



**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION OF MALAYSIA  
(MyIPO)**

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**OFFICIAL RULES**

**National IP Law Moot Competition  
“IP & SPORTS” Rules**



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO) is proud to present the 1st National IP Law Moot Competition (the “Competition”) to be held at MyIPO.

1.2 This inaugural event marks a significant milestone in advancing legal education by bringing together law students from public and private universities across Malaysia to sharpen their advocacy skills and engage with real-world intellectual property challenges.

1.3 These Official Rules will govern the Competition. Participants are expected to familiarise themselves with and adhere to these rules throughout the Competition.

1.4 The Competition will be conducted in two phases:

1.4.1 Qualifying Round: Submission of Written Memorial on **22 May 2026**; and

1.4.2 Oral Rounds: Quarter-Final on **28 July 2026**, Semi-Final on **29 July 2026** and Grand-Final on **30 July 2026**.

## 2. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

### 2.1 Organizer

2.1.1 The Competition is organized by MyIPO and governed by an IP Moot Committee.

### 2.2 IP Moot Committee

2.2.1 The IP Moot Committee composed of representatives from MyIPO. This Committee holds ultimate authority over all administrative matters and the enforcement of these Official Rules.

## 2.3 Structure

2.3.1 The Competition will be conducted in the following manner:

- a) All teams that have submitted the Application Form will be invited to submit Written Memorials.
- b) 8 teams with the highest scores for the Written Memorial will be invited to participate in the subsequent Oral Rounds.
- c) Oral Rounds will be conducted in three phases:
  - i. 8 teams will be proceeding to the Quarter-Finals;
  - ii. 4 teams with the highest scores will advance to the Semi-Finals;
  - iii. 2 teams will be competing in the Grand-Final.

## 2.4 Venue

2.4.1 The Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Grand-Final will be held at MyIPO headquarters, Petaling Jaya.

## 2.5 Language

2.5.1 The Competition will be conducted entirely in English.

## 3. COMPETITION TIMELINE

<b>Application period</b>	<b>3 February 2026 to 13 March 2026</b>
<b>Announcement of selected teams</b>	<b>20 March 2026</b>
<b>Release of moot problem</b>	<b>20 March 2026</b>
<b>Deadline for submission of requests for clarifications</b>	<b>7 April 2026</b>
<b>Deadline for written memorials</b>	<b>22 May 2026</b>

<b>Announcement of selected teams to quarter-final</b>	<b>12 June 2026</b>
<b>Possible clarification on disqualification</b>	<b>19 June 2026</b>
<b>Quarter-Final</b>	<b>28 July 2026</b>
<b>Semi-Final</b>	<b>29 July 2026</b>
<b>Grand-Final</b>	<b>30 July 2026</b>

## **4. APPLICATION**

### **4.1 Process**

- 4.1.1 A completed and duly signed Application Form (see Annex 1) must be submitted for an application to be considered.

### **4.2 Details of the Application**

- 4.2.1 The Application Form is available at MyIPO's website at <https://www.myipo.gov.my/> and must be submitted by **13 March 2026**.

- 4.2.2 The Application Form must be signed manually by the team members of the Participating Teams, team Coach (if any) and Dean of the Law Faculty.

- 4.2.3 The completed Application Form must be submitted to the Competition Secretary via email to [mooting2026@myipo.gov.my](mailto:mooting2026@myipo.gov.my)

### **4.3 Application fee and additional expenses**

- 4.3.1 No application fee is required to be paid by any Participating Teams to participate in the Competition.
- 4.3.2 Other expenses incurred for the purposes of this Competition will be borne by the respective Participating Teams.

4.3.3 Information regarding the accommodation will be updated by the Competition Secretary to the Participating Teams that have been selected to compete at the Oral Rounds.

4.3.4 Organizer will provide breakfast and lunch meals during the Oral Rounds to all Participating Teams.

#### **4.4 Representative of the Participating teams**

4.4.1 The IP Moot Committee will communicate and correspond with the representative who signed the Application Form only.

4.4.2 Communication with the IP Moot Committee by any other person shall not be entertained.

4.4.3 The representative is responsible for conveying all the information received from the IP Moot Committee to the team members.

#### **4.5 Participating Team Registration Number**

4.5.1 Each Participating Team will be provided with the Team Registration Number on a first come, first served basis upon registration.

4.5.2 The Team Registration Number is given to protect the anonymity of the Participating Teams and to ensure no prejudice or bias is shown in the assessment of both Written Memorials and Oral Rounds.

4.5.3 The Team Registration Number will be sent to all the representative of the Participating Teams (as stated in the Registration Form) by the Competition Secretary via e-mail on **20 March 2026**.

#### **4.6 Refusal or Cancellation of Registration**

4.6.1 The IP Moot Committee reserves the right to refuse or cancel any Participating team's registration at their discretion, considering

factors such as misconduct and failure to comply with this Official Rules.

## **5. PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

### **5.1 Composition**

5.1.1 Students from recognized universities and higher education institutions in Malaysia that offer a LLB undergraduate degree can register for the Competition.

5.1.2 Each Participating Team is required to have 2 members.

5.1.3 Each Participating team may have a coach. Coach may provide guidance but must not contribute to the substantive work of the written memorial and oral arguments.

5.1.4 The coach must be a person from the law faculty of the recognized universities and higher education institutions.

### **5.2 Eligibility**

5.2.1 Students must be enrolled in a law degree program that has an IP course from the recognized universities and higher education institutions in Malaysia at the time of the Competition.

5.2.2 Legal practitioners, judicial officers, and PhD candidates/holders are generally ineligible.

5.2.3 Students are not expected to graduate before June 2027. This is to ensure that the champion of the Competition is eligible to get an opportunity to represent Malaysia in the WIPO Moot Court Competition at the physical round in Geneva, Switzerland, subject to terms and conditions.



### **5.3 Team Selection**

5.3.1 Each university or higher education institution is responsible for selecting its Participating Team through a fair and transparent process.

5.3.2 Only 3 teams from the same university or higher education institution can participate in the Competition.

### **5.4 Team Changes**

5.4.1 Changes to the composition of the Participating Teams after the Participating Team Registration Number is given may be allowed in exceptional circumstances with prior approval from the IP Moot Committee.

5.4.2 Request for such changes indicating the reasons thereto may be made to the Competition Secretary via email at [mooting2026@myipo.gov.my](mailto:mooting2026@myipo.gov.my).

## **6. THE MOOT PROBLEM**

### **6.1 Subject Matter**

6.1.1 The Moot Problem will focus on a hypothetical dispute in the field of intellectual property law, potentially covering areas like copyright, patents and trademarks.

### **6.2 Applicable Law**

6.2.1 The Moot Problem will specify the applicable legal framework, which may include international treaties, national laws, and related subsidiaries.

### **6.3 Distribution**

6.3.1 The Moot Problem will be released on the Organizer's website on **20 March 2026**.

## 6.4 Facts

- 6.4.1 The facts of the case are provided in the Moot Problem. Participating Teams may not introduce new facts unless they are logical extensions of facts explicitly stated in the hypothetical scenario or publicly available information.

## 6.5 Clarifications

- 6.5.1 Participating Teams may submit requests for clarification on unclear points in the Moot Problem by **7 April 2026**.

- 6.5.2 Each Participating Team may only submit 2 requests for clarification. Clarifications will be issued by the Competition Secretary and become part of the Moot Problem.

## 7. WRITTEN MEMORIAL

### 7.1 Submission

- 7.1.1 Participating Teams must submit Written Memorial for both the Appellant and the Respondent on or before **22 May 2026**.

- 7.1.2 Any request for an extension of time shall not be entertained. All Written Memorials must be sent to the Competition Secretary via email at [mooting2026@myipo.gov.my](mailto:mooting2026@myipo.gov.my).

### 7.2 Content

- 7.2.1 The Written Memorial should include the following subheadings for the convenience of the judges:
- a) National IP Law Moot Competition cover page (see Annex 2).
  - b) General table of contents following the guidelines detailed herein.
  - c) Detailed table of authorities listing all sources utilised.
  - d) A summary of the key facts supporting the Participating Team's case (max 350 words).

- e) A summary of key arguments to be advanced by the Participating Team.
- f) The main pleadings of the Participating Team.

7.2.2 Failure to follow the prescribed requirements indicated in these Official Rules may result in penalties being imposed.

### 7.3 Format

7.3.1 Each Written Memorial must be in one single document in Microsoft Word format. The Written Memorial must not exceed 2000 words including footnotes. The word count excludes the summary and table of authorities.

7.3.2 The word count must be indicated on cover page.

7.3.3 The format for the Written Memorial should be as follows:

a) **Spacing**

The line spacing for all parts of the Written Memorial, excluding the cover page, table of content, table of authorities and footnotes, shall be 1.5 lines.

b) **Form**

i. Typewritten.

ii. Hand-written Memorial will not be accepted by the IP Moot Committee.

c) **Margins**

Top: 1.5cm, Bottom: 1.5cm, Left: 2cm, Right: 2cm.

**d) Font**

The font and size of the text of the Written Memorial excluding the cover page, page numbers and footnotes, shall be in Times New Roman, font size 12.

**e) Citation**

- i. APA 7<sup>TH</sup> Edition shall be the style of the citation form for the Written Memorial.
- ii. The footnote shall be typed with 1.0 line spacing, using Times New Roman, font size 10.

**7.4 Scoring**

7.4.1 Written Memorials are evaluated on the basis of a double-blind peer review system. Each Participating Team will be assigned a team registration number, thus concealing their university and their personal identities. The judges of the Written Memorial will not be able to see which university or higher education institution submitted which Written Memorial.

7.4.2 The key scoring considerations will be informed by the general writing style, depth of argumentation, quality of research, clarity of submissions, and the degree of legal analysis.

**7.5 Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence Use**

7.5.1 Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Limited use of AI tools is permitted, subject to disclosure requirements listed below:

**a) Permitted Use of AI**

- i. AI-powered research tools can be used to identify relevant legal sources, case law, and scholarly articles.
- ii. AI-enhanced tools can be employed to assist in proofreading and editing Written Memorials for

grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors.

- iii. AI translation tools can be used to translate and comprehend legal sources in languages other than English. Additionally, they can aid in translating limited portions of text within the Written Memorials into English, although this is discouraged to promote language skills development.
- iv. AI can be utilized to generate summaries or overviews of complex legal and factual topics to enhance the team's understanding, provided these AI-generated materials are not submitted as part of the Written Memorials.

b) Prohibited Use of AI

- i. Submitting text in Written Memorials that have been generated by an AI tool, even if subsequently edited or modified, is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Using any of the Competition materials to train an AI tool is prohibited. Similarly, using an AI tool trained on such materials to generate content for Written Memorials is not permitted.

c) AI Disclosure

- i. Each Participating Team must submit an “AI Use Declaration” along with their Written Memorials. This declaration must truthfully disclose any AI tools used in the preparation of the memorials (see Annex 3).
- ii. It is prohibited to use any documents issued by the Organizer to train an AI tool, or to employ an AI tool that

has been trained on the Moot Problem for writing and submitting a Written Memorial.

- iii. All team members of the Participating Teams are required to append their signatures on the Declaration. The submission of any text within the Written Memorial that has been generated by an AI tool, even if such AI-generated text has been modified, corrected, or amended by team members is strictly prohibited.
- iv. Use of AI to translate documents for use in research, finding relevant sources (for example, search engines), and use of AI-enhanced proofreading tools shall be permissible uses of AI; however, such use must be declared in the Declaration.
- v. Failure to comply with these AI disclosure requirements may result in disqualification from the Competition at any stage.

## **8. ORAL ROUNDS**

### **8.1 Qualifying Rounds**

8.1.1 Participating Teams with the highest scores for the Written Memorial will be invited to participate in the Oral Rounds.

8.1.2 Participating Teams will participate as both Appellant and Respondent.

### **8.2 Composition of Participating Teams and Order**

8.2.1 Each Participating Team being the Appellant or the Respondent respectively, will consist of two (2) Oralists comprising of the Leading Counsel (first Oralist) and the Junior Counsel (second Oralist), as designated by the Participating Team.

8.2.2 The order of the oral hearing for all Oral Rounds is as follows:

- a) Appellant's Leading Counsel;
- b) Appellant's Junior Counsel;
- c) Respondent's Leading Counsel;
- d) Respondent's Junior Counsel; and
- e) Rebuttal (if any) by either the Appellant's Senior or Junior Counsel.

### **8.3 Pairing of Participating Teams**

8.3.1 To determine which Participating Team will be competing against another, the "Reverse Seeding" format will be used where higher-ranked teams are matched against lower-ranked teams for the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals rounds as follows:

- a) 1st ranked Participating Team will compete against the 8th ranked Participating Team;
- b) the 2nd ranked Participating Team will compete against the 7th ranked Participating Team;
- c) the 3rd ranked Participating Team will compete against the 6th ranked Participating Team; and
- d) the 4th ranked Participating Team will compete against the 5th ranked Participating Team.

8.3.2 Exchange of Written Memorials will be made after the determination of pairing and role played immediately after the announcement of the Quarter-Finals rounds.

8.3.3 The Written Memorial and role played by each Participating Team will be notified by the Competition Secretary via email to the representative of the Participating Team.

### **8.4 Duration and Structure**

8.4.1 The time limit for oral argument is 20 minutes per team.

8.4.2 The rebuttal is only allowed for the Appellant for approximately 5 minutes.

8.4.3 The structure of the oral argument may involve arguing all issues at once or addressing them one by one.

8.4.4 In special circumstances, the Participating Team may respectfully petition the court for more time, but no Participating Team shall speak for more than 30 minutes.

## **8.5 Judicial Intervention**

8.5.1 Notwithstanding 8.4, the esteemed Judges may, at any point, intervene during oral submissions of the Participating Team to pose questions. Participating Teams should be prepared to answer questions in a respectful, clear, and concise manner.

## **8.6 Scoring**

8.6.1 Oral arguments are evaluated based on criteria such as knowledge of law and facts, presentation skills, and ability to answer questions.

## **8.7 Scouting and Recording**

8.7.1 Members of the Participating Team may not record or observe other Participating Teams' arguments before facing them.

8.7.2 Only IP Moot Committee is entitled to record and photograph during Oral Rounds for purposes of promoting future events.

8.7.3 Recording of the Competition may be allowed with prior permission from the IP Moot Committee.

# **9. PRIZES**

## **9.1 Awards**

9.1.1 Awards are given for best Written Memorial for Appellant and



Respondent, respectively, best Oralist and winning team (Champion & 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up).

## **9.2 Certificates**

9.2.1 Certificates are awarded to all members of the Participating Team including coach, to judges and special certificates for award winners.

## **10. ADDITIONAL RULES**

### **10.1 Authority**

10.1.1 The IP Moot Committee has the final authority to interpret and apply these Official Rules.

### **10.2 Disqualification and Penalisation**

10.2.1 Participating Teams may be disqualified or penalized for violating these Official Rules including plagiarism, late submissions, unprofessional conduct, and other serious breaches such as lack of respect for other members of Participating Teams.

10.2.2 The IP Moot Committee will investigate alleged violations and decides on appropriate actions.

### **10.3 Code of Conduct**

10.3.1 Members of the Participating Teams are expected to adhere to a code of conduct that promotes respect, professionalism, and fair play.

10.3.2 Members of the Participating Teams should avoid talking or behaviour that may be perceived as disruptive during the entire Competition.

#### 10.4 **Force Majure**

10.4.1 The IP Moot Committee may modify the Competition schedule or format in case of unforeseen circumstances or force majeure events.

#### 10.5 **Waiver and Modification**

10.5.1 The IP Moot Committee reserves the right to waive or modify any rule in exceptional circumstances to ensure the fairness and integrity of the Competition.

### 11. CONTACT INFORMATION

11.1 All communication regarding the Competition should be directed to the Competition Secretary via email at [mooting2026@myipo.gov.my](mailto:mooting2026@myipo.gov.my).



END



# ANNEX 1

# APPLICATION FORM FOR NATIONAL IP LAW MOOT COMPETITION 2026: “IP & SPORTS”

This Application Form must be duly completed with handwritten signature by the Dean of the Law Faculty of the recognized university or higher learning institution, the two team members and the team coach.

Kindly ensure to review the information provided in this form prior to continuing with submission. Information submitted will be used for the preparation of awards and certificates.

This Application Form shall be read together with the Official Rules of the Competition including any supplementary of the same that will be issued by the IP Moot Committee from time to time (if any).

Fill the form in **BLOCK LETTERS** only.

## 1. UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Full Name	
Address	

## 2. TEAM MEMBERS DETAILS

### Team Member 1

Full name (as per IC)	
Malaysian Identity Card Number	
Age	
Gender	
Current Degree Program	
Year of Study	
Email Address	
Contact Number	
Formal Picture	

### **Team Member 2**

Full name (as per IC)	
Malaysian Identity Card Number	
Age	
Gender	
Current Degree Program	
Year of Study	
Email Address	
Contact Number	
Formal Picture	

### **3.TEAM COACH DETAILS (Optional)**

Full name (as per IC)	
Malaysian Identity Card Number	
Professional title (if any)	
Relationship with Team Members	
Email Address	
Contact Number	
Formal Picture	

### **4. DEAN OF LAW FACULTY DETAILS**

Full name (as per IC)	
IC Number	
Professional title	

<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Contact Number</b>	

## 5. REPRESENTATIVE DETAILS

(As the primary contact for the Team throughout the Competition. The representative must be either one of the team members or the team coach.)

<b>Full name (as per IC)</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Contact Number</b>	

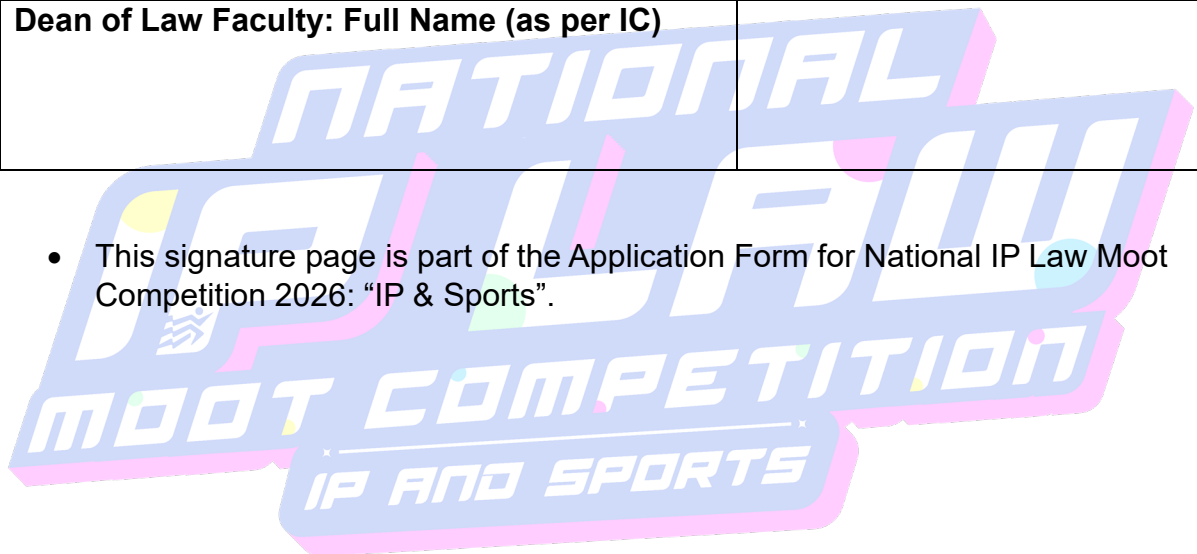
## 6. DECLARATION

- ☐ We understand that by submitting this application form, the team commits to participate fully in the National IP Law Moot Competition 2026: "IP & Sports", including submission of written memorial and, if selected, the oral rounds at MyIPO's headquarters.
- ☐ We confirm that our university will ensure the team's availability and readiness to travel to MyIPO's headquarters, if selected.
- ☐ We confirm that our university offers Intellectual Property (IP) course as part of the law degree.
- ☐ We declare that all information provided in this application form is true and accurate.
- ☐ We hereby confirm that Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as the organizer can make use of the above information for publication of participation list and issuance of certificates. Therefore, we agree the circulation of the information made by the organizer does not contravene any written law in Malaysia.
- ☐ We agree to accept the penalty of disqualification for the entire team to participate in the National IP Law Moot Competition 2026: "IP & Sports" should false declaration be made or any breach of the competition rules, deadlines, or codes of conduct.
- ☐ We give permission for the organizer to make use of photos to be taken during the competition for its future publication and promotion purposes.

## 7. SIGNATURE

<b>Team Member 1: Full Name (as per IC)</b>	
<b>Team Member 2: Full Name (as per IC)</b>	
<b>Team Coach (If any): Full Name (as per IC)</b>	
<b>Dean of Law Faculty: Full Name (as per IC)</b>	

- This signature page is part of the Application Form for National IP Law Moot Competition 2026: "IP & Sports".





## ANNEX 2



\*\*\*\*(A) / \*\*\*\*(R) (PARTICIPATING TEAM REGISTRATION NUMBER)

**NATIONAL IP LAW MOOT COMPETITION 2026: IP & SPORTS**

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL AT PUTRAJAYA**

**CIVIL APPEAL NO. XXXX**

**BETWEEN**

**XXXXXX**

**.... APPELLANT**

**AND**

**XXXXXX**

**.... RESPONDENT**

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**WRITTEN MEMORIAL FOR THE APPELLANT / RESPONDENT**

**Team No.XXXX**

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**Word count: [xxx words]**

*(No identifying codes or symbols to be used and all Participating Teams are to be anonymised)*

## ANNEX 3



## Plagiarism and AI Use Declaration

We, the undersigned members of the Participating Team, hereby declare that the Written Memorial submitted for the IP Law Moot Competition 2026: “IP & Sports” is the original work of the members of the Participating Team.

We affirm that no text within the Written Memorial has been generated by any AI tool, except as explicitly permitted and disclosed below.

We certify that we have not engaged in any form of plagiarism, including but not limited to:

- i. Using text from another work without proper citation and acknowledgement.
- ii. Rewriting someone else’s ideas in our own words without crediting the original source.
- iii. Incorporating material from unauthorised or non-permissible sources into our memorial.
- iv. Collaborating with others to produce work that is submitted as our own, where such collaboration is not permitted.

We understand that any form of plagiarism is a serious academic offence, and that any violation of this clause may result in severe penalties, including disqualification from the Competition.

### **Disclosure of AI Use**

We further declare that no prohibited AI tools were used in the preparation of this Written Memorial. Specifically:

- i. No text in the Written Memorial has been generated by an AI tool, even if subsequently edited or modified.
- ii. We have not used any of the Competition materials, including other competition past problems or memorials, to train an AI tool, nor have we used an AI tool trained on such materials.
- iii. Any use of AI tools for permissible purposes, such as translation, research assistance, or proofreading, has been truthfully disclosed.

We understand that any failure to comply with the AI disclosure requirements may result in disqualification from the Competition.

We affirm the above statements to be true and accurate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

