



ILS MOOT COURT SOCIETY

ANNUAL INTRA-COLLEGE NOVICE MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2021

COMPETITION RULEBOOK

A. LANGUAGE

The Annual Intra-College Novice Moot Court Competition, 2021 will be conducted in English only. This includes the cases, orientation, oral arguments, and judging.

B. ELIGIBILITY

The competition shall be open for participation by students in I B.A. LL. B and I LL. B studying at ILS Law College, Pune only.

C. STRUCTURE AND DATES OF THE COMPETITION

- a. The competition shall consist of three rounds viz. Preliminary Round, Semi-Final Round and the Final Round.
- b. The dates of each of the rounds are as follows:
 - I. Preliminary Round: **18th June 2021, Friday**
 - II. Semi-Final Round: **19th June 2021, Saturday**
 - III. Final Round: **26th June 2021, Saturday**
- c. Four moot propositions on different areas of law are scheduled to be released on **24th May 2021 (Monday)**. It would be made available on the official ILS



website, Facebook groups of the ILS Moot Court Society and the Novice Moot Court Competition, 2021.

- d. Participants are supposed to argue the same case as they have chosen for the Preliminary Rounds from the same side for the Semi-finals. For the Final round, a new case will be released, and the sides will be allotted randomly by the Organising Committee.

D. REGISTRATION AND WITHDRAWAL

- a. A student must choose any one moot proposition to participate in the competition. The registrations begin from **25th May 2021 (Tuesday) and would close on 31st May 2021 (Monday)**.
- b. The registration process for the participants shall be by way of Google forms (<https://forms.gle/8tXkbLgwW3rq9Fsq6>) which shall be filled using official **ILS Email Ids only**. ONLY duly filled applications shall be considered for registrations. If the participant has submitted two or more applications, the last duly filled application shall be considered for registration. The students shall use the same email address (ILS email ID) for the virtual rounds as well.
- c. The participants will be required to **register in pairs**. ONLY one student out of the pair shall fill the form on behalf of both the students. From the pair, one student shall register as Claimant/Appellant/Petitioner and the other one as Respondent/Defendant. This is solely for the purpose of maintaining an equal number of participants representing either side of the case. The registered pairs **will not be** competing against each other.
If a student is unable to form a pair to register, they shall contact the Organising Committee regarding the same.
- d. In case of unequal number of registrations for a particular case, the Organising Committee reserves the right to change the side of the participants. Any such change will be duly and timely notified to the concerned participants.
- e. Notwithstanding any rule mentioned in this rulebook or otherwise, if the participant is unable to be register due to unavoidable circumstances, he or she must notify one of the members of Organizing Committee in writing (sending an email) the reason for delay in registration along with the Name and Roll



Number of the participant. The approval of such registrations shall be at the discretion of the Faculty In-Charge.

- f. Withdrawal applications are to be sent to the official email address i.e., ilsnovice2021@gmail.com on or before the last day of withdrawal i.e., **4th June 2021 (Friday) at 11:59 p.m.**
- g. Any participant withdrawing after the last date of withdrawal due to unavoidable circumstances shall inform the Organisers their reason for withdrawal in writing and email them to the official email address (same as above). Such withdrawals are subject to the approval of the Faculty In-Charge and will be confirmed only upon such approval.

E. DRESS CODE

- a. **Boys:** Formal shirt and trousers. (White Shirt is preferred but not compulsory), Black tie and Black blazer (subject to availability).
- b. **Girls:** Formal shirt and trousers or Indian Formals (White Shirt/White Indian Formals are preferred but not compulsory), Black Blazer (subject to availability).
- c. In case a participant has no access to formals, decent clothes shall be expected.

F. PRESENTATION AND DELAY IN APPEARANCE

- a. The Novice Moot Court Competition, 2021, will be conducted online on the Google Meet forum. Participants will be provided with a link or a meeting code on the day of the moot. They will be expected to join using the link at the allotted time slot only using their official ILS email IDs.
- b. Speakers shall be admitted into the Google Meet by the courtroom coordinators before their round. The participants are not allowed to join the Meet before or after their allotted time slot. Speakers will be updated **5 minutes** prior to their turn on WhatsApp/SMS/Call by the courtroom coordinators. Any delays shall also be communicated in the same manner.
- c. All speakers who wish to refer to any authorities (for example: Books, Cases, etc.) must submit a Table of Authorities in accordance with the sample provided in **Annexure B** by **11:59 pm** on the **17 June 2021**. The same shall be sent via email to the courtroom coordinator (Email ID will be provided later). The email must contain the name, phone number, case and side of the



participant. The subject line of the email must be in the following format only - “Table of Authorities– Courtroom No. XY, Speaker No. XY”.

- d. If a participant scheduled to participate in the oral virtual rounds does not appear for five minutes after the scheduled allotted time, the next participant would be called and the participant who missed the time slot may appear towards the end of the round.
- e. Each speaker is allotted **12 minutes time for presenting their oral arguments** which includes time taken to answer questions. Participants are requested to comply with the allotted time limit strictly. Extension of time may be awarded subject to the judges’ discretion only.
- f. The participants are required to keep their camera enabled for the entire duration of the rounds. It must be ensured that the visibility of a participant in the virtual round is up to their torso, including their shoulder and hands. The participants must ensure that they are seated in a noise free area with minimum disturbances.
- g. In case of any network connectivity issues, the participants are expected to contact and communicate with the Organising Committee or the courtroom coordinator. A time frame of **three (3) minutes** will be reserved for resolving the issue.
- h. If the issue remains unsolved, the participant may, at the discretion of the judges immediately switch to a conference call and continue their arguments. If the judges do not wish to immediately switch to a conference call, the participant shall be pushed to the end of the courtroom and depending on their connectivity, a video call or conference call can be started.
- i. The Courtroom Coordinator shall use the chat box to signify the time left and communicate with the participants.

G. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

- a. The results for the preliminary rounds will be announced by the judges after the round in that courtroom ends. The results of semi-finals and finals shall be announced after all speakers in all courtrooms have completed their rounds.
- b. In case of any tie, the judges’ decision shall be final and binding.

H. MARKING SCHEME



- a. The students will be marked according to the Marking Scheme attached in **Annexure A**.
- b. There will be two judges per courtroom and each of them will mark every speaker out of a total of 100 marks. After combining their scores, every student will have a score out of 200 marks. The top two scorers in every courtroom will proceed to the semi-final round.
- c. For the semi-final rounds, the judges in every courtroom will have the discretion of advancing 1-3 participants who surpass the given mark cut off.
- d. The top three scorers in the Final round shall be declared the Winner, First runner-up and Second runner-up. The decision of the Organising Committee shall be final regarding all scores and no disputes shall be entertained.
- e. All judges for all the rounds shall be selected at the discretion of the Faculty In-Charge only.

I. GENERAL RULES

- a. In case participants have any queries regarding the moot propositions, they shall contact only the Student Organisers of the competition and **NOT** the drafters of the propositions. Any participant who contacts or attempts to contact a drafter shall be disqualified from the Competition and the Faculty In-Charge shall take disciplinary action against such participants.
- b. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Speakers or any other person not expressly permitted by the Organising Committee are not allowed to join their respective Google Meet before or after their moot performance. Any participant engaged in scouting in any form during any rounds of the competition shall be subjected to disqualification from the competition.
- c. All clarifications regarding the cases shall be requested by filling this form only. The last date for seeking clarifications is 31st May 2021.

<https://forms.gle/xxDGepoCX6kYmq2e9>

J. PENALTIES

- a. Any participant, except those who have duly withdrawn their participation, if found absent in any round of the competition will suffer a penalty, as may be decided by the Principal or the Faculty Coordinator of Advocacy Skills Activities at ILS Law College, Pune. Reasons for absence, if valid will be



considered and decided upon at the discretion of the Principal or the Faculty Coordinator.

- b. Students shall not miss any lectures for the purposes of this competition. Participants shall not be allotted any concessions for purposes of attendance before or during the competition.
- c. If any student is found recording or taking screenshots of the round without the consent of the judge, they will be disqualified from the competition.
- d. Any student found indulging in any derogatory action or causes mental agony or verbally assaults the judge or the Organising Committee Members or other participants will be subject to the disciplinary action of the college.
- e. Appropriate action shall be taken against participant(s) violating any rule(s) of the competition. In case of any dispute arising out of the rules, or otherwise, the decision of the Faculty In-Charge would be final and binding.

K. IMPORTANT DATES:

Registrations open	25th May 2021
Registrations close	31st May 2021
Last date to seek clarifications	31st May 2021
Last date for withdrawal	4th June 2021
Last date to submit Table of Authorities	17th June 2021
Preliminary Rounds	18th June 2021
Semi-finals	19th June 2021
Finals	26th June 2021



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ANNEXURE A- MARKING SCHEME

Name of the Participant:

1.	Knowledge and Use of Facts	/15
2.	Application of Law and Quality of Arguments	/40
3.	Persuasiveness and Clarity of Thought	/15
4.	Court Etiquette and Time Management	/10
5.	Structure, Articulation and Presentation	/20
	TOTAL	/100

To serve as Tie-breakers

1. In the case of a tie, the marks obtained in the section of **Application of Law and Quality of Arguments** shall be considered.

In case, the marks obtained in the above specified tie-breaking section are equal for both the participants, then the judges are requested to answer the question below.

2. In your opinion, does the participant deserve to advance to the semi-final/final round?

Ans.

**ANNEXURE B- SAMPLE TABLE OF AUTHORITIES****PARTICIPANT DETAILS:**

Name:

Court Room No.:

Participant No.:

Sr. No.	Name of the case/authority	Referred Para/Section/Rule	Links
1.	Nirma Industries Ltd. and Anr. v. Securities Exchange Board of India, (2013) 8 SCC 20.	Para 12	https://main.sci.gov.in/jonew/judis/40410.pdf
2.	The Universal Mutual Aid and Poor v. A.D Thoppa Naidu and Ors., (1932) 63 MLJ 554	Para 5	https://indiankanoon.org/doc/1988502/
3.	Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), Report of The Expert Committee on Specific Relief Act, 1963 (May 2016).	Page No. 47; 8; 60 (¶11.3.1; 4.2(b); 12.1)	SRA Report.pdf - Google Drive
4.	State of Bombay v. R.M.D Chamarbaugwala and Ors., AIR 1957 SC 699.	Page No. 13. Bench-7	https://indiankanoon.org/doc/212098/
5.	FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY, Genpru Handbook (31 December 2006).	§ 2.2.165	GENPRU.pdf (fca.org.uk)

Disclaimer: It is **NOT** mandatory to submit Table of Authorities and it will not be marked. However, if a speaker is referring to any authorities in the course of their arguments, it is advised that they submit the Table of Authorities in the specified manner by **11:59 pm** on the **17 June 2021** on the email ID of their courtroom coordinators.



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