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RULEBOOK

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**The Evolving Boundaries of
Human Rights and Deepfakes.**

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Rulebook

1. Definitions

1.1 Competition

“Competition” refers to the **4th IFIM National Moot Court Competition, 2025**, organized by **IFIM Law School, Bengaluru**, from **21st August to 24th August 2025**.

1.2 Rules

“Rules” refers to the **4th IFIM National Moot Court Competition, 2025 - Rulebook**.

1.3 MCC

“MCC” refers to the **Moot Court Committee of IFIM Law School, Bengaluru**.

1.4 Organizing Committee

“Organizing Committee” refers to the **Committee constituted by the MCC** for conducting the Competition.

1.5 Grievance Addressal Committee

“Grievance Addressal Committee” refers to the **committee responsible for resolving any issues** raised by the participating teams. The decision of the Committee shall be **final, and no further appeal** is allowed from any decision of the Committee.

1.6 Advanced Rounds

“Advanced Rounds” refers to the **knock-out rounds**, including:

- **Pre-Quarter Finals**
- **Quarter Finals**
- **Semi-Finals**
- **Final Rounds** of the Competition.

1.7 Preliminary Rounds

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“Preliminary Rounds” refers to the **set of rounds** that shall take place **before** the Advanced Rounds. Their sole purpose is determining **which teams qualify** to participate in Phase I of the Advanced Rounds, i.e., the **Pre-Quarter Final Rounds**.

1.8 Clarifications

“Clarifications” refers to the **requests for information** concerning the Moot Proposition, which must be submitted via a **Google Form** link that shall be circulated.

1.9 Compendium

“Compendium” refers to a **collection of judgments and resources** used to **support the oral and written submissions** of the party.

1.10 Participating Team

“Participating Team” refers to the **team that has successfully registered** for **IFIM NMCC 2025**, as per the Rules provided below.

2. Interpretation of Rules

2.1 Rule Amendments

The rules provided herein are **not exhaustive** for the competition. Therefore, any **changes to the Rules** can be implemented at the **discretion of the Organizing Committee**.

2.2 Final Authority

The **Grievance Addressal Committee** shall serve as the **final decision-making authority** for the implementation and interpretation of the Rules. The Competition shall be conducted following these Rules. **All Participating Teams shall be presumed to have read and understood the Rulebook.**

2.3 Strict Adherence

All rules are to be **strictly adhered to**, and **any deviation** shall result in **disqualification or other penalties** as mentioned subsequently.

3. General Rules

3.1 Dates

- The Competition shall be organized from **22nd August 2025 to 24th August 2025** at **IFIM Law School**.
- **Address:** Opposite Infosys Campus Gate #4, #8P & 9P, KIADB Industrial Area, 1st Phase, Electronic City, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560100.

3.2 Language

- All oral and written submissions are required to be made in **English**, which shall be the **official language** of the Competition.

3.3 Eligibility

- The competition is open to **all students** enrolled **bona fide on a regular basis** in a **3-year LL.B. or 5-year LL.B. Integrated Program**, conducted by any institution **recognized by the Bar Council of India**.
- A **maximum of 2 (two) teams** can represent **one institution** in this Competition.

3.4 Team Composition

- Each team shall consist of a **minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members**.
- In a **3-member team**, there shall be **2 speakers and 1 researcher**.
- In a **2-member team**, both members shall be **considered speakers**.
- Each team will be provided with a **Team Code**, which will be communicated **via email post successful registration** in the Competition.
- **Anonymity Clause:** Teams are **strictly prohibited** from disclosing their **identity, institution, or any related information** that may reveal their identity **throughout the Competition**, except on the registration form.
- **Team Member Substitution:** Substitution of a team member is **not allowed beyond formal registration**, except in **extenuating circumstances** and **only with permission** from the **Organizing Committee**.

3.5 Dress Code

Participants are required to **adhere to the formal dress code** as specified below:

- **Male Participants:** White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie, Formal Shoes and Black Blazer.
- **Female Participants:** White Salwar Kurta or Black Pant/Skirt, White Shirt, Formal Shoes and Black Blazer.

4. Registration

4.1 Registration Limit

- The **registration is restricted to only 48 teams** on a **first-come, first-served basis**.
- Interested participants may **register** by filling out the **Google Form**.
- Participants must submit:
 - The **duly filled-out Registration Form** (enclosed in **Annexure II**).
 - A **screenshot of the payment receipt** for the **registration fees** in the Google Form.

4.2 Final Registration Deadline

- The **last date for Final Registration** is **28th July, 2025**.

4.3 Hard Copy Submission

- The **Participating Teams** are required to **submit a hard copy** of the **Registration Form** during **Formal Registration on 21st August 2025**.

4.4 Non-Refundable Policy

- **Registration fees are non-refundable** under any circumstances.

5. Format of the Competition

5.1 Rounds

- The **Competition will be conducted offline** at **IFIM Law School, Bengaluru**.
- The rounds will consist of:

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➤ Two (2) Preliminary Rounds

➤ Pre-Quarter Finals

➤ Quarter Finals

➤ Semi-Finals

➤ Final Round

- A draw of lots will determine the side (Petitioner or Respondent) in the **Preliminary Rounds, Pre-Quarters, Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals, and Final Round.**
- The schedule of the event is as follows:

Date	Event
21 st August 2025	Formal Registration, Inaugural Ceremony, Draw of Lots, and Researcher's Test
22 nd August 2025	Preliminary Rounds, Pre-Quarter Rounds
23 rd August 2025	Quarter-Final Rounds, Semi-Final Rounds
24 th August 2025	Grand Finale and Valedictory Ceremony

5.2 Scoring

- **Preliminary Rounds** will be **Qualifying Rounds**, while all subsequent rounds will be **Knockout Rounds**.

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- **Qualification for Pre-Quarter Final Rounds:**

- Teams will be ranked based on **Win Points**:
 - **1 Win Point** per win
 - In case of a draw, '**Memorial Scores**' will be taken into consideration.
- **The top 16 teams** with the highest **Win Points** will qualify.

5.3 Researcher's Test

- The **Researcher's Test** will be conducted on **21st August 2025** to determine the **Best Researcher**.
- In a **2-member team**, **one speaker** may appear for the test, and this must be informed during **Formal Registration**.
- The **test format**:
 - **30 multiple-choice questions** (*each carrying 2 marks*)
 - **0.5-mark deduction** for every incorrect answer
- **Use of unfair means** (*e.g., mobile phones, electronic devices*) will lead to **immediate disqualification**.

6. Memorials

6.1 General Guidelines

- The **Memorial requirements** must be strictly followed. **Non-compliance** will result in penalties.
- Each team must prepare **Memorials for both sides** (*Petitioner and Respondent*).
- **No revisions, supplements, or additions** are allowed after submission.
- Any **discrepancy or inconsistency** between soft and hard copies may lead to penalties, including **disqualification**.
- **Memorial Submission Deadline**:
 - **Soft Copy Submission**: (**shall be communicated officially**)
 - **No amendments or improvements** are permitted post-submission.

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- **Submission Format:**

- Soft copies must be uploaded via **Google Forms: [Insert Link]**
- File names must follow the format:
 - **"IFIM 4001" (for Petitioner)**
 - **"IFIM 4001" (for Respondent)**
- Formats accepted: **.doc / .docx (Microsoft Word) and .pdf (PDF)**

- **Hard Copy Submission:**

- Teams must submit **five (5) hard copies** of each **Memorial (Petitioner & Respondent)** at **Formal Registration on 21st August 2025.**

- **Late Submission Penalty:**

- **2 points deducted per side for each hour of delay, up to a maximum of 20 points** for both sides.
- **No submissions will be accepted after 14th August 2025.**

- It is the **sole responsibility** of each team to ensure that **both soft and hard copies** are **submitted correctly** within the deadline.

6.2 **Format of Memorials**

- **Binding:** Soft-bound or tape-bound only.
- **Page Numbering:** Bottom-right corner of each page.
- **Citation Format:** 21st Edition of The Bluebook.
- **Anonymity Clause:**
 - Memorials **must not disclose** any identifying information about the team, members, or institution.
- **Page Limit:**
 - **Body of Arguments: Maximum 30 pages**
 - **Total Memorial (including cover page): Maximum 40 pages**
- **Font & Spacing:**

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- **Heading Text:** Times New Roman, Size 14, 1.5 line spacing, Justified
- **Body Text:** Times New Roman, Size 12, 1.5 line spacing, Justified
- **Footnotes:** Times New Roman, Size 10, 1 line spacing, Justified
- **Use of Ibid and Supra is mandatory**
- **Use of endnotes is not permitted.**

6.3 Contents of the Memorial

Each Memorial must include the following sections:

1. **Cover Page:**

- a) **Team Code** (*upper right-hand corner*)
- b) **Name of the Competition** (*centre-aligned*)
- c) **Case Before the [Specify Court]** (*centre-aligned*)
- d) **Case Title** (*centre-aligned*)
- e) **Cover Page Colour:**
 - **Blue** (*Petitioner*)
 - **Red** (*Respondent*)
- f) **Party Represented** (*centre-aligned*)

2. **Table of Contents**

3. **Index of Authorities**

4. **Statement of Jurisdiction**

5. **Statement of Facts** (*Not exceeding 2 pages*)

6. **Statement of Issues**

7. **Summary of Arguments** (*Not exceeding 4 pages*)

8. **Arguments Advanced / Body of Arguments** (*Not exceeding 30 pages*)

9. **Prayer** (*Not exceeding 1 page*)

7. Evaluation of Memorials

7.1 Marking Scheme

Each Memorial shall be evaluated on a **total of 100 marks**, and the team's Memorial score will be the **average of the scores for both sides** (*Petitioner and Respondent*).

Criteria	Marks
Knowledge of Facts and Law	30
Analysis, Organization, and Clarity	25
Extent and Use of Authority	20
Correct Format and Citation	15
Grammar and Style	10
Total	100

7.2 Rules for Deductions

Violation	Penalty
Delay in Submission	2 marks per memo per hour (<i>maximum deduction: 20 marks each side</i>). Disqualification beyond (shall be communicated officially).
Exceeding the prescribed page limit	1 mark shall be deducted per extra page
Failure to include all sections mentioned under Rule 6.3	5 marks shall be deducted per missing section
Non-Adherence to the Guidelines for the Cover Page	Up to 3 marks deducted per Memorial
Breach of Anonymity in Memorial	Disqualification of the Team
Failure to follow formatting guidelines	1 mark deducted per violation (<i>maximum deduction: 10 marks per side</i>)

8. Oral Rounds

8.1 General Rules

- Each team shall be represented by **two speakers** in the Oral Rounds.
- The **Researcher will not present arguments** but must be **present during the rounds**.
- **Electronic gadgets may be carried**, but **internet use is strictly prohibited**, and before the round's commencement, they must be submitted to the Court Clerk. Violation will result in **disqualification**.

8.2 Time Allocation

- Teams must inform the **Court Clerks** about their time division **before the round begins**.
- **Arguments must remain within the issues raised in the Memorials**.
- **Passing notes** between the Researcher and Speakers is **allowed**.
- **Judges may extend the time** at their **discretion**.

8.3 Specific Round Time Allocations

Preliminary Rounds:

- **Total Time per Team: 30 minutes** (*including judge's questioning*)
- **Maximum Time for one speaker: 17 minutes**
- **Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal: Up to 5 minutes**
- Each team shall argue once as **Petitioner** and once as **Respondent**.

Pre-Quarters & Quarter-Final Rounds:

- **Total Time per Team: 30 minutes**
- **Maximum Time for one speaker: 17 minutes (Pre-Quarters), 18 minutes (Quarterfinals)**
- **Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal: 5 minutes (Pre-Quarters), 6 minutes (Quarterfinals)**

Semi-Finals & Final Round:

- **Total Time per Team:**
 - **Semi-Finals: 45 minutes** (*Maximum 25 minutes for one speaker*)
 - **Finals: 60 minutes** (*Maximum 35 minutes for one speaker*)

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- Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal: 10 Minutes (Semi-Finals only) and 15 minutes (Finals only)

9. Evaluation of Oral Rounds

Criteria	Marks
Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
Logic and Reasoning to Apply Legal Principles	20
Ingenuity & Ability to Answer Questions	20
Time Management and Organization	20
Court Etiquette & Deference to the Court	10
Persuasiveness	10
Total	100

10. Awards

Position	Awards
Winning Team	Cash Prize of INR 60,000/- & Trophy
Runner-Up Team	Cash Prize of INR 40,000/- & Trophy
Best Speaker – Male	Cash Prize of INR 10,000/- & Trophy
Best Speaker – Female	Cash Prize of INR 10,000/- & Trophy
Best Researcher	Cash Prize of INR 10,000/- & Trophy
Best Memorial – Petitioner	Cash Prize of INR 10,000/- & Trophy
Best Memorial – Respondent	Cash Prize of INR 10,000/- & Trophy

Note: All participants will receive **Certificates of Participation**.

11. Clarifications

11.1 Request for Clarifications

- The last date to seek clarifications on the Moot Proposition is **29th July, 2025**.
- Clarifications must be submitted via **Google Form** (*emailed to teams' post-registration*).

11.2 Release of Clarifications

- Clarifications will be emailed to all teams by **1st August, 2025**.
- Any delays in the release of clarifications will be **notified to teams accordingly**.

12. Accommodation

12.1 Accommodation Details

- Accommodation will be provided from the morning of **August 21, 2025, to the morning of August 24, 2025**.
- Teams arriving before or after this period must arrange their accommodation.

13. Plagiarism

13.1 Plagiarism Policy

- If **plagiarism is detected** in the Memorials, the team **may be disqualified** based on the severity of the offense.
- The permissible similarity limit is **15%**, excluding citations and footnotes.

14. Scouting

14.1 Prohibition of Scouting

- Scouting is **strictly prohibited**.
- Teams are not allowed to observe the **Oral Rounds** of any other teams.

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- Any team found scouting will be **instantly disqualified**.
- If a team suspects a violation, it may file a written complaint with the **Organizing Committee**.
- **The Organizers'** decision on scouting violations shall be final and binding.

15. Disciplinary Rules & Anonymity

15.1 Non-Compliance Penalties

- Violation of **any competition rules** may result in **disqualification or penalties** at the **discretion of the Organizing Committee**.

15.2 Anonymity Rules

- Participants shall **not disclose** their **name, institution, or identity** before the **award ceremony**.
- Each team will be assigned a **Team Code**, which must be **used as their sole identifier** throughout the Competition.
- **Breach of anonymity** will lead to **immediate disqualification**.

15.3 Dress Code & Identifiable Items

- Participants must **not wear badges, blazers, or carry items** that could **reveal their institution's identity** (*e.g., books, bags with logos*).

16. Copyright

16.1 Ownership of Memorials

- The **copyright** over the Memorials submitted for participation in the competition shall **fully and exclusively vest** with **IFIM Law School, Bengaluru (Karnataka)**.

16.2 Rights of IFIM Law School

- **IFIM Law School, Bengaluru** retains the **exclusive right** to use, publish, and exhibit the Memorials, either **electronically or otherwise**.
- IFIM Law School shall **not be held liable** for any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the collected information within the Memorials.

17. Disciplinary Action

17.1 Prohibited Substances

- Possession, use, or intake of any prohibited substances (e.g., cigarettes, alcohol, narcotic substances) is strictly banned throughout the competition.

17.2 Code of Conduct

- All participants shall be responsible for maintaining orderly conduct during the competition.
- Any violation of discipline may result in penalties, disqualification, or further action at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

18. Correspondence

18.1 Queries and Assistance

For any queries or clarifications, participants may contact the following individuals:

Name	Designation	Contact Number	Email ID
Ms. Sahasra Raghuraman	Convenor, MCC	+91 9972445692	sahasra.raghuraman@ifim.edu.in
Mr. Parth Dwivedi	Co-Convenor, MCC	+91 6287783429	parth.dwivedi@ifim.edu.in

19. Registration Procedure

19.1 Early Bird Registration: 12th June, 2025 to 25th June, 2025

- Team Registration Fee: Rs. 4,500/-
- Accommodation Fee: Rs. 1,500/-

(Note: Applicable for the first 16 teams only)

19.2 Final Registration (After Early Bird): 28th July, 2025

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- **Team Registration Fee: Rs. 6,000/-**
- **Accommodation Fee: Rs. 1,500/-**

19.4 **Important Notes:**

- **Maximum of 2 Teams per Institution**
- **Total Cap of 48 Teams**
- **Payment Details:**

All registration fees must be deposited via **bank transfer** to the following account:

BANK NAME	AU Small Finance Bank
ACCOUNT NAME	IFIM LAW SCHOOL
ACCOUNT NO.	2501234866248989
IFSC CODE	AUBL0002348

MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

20. Contacts

20.1 Faculty Chairs

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20.2 Core Committee

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MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

Annexure I - Registration Formalities

Registration Form

1. Name of the Institution/College/University: _____
2. Postal Address: _____
3. Official Email Address: _____
4. Official Telephone Number: _____
5. Faculty In-Charge (Name and Designation): _____

(Seal & Signature of the Head of the Institution)

Date: _____

Place: _____

Team Composition - Details

Speaker 1:

- Name: _____
- Course Name & Year of Study: _____
- Sex: _____
- Email ID: _____
- Contact No.: _____

Speaker 2:

- Name: _____
- Course Name & Year of Study: _____

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- Sex: _____
- Email ID: _____
- Contact No.: _____

Researcher:

- Name: _____
- Course Name & Year of Study: _____
- Sex: _____
- Email ID: _____
- Contact No.: _____

Team Member for Point of Contact (POC):

- Name: _____
- Date: _____
- Place: _____

Signatures:-

Speaker 1	Speaker 2	Researcher

Annexure II - Registration Fee Details

Registration Fee - Transaction Details

Details Required	Details of Registration
Name of the Person Making the Payment	
Contact Number	
Bank A/C Number from which the Payment is Made	
Date and Time of Transaction	
Transaction ID	

Please Note: *The following dates are subject to change post collaboration at the discretion of the OC and its Sponsors, and its schedule.*

In case of any queries, please reach out to us at nmcc@ifim.edu.in!

Annexure III – Important Dates

Event	Date
Release of Moot Proposition	12 th June, 2025
Last Date for Early Bird Registration	25 th June, 2025
Last Day for Final Registration	28 th July, 2025
Release of Clarifications	1 st August, 2025
Submission of Memorial (Soft Copy)	14 th August, 2025
Inaugural Ceremony and Oral Rounds	21 st to 24 th August, 2025

Good Luck! We look forward to hosting you!