



SVKM'S NMIMS KIRIT P. MEHTA SCHOOL OF LAW INTRA MOOT COURT RULES (PROCEDURE & PENALTIES), 2023

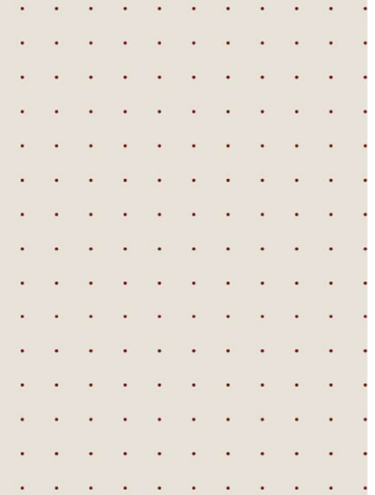
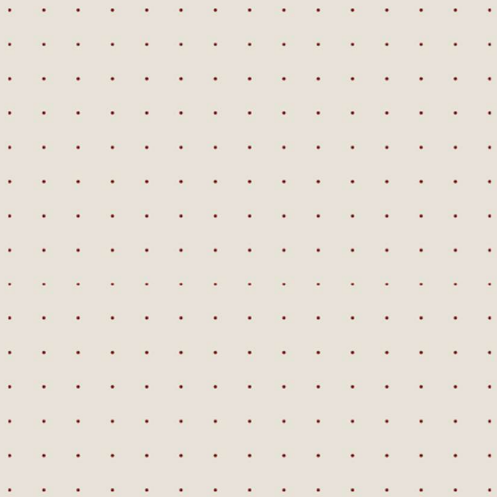


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PART I: TITLE AND GENERAL RULES

1. The present rules shall be called the NMIMS's KIRIT P. MEHTA SCHOOL OF LAW INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION (Hereinafter referred to as "**Intra**") RULES (Procedure and Penalties), 2023 and shall come in force, on such date as notified by the Moot Court Committee (MCC) to the student body.

2. General Rules;
 - a. "**Intra**" or Intra Moot Court Competition shall mean the annual selection process organised by the Moot Court Committee for the purpose of awarding ranks to its participants and choosing teams to represent the University in various Moot Court Competitions.
 - b. "**List of Moots**" consists of Open Challenger moots, Intra Pool moots and Novice moots, which the MCC shall circulate.
 - c. "**Participant**" means a student who has registered for the Intras under chapter 1 of part II.
 - d. "**Team**" means a team registered for the Intras which shall consist of 3 Participants (2 Speakers and 1 Researcher)
 - e. "**MCC**" shall mean the Moot Court Committee formed for the applicable academic year by notification from the competent authority.
 - f. All the rules mentioned herein are only inclusive and not exhaustive for the competition.
 - g. All rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof would attract penalties mentioned subsequently. The imposition and determination of penalties shall be done by the MCC.
 - h. All decisions by the MCC in case of any disputes/doubts, etc. will be final.
 - i. MCC reserves the rights to further make such rules & procedures, and levy penalties at any point of time, as it deems fit, to ensure equity and fairness, and maintain the integrity of the competition.

**PART II: ELIGIBILITY, PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION, RESEARCHERS
TEST, MEMO SUBMISSIONS AND ORAL ROUNDS**

CHAPTER 1: ELIGIBILITY

3. All bona fide students enrolled in the undergraduate 5 year BA/BBA LL.B (Hons) Course of SVKM's NMIMS Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, **EXCEPT** the students in the First Year of the Course, shall be eligible for participation in Intra.
4. All Members of the MCC are **ineligible** to participate in the Intra Moot Court Competition. The Members of the MCC include Head of Departments, Members and the Executive Body of the MCC.
5. No student who has been **banned** from mootng activities by MCC will be eligible to register for the relevant Intra during the continuance of such ban.

CHAPTER 2: REGISTRATION

6. Each student desirous of participating in the Intra shall register with the MCC in the prescribed manner, when notified.
7. Each student shall participate in the Intra as an individual and not as a team, i.e., each student shall participate in a team but will be judged individually.
8. On registration, each participant shall be provided with a unique three-digit Code (e.g. T01, T02, etc) which shall be used by both the MCC and the participants over the course of Intra.

CHAPTER 3: MOOT PROPOSITION

9. No further clarifications on the moot problem will be entertained by the MCC beyond the prescribed notified date under the important list of dates as mentioned below.
10. The participants are required to email their queries pertaining to the moot proposition on the given email address – sol.mcc2023@gmail.com

CHAPTER 4: RESEARCHER'S TEST

11. All participants who have registered as researchers are required to appear for the Researcher's test, which will include objective and/or subjective questions.
12. The Researcher will be granted marks out of 100 wherein the 50 marks will be for the assessment of the memorial submitted on behalf of the team and the remaining 50 marks shall be scored based on the Researcher's test.
13. On completion of the Researcher's test, a preliminary rank list shall be released, wherein all participants appearing for the test shall be ranked in descending order of their scores in the test.

CHAPTER 5: MEMORIAL SUBMISSIONS

14. **Each team shall submit a Written Memorial for both sides (Petitioner and Respondent) as per the notification by the MCC.**
15. **The Written Memorial shall be submitted first as a softcopy on the Google Form shared by the MCC along with the plagiarism report.** Each team shall submit a total of 6 copies of the Written Memorial (Petitioner memorial x3; Respondent Memorial x3).
16. The draw of lots for the oral round and exchange of memorials, shall be carried out offline.
17. The Written Memorial shall consist of the following mandatory heads:
 - a. Cover Page
 - b. Table of Contents
 - c. Index of Authorities
 - d. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - e. Statement of Facts (not exceeding [2] pages)
 - f. Issues raised
 - g. Summary of Arguments
 - h. Body of Arguments
 - i. Prayer of Relief
18. No memorial shall exceed a maximum limit of 40 pages.
19. The Memorials shall not contain any annexure, photographs, graphs, diagrams or any other representation of the like nature
20. A uniform system of citation (**21st edition of the Bluebook citation**) shall be adhered to throughout the Written Memorial.

21. The final date of submission of the Written Memorial shall be determined by the MCC. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that the electronic copies of the Written Memorials:

- a. Can be opened legibly in a Portable Document Format (PDF).
- b. Each team shall mention their individual code on the top right-hand side of the memorial.
- c. The attachments shall be named according to the Code and the Party for which the Written Memorial is proposed. (For instance, participants with code “T01” shall name the attachment as **“T01P and T01R”** where P is petitioner and R is respondent.

22. The Memorial shall be typed on A4-sized paper, and the hardcopy shall be spirally bound, with the following mandatory specifications:

- a. Font Type: Times New Roman
- b. Font Size: 12
- c. Line Spacing: 1.5 pts.
- d. Margins: 1 on each side



Citation Specifications:

- e. Font Type: Times New Roman
- f. Font Size: 10
- g. Single Spacing

23. All pages of the Memorial shall be formatted with the following mandatory specifications:

- a. All pages of the Memorial must have margins, in accordance with the Intra Rules or as may be notified by the MCC in this regard.
- b. Summary of Arguments shall not exceed more than 1800 words.

24. The following colour scheme shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Written Memorial:

- a.  Applicant/Petitioner/Claimant—Blue
- b.  Respondent—Red

25. Memorial Evaluation shall be done on the following criteria:

Application and Appreciation of Facts	20 Marks
Structuring and Presentation of Arguments	20 Marks

Application of Legal Principles, Authorities and Precedents	20 Marks
Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning	20 Marks
Lucidity and Writing Skills	10 Marks
Footnoting and Formatting	10 arks

26. Following penalties, as applicable shall be awarded in case of violation of the rules regarding Written Memorial specifications:

Late Submission	(-) 1 marks after the deadline for Memorial and Plagiarism Report submission for every 1 hour.
Exceeding Page Limit	(-) 1 mark for each page exceeding the limit.
Failure to include any mandatory head (as indicated above) or to maintain a correct order as specified in the Written Memorial.	(-) 2 marks per specification.
Inconsistency between softcopies and hardcopies.	(-) 0.25 mark up to 3 inconsistencies between softcopies and hardcopies and (-) 5 for more than 3 inconsistencies.
The anonymity of all the participants shall be maintained throughout the Intra.	Any violations made shall entail penalty which may also extend to disqualification of the participant at any stage of the selection process.
Incorrect naming of the Memorial, and incorrect or absence of Team Code on the Memorial.	Failure to include the correct Team Code shall attract a penalty of (-) 0.25 mark.
The absence of correct tribunal or forum name and place or mention of incorrect tribunal or forum name and place.	Failure to include correct tribunal or forum name and place shall attract a penalty of (-) 0.25 marks.
The absence of the correct cause title or use of incorrect cause title.	Failure to include correct cause title shall attract a penalty of (-) 0.25 marks.

The absence of correct jurisdiction of the tribunal on the cover page and statement of jurisdiction or mention of incorrect jurisdiction of the tribunal.	(-) 0.25 marks for every mention of the incorrect jurisdiction of the tribunal.
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27. In any case, the total accumulated deductions with respect to penalties in the Written Memorial shall not be more than twenty marks.

28. The **Plagiarism Report** shall only be downloaded from **Turnitin** and does not include names of cases, statutes, amendments and reports or any text quoted from the same. Participants shall **exclude citations, quotes and small matches (less than 10 words) through settings.**

29. Plagiarism evaluation shall be done on the following criteria:

Scale of Plagiarism	Penalty	Illustration
Up to 3% words of the total word count of the Memorial have been plagiarised.	No penalty.	For a submitted Memorial having 6000 word count, no penalty shall be imposed if 1-180 words are plagiarised.
More than 3% but up to 5% words of the total word count of the Memorial have been plagiarised.	Penalty of (-) 2 marks.	For a submitted Memorial having 6000 word count, a penalty of (-) 2 marks shall be imposed if 181-300 words are plagiarised.
More than 5% but up to 10% words of the total word count of the Memorial have been plagiarised.	Penalty of (-) 5 marks.	For a submitted Memorial having 6000 word count, a penalty of (-) 5 marks shall be imposed if 301-600 words are plagiarised.
More than 10% words of the total word count of the Memorial have been plagiarised.	Penalty of (-) 10 to (-) 20 marks, or even disqualification from the Intras, depending on the	For a submitted Memorial having 6000 word count, a penalty of (-) 10 to (-) 20 marks shall be imposed if more than 600 words are

	gravity of the case, as per the discretion of the MCC.	plagiarised, or the participant may even be disqualified.
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CHAPTER 6: EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

- 30. There shall be an exchange of memorials between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as determined by seeding, prior to all the rounds of the Competition.
- 31. The participants are prohibited from making any marks on the exchanged Memorials.
- 32. The participants are prohibited from making any copies of the exchanged Memorials.
- 33. At the conclusion of their respective Rounds, the participants are required to return the exchanged Memorials to the Court Bailiffs of that Court Room.

CHAPTER 7: ORAL ROUNDS

- 34. **Two rounds** shall be conducted for every participating team, where they will represent the Petitioner’s as well as the Respondent’s side of the arguments.
- 35. There shall be a bench consisting of either two or more judges who shall preside over all hearings during the oral rounds of the Intra.
- 36. Each team will get a **total of 20 minutes** to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- 37. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.
- 38. The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a **lower limit of 7.5 minute** per speaker and upper limit of **12.5 minute per speaker**.
 - a. The order of the pleadings in each oral round shall be: **Petitioner v. Respondent**, followed by the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. However, it will be the discretion of the Bench to hear the rebuttals or end the proceedings.
 - b. The Rebuttals and Sur Rebuttals shall be presented at the sole discretion of the bench.
- 39. Only one speaker shall be allowed to present the Rebuttals.
- 40. Rebuttal time shall not be reserved beyond **2 minutes**.

41. The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the orals and at no point of time the researcher shall be allowed to speak or address the bench.
42. The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms. The participants are required to inform the Court Clerk about the same in advance.
43. Use of any electronic device during the course of the proceedings shall not be allowed, violation of the same shall attract penalty as determined by the MCC.
44. The Judges shall mark the participants after every oral round in the marking scheme provided to them.
45. The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the Court Clerk prior to the commencement of each Round. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed.
46. **Penalties** may be attracted on the following criteria:

Scouting, if committed at the commencement or before the end of the round.	A commission of such act may lead to <u>disqualification</u> of the participant.
Delay in appearance for the Intra exceeding five (5) minutes.	Shall attract severe penalisation of the team.
Improper communication with Judges, including failure to maintain anonymity and informal conduct.	Such conduct shall attract a penalty of (-) 10 marks.
Usage, during the rounds, of any unfair means or electronic devices that may lead to compromise in the Competition's fairness.	Such act shall attract a penalty of (-) 10 marks.

47. **Evaluation of oral submissions** shall be done on the following criteria:

Knowledge of Law—Application of Legal Principles, Use of Authorities & Precedents	30 Marks
Application of Law to Facts	25 Marks

Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	25 Marks
Style, Poise, Courtesy & Demeanour	10 Marks
Time Management & Organization	10 Marks

CHAPTER 8: MERIT LIST

48. On completion of the oral rounds and evaluation of written memorial evaluation, a separate merit list shall be released, illustrating speaker ranks and researcher ranks respectively.
49. The speaker list shall consist of ranks allotted to all participants appearing in the oral rounds.
50. The researcher list shall consist of ranks allotted to all participants appearing for the researcher's test and successfully submitting written memorials, wherein equal weightage is given, on one hand to the researcher test raw score and on the other hand on the basis of the written memorial submitted.

PART III: CATEGORIZATION OF MOOTS AND ALLOTMENT CRITERIA

51. Moots for every academic year shall be divided into three categories, namely Open Challengers, Intra Pool and Novice Moots.
52. The MCC holds discretion to allot the Novice moots to the freshers based on their merit in accordance with the Fresher's moot.
53. **No student shall be permitted to represent NMIMS KPM SOL at any moot that is not listed under the Moot Pools as will be notified by MCC for the respective academic year, without the prior permission of MCC.**
54. The List of Moots and Allotment criteria shall, on the basis of the ranks secured and at the MCC's discretion, be notified and allotted.

PART IV: PENALTIES

55. For the purpose of participation in the Intra, no participating team or any member is allowed to consult with any faculty (including the visiting faculty) of the NMIMS KPMSOL in pursuant to the moot problem or any factor regarding the same. The team or any member of the team violating this rule will be disqualified immediately.
56. Students taking part in any Moot Court Competition without prior notice to or the consent of the MCC shall be banned for one year from participating in any Moot Court Competition.
57. Backing out from the Intra Moot Court Competition and allotted Moots after the notified date will lead to a two-year ban from participating in events organized by the MCC.

PART V: MISCELLANEOUS

58. No student of NMIMS KPMSOL shall be allowed to participate in any national or international moot without participation in the Intra Moot Court Competition. In certain exceptional cases, face-offs for a particular moot not enlisted in the intra pool list can be taken solely at the discretion of MCC.
59. The official language of the Competition shall be English. All Rounds including the memorials shall be in English.
60. There shall be no preference granted in any other Moot Court Competition notified to the student body, to teams or students allocated moots through MCC due to postponement or cancellation of a moot allotted to them.
61. In the event of the cancellation of the allotted moot, the concerned team will be required to give a common face off for the next available moot if there is more than one team who has registered with the MCC in order to participate in that said moot.
62. **The preliminary/provisional registration for participation in any particular Moot Court Competition shall be mandatorily done through the MCC.**
63. MCC reserves the right to alter the rules and regulations during the course of Intra which shall be promptly communicated to the Teams.
64. Any complaints with regard to any participating team or conduct of Intra shall be made to MCC in written form.

65. MCC reserves the right to interpret the Rules and Regulations of the competition and such interpretation shall be final and binding.
66. MCC shall have the discretion to decide with regard to any subject that has not been covered under the Rules and any such decision shall be final and binding.
67. **REPEAL AND CONTINUATION:** The present rules shall not be applied to any moot allotted prior to the entry into force of these rules. On entry into force of these rules, any other rule purporting to govern the herein addressed matters shall stand repealed.
68. However, procedures not addressed by this shall continue to be governed by the procedure already prevalent in the University.
69. **Students backing out of Intra Moot or any allotted and registered National or International Moot Court Competition shall lead to them being black listed from moot court competitions in the following academic year.**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 8TH INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023

19 th September 2023	Release of Moot Problem and Commencement of Registration
02 nd October 2023	Last date to seek clarifications on the Moot Proposition
03 rd October 2023	Deadline for Registration
05 th October 2023	Last Date for Backing Out of the Intra Moot Court Competition
09 th October 2023	Memorial and Plagiarism Report Submission [11:59 P.M.—SOFTCOPY]
10 th October 2023	Memorial Submission [HARDCOPIES]
13 th October 2023	Researcher's Test, Memorial Exchange, and Draw of Lots
14 th – 15 th October 2023	Oral Rounds

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