



1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:-

- 1.1 “Applicant” means the side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Applicant at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.2 “Respondent” means, the side of the Participating Team, which argues on behalf of the Respondent, at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.3 “Competition Problem” means the compendium of facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications and corrections.
- 1.4 “Competition Rules” means the official rules of the Competition as amended from time to time.
- 1.5 “Competition” means the 4th GNLU International Moot Court Competition.
- 1.6 “Developing Countries or Economies” shall mean all those countries excluding India according to the norms of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as of April 2009.
- 1.7 “IST” means Indian Standard Time.
- 1.8 “Knock-out round” means the Quarter finals, Semi finals and Final rounds of the Competition.
- 1.9 “Least Developed Countries” shall mean all those countries according to the norms of the United Nations, as of December 2009.
- 1.10 “Memorial” means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating Team as per “Rule 6” of the Competition Rules.
- 1.11 “Official Website” shall mean the official website of 4th GNLU International Moot Court Competition (<http://gnlu.ac.in/gimc/gimc2012.html>).



- 1.12 “Organizing Committee” (hereinafter referred to as O.C.) means the Committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition including any other authorized persons, and of all events leading up to the Competition.
- 1.13 “Participant” means any member of a Team participating in the Competition.
- 1.14 “Participating Team” means, the registered representative of any University/ College/ Institution participating in the Competition.
- 1.15 “Problem Clarification & Correction” shall refer to the official clarifications and corrections as published on the official website of the Competition, pursuant to “Rule 3”.
- 1.16 “Rebuttals” refer to the set of arguments/challenges that the Applicant shall raise, at the end of the main pleadings, of the counsels. This shall be replied to, in the appropriate manner, by the Respondent.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 The Competition is open to all students, enrolled *bonafide* on a regular basis in an Undergraduate/ Post Graduate law course or its equivalent conducted by any recognized Institution/College/University. Those students who are pursuing any Trade Law course/programme conducted by any recognized Institution/College/University are also eligible to apply. However in such cases, the final discretion would lie with the O. C.
- 2.2 Any recognized Institution/College/University shall be entitled to send only one team to the Competition.



- 2.3 The participating Team shall comprise of a minimum of two Members and a maximum of three Members. In a Team comprising of two Members, both the Members shall be designated as Oralists. In a Team comprising of three Members, the third Member of the team shall be designated as Researcher.
- 2.4 Any additional Member or Team Coach of any Team shall not be recognized.
- 2.5 Accommodation shall be provided to the participants only during the days of the competition. Teams who intend to arrive prior or leave after the specified dates are required to make their own arrangements.

3. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROBLEM

- 3.1 Teams may request for Clarifications via e-mail to gimc@gnlu.ac.in, latest by October, 7, 2011 (11.59 P.M IST).
- 3.2 All Clarifications shall be posted on the Official Website by October, 30, 2011(11.59P.M. IST).

4. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 4.1 The Participating Teams shall be allotted a Team Code after the Registration. Teams shall not reveal identity in any form, except the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition.
- 4.2 Any violation of Rule 4.1 shall attract severe penalty as determined by the OC.



5. REGISTRATION

5.1 General Rules

- 5.1.1 Each team shall register with the O.C. Registration is a two step process comprising of filling up of the registration form and payment of the registration fees as provided in Rule 5.2.
- 5.1.2 Registration will be open till October 1st, 2011 (11.59 pm IST). The registration form can be downloaded from the official website of the Competition.
- 5.1.3 The participating teams are required to send a bonafide letter issued by the appropriate authority of their Institution/College/University along with the duly filled registration form.

5.2 Registration Fee

- 5.2.1 INR 3000 for Indian teams, Least Developed Countries or Developing Countries/ Economies. Teams from Least Developed Countries or Developing countries /economies may pay in INR or its equivalent amount in US Dollars or Euro.
- 5.2.2 All other Teams shall pay US \$ 200 or its equivalent excluding service charge (if any) in Euro as registration fee.

5.3 Payment of Registration Fee

- 5.3.1 Indian Teams must make payment by Demand Draft. The procedure for the same has provided in Annexure.
- 5.3.2 Payment by all other teams must be made by Bank Transfer. The procedure for the same has provided in Annexure.



- 5.4 Teams from Least Developed countries and Developing countries excluding India are eligible to apply for waiver of registration fees. All the formalities concerning the registration process should be completed by October 1, 2011 the decision of the O.C. shall be final in this regard.
- 5.5 Teams who have registered for the competition in pursuance of Rules 5.1 of the Competition Rules may withdraw from the Competition after informing the O.C. of such withdrawal in writing, at least 15 days before the last date of registration. If a Team gives notice of withdrawal at least 15 days before the last date of registration, then the registration fee paid, if any, will be refunded to the Team after deducting the transaction costs. In case a Team fails to give notice at least 15 days before the last date of registration, such Team would not be entitled for any refund.
- 5.6 On registration, the Team shall be assigned a Team Code.
- 5.7 A Team that has registered pursuant to Rules 5.1 and 5.2 may change its composition only after informing the O.C. of such change. Any changes with respect to the contact details shall be notified to the O.C. with immediate effect. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition, till that team is eliminated from the Competition.

6. MEMORIAL

- 6.1 Each Team is required to prepare a Memorial for both Applicant/Respondent to the case. Each Team is expected to research on its own for preparing the memorial. The teams may, under no circumstance, take advice or assistance of any kind pertaining to the Competition Problem from any other Team participating in the Competition.



6.2 The Memorial shall consist of the following mandatory heads:

- a) Cover Page
- b) Table of Contents
- c) List of Abbreviations
- d) Index of Authorities
- e) Statement of Jurisdiction
- f) Statement of Facts (not exceeding 3 pages)
- g) Issues Raised
- h) Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 3 pages)
- i) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 25 pages)
- j) Final Submission/Prayer

6.3 The Memorial should not exceed the maximum limit of 45 (Forty Five) pages in length, including the Arguments Advanced. Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Bluebook Method of Citation (19th edn.).

6.4 The Memorial shall be typed on A4-sized paper, with the following mandatory formatting specifications:

- a) Font Type: Times New Roman
- b) Font Size: 12
- c) line Spacing: 1.5
- d) Margins: 1- inch on each side.
 - For Footnotes, the formatting specifications are:
 - a) Font type: Times New Roman
 - b) Font Size: 10



- c) Single Spacing
- d) Paragraph spacing: 0 pt

6.5 Presentation of the Memorial

6.5.1 The Memorial shall be spiral/wiro-bound only.

6.5.2 The following color schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorial:

- a) Applicant- **BLUE**
- b) Respondent- **RED**.

6.6 All Teams shall send a soft copy of the Memorial for each side in Adobe PDF format only, via electronic mail, on or before January 5, 2012 (11.59 P.M IST) to gimc@gnlu.ac.in , and shall comply with Rule 6.8 of the Competition Rules. Teams shall also send 18 copies of the memorials (9 for each side) by January 12, 2012 (11.59 P.M IST) to the following address:

The Convener, Organizing Committee, GIMC

Gujarat National Law University

E-4, Old NIFT Building, GIDC Electronics Estate, Sector- 26,

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, PIN- 382028

6.7 The participating teams are required to carry hard copies of Memorial for their personal use, which are excluded from the 18 copies already submitted in accordance with Rule 6.6.

6.8 It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the electronic copies of the Memorials:



- 6.8.1 Can be opened and read legibly with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and shall not contain any virus.
- 6.8.2 Are submitted as two (2) separate file attachments: one as Memorial for the Applicant and the other as Memorial for the Respondent;
- 6.8.3 Shall indicate only the Team Code and the Party for which the Memorial is prepared, on the Cover Page.
- 6.8.4 The attachments shall be named according to the Team Code and the Party for which the Memorial is proposed. (For instance, Team 01 will name its attachments as 01A & 01R, where A is Applicant & R is Respondent.)
- 6.9 The Cover Page of each Memorial must contain the following information:
- a) The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner of each Memorial shall be numbered in accordance with Rule 6.8.
 - b) The name of the Court
 - c) The year of the Competition
 - d) The Cause Title and
 - e) The Party for which the Memorial has been prepared.
- 6.10 The Memorials shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its Members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team. The Memorial shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned by the O.C. to the Team. The Teams shall send a covering letter containing details of the Team, its Members and of the Institution/College/University being represented by the Team, along with the Memorials.



6.11 Each Team shall be provided with the soft copy of the Memorial of the Opponent Team on January 20, 2012 (11.59 P.M IST).

6.12 The Memorial shall not contain any annexure, photographs, graphs, diagrams or any other representation of like nature.

6.13 Footnotes should be limited to only citations or any other information relevant to the arguments. In no event shall footnotes contain extra or irrelevant information and in no case shall footnotes contain arguments.

6.14 Any Memorial violating any of the specifications mentioned above will be penalized according to the following scheme:

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Scheme of Deduction</u>	<u>Marks Deducted</u>
1.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.6	1 mark for each day of delay
2.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.3	1 mark for every page exceeded
3.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.4 & 6.9	0.5 marks for every page containing such violation
4.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.2	1 mark for every head omitted; 1 mark for every page exceeded
5.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.13	0.25 marks for every page containing such violation
6.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.5.1	3 marks
7.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.5.2	2 marks

6.15 The hard copies must be the exact print outs of the soft copy or else would entail disqualification from the Competition.

6.16 Any form of scouting during the Competition is strictly prohibited and may entail instant disqualification. The decision of the O.C. in this regard shall be final.



7. ORAL ROUNDS

7.1 The order in which Teams shall submit their Oral Pleadings throughout the Competition shall be:

Speaker 1 for Applicant

Speaker 2 for Applicant

Speaker 1 for Respondent

Speaker 2 for Respondent

Rebuttals shall be done by the Designated Speaker in accordance with Rule 7.8.4, Rule 7.9.4 and Rule 7.10.4.

7.2 In case any Opponent Team fails to appear in an Oral Round, the Rounds shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter Team had been present and arguing.

7.3 Before the start of the Oral Rounds of any Team, the Oralists of the Team shall inform the Court Room Officers regarding the order of speaking as well as allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for Rebuttal. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed. If an Oralist speaks for more than the time reserved for him/her, the extra time used by such Oralist shall be deducted from the time allotted to the second Oralist of that team. If the second Oralist exceeds the time allotted to him/her, such time exceeded shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals.

7.4 The dress code for the competition as well as any official functions in the duration of the moot shall be Western Professional Business attire.



7.5 Compiled Research Material (Compendium) can be submitted to the court room officer prior to the oral rounds which will be submitted to the judges at their discretion. Any further material may be passed at the discretion of the judges. Team members can pass research materials to the Oralists in a discreet manner.

7.6 Any Team which violates any of the Rules with respect to the Oral Rounds may be penalized. The decision of the Judges shall be final in this regard.

7.7 During the oral rounds teams would not be allowed to use any electronic devices, like Laptops, LCD Projectors, Video camera etc.

7.8 Preliminary Rounds/Quarter Finals

7.8.1 Each Oral Round will be for a period of 60 minutes, (inclusive of rebuttals) wherein each Team will be allotted 30 minutes including the time for rebuttals. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Judges.

7.8.2 No Oralist of a Team shall speak for more than 15 minutes, excluding the time reserved for rebuttals.

7.8.3 No team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for rebuttals.

7.8.4 Only one Oralist per Team shall be permitted to rebut. No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.

7.9 Semi Finals

7.9.1 Each Oral Round will be for a period of 80 minutes, (including rebuttals), wherein each Team will be allowed 40 minutes. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Judges.



7.9.2 No Oralist of a Team shall speak for more than 20 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals.

7.9.3 No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.

7.9.4 Only one Oralist per Team shall be permitted to rebut. No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.

7.10 Finals

7.10.1 Each Oral Round will be for a period of 90 minutes (including rebuttals) wherein each Team will be allowed 45 minutes. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Judges.

7.10.2 No Oralist of a Team shall speak for more than 25 minutes, including the time reserved for Rebuttals.

7.10.3 No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.

7.10.4 Only one Oralist per Team shall be permitted to rebut. No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.

8. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition Rounds shall be held over a period of five days from February 8th to February 12th, 2012. The inaugural function and the orientation programme will be held on February 8th, 2012.

8.1 The Competition shall consist of 4 Rounds:

1. The Preliminary Rounds;



2. The Quarter Finals;
3. The Semi Finals; and
4. The Final.

8.2 Preliminary Rounds

- 8.2.1 The Preliminary rounds will be held from February 9th – 10th, 2012. In the Preliminary Rounds, each Team shall argue once as an Applicant and once as a Respondent. The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted in two days. The Team which argues for the Applicant on the first day shall argue for the Respondent on the second day, and vice- versa.
- 8.2.2 The draw of lots for determining the side for which the Teams shall be arguing shall be conducted after the expiration of registration date, i.e. after October 1, 2011. It is the responsibility of the O.C. to conduct the draw of lots and to inform the teams, of the side, for which they will be arguing, in the prelims. All Teams will be sent the Opponent Team's Memorial for the Preliminary Rounds via electronic mail by January 20th, 2012 (latest by 11.59 P.M IST), after the draw of lots has been conducted. No Team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of their Opponent Teams or any other Team.
- 8.2.3 No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary rounds.
- 8.2.4 The Quarter Finalists shall be determined according to the following system:



At the end of the Preliminary Rounds, the top eight teams will qualify for the Quarter Finals. The top 8 teams will be selected on the basis of number of rounds won (two wins).

8.2.4.1 A Team shall be credited with a win if its total marks in the respective session, as calculated in Rules 9.1 & 10.1, are higher than its Opponents Team's. Further for the purpose of calculation, the memorial marks of the teams in the preliminary rounds shall be awarded by the Judges for the oral pleadings. The total scores in the Preliminary Rounds shall be out of 300. In case of a tie, combined total marks of both the preliminary rounds shall be considered. The Team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals.

8.2.4.2 If the situation of tie still persists, then the total oral marks of the Teams from both sessions will be considered. The Team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals.

8.2.4.3 If the situation of a tie still persists, then it would be resolved through the toss of a coin.

8.3 Quarter Finals/Semi Finals/Final

8.3.1 The Quarter Finals will be held on February 11th, 2012. The Quarter Finals will be knock-out rounds. A Team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Finals if their total marks, as calculated in accordance with Rule 10.1, are higher than its Opponent's Team's.

8.3.2 In case of a tie, the total oral marks of the Teams in the previous round(s) will be considered. The Team with the higher score will win.



- 8.3.3 If the situation of a tie still persists, then it would be resolved through the toss of coin.
- 8.3.4 The side the Team will be arguing for will be decided by a draw of lots, with the Teams picking the lots.
- 8.3.5 The teams will be provided with a hard copy of their opponent's memorial prior to the oral rounds. They are required to return the same after their rounds.
- 8.3.6 The Semi Finals would be conducted on February 11th, 2012.
- 8.3.7 The Finals of the 4th GNLU International Moot Court Competition would be conducted on February 12th, 2012.

9. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR MEMORIAL

Every Memorial will be marked on scale of 100 and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

S.No.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks Allocated
1.	Knowledge of Law & Facts	15
2.	Grammar and Style of Presentation	10
3.	Application of Law to Facts	20
4.	Analysis and Organization	10
5.	Use of Authority	15
6.	Proper Citation & Correct Format	10
7.	Originality in Presentation	10
8.	General Impression and Clarity of Thought	10



10. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS

10.1 The Oral Pleadings would be marked on scale of 100 per Judge and would be evaluated on the following grounds:

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Marking Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Marks Allocated</u>
1.	Knowledge of Law & Facts	20
2.	Interpretation of Facts & its Application	20
3.	Use of Authorities	15
4.	Style, Poise and Court Mannerism	15
5.	Organization of Arguments	15
6.	Time Management	15

10.2 The decision of the Judges regarding the allocation of marks shall be final.

10.3 To ensure uniformity, each Judge will be briefed in advance regarding the marking criteria.

11. AWARDS

11.1 The Winning Team shall be awarded a Trophy, a cash prize of INR 35,000 and an invitation to participate in the World Trade Institute Summer Academy 2012 on International Trade Regulation. This includes the course fees for all members of the winning team. Flights and accommodation are not included.

11.2 The Runner's up shall be awarded a cash prize of INR 20,000.

11.3 The Best Memorial Award carries a cash prize of INR 6,000 and a Black's law Dictionary to each member of the team.

11.4 The Second Best Memorial shall be awarded a Merit Certificate.



11.5 The Best Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds shall be awarded a merit certificate. To determine the best Oralist, the marks awarded to each Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds shall be considered.

11.6 The Best Speaker in the Final Round shall be awarded a Merit Certificate.

11.7 All Members of each Team participating in the Competition shall be awarded Certificates of Participation and all the winners of the Awards specified in Rules 11.1 to 11.3 shall be awarded Certificates of Merit.

12 MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 The O.C. reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the Competition Rules at any point of time. The O.C. shall communicate any changes made in the Competition Rules to the Participating Teams.

12.2 The O.C. reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the O.C. shall be final and binding.

12.3 The O.C. reserves the right to interpret any of the Competition Rules. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.

12.4 The O.C. may depart from these Competition Rules in exceptional circumstances, in which case it shall inform all Participating Teams of the reasons for such departure.

12.5 The Copyright in the Memorials submitted by the Participating Teams shall vest with GNLU. GNLU shall not be responsible for any liability accrued to any person or for any loss caused to any person because of the content of the Memorials.



12.6 No audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the O.C., the Bench before which the team is scheduled to present and the Opposing team. The O.C. reserves all rights to audio and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any Oral Round or part thereof.

12.7 If a team believes that violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) within half an hour after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint with the Court room officers. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.

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Annexure

1. Procedure for payment of Registration Fee for teams from India.

Teams from India in pursuance of Rule 5 of the official competition rules have to make the payment of the registration fee through a demand draft. The demand draft should be remitted in favour of “Gujarat National Law University” payable at “Ahmedabad”.

2. Procedure for payment of Registration for teams from Outside India

Teams from Outside India in pursuance of Rule 5 of the Official Competition Rules shall make payment through Bank Transfer. All Transfer Fees must be paid by the Transferor in US \$ or Euro only. The transfer must indicate the name of your University as the transferor for your university to be given credit for having paid the registration fee. SWIFT Codes can be obtained by contacting the OC.

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Please remit proceeds to **A/c No. 000163121** with *American Express Bank, New York of Corporation Bank, 15 Mittal chambers, Nariman point, Mumbai* for further credit to **S.B. A/c no. 4844** of *Gujarat National Law University with their Udyog Bhavan, Gandhinagar branch, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.*

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A copy of the Bank Receipt/ Transaction ID should be emailed to gimc@gnlu.ac.in.