

DR. TMAI PAI INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
ARBITRATION MOOT RULES, 2024

CHAPTER I – PRELIMINARY

- 1. Short Title and Commencement:** (1) These Rules may be called Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Arbitration Moot Rules, 2024.
- (2) These Rules shall come into force from 25/12/2023.
- 2. Definitions:** Unless otherwise provided, the words used in the Rules shall be construed as defined hereinafter –
- a. “Organisers” means the administration of the law school and shall include decisions of the committee.
 - b. “Committee” means the Manipal Law School Moot Court Committee.
 - c. “Competition” means Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Arbitration Moot, 2024.
 - d. “Draw of Lots” means the picking up of chits by the teams in order to determine the fixture of the competition.
 - e. “Hard Copy” refers to the printed version of the written submission submitted to the committee.
 - f. “Moot Proposition” means the case or the fact sheet released by the committee for the purpose of the competition.
 - g. “Oral Rounds” means the oral pleadings presented by the teams before the judges.
 - h. “Researcher’s Test” means the written test for the researchers.
 - i. “Rules” mean Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Arbitration Moot Rules, 2024.
 - j. “Soft Copy” refers to the electronic version of the written submission mailed to the committee on mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu
 - k. “Team” means the team having composition as mentioned in Rule 4 (Chapter-I) and is registered by the committee under Rule 5 (Chapter-I) for participating in the competition.
 - l. “Team Code” means the unique code that shall be provided to the registered teams and shall be used by the teams for all further communications.
 - m. “Written Submission” means the document prepared by the team in accordance with

Chapter IV of the Rules.

CHAPTER II – ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

3. Eligibility: All the students of any law school in India and abroad, pursuing three year or five year integrated course (BALLB/BBALLB/BCOMLLB) or any equivalent degree are eligible for taking part in Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Arbitration Moot Competition, 2024.

4. Team Composition: A team shall comprise of three members out of whom two shall be designated as speakers while one shall be the researcher.

Provided that same person cannot be designated as the speaker as well as researcher.

5. Registration: Interested team will be required to fill the registration form.

Link for the registration form: <http://surl.li/ontnt>

Payment for registration:

- The teams must provisionally register themselves through the registration link provided above. Post which an email is required to be sent to mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu on or before the date of registration i.e. 21/01/2024.
- For payment, the details will be shared to the participants through an email by the organizing committee on or before 25/01/2024.
- Initially teams are required to pay 1000 INR for National Teams/ 50 USD for International Teams. The deadline for making the payment is 27/01/2024 by 8:00 PM (IST). Post payment, the receipt must be shared on mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu
- Further teams would be finalized based on top 16 applicant memorial to be submitted to the mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu by 29/02/2024.
- The final selected 16 teams can expect the final acknowledgement, slot and registration by 3/03/2024; Post which Selected 16 Teams will have to make remaining payment i.e 3500 INR for National Teams/100 USD for International Teams by 10/03/2024.

Registration shall be considered complete after the acknowledgment and confirmation mail is sent from the side of moot court committee to the interested team. No registrations shall be entertained by the Committee after the registration date.

6. **Allotment of Team Code:** Every team registered for the competition shall be allotted a unique code on 24/02/2024 which shall be used by the team for all further communications with the Committee.

CHAPTER III – FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

7. **Researcher's Test:** (1) There shall be a researcher's test for all the teams participating in the competition. Only the individual designated as 'researcher' in the registration mail shall be allowed to take Researcher's Test.
- (2) Researcher's test shall be of 50 marks.
- (3) The format of the test shall be subjective as well as objective around the moot proposition and its allied laws.
- (4) The duration of the test shall be 30 minutes.
8. **Orals Rounds:**
- (1) The side shall be decided on the basis of draw of lots.

-Preliminary Rounds:

- There shall be two preliminary rounds wherein each team would be representing both applicant and respondent.
- Each team shall be allotted a maximum time of 30 minutes inclusive of time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Top 8 scoring teams will qualify for quarter-final rounds. In case of tie, memorial marks will be considered along with the speaker's score.

-Quarter Final Rounds:

- There shall be 1 quarter final round wherein each team would be representing the side based on the draw of lots.
- Each team shall be allotted a maximum time of 40 minutes inclusive of time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

- Quarter final round will be a knockout round.

-Semi-Final Rounds:

- There shall be 1 semi-final round wherein each team would be representing the side based on the draw of lots.
- Each team shall be allotted a maximum time of 40 minutes inclusive of time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Semi-final round will be a knockout round.

-Final Round:

- There shall be 1 final round wherein each team would be representing the side based on the draw of lots.
- Each team shall be allotted a maximum time of 50 minutes inclusive of time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

(2) Order of Speaking- Arbitration Moot-

- (a) Respondent Speaker will address the procedural issue followed by the response from applicant and then rebuttal, sur-rebuttal.
- (b) After completion of procedural issues, the applicant speaker shall initiate the substantive issues followed by the response from the respondent speaker and the rebuttal, sur-rebuttal.

(3) For each extra minute, penalty of 0.5 marks will apply in all the rounds.

(4) Speakers in the oral rounds shall be marked in accordance with the marking criteria as provided under Schedule II of the Rules.

9. Computation of Aggregate Score: A team shall be assessed/ranked or declared winner of the round based on the aggregate score. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of -

- a. Aggregate Score of Speaker 1;**
- b. Aggregate Score of Speaker 2;**

10. Awards: The committee shall be declaring the following awards:

- a) **Best Speaker**-Speaker attaining the highest scores in the preliminary rounds will be declared as the best speaker.

- b) **Best Researcher**-Best researcher award shall be awarded to an individual based on the highest score in Researchers test.
- c) **Best Memorial**-Team memorial receiving the highest scores in external evaluation shall be given the best memorial award. (Refer to Schedule I)
- d) **Winners of the International Technology Moot, 2024**
- e) **Runner-Up of the International Technology Moot, 2024**

CHAPTER IV-WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

11. Written Submission: (1) The written submissions shall be submitted by the teams from both sides.

(2) The written submission shall be submitted in soft copy as well as hard copy. Teams are required to submit 5 hard copies from each side at the time of reporting for the Competition.

Parameters for the Written Submission:

- (1) Each team shall submit the written submissions and the following rules shall apply.
- (2) Font Type: The text and footnote of written submission shall be in Times New Roman.
- (2) Font Size: The font size of the text shall be 12 points while that of footnotes shall be 10 points.
- (3) Line Spacing: The line spacing shall be 1.5 for the text and 1 for the footnotes.
- (4) Footnote Style: The participants should strictly follow Harvard Bluebook citation format (20th edition).
- (5) Colour of Cover Page: The written submission from the side of the applicant must have blue cover page. On the other hand, the written submission from the side of the respondent must have red cover page.
- (6) Team Code: The written submission shall contain the team code on the top-right corner of the cover page and no other identification of the team shall be there other than the team code on the cover page.
- (7) The written submissions shall be marked on the parameters which are laid down under Schedule I of the Rules and as determined by the committee.

- 12. Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials:** The soft copies of the written submissions shall be sent in .doc or .docx formats via email (mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu) to the committee on or before the notified dates mentioned under Important Dates section . All the contents of the soft copy of the written submission shall be mailed as a single file. The file shall be sent as an attachment and the file name shall be the team code allotted.
- 13. Anonymity in Memorials:** Names of the participants or of the institution they represent must not be mentioned anywhere in the memorandum. Any other mark, character or text that reveals the identity of the team members or of the institution being represented is strictly prohibited. Violation of this Rule shall attract penalty, deemed fit by the Organizing Committee.
- 14. Plagiarism:** Teams shall not commit plagiarism. “Plagiarism” means the act of appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages of another’s writings, or the ideas or language of another, and passing them off as the product of one’s own mind. If any Memorial is found plagiarized, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to disqualify the plagiarizing team from the competition.

CHAPTER VI – PENALTIES

- 15. Penalty for late submission of written submission:** If the team fails to submit the soft copy of the written submission within the time as stipulated by the committee, such team shall have **a deduction of one mark per hour per side in the memorial marks, subject to a maximum deduction of 5 marks per day.**
- 16. Scouting:** No team shall be allowed to hear or see the Oral Rounds of any other team until the Oral Round of that team is completed.
- If any team is found indulged in scouting, it shall be disqualified from the Competition.
- 17. Punishment for use of Unfair Means:** Any person or team found indulging in use of any

unfair means during the course of **competition shall be punished with disqualification from competition.**

18. **Punishment for Violation of any Rule:** Any person or team found in violation of any provisions of these rules, or any other rules made by the Committee for the Competition shall be liable with punishment of **not less than deduction of 10% of his total score but not more than deduction of 20% of his total score.**

CHAPTER VII - MISCELLANEOUS

19. **Clarification:** Any team having any doubt regarding the moot proposition or registration, or any other rule shall mail the same to mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu on or before 05/02/2024.
20. **Copyright:** The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
21. **Contact Details:** In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to mail your queries at mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu cc singh.surabhi@manipal.edu with the subject line “Competition Problem-Queries” or contact the following (between 10 AM to 4 PM (IST)):
- Rakshitashree: +91 9884599328 (Student Co-Convenor)
 - Pakhi Kalode: +91 7696015597 (Member)

22. Dress Code: The participants shall adhere to the following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

a. **Female:** White salwar and kurta or white shirt, black tie and black pant or skirt along with black coat and black shoes; and

b. **Male:** White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

23. Language: The language of the Competition shall be English only.

SCHEDULE I
(WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

MARKING PARAMETERS	TOTAL MARKS
KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION OF LAW AND FACTS	20
RESEARCH CAPABILITIES	20
CONCEPT CLARITY	20
USAGE OF LANGUAGE, GRAMMAR, STYLE & CITATION OF SOURCES	20
MEMORIAL FORMATTING	20
TOTAL SCORE	100

SCHEDULE II
(ORAL SUBMISSIONS)

MARKING CRITERIA	TOTAL MARKS
KNOWLEDGE AND INTERPRETATION OF LAW	20
APPLICATION OF LAW TO FACTS OF THE CASE	20
ABILITY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS	20
STYLE, POISE, COURTESY AND BODY LANGUAGE	20
TIME MANAGEMENT AND TEAM COORDINATION	20
TOTAL SCORE	100

IMPORTANT DATES

Release of Moot Proposition	23/01/2024
Last Date of Registration	21/01/2024
Last Date of Initial Payment (1000 INR/50 USD)	27/01/2024
Last Date of Seeking clarification	05/02/2024
Allotment of team codes	24/02/2024
Last Date of Applicant Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	29/02/2024
Last Date of Remaining Registration Payment	10/03/2023
Last Date of Respondent Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	20/03/2024
Researchers' Test	30/03/2024
Date of the Competition	30/03/2024-31/03/2024