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**MOOT COURT COMMITTEE**

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**UMCS MOOT ALLOTMENT RULES**

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1. This policy shall only apply to Moot Court Competitions (“Moots”) allotted through University Moot Court Selections (“UMCS”).
2. Each participant shall be eligible to be allotted a maximum of three moots subject to the UMCS rules and the rules contained herein.
3. These allotments shall take place through various rounds of allotment.
4. The redressal body for any complaints with reference to this policy or its implementation shall be the M.C.C. The decision of the Office Bearers of the Committee shall be final subject to the decision of the Chairperson of the Committee.

**I. FIRST ALLOTMENT PROCEDURE**

5. Upon the conclusion of all the rounds of the UMCS, the M.C.C. shall draw up a moot allotment rank list of the participating teams in descending order on the basis of the evaluation criteria specified below:
  - 5.1 The teams that break into the Quarter-final rounds shall be ranked on the basis of their qualification in the subsequent rounds. Further, the teams that lose in the Semi-final and Quarter-final round shall be ranked on the basis of their total marks. In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial scores shall be ranked higher. If there continues to be a tie, the team with the higher points in the Preliminary round shall be ranked higher.
  - 5.2 The remaining teams shall be subjected to a system wherein the respective Judges of the Preliminary rounds shall decide whether the team is eligible for representing the University in National Moot Court Competitions.
  - 5.3 Each Judge in the preliminary round shall award a tick if he/she finds that the team is capable of representing the University in National Moots. A minimum of three ticks are

required by the team for it to be allotted a national moot in case of a division bench and 4 ticks in case of a bench strength of 3 judges, failing which the team shall not be allotted a national moot irrespective of the number of points it has.

5.4 All Quarter-finalists shall be given moots irrespective of ticks.

6. On the basis of the Rank List, there shall be an allocation of moots with a first preference of selecting a moot, from a comprehensive list of moots provided, given to the team with Rank 1 and so on.
7. In the event of cancellation of a moot allotted to a team, subject to the availability of moots, the M.C.C. shall allot an alternate moot to the team.

## **II. SUBSEQUENT ALLOTMENT PROCEDURE**

8. After the teams are allotted their first moot, the respective teams are dissolved and everyone is treated on an individual basis for the subsequent allotments.
9. The moots which are not allotted in the first round of allotment, will be available for the second and third round of allotments.
10. The M.C.C. is the sole authority to regulate participation in the capped moots. The Committee, generally, shall not open the claims for the uncapped moots. It must be hereby noted that capped moots are the moot court competitions which provide an upper limit on the number of teams from a particular University which are eligible to participate in the said competition.
11. As and when a moot is announced, the M.C.C. shall open claims for that moot. (*The notification of a moot is only a best endeavour effort by the M.C.C. Thereby, students are requested to bring the attention of the Committee to the moots they are interested in.*)
12. To claim such a moot, participants have to form their teams with a minimum of two members and maximum of as prescribed by the official rules of the national moot court competition for which the claim lies.
13. All the members of the team must be a UMCS participant. For the purpose of subsequent allotment, UMCS participants shall include the individuals who have submitted their memorials, irrespective of being able to get the required number of ticks. In the event of memo-knockout, it shall also include the teams that have submitted their memorials, irrespective of being able to clear the memo-knockout round or not.
14. The UMCS participants for the purpose of subsequent allotment shall further be divided into three categories which are as follows –

- i. **Category I** shall include participants from the teams which have received the required number of ticks by the Judges in Oral rounds as well as the teams that have made it to the Quarter-Finals.
- ii. **Category II** shall include participants from the teams which participated in the Oral Rounds but failed to get the required number of ticks by the Judges.
- iii. **Category III** shall be created in the event of memo-knockout and include participants from the teams which submitted the memorials but failed to clear the memo-knockout.

15. The participants in the three categories shall be ranked respectively in the following manner–

15.1 The participants in Category I shall be ranked as per the Rank List released by the M.C.C. for the purpose of subsequent allotment. This Rank List (“Rank List A”) shall consist a revised version of Speaker and Researcher Ranks wherein Category II participants have been excluded from the said Rank List.

15.2 The participants in Category II shall be ranked in descending order on the basis of their respective Memorial Ranks. This would be released as a separate Rank List (“Rank List B”) by the M.C.C. wherein the Ranking shall start afresh from Rank 1.

15.3 The participants in Category III shall also be ranked in descending order on the basis of their respective Memorial Ranks. They would form a part of Rank List B and the Ranking shall continue from the Rank immediately succeeding the Rank at which Category II’s ranking ended.

*Illustration:* There are 6 teams which fall under Category II. This means under Rank List B, they shall be ranked from 1 to 6. Now, the topmost team from Category III shall be ranked 7 followed by subsequent teams.

Note: All the members of the teams in Category II and III shall share the same individual rank as that of their respective team-mates.

16. For the purpose of the subsequent allotment, Category I participants shall fall in one pool (“Pool A”) whereas Category II and III participants shall collectively fall in another pool (“Pool B”).

17. The participants belonging to one pool are allowed to team up with the other participants from the same pool or a different pool. The different permutations and combinations which

might come up have been listed below for the purpose of a better illustration of Ranking Preference –

<b>Combination I</b>	Pool A	Pool A	Pool A
<b>Combination II</b>	Pool A	Pool A	Pool B
<b>Combination III</b>	Pool A	Pool B	Pool B
<b>Combination IV</b>	Pool B	Pool B	Pool B

The Combinations shall be preferred in the following order, wherein Combination I > Combination II > Combination III > Combination IV.

18. The allotment of subsequent claims shall function in the following manner –

18.1 In case of a situation where a single team from each combination claim one specific moot, the team shall be allotted the moot as per Preference Order in Rule 17.

18.2 In case of a situation where multiple teams from each combination claim one specific moot –

18.2.A Firstly, the combination to be preferred shall be selected as per Rule 17.

18.2.B Secondly, within the preferred combination, the teams shall be compared in accordance with Rule 19.

19. Criteria for final allotment within each combination is laid down in the subsequent sub-clauses.

*[Note: For the purposes of Rule 19, if the researcher belongs to Pool A, the researcher rank will be the participant's revised researcher rank (as provided in Rank List A) multiplied by 2, for example, if a participant has a researcher rank of 1, it will be treated as 1\*2 i.e. 2]<sup>1</sup>*

### **19.1 Combination I**

The individual ranks (speaker/researcher rank) of each of the members of the team will be added and then will be divided by the total number of members in one team. The team with the

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<sup>1</sup> This is done to bring the researcher's rank in parity with the speaker's rank, as a researcher competes against half of the number of participants, as compared to a speaker in a moot court competition.

lowest outcome (numerical value), i.e., highest cumulative team rank will be accordingly allotted the moot.

*Illustration:*

*There are two teams, Team X and Team Y claiming a moot. All the members in both of the teams are claiming their second moot. Team X is a three-member team with two speakers and one researcher, whereas Team Y is a two-member team with both speakers.*

<i>Teams</i>	<i>Team-X</i>		<i>Team-Y</i>	
	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Pool</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Pool</i>
<i>Speaker-1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Speaker-2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Researcher</i>	<i>3*2</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	

*For Team X, the final rank will be  $(1+2+6)/3$  that is 3.*

*For Team Y, the final rank will be  $(3+4)/2$  that is 3.5.*

*Team X has a higher rank and will accordingly get the moot.*

## **19.2 Combination II**

The individual ranks (speaker/researcher rank) of the members of the team belonging to Pool A will be added and then will be divided by 2. The team with the lowest outcome (numerical value), i.e., highest cumulative team rank will be accordingly allotted the moot. In case of a tie, the ranks of the participants belonging to Pool B shall be compared, and the participant who has a higher rank, his/her team shall be accordingly allotted the moot.

*Illustration:*

*There are two teams, Team X and Team Y claiming a moot. All the members in both of the teams are claiming their second moot.*

<i>Teams</i>	<i>Team-X</i>		<i>Team-Y</i>	
	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Pool</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Pool</i>
<i>Speaker-1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Speaker-2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Researcher</i>	<i>2*2</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>B</i>

For Team X, the rank to be compared will be that of Speaker 1 and Researcher:  $(1+4)/2$  that is 2.5.

For Team Y, the rank to be compared will be that of Speaker 1 and Speaker 2:  $(3+5)/2$  that is 4.

Team X has a higher rank and will accordingly get the moot.

### 19.3 Combination III

The individual rank (speaker/researcher rank) of the member of the team belonging to Pool A will be compared with the individual rank (speaker/researcher rank) of the member of the other team belonging to Pool A. The team whose such participant has higher rank will be accordingly allotted the moot. In case of a tie, the average of the ranks of members of the team belonging to Pool B shall be compared and the team with the highest average will be accordingly allotted the moot.

*Illustration (1):*

*There are two teams, Team X and Team Y claiming a moot. All the members in both of the teams are claiming their second moot.*

Teams	Team-X		Team-Y	
	Rank	Pool	Rank	Pool
Speaker-1	1	A	3	B
Speaker-2	7	B	3	A
Researcher	2	B	9	B

For Team X, the rank to be compared will be that of Speaker 1 that is 1. For Team Y, the rank to be compared will be that of Speaker 2 that is 3. Team X has a higher rank and will accordingly get the moot.

*Illustration (2):*

*There are two teams, Team X and Team Y claiming a moot. All the members in both of the teams are claiming their second moot.*

Teams	Team-X		Team-Y	
	Rank	Pool	Rank	Pool

Speaker-1	2	A	3	B
Speaker-2	7	B	4	B
Researcher	2	B	1*2	A

For Team X, the rank to be compared will be that of Speaker 1 that is 2.

For Team Y, the rank to be compared will be that of Researcher that is  $(1*2) = 2$ . Since, there is a tie, now it will be compared as follows –

The average of Team X to be now compared will be  $(7+2)/2$  that is 4.5. The average of Team Y to be now compared will be  $(3+4)/2$  that is 3.5.

Team Y has a lower average score that is a higher rank and will accordingly get the moot.

#### 19.4 Combination IV

The individual ranks of each of the members of the team will be added and then will be divided by the total number of members in one team. The team with the lowest outcome (numerical value), i.e., highest cumulative team rank will be accordingly allotted the moot.

*Illustration:*

There are two teams, Team X and Team Y claiming a moot. All the members in both of the teams are claiming their second moot. Team X is a three-member team with two speakers and one researcher, whereas Team Y is a two member team with both speakers.

Teams	Team-X		Team-Y	
	Rank	Pool	Rank	Pool
Speaker-1	1	B	3	B
Speaker-2	2	B	4	B
Researcher	6	B	N/A	

For Team X, the final rank will be  $(1+2+6)/3$  that is 3.

For Team Y, the final rank will be  $(3+4)/2$  that is 3.5.

Team X has a higher rank and will accordingly get the moot.

20. Teams with one or more members submitting claim for their third moot will be eligible for claiming the moot, **only if there is no other team with all of its members submitting claim for their second moot.**

*Illustration:*

1) *There are three teams claiming a moot, Team A, Team B and Team C.*

<i>Participants</i>	<i>Team-A</i>	<i>Team-B</i>	<i>Team-C</i>
<i>Speaker/Researcher</i>	<i>Claim for second moot</i>	<i>Claim for second moot</i>	<i>Claim for second moot</i>
<i>Speaker/Researcher</i>	<i>Claim for second moot</i>	<i>Claim for third moot</i>	<i>Claim for second moot</i>
<i>Speaker/Researcher</i>	<i>Claim for third moot</i>	<i>Claim for third moot</i>	<i>Claim for second moot</i>

*In such a scenario, Team A and Team B will not be eligible for the claim irrespective of their ranks, and Team C will automatically get the claim.*

2) *In the same case as given in illustration 1, if one or more members of Team C were also claiming their third moot, then all the three teams would have been subjected to the same rules as given in Rule No. 15.*

21. Teams after getting their desired claim are not allowed to take in any new member in their team, except in situation where a team composition of 3 members is mandatory as per the rules of the competition. In such exceptional circumstances, only a UMCS participant shall be eligible to become a member of the team, subject to the discretion of M.C.C.
22. The moots allotted through subsequent allotments **shall not be funded by the University.** Teams shall be required to fund the moots on their own.
23. The M.C.C. is not liable to allot a new moot to the team in case the moot allotted through subsequent allotments is cancelled, delayed or circumstances arise that renders the team unable to participate in the said moot.

### **III. ALLOCATION OF MOOT IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

24. It shall be the sole discretion of the Committee to conduct an open challenge for any moot court competition, which was not included in the list of competitions made available to teams at the time of allocation of moots through intra University moot



court competitions;

*provided* that such measures may only be taken temporarily for that one year and the moot in question may find place in the list of moots to be allocated through the next year's list.

25. In case a member of the team who has been allotted a moot decides to leave the team, he/she shall be required to submit to the Committee a 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC). Thereafter, the other members shall be allowed to induct a new member, subject to Rule 21 and in accordance with the screening process as provided under Annexure 2;

*provided* that such NOC should not have been obtained by coercion or undue influence, in which case, the NOC shall be deemed to be invalid.

#### **IV. RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

26. Every team, which participates in any Internal Selection Round, shall have the right to ask the Committee for their Score Sheets, Penalty details, Memorial Scores and other such relevant information.

27. Every team, which has been selected to represent the University in a moot, shall have the right to approach the Committee for any help or assistance that they may require for participation in such a Competition.

28. Every team, which has been selected to represent the University, shall be appointed with a team liaison, who shall be a member of the Committee.

#### **V. RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

29. Teams must abide by any restrictions put forth on them by the Committee. Violation of such restrictions may attract a penalty to be decided by the Committee;

*provided* that such restrictions should not violate the provisions of Annexure 1.

## ANNEXURE-I

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS**

1. Teams shall register for all moot court competitions through the Committee, as representatives of the University. Registration without the consent of the Committee, in the capacity of the University or in an individual capacity shall attract a ban of one academic year on all members of the team from all moot court activities. The decision of the Committee in this regard shall be final and binding.
2. Teams must ordinarily participate in a moot court competition that has been allotted to them unless they are prevented from doing so due to unavoidable circumstances.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 2, the teams which do not participate in a moot court competition which has been allotted to them, must show cause to the Committee for such action. If such answer is found to be unsatisfactory by the Committee, all team members shall face a complete ban from all moot court activities for a **maximum period of one academic year**. The decision of the Committee in this regard shall be final and binding.
4. If the team fails to retain 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of its original members, the team shall stand dissolved and resultantly, be disqualified from participating in the competition.
5. The teams are advised to give 2 mocks.
6. The Memorials to be submitted for the concerned national or international law moot court competitions shall be submitted to the Moot Court Committee, for the record purpose, at the time of memorial submission to the organizers of the moot court competition.
7. Violation of any of the above rules and regulations shall be strictly dealt with by the Committee and may attract disqualification from the moot court competition. In case of allowance of participation, it shall lead to **cancellation of any reimbursement whatsoever. A maximum ban of one year may also be imposed on the team members concerned from participating in any moot court competition in/outside the University.**
8. Under exceptional circumstances, the Moot Court Committee, at its sole discretion, may waive these rules and regulations for the concerned team.

## **ANNEXURE-II**

### **RULES FOR SCREENING PROCESS**

1. Any additional member(s) who is to be inducted after the selection process shall have to go through a screening process conducted at a time and place to be notified by the Committee.
2. Additional member(s) must clear the screening process and be declared fit for participation in the moot allocated to them failing which he/she/they shall not be allowed to represent the University in the same.
3. Judges for such screening process shall be appointed at the sole discretion of the Committee. The decision of the judges in the screening process shall be final and binding. The judges may give feedback to the teams.