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# 4<sup>th</sup> GURJEET SINGH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION





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#### **1. DEFINITIONS**

The following terms as used in these Rules have the corresponding meanings.

**1.1.** "Bluebook" means the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th Edition).

**1.2.** *"Clarifications"* refer to the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Problem issued pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of the Competition. They shall form part of the Moot Problem.

**1.3.** "*Competition*" means the 4<sup>th</sup> Dr. Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2023.

**1.4.** *"Certificate"* means the certificate which will be given to the teams who participate and win in the competition.

**1.5.** *"Petitioner"* means Team which argues on behalf of the complainant at any given point in the Competition.

**1.6.** *"Respondent"* means Team which argues on behalf of the respondent at any given point in the Competition.

**1.7.** *"Compendium"* means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Oral Pleading Session.

**1.8.** "*Identity*" means any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team and the state or region where such Institution/College/University is located, and includes any identification marks/seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented.

**1.9.** The "*Organising Committee*" or "*OC*" means the Moot Court Committee inclusive of any other authorised persons, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and of all events leading to the Competition.

1.10. The University means the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.

**1.11.** *Participants* ' mean those persons eligible to participate under Rule 2.

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**1.12.** *"Team"* shall mean the three members comprising the Counsel, Co-Counsel and the Researcher.

1.13. "Researcher" shall mean the non-speaking participant of each team.

**1.14.** *"Speaker(s)"* shall mean counsel and co-counsel of each team.

**1.15.** *"Rules"* means the official competition rules and any applicable supplements to the rules published by the Organising Committee.

**1.16.** *"Oral Pleading Session"* means the oral pleadings before a Panel as explained in Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition.

**1.17.** "*Oral Score*" means the score given by a Panellist in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Competition.

**1.18.** "*Panel*" refers to the Panellists in an Oral Pleading Session collectively.

**1.19.** "*Panellist*" means an adjudicator of an Oral Pleading Session.

**1.20.** *"Rebuttals"* refer to the set of arguments/challenges that the Complainant shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators.

**1.21.** *"Surrebuttals"* means the defence presented by the Respondent in response to the Rebuttals.

**1.22.** *"Researchers' Test"* means a written test conducted during the Competition in accordance with Rule 7.6 of the Rules of the Competition.

**1.23.** *"Scouting"* means any person observing the Oral Pleading Session of a Team other than the Team such person is associated with.

**1.24.** *"Team"* means the registered representatives of any Institution/College/University participating in the Competition and shall include only those members as specified in Rule 2 of the Rules of the Competition.

**1.25.** *"Team Code"* or *"TC"* means the code allotted to a Team through a draw of lots by the OC.

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**1.26.** *"Courtrooms"* means the class-rooms allotted by the OC for the conduct of Oral Pleading Sessions in the Competition.

**1.27.** *"Waiting Area"* means the area designated by the OC wherein team members are required to wait for their Oral Pleading Sessions to start.

**1.28.** *"Written Submission"* means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per Rule 6 of the Rules of the Competition.

**1.29.** *"Written Submission Score"* means the score determined in accordance with Rule 9.1 of the Rules of the Competition.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

**2.1.** The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate law course conducted by any recognized Institution/College/University.

**2.2.** A recognized Institution/College/University shall be entitled to send only one Team to the Competition.

**2.3.** Each Team shall comprise a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. In a Team comprising three members, two members shall be designated as Orators and the third member shall be designated as a Researcher. In a Team comprising two members, both the members shall be designated with the role of counsel and co-counsel. The requirement of having two speakers in the competition is a must, any team not fulfilling this criterion will be ineligible to participate in the said competition.

**2.4.** In a team comprising two speakers, one of the speakers shall compulsorily appear for the Researcher's Test.

**2.5.** A maximum of 30 teams will be allowed to participate in the competition. Slots for participating in the competition will be filled on a basis of '*First Come, First Serve Only*'.

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#### **3. REGISTRATION**

#### **3.1 General Rules**

**3.1.1.** Each team must register by filling up the enclosed Google Form <a href="https://forms.gle/LtZmGbQvJvgjvBsv8">https://forms.gle/LtZmGbQvJvgjvBsv8</a> and by paying the registration fees as provided in Rule 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition.

**3.1.2.** Each Team shall complete such registration on or before <u>28th April, 2023</u> (11:59 PM IST).

**3.1.3.** Each Team is required to upload a copy of a bona-fide letter issued by the appropriate authority of their Institution/College/University as a part of the Registration Form.

**3.1.4.** The teams are also required to mention the email-id of either the respective committee or the Head/Dean of the institution in the Provisional Registration Form.

**3.1.5.** While filling the Provisional Registration Form, the teams have to choose a primary contact person. All communications concerning the Competition will be sent by an e-mail to the nominated contact person. The nominated contact person shall be responsible to convey all the information to the team.

**3.1.6.** After submission of the Provisional Registration Form, a mail confirming the provisional registration will be sent to the respective committee or head/dean of the institution.

**3.1.7.** The confirmation of Registration will be notified to the teams by the Organisers after the completion and verification of all the Registration formalities.

**3.1.8.** Once a Team registers by completing the formalities given in Rule 3.1.1 of the Rules of the Competition, a code [hereinafter "Team Code"] shall be assigned to the Team by <u>2nd</u> <u>May, 2023</u> by the Organising Committee.

**3.1.9.** Any changes in the contact details of Team members must be notified to the OC at the earliest. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition, unless such a Team withdraws or is disqualified from the Competition

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**3.1.10.** No alteration in the team composition shall be permitted after the receipt of the registration form, except at the sole discretion of the organising committee. The decision of the OC shall be final in this regard.

**3.1.11.** All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time in any manner during the course of their participation in the competition. Non-compliance to this rule shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Organisers.

#### **3.2 Registration Fee**

**3.2.1.** The registration fee is **INR 5,500/- per Team**. (For colleges **not** availing accommodation the registration fee is **INR 5,000/-per Team**).

**3.2.2.** Teams which have registered for the Competition in Accordance to Rules 3.1 of the Competition may withdraw from the Competition after informing the OC of such withdrawal on or before <u>4th May, 2023</u>. If a Team gives notice of withdrawal on or before 4th May, 2023, then the registration fee paid, if any, will be refunded to the Team, after deducting transaction costs. In case a Team fails to give notice within the stipulated time such Team shall not be entitled to any refund.

#### 3.3 Mode of Payment (details)

**3.3.1.** The registration fee must be paid to the following account with the account details:

Name of the Beneficiary: National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam,

Grants in Aid

Bank Name: State Bank of India

Branch Name: ICD Amingaon Branch, Hajo Road, Guwahati-781031

Account No: 32432292915

IFSC Code: SBIN 000 9201

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## 4. ANONYMITY

**4.1.** Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code assigned to them in accordance with Rule 3.1.8 of the Rules of the Competition.

**4.2.** Teams shall not, in any way, reveal their identity in the Written Submissions or in the course of the Oral Pleading Session. The Written Submissions shall not bear the logo, name, etc. of the Team, its members or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.

**4.3.** Any material, including the Compendium, books, legal texts, or any other reference material, carried during the Oral Pleading Session, whether presented to the Bench or not subject to Rule 10, shall not reveal the Team's identity and will be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented. If anything on the material carried during the Oral Pleading Session reveals the Team's identity, the Team shall render the same unrecognisable to the satisfaction of the OC prior to joining the Oral Pleading Session.

**4.4.** Any violation of Rules 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 of the Rules of the Competition may attract disqualification of the Team from the Competition or any other penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

## 5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

5.1. Teams may seek Clarifications via email to <u>gsmnmcc@nluassam.ac.in</u>, latest by <u>30th</u> <u>April, 2023</u> (11:59 PM IST) with "Clarification" as the subject.

**5.2.** All Clarifications shall be released on <u>2nd May, 2023</u> on the Official Website and shall be conveyed to the teams via mail.

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#### **6. WRITTEN SUBMISSION**

#### **6.1. Memorial Format**

6.1.1. Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both the Petitioner and the Respondent.

6.1.2. The Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team pursuant to Rule 3.1.8 of the Rules of the Competition.

6.1.3. The Submissions 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.

6.1.4. The Submission should not exceed the maximum limit of 45 pages in length, including the Legal Pleadings and Cover Page.

6.1.5. The Cover Page of the Memorial must have the following colour scheme: - Blue: Petitioner Cover Page; Red: Respondent Cover Page

6.1.6. The Written Submission shall not contain any annexure, photograph, diagrams, or other representation of like nature.

6.1.7. The Written Submission (excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications 

- Page Size: A4
- Font Type: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Body of Text: Justified
- Margin: 1 inch on all sides
- Borders

**6.1.8.** For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- Font Type: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 10
- Line Spacing: 1.0

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- Paragraph Spacing: 0
- No additional space between 2 footnotes
- Body of Text: Justified

**6.1.9.** Once the soft copies of the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed. Five (5) Hard Copies of each side of the Memorials will have to be submitted on <u>26th May, 2023</u>, at the venue of the competition.

**6.2.0.** Participants are advised to carry additional copies of their memorandum for their own use. Copies submitted to the organising committee shall be used for the evaluation of the memorandum, for the exchange of memorandum and for the Judges Bench for each of the Oral Rounds.

**6.2.1.** The Organising Committee reserves the right to use the memorandum submitted by the participating teams, as it deems appropriate. The memorandum submitted shall not be returned to the participants.

#### 6.2. Memorial Content

**6.2.1.** Each Submission 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 Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
- F. Issues raised
- G. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings (not exceeding 2 pages)
- H. Arguments Advanced/ Written Pleadings (Not exceeding 20 pages)
- I. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

**6.2.2.** The Cover Page of the Submission must contain the following information:

**A.** The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner in accordance with Rule 3.1.8 of the Rules of the Competition

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- B. The Name and Year of the Competition
- **C.** The Name of the case
- D. The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared
- E. Name of the forum resolving the dispute
- F. Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalised.

6.2.3. List of Abbreviations and Index of Authorities

- a) The List of Abbreviations shall include all abbreviations, symbols and acronyms (such as 'SC', 'HC', et cetera) used in the Written Submission.
- b) All authorities cited in the Written Submission must be included in the Index of Authorities and vice versa. If any authority cited in the Written Submission is not included in the Index of Authorities or vice versa, every instance when it is used in the Written Submission, or the Index of Authorities shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- c) The List of Abbreviations and Index of authorities must be in alphabetical order.

**6.2.4.** Citations and Footnotes

- a) Teams shall cite all the relevant authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes following the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition).
- **b**) Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall contain additional information or arguments.

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c) Endnotes and in-text citation are prohibited.

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## 6.3. PENALTIES

SL. NO.	VIOLATION	PENALTY
1.	Formatting violations in Main Body Text	1
2.	Formatting violations in Citations and Foot- notes	
3.	Substantive violations in Citations and Foot- notes	1
4,	Violation in submission guidelines	2
5.	Affidavits/Annexures/Photographs/Sketches etc. in memorial	2
6.	Non-compliance with page limits	2
7.	Non-compliance with required contents	2
8.	Late Submission	3
9.	Plagiarism	10

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#### **6.4. Deadline For Submissions of Memorials**

**6.4.1.** The deadline for submission of the soft copies of memorials for teams participating will be 13th May, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. (IST). The teams must send a "pdf" file extension along with a word "docx" file extension, to <u>gsmnmcc@nluassam.ac.in</u>. The subject of the e-mail must be: Memorial for team code "mention team code" and both the "pdf" and "docx" file should be named as "TC<team code>- Petitioner/Respondent".

**6.4.2.** The memorials should not be covered with a plastic cover or a spiral bound or combed bound. Use of butter paper, plastic sheets, spiral binding, cello tape etc. is strictly prohibited.

**6.4.3.** The memorials should be soft bound. Any other form of binding shall not be accepted.

#### **7. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION**

#### 7.1 General Rules

7.1.1. The Competition shall be organized over a period of three days commencing from <u>26th</u> <u>May to 28th May, 2023</u>. The Inaugural Ceremony, Briefing of Teams and the Researchers' Test shall be conducted on <u>26th May, 2023</u>.

**7.1.2.** The Researchers' Test shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7.6 of the Rule of the Competition.

**7.1.3.** The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions:

- i. The Preliminary Rounds
- ii. The Quarter-Final Rounds
- iii. The Semi-Final Rounds
- iv. The Final Round

**7.1.4.** The Teams participating in a Round will be provided with a hard copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session.

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#### 7.2. Preliminary Rounds

**7.2.1.** The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted on <u>27th May, 2023.</u> There will be two Preliminary Rounds and each Team shall argue once as the Petitioner and once as the Respondent. The Team which argues as the Petitioner on the first day shall argue as the Respondent on the second day, and vice-versa.

**7.2.2.** The pairing of Teams for the Preliminary Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots by the OC. No two Teams shall argue each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

**7.2.3.** Each Team will be provided with the Memorial of the opposing Team prior to the Oral Pleading Session. No Team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of the opposing Teams or any other Team participating in the Competition.

**7.2.4.** Each side shall get a maximum time of **25 minutes** to present their arguments of which no counsel shall be permitted to address the court for more than **15 minutes** excluding the time for Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal respectively.

**7.2.5** No more than five **5 minutes** are reserved for its rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. However, it is mandatory to reserve at least **2 minutes** for Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal (as applicable).

**7.2.6.** The total score of the preliminary rounds shall be a cumulative score of both the Preliminary rounds and the Memorandum.

**7.2.7.** The Top 8 highest scoring teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Finals rounds.

**7.2.8.** In case of a tie in the Preliminary Round, the team with the higher Memorial Score shall advance to the Quarter Finals Round.

#### 7.3. Quarter-Finals

7.3.1. The Quarter Finals Round shall be conducted on 27th May, 2023.

**7.3.2.** Each side shall get a maximum time of **30 minutes** to present their arguments of which no counsel shall be permitted to address the court for more than 18 minutes excluding the time for Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal respectively.

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**7.3.3.** No more than **5 minutes** are reserved for its rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. However, it is mandatory to reserve at least **2 minutes** for Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal (as applicable).

7.3.4. The Top 4 highest scoring teams shall qualify for the Semi-Final Round.

**7.3.5.** The score of the Memorandum shall not be considered for Quarter Finals. Only in the event of a tie, the score of the Memorial of the team shall be considered and the team with the higher marks shall qualify for the Semi Finals. The same rule shall be similarly applied in the other advanced round.

#### 7.4. Semi-Finals

7.4.1. The Semi-Finals Round shall be conducted on 28th May, 2023.

**7.4.2.** Each side shall get a maximum time of **35 minutes** to present their arguments of which no counsel shall be permitted to address the court for more than **20 minutes** including the time for Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal respectively.

**7.4.3.** No more than **5 minutes** are reserved for its rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. However, it is mandatory to reserve at least **2 minutes** for Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal (as applicable).

7.4.5. The Top 2 highest scoring teams shall qualify for the Final Round.

**7.4.6.** The score of the Memorandum shall not be considered for Semi Finals. Only in the event of a tie, the score of the Memorial of the team shall be considered and the team with the higher marks shall qualify for the Finals.

7.5. Finals

7.5.1. The Final Round shall be conducted on 28th May, 2023.

**7.5.2.** Each side shall get a maximum time of **35 minutes** to present their arguments of which no counsel shall be permitted to address the court for more than **20 minutes** including the time for Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal respectively.

**7.5.3.** No more than **5 minutes** are reserved for its rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. However, it is mandatory to reserve at least **2 minutes** for Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal (as applicable).

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#### 7.6. Researchers' Test

7.6.1. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on 26th May, 2023.

**7.6.2.** Only the Researcher, as designated under Rule 2.3 or 2.4 of the Rules of the Competition, shall write the test. The Researcher as designated under Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition shall not be allowed to address the Panel during the Oral Pleading Sessions.

**7.6.3.** The Researchers' Test shall test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Moot Problem and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Moot Problem.

**7.6.4.** No notes, legal texts, books or any other reference material or electronic aid shall be permitted during the Researchers' Test.

**7.6.5.** There shall be 22 questions. Amongst the 20 Multiple Choice Questions, four questions will be starred questions carrying equal weightage in marks. Additionally, there shall be 2 subjective questions for which the Researcher has to answer in no more than 150 words.

**7.6.6.** In the scenario where there is a tie amongst the score of two or more Researchers, the Researcher getting the greater number of star questions correct will supersede.

**7.6.7.** If the above condition is not able to break the tie, then the Researcher who answered the greatest number of questions in chronology will be declared as winner of the tie. In other words, the Researcher which first gets a question wrong from the chronology will have lost the tie.

**7.6.8.** Non-compliance of the rules mentioned in above clauses shall attract severe penalties to the discretion of the organisers.

#### 8. SCOUTING

**8.1.** Scouting is strictly prohibited

.8.2. Teams found scouting shall be disqualified immediately. Any team can report a complaint regarding a case of scouting to the Organising Committee or Grievance Redressal Committee inconsonance with Rule 15

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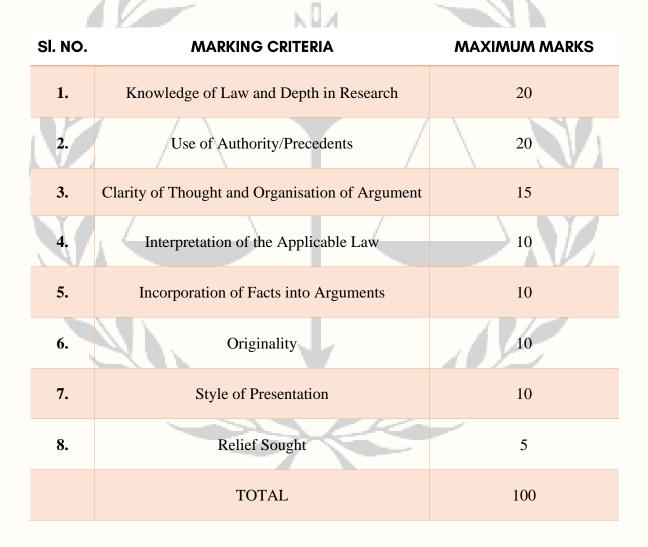
.8.3. In case of any default in the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final.

### 9. EVALUATION CRITERIA

9.1. Evaluation Criteria of The Memorials

**9.1.1.** The Memorandum will be evaluated by a separate Panel of Judges who will not Judge in the Oral Rounds.

**9.1.2.** Written Submissions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks as per the following criteria:



**9.1.3.** The total marks for the Written Submissions shall be calculated by deducting marks for violations, in accordance with Rule 6.3 of the Rules of the Competition, from the total marks obtained by the Team under Rule 9.1.2 of the Rules of the Competition.

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#### 9.2. Evaluation Criteria of The Oral Rounds

**9.2.1.** Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge. The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each Speaker by each Judge in the Round:



**9.2.2.** The decision of the Panel regarding the allocation of marks shall be final.

**9.2.3.** To ensure uniformity, each Panellist will be briefed in advance regarding the marking criteria.

### **10. RULES RELATING TO ORAL ROUNDS**

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#### **10.1. General Rules**

**10.1.1.** Throughout the rounds of the Competition, the teams shall submit their oral pleadings in the given order-

Petitioner- Speaker/Orator 1 —> Petitioner- Speaker/Orator 2 —> Respondent-Speaker/Orator 1 —> Respondent-Speaker/Orator 2 —> *Rebuttal:* Petitioner- Either of the Speakers/Orators —> *Reply to Rebuttal (Surrebuttal):* Respondent- Either of the Speakers/Orators

**10.1.2.** None of the Researchers belonging to either of the teams shall be allowed to address the Panel.

**10.1.3.** The Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, shall be presented by only one Orator of the Team. The Rebuttals of the Petitioner shall be limited to responding to the Oral Pleadings of the Respondent. The Reply to Rebuttals of the Respondent shall be limited to responding to the rebuttals of the Petitioner.

**10.1.4.** Prior to the initiation of the Oral Pleading Sessions of a Team, the Speakers of the Team shall inform the OC about the following details:

- a) Order of speaking of the Speakers, i.e., who is Speaker 1 and who is Speaker 2.
- **b**) The Speaker who will be delivering the Rebuttals or the Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.
- c) Time reserved by each Speaker for Oral Pleadings, as well as for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of the Competition.
- d) Once the Team has communicated the aforementioned details to the OC, these details cannot be changed for the Oral Pleading Session in question. Extensions of time for the Oral Pleadings may be requested by the Speakers, and be granted only in accordance with the absolute discretion of the Panel, that too only in extraordinary circumstances. However, this is strongly discouraged.

**10.1.5.** Any extension of time beyond the specified period is subject to the discretion of the Judges upon the request from the Team, without which it might entail the deduction of marks.

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**10.1.6.** Teams shall not reveal their identities, including, but not limited to their names, university affiliations, year of study, etc., throughout the duration of the Oral Pleading Sessions.

**10.1.7.** At the instance of the failure of an opponent Team to be present during the Oral Pleading Sessions, the round shall be conducted *ex-parte*, and the scoring shall be done as if the opponent/defaulting Team had been present and has already argued.

10.1.8. The dress code for the Competition shall be business formals.

**10.1.9.** The Researchers shall be allowed to pass notes to the Speaker, if and when necessary, during the Oral Pleadings Sessions.

#### 10.2. Time Split Between the Speakers

**10.2.1.** Teams shall notify the bench clerks of the division of time between the 2 speakers (including time reserved for rebuttal & sur-rebuttal) 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the rounds.

**10.2.2.** If speaker 1 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved by speaker 2. Similarly, if speaker 2 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved for rebuttals/surrebuttals as the case may be.

**10.2.3.** The finality of the decision as to the time structure and the right to rebut or surrebut shall vest with the judges.

#### 10.3 Compendium

**10.3.1.** None of the Teams shall be allowed to submit any materials to the Judges or the Panel in their courtroom directly. Only in extraordinary circumstances, where the Judge asks for such material to be sent to them, Teams will be required to send such material to an email ID provided by the OC (mentioning their Court Room Number), and subsequently, after the material is vetted, the OC has the discretion to forward the same to the Judge concerned.

**10.3.2.** Any such relevant material., for example- Case Laws and Statutory Material to be passed on to the Judges during the Oral Proceedings Session may be submitted in the form of a Compendium 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the said Round.

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**10.3.3.** Such compendium shall not be exceeding a page limit of 50 pages, whether printed on one or both sides. For this purpose, each side shall be considered as one page.

10.3.4. The Compendium will have a white cover.

**10.3.5.** Participants are required to ensure that the anonymity is not violated while passing on any material to the Judges, i.e., no personal information, including, but not limited to their names, university affiliations, year of study, etc. is revealed. If any name, seal, symbol, or logo of the Institution/College/University is present, the Participants must ensure that the same is either censored or rendered unrecognisable.

**10.3.6.** Participants are required to ensure that the anonymity is not violated while passing on any material to the Judges, i.e., no personal information, including, but not limited to their names, university affiliations, year of study, etc. is revealed. If any name, seal, symbol, or logo of the Institution/College/University is present, the Participants must ensure that the same is either censored or rendered unrecognisable.

#### **10.4. Exchange Of Memorials**

**10.4.1.** In consonance with Rule 7.1.4., the teams participating in a Round will be provided with a hard copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session. (Modalities will be communicated to the teams prior to the exchange).

10.4.2. Teams are prohibited from making any marks on the Memorandum thus exchanged.

## **11. GENERAL ETIQUETTES**

**11.1.** Participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Organising Committee, the Judges or any of the participants.

**11.2.** The Organising Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

#### **12. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT**

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**12.1.** Accommodation shall be provided to the designated category of Participants of each team from 12 PM, 25th May to 12 PM, 28th May, 2023. For accommodation prior or after the date, the teams will have to pay the charges of room. Any changes in this rule will be duly notified.

**12.2.** Accommodation shall be provided on a sharing basis and no independent accommodation is available.

**12.3.** No transport shall be provided from the airport/railway station to the accommodation on arrival and departure.

**12.4.** All facilities shall be provided only to the registered members of a team and no additional members, parents, observers, coaches or faculty advisors shall be accommodated at any cost.

#### **13. PRIZES AND REWARDS**

**13.1.** The team with the highest cumulative score in the Final Round will be declared as the "Winning Team" and receive Cash Prize of INR 40,000/-., along with SCC Online entitlements and shall be awarded the "Winning Trophy".

**13.2.** The team Runners-up Team who qualified to the Final Round shall receive a Cash Prize of INR 30,000/-, along with EBC entitlements and shall be awarded the "Runners-Up Trophy".

**13.3.** The speaker with the highest individual oral round score in the Preliminary Round will be declared as the "Best Speaker" and receive a Cash Prize of INR 10,000/- and shall be awarded the "Best Speaker Trophy".

**13.4.** The researcher with the highest researcher test score will be declared as the "Best Researcher" and receive a Cash Prize of INR 10,000/- and shall be awarded the "Best Researcher Trophy".

**13.5.** The team with the highest marks obtained on their written submissions will be declared as the "Best Memorial" and receive a Cash Prize of INR 20,000/- and shall be awarded the "Best Memorial Trophy".

**13.6.** All participants will be given Participation Certificates and all the winners of awards mentioned in 13.1 to 13.5 will get Merit Certificates.

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## 14. MISCELLANEOUS/ INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

**14.1.** The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change, or repeal any of the Rules of the Competition. The OC shall communicate any changes made in the Rules of the Competition to the Teams.

**14.2.** The Organising Committee reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Rules of the Competition. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding.

**14.3.** All interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents or other decisions in the administration of the competition are at the complete discretion of the Organising Committee.

**14.4.** The communication of information concerning the Competition to any one member of a Team, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.

**14.5.** The copyright in the Written Submissions of Teams shall vest with the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee 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 Written Submissions.

**14.6.** No audio or video recording of Oral Pleading Session is permitted without the permission of the OC, the Panel before which the Team is scheduled to present, and the opposing Team. The OC reserves all rights to audio recording and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction of any round or part thereof.

**14.7.** If a Team believes that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, at the earliest register a complaint with the Organising Committee or Grievance Redressal Committee in consonance with Rule 15.

**14.8.** The team(s) shall not approach the Panel with any complaints, under any circumstances whatsoever.

**14.9.** Any changes in the schedule and timings of the competition will be duly notified to the participating teams via mail by the Organising Committee.

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#### **15. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL**

**15.1.** In case of any grievances during the course of the competition, teams may communicate their concerns to the Grievance Redressal Committee of the competition, which will comprise the members and the Faculty Convener of the Moot Court Committee, National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam.

**15.2.** The same shall be duly communicated to the Committee via mail at <u>gsmnmcc@nluassam.ac.in</u>

## 16. PHYSICAL ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

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