

INNOVATIVE 1st NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION



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29th – 30th, April & 1st May, 2022

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Innovative Welfare and Educational Society (Regd.) was incorporated more than a decade back with the avowed objective of dissemination of literacy amongst the under-privileged segment of society in India and to provide an impetus to growth of professional education in varied streams for self-reliance amongst future generations.

Innovative First National Moot-Court Competition, 2022 is the first edition of the Moot - Court Competition going to organize by Innovative Institute of Law, Innovative Group of Colleges, Greater Noida, U.P. The event aims to construct a productive platform where young legal minds come together and showcase their skills which are far more valuable than winning or being eliminated in an event.



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INNOVATIVE 1st NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES, 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

Short Title: These Rules shall be called the 1st National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2022.

Definitions: Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein under as:

- “Administrator” shall mean the Innovative Institute Moot Court Committee
- “Competition” means 1st National Moot Court Competition, 2022.
- “Net Court Room Margin” means the aggregate of margin of victory or defeat of a team in the Preliminary Rounds
- “Participating Team” means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules for registration
- “Participating Institution” shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams
- “Rules” means the 1st National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2022
- “Organizers” means the Department of Law, INNOVATIVE INSTITUTE OF LAW.

2. GENERAL RULES

Date: The Competition shall be organized from April 29 – 30 & May 1, 2022

Dress Code: The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

Ladies: White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes.

Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Note: The participating teams shall also adhere to the above mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.

3. LANGUAGE

Language: The language of the Competition shall be English.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

Eligibility: The Competition shall be open to students who are –
Pursuing an integrated 5 year LL.B. programme in India or
Pursuing a 3 year LL.B. programme in India.

Team Composition: Each team shall consist of three members.

In the event where a team consists of three members then –

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Such team shall designate two of its members as speakers and one as researcher at the time of registration itself.

5. REGISTRATION

Date of Registration: All the participating institutions have to confirm their participation by filling the online registration form by clicking on the below given link, <https://forms.gle/CvA6J5MWG7XzRtXM9> , Before 09/04/2022 till 11.59 PM.

6. PAYMENT DETAILS

Paytm/PhonePe/ Google Pay: 8860982973

Allotment of Team Code: Every team which has successfully registered under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once the unique code has been allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

Change in Team Composition: Any change in team composition must be intimated to the Organizers at the earliest. Any change must be accompanied with a registration form and an authority letter duly signed by the head of the institution. No change in team composition is allowed after registration by post.

7. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

Draw of Lots: The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.

Rounds: The Competition is divided into –
Preliminary Rounds
Advanced Rounds

Preliminary Rounds:

Each team shall represent only one side as decided during draw of lots.

- **Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds:**

The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of –

- Score of Speaker 1
- Score of Speaker 2
- Score of the memorial.

- **Arrangement of Ranking:**

The teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked on the basis of below mentioned criteria –

- The teams shall be first differentiated on their win-loss record after the Preliminary

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Rounds Net-Court Room Margin;

- b.** If there is a tie, the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted the higher rank;
 - c.** If the tie subsists, the team with the higher speaker score will be allotted the higher rank;
 - d.** If the tie still subsists, the team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be allotted the higher rank;
 - e.** If the tie still subsists, the team with the higher memorial score will be allotted higher rank;
- **Results:** The results of the Preliminary Rounds shall be declared soon after the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds. The top eight teams will qualify for the Advanced Rounds.

Quarter-Finals:

- a.** The top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the quarter-finals.
- b.** The side for the quarter-finals shall be decided by way of draw of lots.
- c.** The quarter-finals shall be a knock-out round.
- d.** The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score.

No memorial score will be added in the Quarter-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed. The team with higher aggregate score shall proceed to the Semi-final round.

Semi-finals:

- a.** Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- b.** The side of the team shall be decided by way of the draw of lots.
- c.** The semi-final shall be a knock-out round.
- d.** The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score.

No memorial score will be added in the semi-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed. The team with higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

Finals:

In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed.

Deciding of Winner in Case of Tie in Advanced Rounds:

In the event of tie in advanced rounds, then –

- a.** The team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be

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allotted the higher rank;

- b. If the tie still subsists, the winner of the round shall be decided by adding the score of memorials to the aggregate speaker scores;

8. MEMORIALS

- a. **Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials:** All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same will attract penalty subject to the discretion of the organizers.
- b. **Memorials to be prepared from Both Sides:** Each team must prepare memorials for both sides.
- c. **Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials:**
 - i. The soft copies of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on (mcc@innovativeinstituteoflaw.com) in .pdf format latest by 15/04/2022 before 11.59 P.M.
 - ii. Memorials shall be sent as an attachment with the mail in the form of single file for each side of memorial.

A **penalty of 1 mark** shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team.

The team submitting the soft copy 5 days after the last date of the submission of the soft copy of the memorial will be disqualified from the competition.

d. **Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials:**

One copy of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on the below mentioned address by before last date

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To,

**MCC
Innovative Institute of Law
Plot No. 6, Knowledge Park – 2
Greater Noida-201308, Uttar Pradesh**

The teams have to carry five copies of the memorial from each side and submit the same during formal registration.

No Difference between Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Memorial: The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.

e. Penalty for Late Submission:

- i. A penalty of 2 marks per day per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of soft copy of memorial.
- ii. A further penalty of 1 mark per day per side shall be levied in case of delay in submission of hard copy of memorial.

f. General Conditions for Memorials:

- i. The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification.
- ii. Appellant/Petitioner memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent/Accused memorials are required to have a Red cover.

A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses wrong cover page for each side of memorial.

9- GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING:

a. **Memorial Structure:** The memorial must have following pages only:

- i. Cover Page**
- ii. Table of Contents**
- iii. List of Abbreviations**
- iv. Index of Authorities**
- v. Statement of Jurisdiction**
- vi. Synopsis of Facts**
- vii. Issues Raised**
- viii. Summary of Arguments**

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ix. Pleadings /Arguments Advanced

x. Prayer

b. Team Code: The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use “A” for Appellant, P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent.” For example: in case the Team Code is 10 the team must write “A-10” in case of memorial for Appellant and “R- 10” in case of memorial for Respondent.

c. Font –

i. Text

Times New Roman Font Size – 12 points Line Spacing – 1.5 Line Spacing

ii. Footnotes

Times New Roman Font Size – 10 points Line Spacing – Single Spaced

iii. Pagination: The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.

iv. Margin: A margin of 1 inch on all sides of the memorial should be left.

d. Citation Format: The 20th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed throughout the memorial.

e. Page Limit: The memorial shall be of a maximum of 40 pages including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be of a maximum of 25 pages. No annexure, photographs, exhibits, etc. should be added to the memorial.

Penalty: A penalty of 1 mark per violation per side shall be levied in case of non - adherence with the aforementioned guidelines for formatting.

Marking Criteria for Memorials:

SR. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Evidence of Original Thought	20
2.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
4.	Structure, Language & Grammar	15
5.	Extent and Use of Research	15
6.	Correct format and citation	10
	TOTAL MARKS	100

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10. ORAL ROUNDS

Timings for the Oral Pleadings:

a. For Preliminary, Quarter-Finals:

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 20 minutes to present their oral arguments;
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 12 minutes and minimum of 8 minutes per speaker;
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Master before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

b. Semi-Final & Final Rounds:

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 25 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 15 minutes and minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Master before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be given at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

Marking Criteria for the Oral Rounds:

SR.NO	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge and Application of Law & Facts	20
2.	Ingenuity and Ability to answer questions	20
3.	Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanour	20
4.	Organisation and Flow of Arguments	20
5.	Reference to Memorials	20
	TOTAL MARKS	100

c. Levy of Maximum Penalties: Notwithstanding anything in the rules, a maximum of 20 marks shall be deducted as penalties for violations under the Rules.

d. Submission of Authorities: The teams shall only submit genuine authorities from Journals or other authentic sources, or their xerox. The teams may prepare and submit

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Compendium of authorities before the beginning of oral arguments to the panel of Judges, otherwise they can only submit authorities with the prior permission of the panel or if demanded by the Judges.

11. PENALTIES

- i. **Scouting:** No member of any participating team shall view any other oral rounds while the team is still in the competition. If such an incident comes to the notice of the organizers then the scouting team shall be subject to disqualification. Teams may file a written complaint of scouting to the Organizers. The decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
- ii. **Non – Disclosure of Identity:** Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

Copyright: The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials.

The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

12. AWARDS & PRIZES

Awards: The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:

- a. **Best Team:** The Team winning the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 21000/-
- b. **Runners Up:** the runners up team in the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 11000/-
- c. **Best Mooter:** The Mooter having the highest score in the competition shall be given the memento and cash prize of INR 5000/-
- d. **Best Memorial:** The team having the highest average memorial score from both sides shall be given the memento and cash prize of INR 5000/-
- e. **Best Researcher:** There shall be researcher test in the Department and the best performer shall be given the memento and cash prize of INR 5000/-
- f. Certificate of participation and memento shall be given to all the participating teams.

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The awards, certificates of merit and certificates of participation shall be given during the valedictory ceremony to be conducted on May 1, 2022. No certificate will be given to the team before or after the valedictory function.

13. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Accommodation and food shall be provided by the Organizers during the days of the competition to the team members in the College who have opted for it.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **Power to Amend or Alter Rules:** The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The Organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point of time. All decisions made by Organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.
- b. **Disclaimer:** The problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the author of the problem.
- c. **FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:**
Clarification regarding the Moot problem-
Clarifications regarding the moot proposition will only be entertained through email. Send your queries at (mcc@innovativeinstituteoflaw.com) with subject line “Clarification for Moot Problem”.

Note: The last date for seeking clarifications regarding the moot proposition is (5th April, 2022).

Regarding the Rules of the Competition or any other queries-

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LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE
Notification of the Competition and Release of the Moot Proposition	12/03/2022
Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	05/04/2022
Last Date of Registration Form	09/04/2022
Last Date of Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials	14/04/2022
Last Date of Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials, Registration and Travel Form	29/04/2022
Formal Registration	29/04/2022
Draw of Lots and Exchange	29/04/2022
Preliminary Rounds of Memorials	29/04/2022
Quarter Finals and Semi Finals Rounds	29/04/2022 to 01/05/2022
Final Round, Valedictory and Prize Distribution	01/05/2022