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Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune

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NOVICE MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULE SHEET 2026-27

On the basis of the moot problem provided, participants shall prepare a memorial either for the Plaintiff or for the Defendant and shall argue on behalf of the side they have prepared the memorial for. One memorial copy shall be submitted with judges and another shall be taken back by the students.

CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall be conducted in an offline mode in our college classroom. Separate registration desk will be arranged for the students. After registration students will get their code no, which they are supposed to write on upper corner of first page of memorial. Thereafter the court room will be allotted to the students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Competition is open **only** for the students of 1st BA. LL.B, 1st B.B.A LL.B & 1st LL.B.

FORMAT OF THE ROUNDS

In the Oral Round, each participant shall speak either for the Plaintiff or for the Defendant, depending upon the side they have prepared the memorial from. Each participant shall be judged by a panel of judges.

ORAL ROUNDS

The oral rounds shall be held on **27th October 2026**.

The language of the court shall be English.

Each speaker shall be given 8 minutes to advance their arguments. An additional 2 minutes shall be provided to each participant to answer questions posed by the judges. However, the judges may use their discretion to extend the time limit further.

The timing of the competition is 9.00 AM to 11:30AM and Participants shall report in the college by 8:30am.

Registration: 22nd Oct. 2026 [Time 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM]

Registration Place: Moot Court Hall

Oral Round: 27th Oct. 2026

Faculty Coordinator: Asst. Prof. Akshay Kabra

Participants are expected to carry with themselves in soft copy, all the authorities on which they intend to rely in the course of their arguments. During the course of the oral rounds, no participant shall be allowed to submit to the judges, any material containing a pictorial/audio/visual representation, except that material which forms part of the Paper Book for Civil Appeal.

MEMORIAL ROUND

Participants shall adhere to the following requirements while submitting their Memorials:

- The language of written pleadings in the Memorials shall be English.
- The text of the main body of the Memorial must be in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 Line spacing.
- The text of the footnotes (if any) must be in Times New Roman, Font Size 10, Single linespacing. A uniform method of citation of authorities must be used preferably Blue-Book 20th edition.
- Each page must have a margin of 1 inch (2.54 cm) from all sides. The Total page count of the Memorials must not exceed 20 pages (including the cover page).
- The cover page of every memorial should adhere to the following Colour scheme: **Blue for Plaintiff Memorial and Red for Defendant Memorial.**

Every Memorial shall consist of the following pages:

➤ Cover Page:

1. Team code.
2. The Name and Year of the competition.
3. The Case: Title, Number and Year.
4. The party/side for which the Memorial has been prepared.
5. The name of the Court hearing the dispute.

➤ Table of Contents.

➤ Index of Authorities.

➤ Statement of Jurisdiction.

➤ Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2pages).

➤ Statement of Issues.

➤ Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 3pages).

➤ Arguments Advanced.

➤ Prayer

Failure to adhere to the aforementioned memorial pattern shall attract negative marking. There shall be a deduction of one mark for every page exceeding the set limit of 20 pages.

MEMORIALS SCORE CRITERIAN

Every Memorial shall be scored out of a total of **40 marks**. The Memorials shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Research and analysis (10 marks)
- Clear and persuasive writing (10 marks)
- Use of authorities and precedents (10 marks)
- Adherence to the given format (10 marks)

ORAL ROUNDS

Every Speaker shall be scored out of a total of **60 marks**. Every Speaker shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of facts and procedure (20 marks)
- Articulation, structure and content of argument (20marks)
- Use of authorities (10 marks)
- Advocacy skills and court etiquette (10 marks)

DRESS CODE

All participants must wear black and white formal attire prescribed as follows:

Men must be dressed in Western formal attire, i.e. white shirt, black Trousers, black blazer and black tie. Women must be dressed in Western formal attire, i.e. white shirt, Black trousers and a black blazer, or Indian formal attire, i.e. white Kurti, black leggings and a black blazer. All participants are required to adhere to the aforementioned dress code while participating in or being audience to any round of the competition.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. No participant shall indulge in any act of misconduct in during the competition undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition. Any act to the contrary may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
2. No participant shall try to disclose the identity or ask the Judges of their identities, if the participant is found violating this rule, strict actions will be taken by the Co-Ordinator of the Competition.
3. Any behaviour of indiscipline with the coordinator or any other staff member [Teaching and Non-Teaching] or student volunteer shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
4. No participant shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round. However, at the end of all the rounds the participants may talk to the judges, with minimum inconvenience caused to them.
5. Any attempt to approach the framer of the moot problem or the panel of judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
6. The organizing committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.
7. If anything, not covered by rules the decision of organizing committee will be binding.
8. No participant is allowed to use mobile phones during any of the oral rounds, for the purposes of research, phone call, texting, or any other purposes.
9. These rules are not exhaustive and the organizers reserve the right to modify/alter/ repeal any rules contain herein, for which a prior notice shall be given to the participants.

****BEST WISHES****