

# **BANGALORE UNIVERSITY**

University Law College &  
Department of Studies in Law



## **XXVII ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023**



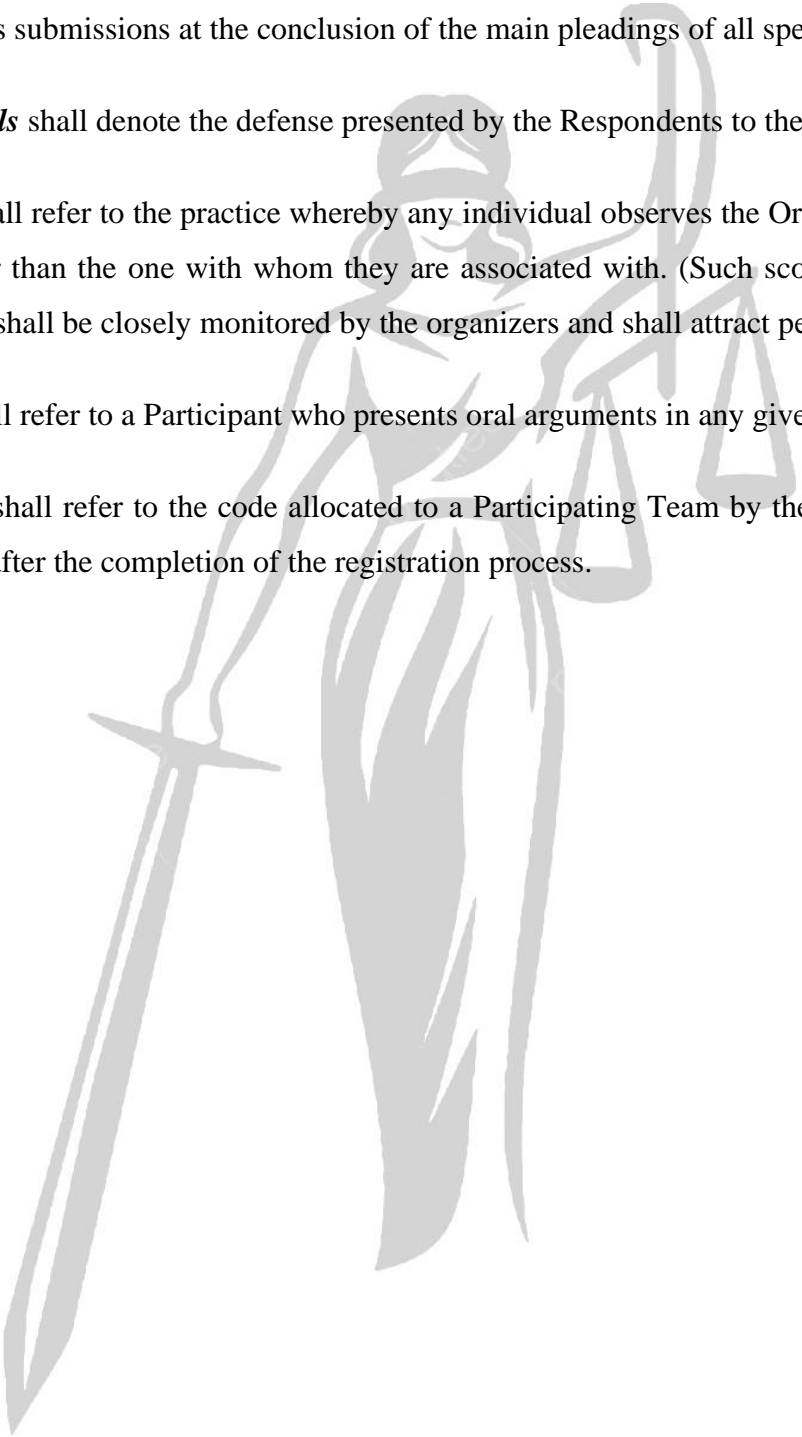
## **RULE BOOK**

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## **DEFINITIONS**

1. ***Organizing Committee*** shall mean The Moot Court Society, i.e., The Society of Mooters, University Law College, Bangalore University, members thereof, or any person or persons appointed for the administration of this moot court competition.
2. ***Clarifications*** shall mean any questions, inquiries or doubts sent by a registered team to the organizers seeking any factual clarification(s) in the Moot Problem. The clarifications, if any, provided by the organizing committee shall be considered as if they were part of the Moot Proposition and shall have no individual significance.
3. ***Compendium*** shall refer to a concise compilation of principle heads, general principles, case laws, and other relevant academic resources related to the Memorial.
4. ***Competition*** shall denote the 27<sup>th</sup> All India Moot Court Competition.
5. ***Memorial*** shall refer to the written submissions submitted by participating teams.
6. ***Participant*** refers to any member of an institution participating in the Competition.
7. ***Participating Team*** shall denote the team that has registered for the competition as specified below.
8. ***Participating Institution*** shall be deemed to be the parent institution of the Participating Team.
9. ***Penalty*** shall refer to the deduction imposed on the Memorial scores for non-compliance with the rules stated herewith.
10. ***Petitioner*** shall refer to the side that argues on behalf of the party that brings the claim at any given point in the Competition.

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11. ***Respondent*** shall refer to the side that argues on behalf of the party against whom the claim has been made at any given point in the Competition.
  12. ***Rebuttals*** shall denote the arguments presented by the Petitioner in response to the Respondent's submissions at the conclusion of the main pleadings of all speakers.
  13. ***Sur-rebuttals*** shall denote the defense presented by the Respondents to the rebuttals.
  14. ***Scouting*** shall refer to the practice whereby any individual observes the Oral Rounds of a team other than the one with whom they are associated with. (Such scouting by the participants shall be closely monitored by the organizers and shall attract penalties)
  15. ***Speaker*** shall refer to a Participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.
  16. ***Team code*** shall refer to the code allocated to a Participating Team by the Organizing Committee after the completion of the registration process.

## **DATE & VENUE OF THE COMPETITION**

**Date:** The 27<sup>th</sup> All India Moot Court Competition 2023, shall be held from **9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023** to **11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**.

**Venue:** University Law College, Bangalore University, Jnanabharathi Campus, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560056.

**Google Maps link:**



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/1gFCdeHkWefmkZf56>

# **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

## **Eligibility**

Participation in the competition is open to all law students pursuing 3- or 5-year integrated courses, or any equivalent law program from any law college/department/university recognized by the Bar Council of India.

## **Team composition**

### **Team Registration:**

- Each institution may register a maximum of two teams for the competition.
- Each team shall comprise a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members.
- Once registered, this number shall not be modified under any circumstance.
- Any changes to the team composition will be subject to the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

### **Team Dynamics:**

- In a team consisting of three participants, two members must perform the role of a speaker, and one member must perform the role of a researcher.
- In a team consisting of two participants, both members must perform the role of speakers and one among them must be the researcher.

### **Disclosure of Identity:**

- Teams shall not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties, including disqualification. The decision will be made at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.

## **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

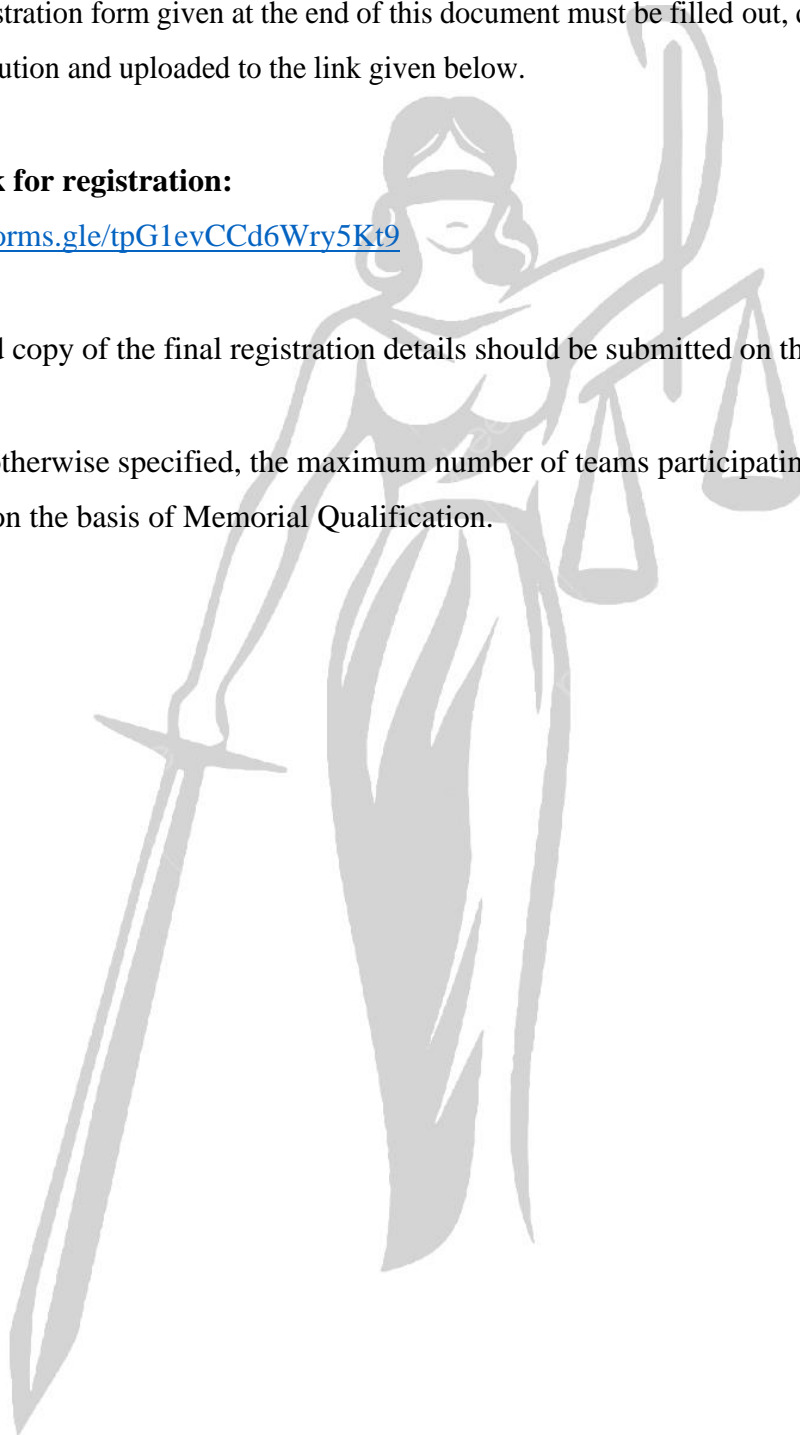
- **The registration shall be initiated in the following manner:**

The registration form given at the end of this document must be filled out, duly signed by the Head of the Institution and uploaded to the link given below.

- **The link for registration:**

<https://forms.gle/tpG1evCCd6Wry5Kt9>

- The hard copy of the final registration details should be submitted on the day of the competition.
- Unless otherwise specified, the maximum number of teams participating in the event shall be **32 Teams** on the basis of Memorial Qualification.



# **MEMORIAL GUIDELINES**

## **Content of Memorial**

i. The Memorial is required to contain the following sections:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Table of Abbreviations
4. Index of Authorities
5. Statement of Jurisdiction
6. Statement of Facts (shall not exceed 2 pages)
7. Issues Raised
8. Summary of Arguments
9. Arguments Advanced
10. Prayer

## **Format of Memorial**

1. The section on Summary of Arguments, Arguments Advanced and Prayer shall not exceed a maximum of 30 pages.
2. The Memorial shall not exceed a maximum of 40 pages, which shall include the cover page.
3. The teams shall adhere to a uniform style of citation, i.e., the 21<sup>st</sup> Edition Bluebook Method of citation, throughout their written submissions.
4. The Cover page of the Memorial shall prominently feature the allocated Team Code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by a 'P' or 'D' to indicate whether the Memorial is being submitted on behalf of the Petitioners or Respondents. For instance, the team code for the cover page of TC\_01 shall be mentioned as "TC\_01 P" and "TC\_01 D" for the Petitioners' and Respondents' memorials, respectively.



Additionally, the Petitioner's Memorial shall feature a Blue cover page, and the Respondent's Memorial shall feature a Red cover page.

5. The submission of the Memorial in soft copy shall include both Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx) and PDF Format.
6. Each Memorial should be contained in a single file, with the file name consisting of the allocated team code, followed by the name of the side whose arguments are presented in that Memorial, i.e., 'Petitioner' or 'Respondent'. For instance, the Petitioner Memorial submitted by the team with the code 'TC\_25' shall be named "Petitioner TC\_25."
7. Formatting Rules:

Font type	Times New Roman
Font size	12 for the main text, headers and footers.
Line Spacing	1.5 spacing for main text, headers and footers.
Footnotes	The font size should be 10 Single spacing between lines and double spacing between 2 footnotes.
Body Of text	Justified
Margin	1 inch from all sides.

8. Participating teams are required to adhere to the prescribed clause of anonymity. Throughout the course of the competition, the Memorial must refrain from disclosing any personal information of the team members, including their names and institutional affiliation.

### **Exchange of Memorial**

- The exchange of Memorials will take place on the day of Orientation, i.e., June 9<sup>th</sup>,

subsequent to the inauguration ceremony.

- Teams are strictly forbidden from making any annotations on the exchanged Memorials.
- Teams are also prohibited from reproducing photocopies of such Memorials.
- The Memorial of the opposing team must be returned to the Court Officers upon the completion of each Round.

### **Penalties for non-compliance with Memorial Format**

Penalty for any submission made after the deadline specified.	<b>1 point/hour</b>
Non-compliance with rule (1)	<b>1 point/additional page</b>
Non-compliance with rule (2)	<b>2 points/additional page</b>
Non-compliance with rule (3)	<b>1 point per error</b>
Non-compliance with rule (4)	<b>1 point</b>
Non-compliance with rules (5) and (6)	<b>5 points</b>
Non-compliance with rule (7)	<b>1 point per error</b>
Non-Compliance with rule (8)	<b>Disqualification</b>

### **Plagiarism**

The participants are required to refrain from employing similar language or replicating content from the memorials of other teams or any other sources. Even the usage of publicly available information must be accompanied by proper citations. It is crucial to note that these rules shall be applicable to all components of the memorial and not just limited to the Pleadings and Prayer. Failure to adhere to this rule may lead to disqualification from the 27th All India Moot Court Competition, 2023. The Organizing Committee, in consultation with the memorial judges, shall make the final decision regarding the determination of instances of plagiarism and the imposition of penalties for such actions.

## **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL**

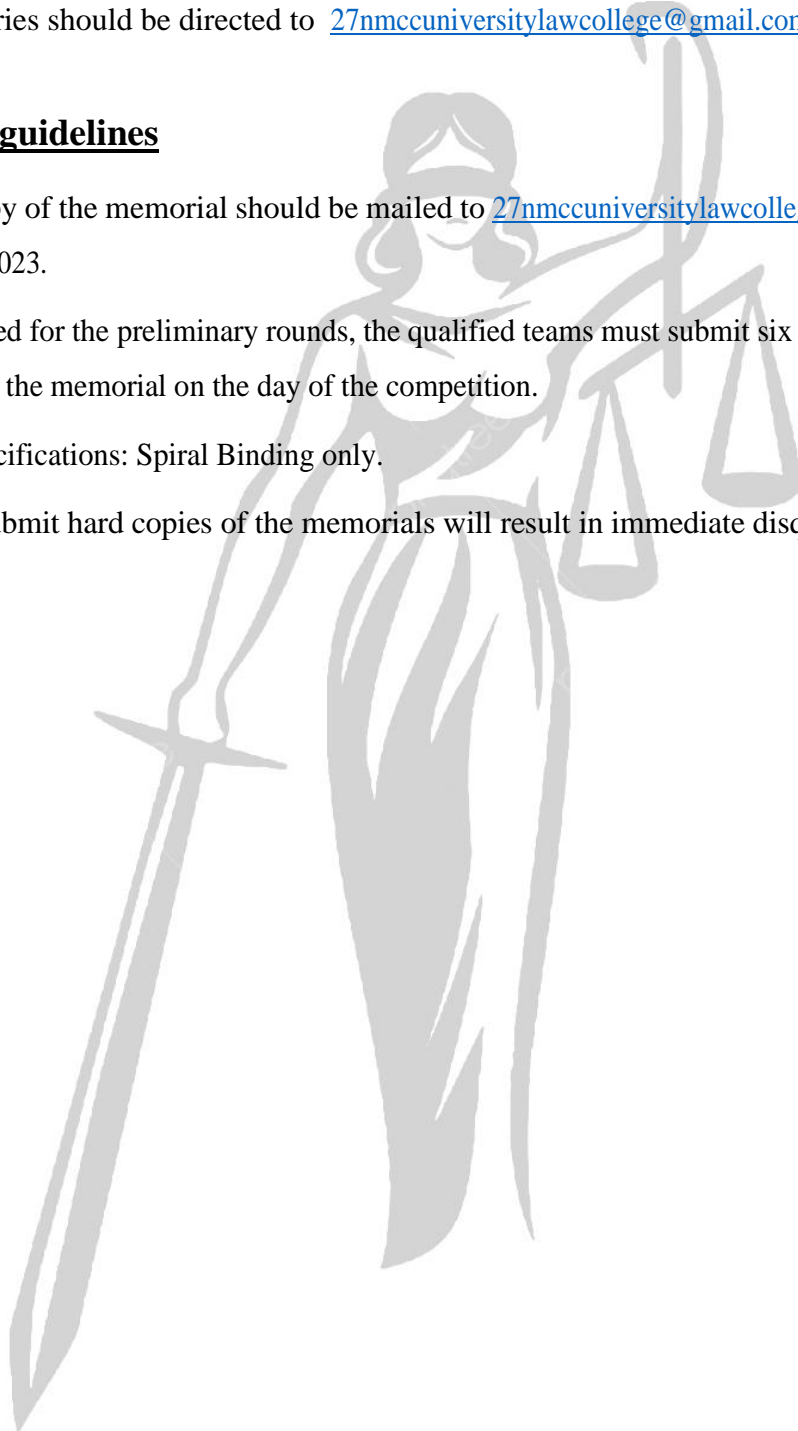
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>
01	Logical Progression of Ideas	10
02	Originality in Analysis and Arguments	10
03	Understanding Essential Legal Issues Presented	10
04	Clear, Concise and Unambiguous Writing Skills	10
05	Forceful and Persuasive Presentation	10
06	Integration of Facts into Legal Arguments	10
07	Understanding and Analysis of Authority	10
08	Proper Use of Citation and Citation Format	10
09	Effective Use of Authority to Support Arguments	10
10	Neatness, Legibility and Formatting	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

### **Clarification guidelines**

- Participants are kindly requested to communicate their clarifications via email.
- The last day to seek clarifications will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Email inquiries should be directed to [27nmccuniversitylawcollege@gmail.com](mailto:27nmccuniversitylawcollege@gmail.com)

### **Submission guidelines**

- The soft copy of the memorial should be mailed to [27nmccuniversitylawcollege@gmail.com](mailto:27nmccuniversitylawcollege@gmail.com) by May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Once qualified for the preliminary rounds, the qualified teams must submit six hard copies of both sides of the memorial on the day of the competition.
- Binding Specifications: Spiral Binding only.
- Failure to submit hard copies of the memorials will result in immediate disqualification.



# **GENERAL PROCEDURE**

## **Number of Rounds**

- The oral rounds shall be conducted in offline mode at the venue and shall comprise four rounds in total:
  - i. Preliminary Round (Rounds 1 and 2)
  - ii. Quarter-Final Round
  - iii. Semi-Final Round
  - iv. Final Round
- The team representing the Petitioner shall submit their arguments first, followed by the team representing the Respondent. Upon completion of the arguments, the Petitioner shall have the option of submitting rebuttals and sur-rebuttals by the respondents, which will be subject to the judges' discretion.
- During the oral rounds, the student counsels shall not state their names and/or any personal details. They are also not allowed to reveal their institution's name and must use the Team Code provided.

## **Dress Code**

- Participants must be dressed in formal courtroom attire for all event days.
- Participants are required to wear white collar shirts, black trousers, black blazers, and black shoes.

## **Procedure for Oral Submission**

### **Time Division:**

The division of time between the two speakers shall be at the discretion of the team.

**Communication to the Organising Committee:**

Prior to the Oral Round, teams must inform the Court Officers about the time allocation between

- (i) The first speaker,
- (ii) The second speaker, and
- (iii) The rebuttal (for Petitioner) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent), which will be subject to the discretion of the judges.

**Compendium:**

Although not mandatory, teams may choose to submit a compendium. If a team decides to do so, a hard copy must be submitted in accordance with the following guidelines:

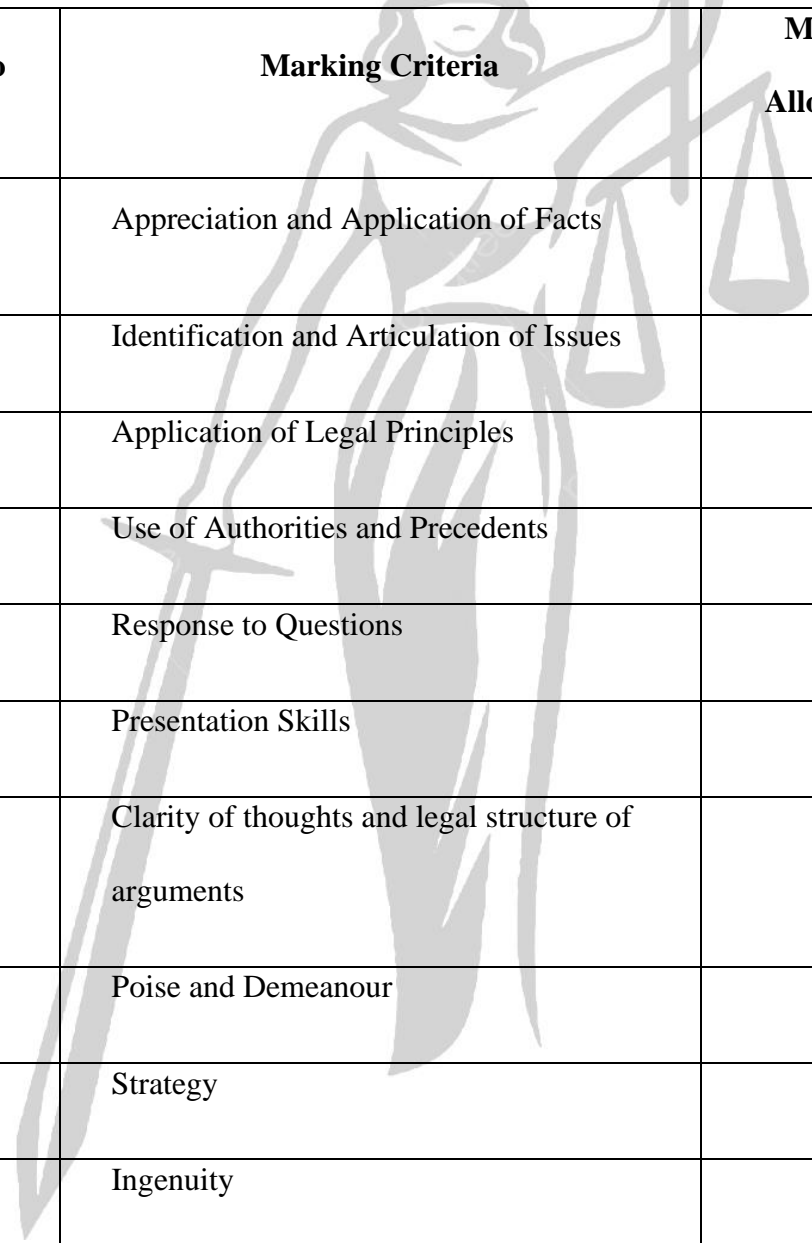
- The Compendium can be presented at the discretion of the Judge. If permitted, it must happen 10 minutes before the commencement of the rounds.
- The compendium for the book/case or any other resource shall be cited on the first page of the resource and the relevant pages only. For instance, for citing a paragraph(s) from a case X v. Y, the first page of the case, followed by relevant pages, shall be cited for this part of the compendium.
- The responsibility of creating a comprehensive, accessible compendium folder lies with the teams. Teams must also provide an index for their compilation.

**Scouting:**

- Teams are prohibited from observing the Oral Rounds of any other teams whatsoever.
- Scouting by any of the teams shall entail immediate disqualification.
- Any team can file a written complaint to the Organizers regarding scouting. The Organizer's decision regarding scouting shall be final.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

- The decision of the judges shall be final and binding.
- The Teams shall be evaluated in the oral rounds based on the criteria mentioned below:



<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allocated</b>
01	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
02	Identification and Articulation of Issues	10
03	Application of Legal Principles	10
04	Use of Authorities and Precedents	10
05	Response to Questions	10
06	Presentation Skills	10
07	Clarity of thoughts and legal structure of arguments	10
08	Poise and Demeanour	10
09	Strategy	10
10	Ingenuity	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

# **PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

## **(PRELIMS 1 & 2)**

1. **Details of the Round:** The preliminary rounds, rounds 1 and 2, shall comprise the competition's initial phase. Each team shall have the opportunity to argue on both sides, as a Petitioner and a Respondent, in each round.

2. **Determination of Fixtures:** The Draw of Lots system shall be employed to determine the match-ups, thus ensuring a fair and unbiased selection process.

3. **Adjudging Bench:** To promote a diverse and impartial adjudication process, no team shall encounter the same bench more than once during the preliminary rounds.

#### **4. Oral Arguments:**

- Oral arguments must remain limited to the issues articulated in the Memorials.
- Each team shall be allotted 30 minutes to present their case; this shall include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Attendance by researchers is mandatory during oral rounds.

5. **Evaluation of Rounds:** The cumulative score for both the rounds; Rounds 1 and 2, shall be tabulated, and the teams that secure the highest scores shall qualify for the Quarter-final Rounds.



## **QUARTER-FINAL ROUND**

1. **Details of the Round:** The Quarter-Finals shall feature the top eight teams with the highest scores, duly selected from the previous rounds.

2. **Determination of Fixtures:** The Draw of Lots system shall be employed to determine the match-ups, thus ensuring a fair and unbiased selection process.

3. **Oral Arguments:**

- Oral arguments must remain limited to the issues articulated in the Memorials.
- Each team shall be allotted 40 minutes to present their case; this shall include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Attendance by researchers is mandatory during oral rounds.

4. **Evaluation of Rounds:** After a rigorous assessment, the team scores shall be tabulated, and only the teams with the highest scores shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds through a knock-out basis.

## **SEMI - FINAL ROUND**

1. **Details of the Round:** The Semi-Final Rounds shall consist of the top four teams, who have secured the highest scores in the Quarter-Final Rounds against their opponents. In the event of a tie, the scores of the memorial will be utilized to evaluate the teams.

2. **Determination of Fixtures:** The Draw of Lots system shall be employed to determine the match-ups, thus ensuring a fair and unbiased selection process.

3. **Oral Arguments:**

- Oral arguments must remain limited to the issues articulated in the Memorials.
- Each team shall be allotted 45 minutes to present their case; this shall include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Attendance by researchers is mandatory during oral rounds.

4. **Evaluation of Rounds:** The team score shall be tallied, and the team that obtains the highest score shall advance to the Final Rounds through the knock-out system.

# **FINAL ROUND**

1. **Details of the Round:** Top 2 teams securing highest scores in Semi-Finals as against the opponents, will advance to Final Rounds. In case of a tie, the scores of the Memorial will be used to evaluate the teams.

2. **Determination of Fixtures:** The Draw of Lots system shall determine the match-ups.

3. **Oral Arguments:**

- Oral arguments must remain limited to the issues articulated in the Memorials.
- Each team shall be allotted 60 minutes to present their case; this shall include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Attendance by researchers is mandatory during oral rounds.

4. **Evaluation of Rounds:** Upon completion of the competition, the scores earned by each team shall be carefully calculated and analyzed. Upon due consideration, the team that has achieved the highest overall score shall be pronounced as the undisputed champions of the competition.

### **DELAY IN APPEARANCE/ PRESENTATION**

- In the event of a team failing to present themselves for the oral submissions of a Round within the first 5 minutes after the scheduled commencement of such Round, the other team shall be obliged to proceed with ex-parte oral submissions.

### **RESEARCHER'S TEST**

- A written test will be conducted to determine the “Best Researcher.”
- Questions for the researcher’s test will be formulated based on the factual circumstances of the Moot Proposition, as well as relevant legal principles and statutes.
- The researcher’s test is exclusively open to the designated researchers of the Participating Teams.
- In the event where there are only two members in a team, either one of them may partake in the Researchers test.
- The test will be conducted for a duration of 60 minutes.
- In the event of a tie, the score of the memorials will be used to ascertain the “Best Researcher”.

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

- Accommodation shall be arranged by the Organizers commencing from 12:00 PM of 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 and concluding at 08:00 PM of 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.
- Teams wishing to prolong their stay beyond 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 will have to make arrangements for accommodation on their own. However, the Organizers will be happy to assist Participating Teams in procuring additional accommodation on request, subject to additional charges.
- Accommodation will be provided solely to participants, limited to a maximum of three members.
- Meals will be furnished to members of the participating teams from dinner on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, through to dinner on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

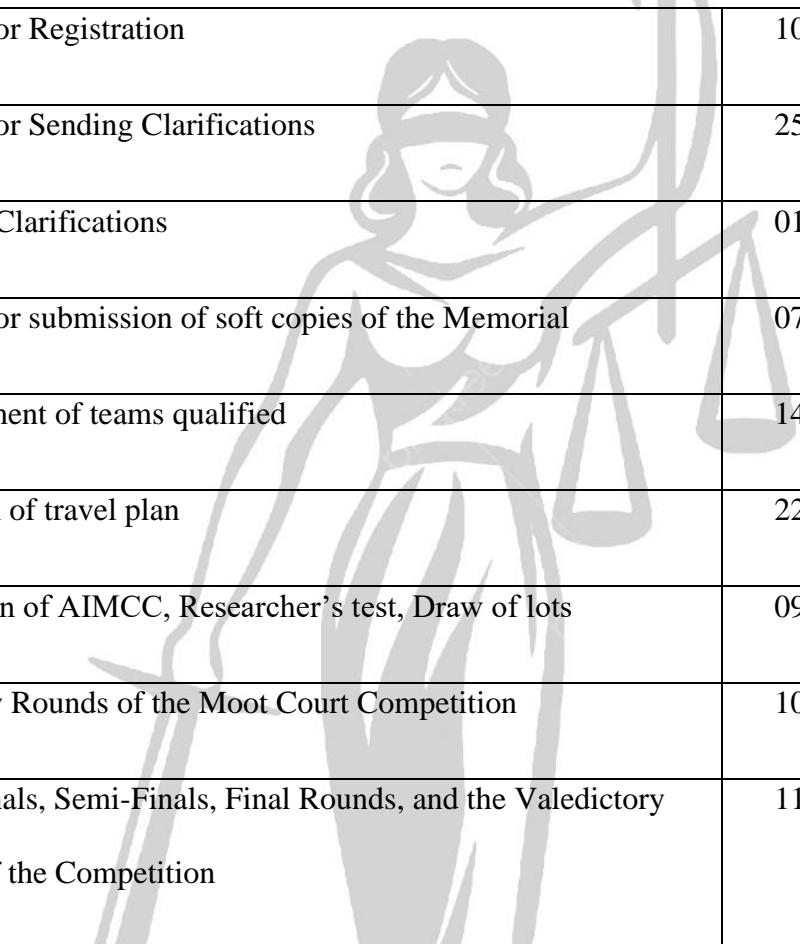
## **TRANSPORTATION**

- The Participating Teams will be provided assistance by the Organizers to reach the venue from their respective places of arrival, subject to the completion of the Registration formalities.
- The Participating Teams are required to inform the Organizers of their travel plans when the Organizers request for the same.
- Any subsequent changes made to the travel arrangements must be promptly communicated to the Organizers.
- The Organizers shall assume responsibility to provide transportation for the Participating Teams from the place of accommodation to the venue of the competition.

## **MISCELLANEOUS RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

- Upon completion of the Competition, the Organizing Committee reserves the exclusive right to utilize the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.
- Participating Teams should ensure they have the necessary study or reference materials for their use during the oral rounds of Competition.
- Participating Teams are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession and maintain the appropriate decorum of the courtroom during the proceedings.
- The Organizing Committee retains the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct throughout the Moot Court Competition.
- The Organizing Committee's decision concerning the interpretation of these rules or any other matters relating to the Moot Court Competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation not covered by these rules, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be conclusive.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if required and as deemed appropriate. Participating Teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules and regulations.

## **KEY DATES OF THE COMPETITION**



Last Date for Registration	10/04/2023
Last Date for Sending Clarifications	25/04/2023
Release of Clarifications	01/05/2023
Last Date for submission of soft copies of the Memorial	07/05/2023
Announcement of teams qualified	14/05/2023
Submission of travel plan	22/05/2023
Inauguration of AIMCC, Researcher's test, Draw of lots	09/06/2023
Preliminary Rounds of the Moot Court Competition	10/06/2023
Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Final Rounds, and the Valedictory Function of the Competition	11/06/2023

## **AWARDS**

**Winning team** : Prizes worth Rupees One Lakh  
[Three (3) one-year academic subscriptions to SCC Online worth Rupees 81,000 + Attractive Cash prize + Trophy]

**1<sup>ST</sup> Runner Up** : Prizes worth Rupees 60,000  
[Three (3) one-year complimentary subscription to EBC Learning worth Rupees 43,500 + Attractive Cash prize + Trophy]

**Best Memorial** : 7500 Rupees + Trophy

**Best Speaker Award** : 7500 Rupees + Trophy

**Best Researcher** : 7500 Rupees + Trophy

## **COPYRIGHT**

- The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition shall be assigned by the participants and will vest completely and fully on the Organizers.
- Participants are required to provide written certification of the originality of materials contained therein and will be responsible for any claim or dispute arising from the further use and exhibition of these materials.
- The exclusive right to further use these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall belong to the Organizers. They shall not be held liable for any loss caused by errors or omissions in the collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

## **DISCLAIMER**

The All India Moot Court Competition features a purely fictional scenario, with all the characters and incidents being entirely imaginary and unrelated to any person or event, past or present. The Competition serves as a training ground for law students in India, with the aim of developing their analytical skills and preparing them to serve the Bar and the Bench to the best of their abilities.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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## **27<sup>th</sup> ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

**(Should be filled in CAPITAL letters only)**

Name of the Institution : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail ID : \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of the Speaker 1 : \_\_\_\_\_

Course and Year of Study : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number : \_\_\_\_\_s

Email I.D : \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of the Speaker 2 : \_\_\_\_\_

Course and Year of Study : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Email I.D : \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of the Researcher : \_\_\_\_\_

Course and Year of Study : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Email I.D : \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bona fide Certificate**

This is to certify that the above-mentioned participants are bona fide students of this institution who will be participating in the 27<sup>th</sup> All India Moot Court Competition organized by University Law College and Department of Studies in Law, Bangalore University and will comply with the rules of the competition.

**Signature of the Head of the Institution**

**Official Seal**

**Signature of Participants:**

**Speaker 1:**

**Speaker 2:**

**Researcher:**

## **Travel Form**

Accommodation Required	Yes	No
Travel Details	Bus	/ Train /Flight
Arrival Details	Arrival From:  Arrival Date:  Arrival Time:	
Train, Flight or Bus Details	Train/Flight Number:  Time:	
Departure Details	Departure Date:  Departure Time:	