTIES

8.1. In the event of non-compliance or violation of these rules, upon being brought to the notice of the Organizing Committee, the team shall be subject to an appropriate penalty, as prescribed in the penalty table below.

Missing or additional section	5
Incorrect order of sections	5
Incorrect footnoting style	1 (per page)
Failure to color code memorials as per the rules	5
Breach of memorial anonymity rule	Disqualification
Exceeding the word limit of the Arguments Advanced section	5
Substantive text in footnotes	5
Use of endnotes	5
Re-submission of memorial not contained in single file	2.5
Failure to comply with rules of formatting/submissions	1 (per mistake)

8.2. In the event that a team is alleged to have engaged in unethical practices that contravene the spirit of the competition, the Organizing Committee shall provide the team an opportunity to present their case, following which appropriate penalties shall be imposed, as deemed necessary.

8.3 The permissible limit of similarity is 10%, exclusive of citations and footnotes.

9. ANONYMITY

9.1. Each participating team shall be assigned a **Team Code**, which shall serve as the sole means of identification throughout the duration of the competition.

9.2. During the **oral rounds**, no team or team member shall disclose their **names** or the **name of their institution**.

9.3. In the memorials, teams shall refrain from including their **names** or the **names of their institutions**, or any other form of identification, other than the **assigned Team Code**.

9.4. Any breach of this provision shall result in the **immediate disqualification** of the team from the competition.

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:

Correct legal analysis	20 Marks
Quality of research	20 Marks

Analysis of issues	15 Marks
Clarity and logic in submissions	15 Marks
Originality of thought	15 Marks
Correct primary and alternate submissions	15 Marks

11. EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

11.1. Prior to the commencement of each round of the competition, memorials shall be **exchanged** between the competing teams in each match-up.

11.2. Teams are strictly prohibited from making any **marks, notes, or identification marks** on any memorial during any round of the competition.

11.3. Teams shall not **duplicate, reproduce, or retain** any memorial received during the exchange process.

11.4. Upon the completion of each round, teams must return the exchanged memorial to the **student volunteer** present in the courtroom.

12. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

12.1. The Speakers of each team shall inform the Court Bailiff of the **allocated time split** between them before the commencement of the oral rounds.

12.2. The use of **electronic devices**, including but not limited to laptops, tablets, and smartwatches, is strictly prohibited during the oral rounds. Any violation of this rule shall attract a penalty, as determined at the discretion of the Judge presiding over the Courtroom.

12.3. Speakers shall **not disclose any information** regarding their names or the institutions they represent during the oral rounds. Any violation of this rule may lead to the immediate disqualification of the team.

12.4. Only one designated speaker from the team shall be permitted to deliver the **Rebuttal** or Surrebuttal arguments.

12.5. Teams shall have the option to waive their rebuttal time, as per the side allotted to them in the respective round.

12.6. Judging criteria for oral submissions:

Knowledge of Law	30 Marks
Knowledge of Facts	20 Marks
Question/Answer Ability	20 Marks
Courtroom Etiquette	15 Marks
Time Management	15 Marks

13. ROUNDS

13.1 The competition shall be conducted in an offline mode.

13.2 The Opening Ceremony shall take place on April 10, 2025, at the campus of the Institution.

13.3 The competition shall comprise the following rounds, conducted as per the format outlined below:

13.4 Preliminary Rounds

13.4.1 Each team shall be required to present arguments for **both sides**—Petitioner and Respondent.

13.4.2 The **total time allotted per side** in the preliminary rounds shall be **30 minutes**, which shall include the time allocated for **rebuttal and sub rebuttal**. No speaker shall reserve more than **20 minutes** for their individual submissions.

13.4.3 Teams shall not allocate more than **5 minutes** for **rebuttal or sur-rebuttal**.

13.4.4 Time extensions may be granted at the **discretion of the Judges**. **13.4.5** The

Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted on **April 10, 2025**.

13.5 Quarter-Final Rounds

13.5.1 The **total time allotted per side** in the **Quarter-Final Rounds** shall be **40 minutes**, including the time allocated for **rebuttal and sur-rebuttal**. No speaker shall reserve more than **30 minutes** for their individual submissions.

13.5.2 Teams shall not allocate more than **5 minutes** for **rebuttal or sur-rebuttal**.

13.5.3 Time extensions may be granted at the **discretion of the Judge**.

13.5.4 The **Quarter Final Rounds** shall be conducted on **April 11, 2025**.

13.6 Semi-Final Rounds

13.6.1 The **total time allotted per side** in the Semi-Final Rounds shall be **45 minutes**, including the time allocated for **rebuttal and sur-rebuttal**. No speaker shall reserve more than **35 minutes** for their individual submissions.

13.6.2 Teams shall not allocate more than **10 minutes** for **rebuttal or sur-rebuttal**.

13.6.3 Time extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.

13.6.4 The **Semi-Final Rounds** shall be conducted on **April 12, 2025**.

13.7 Final Round

13.7.1 The total time allotted per side in the **Final Round** shall be **60 minutes**, including the time allocated for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. No speaker shall reserve more than **40 minutes** for their individual submissions.

13.7.2 Teams shall not allocate more than **10 minutes** for **rebuttal or sur-rebuttal**.

13.7.3 Time extensions may be granted at the **discretion of the Judges**.

13.7.4 The **Final Round** shall be conducted on **April 12, 2025**.

14. RESEARCHERS’S TEST

14.1 The Researchers’ Test will be conducted on 10th April 2025, during the conduct of the memorial exchange (subject to final schedule).

14.2 The Researcher obtaining the highest score in Researcher’s Test shall be given the Best Researcher Award.

14.3 The Test shall be conducted in the pen-and-paper format in the Examination Hall within the University Premises. The Test must be completed within 45 minutes.

14.4 The test will tentatively consist of 25 multiple-choice questions, each carrying 2 marks. Every wrong answer will result in 0.5 negative marks.

14.5 The Organizing Committee will communicate the final format of the Researcher’s Test in due course.

14.6 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.

14.7 Parameters for Evaluation of Researcher’s Test

Understanding of Law Library	10 Marks
Understanding of Methods of Citation	5 Marks

Understanding the Usage of Legal Databases	10 Marks
Legislation Analysis	10 Marks
Analysis of Facts	10 Marks
Understanding of Rules of Precedents	5 Marks

15. COMPENDIUM

15.1 It is not mandatory to submit a Compendium. However, submission of a Compendium must only be in physical (printed) format only.

15.2 The compendium must indicate the Team Code and the side represented on its first page.

15.3 Any disclosure of identity will attract disqualification.

15.4 The Organizing Committee bears no responsibility for any issues caused to Judges in finding a relevant document or page