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## THE THIRTEENTH NLU ANTITRUST LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022

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## OFFICIAL RULES

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**1. GENERAL**

- 1.1. The Thirteenth NLU Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2022 [“Competition”] shall be organised by National Law University, Jodhpur from March 11 to 13, 2022, virtually.
- 1.2. Students enrolled in an undergraduate law course or its equivalent, conducted by any recognized college/university/institution are eligible to participate in the Competition. Any college/university/institution, whose students fulfil the eligibility criteria or for exceptional circumstances have been deemed by the Organisers to be eligible for this Competition, shall be entitled to send only ONE team to the Competition, subject to the completion of registration formalities as detailed in the ‘Invite’ to the Competition.
- 1.3. Each team may comprise a minimum of two (2) and not more than three (3) members. The team composition may be of two (2) speakers only or of two (2) speakers and one (1) researcher. Once the team composition is communicated to the Organisers, no change in team composition shall be permitted unless the Organisers have approved such change.
- 1.4. Each team shall prepare ONE memorandum for each side, that is, the Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s) and the Respondent(s). The soft copy of the memoranda must reach the following e-mail address: [antitrustnlumoot@gmail.com](mailto:antitrustnlumoot@gmail.com), on or before March 5, 2022 (at or before 2359 hours IST).

**2. COMPETITION FORMAT**

**2.1. The Preliminary Rounds**

- 2.1.1 There will be two (2) Preliminary Rounds to ensure that each team is given the opportunity to argue from both sides of the Proposition.
- 2.1.2 The fixtures for the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined by draw of lots.
- 2.1.3 For the Preliminary Rounds, the winner of each such round shall be determined on the basis of the criteria of evaluation of the memoranda scores and the speaker scores, as mentioned in the Rules 2.1.4 to 2.1.7 below.
- 2.1.4 Each Round shall be decided by awarding a maximum of nine (9) points.
- 2.1.5 If the difference in memorandum scores of the teams facing each other is equal to or exceeds seven percent (7%) of the maximum obtainable score, then three (3) points are to be awarded to the team with the superior memorandum scores. If the difference in memorandum scores is less than seven percent (7%) of the maximum obtainable score, then two (2) points are to be awarded to the team with the superior memorandum scores

and one (1) point is to be awarded to the other team. If there is no difference in memorandum scores of the two teams then the teams will be awarded 1.5 points each.

- 2.1.6 If the difference in speaker scores of the teams facing each other as awarded by each judge in the Preliminary Round is equal to or exceeds seven percent (7%) of the maximum obtainable score, then three (3) points are to be awarded to the team with the superior speaker scores. If the difference in speaker scores is less than seven percent (7%) of the maximum obtainable score, then two (2) points are to be awarded to the team with the superior speaker scores and one (1) point is to be awarded to the other team. If there is no difference in speaker scores between the teams, then the teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that judge.
- 2.1.7 If two or more teams have the same cumulative points, then the team with higher aggregate score shall be ranked higher. If two or more teams have the same cumulative points and same aggregate score, the team with the higher cumulative speaker scores shall be ranked higher. If two or more teams have the same cumulative points, same aggregate score and same cumulative speaker scores, then the team with the higher gross memoranda score, that is, the score of the memoranda without deducting penalties, shall be ranked higher.

## 2.2. The Octa Final Rounds

- 2.2.1. The sixteen (16) highest ranked teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall proceed to the Octa Final Rounds, as determined by the Rules above. These teams shall each argue only ONCE for the side allotted by a draw of lots. The fixtures for the Octa Final Rounds shall be as follows:
- Rank 1 v. Rank 16 (Octa Final Round I)
  - Rank 2 v. Rank 15 (Octa Final Round II)
  - Rank 3 v. Rank 14 (Octa Final Round III)
  - Rank 4 v. Rank 13 (Octa Final Round IV)
  - Rank 5 v. Rank 12 (Octa Final Round V)
  - Rank 6 v. Rank 11 (Octa Final Round VI)
  - Rank 7 v. Rank 10 (Octa Final Round VII)
  - Rank 8 v. Rank 9 (Octa Final Round VIII)
- 2.2.2. For the Octa Final Rounds, the winner of each such round shall be determined on the basis of the criteria of evaluation of the speaker scores, as mentioned in the Rules 2.2.3. to 2.2.6. below.

- 2.2.3. Each Round shall be decided by awarding a maximum of six (6) points
- 2.2.4. If the difference in speaker scores of the teams facing each other as awarded by each judge in the Octa Final Round is equal to or exceeds seven percent (7%) of the maximum obtainable score, then three (3) points are to be awarded to the team with the superior speaker scores. If the difference in speaker scores is less than seven percent (7%) of the maximum obtainable score, then two (2) points are to be awarded to the team with the superior speaker scores and one (1) point is to be awarded to the other team. If there is no difference in speaker scores between the teams, then the teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that judge.
- 2.2.5. If two or more teams have the same cumulative points, then the team with higher cumulative speaker scores shall be ranked higher. If two or more teams have the same cumulative points and same cumulative speaker scores, then the team with the higher gross memoranda score, that is, the score of the memoranda without deducting penalties, shall be ranked higher.
- 2.2.6. The eight (8) highest ranked teams from the Octa Final Rounds, as determined by the Rules stated above, shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds.

2.3. The Quarter Final Rounds

- 2.3.1 The eight (8) highest ranked teams from the Octa Final Rounds shall proceed to the Quarter Final Rounds, as determined by the Rules above. These teams shall each argue only ONCE for the side allotted by a draw of lots. The fixtures for the Quarter Final Rounds shall be as follows:
- Rank 1 v. Rank 8 (Quarter Final Round I)  
Rank 2 v. Rank 7 (Quarter Final Round II)  
Rank 3 v. Rank 6 (Quarter Final Round III)  
Rank 4 v. Rank 5 (Quarter Final Round IV)
- 2.3.2. For the Quarter Final Rounds, each team shall argue ONCE for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
- 2.3.3. Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds on a knock out basis, that is, the winner of each Quarter Final Round shall qualify to the Semi Final Rounds. The knockouts will be decided on a round point basis wherein one (1) point shall be awarded by each judge to the team that won the round according to that judge. The team with more points shall proceed to the next round.

2.3.4. In case of a tie, the team with higher aggregate speaker scores will be declared the winner for that round. If the aggregate speaker scores of the teams are the same, then the team with higher gross memorandum score, that is, the score of the memorandum without deducting penalties, shall be ranked higher.

#### 2.4 The Semi Final Rounds

2.4.1. The four (4) teams that proceed to the Semi Final Rounds, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only ONCE for the side allotted by a draw of lots. The fixtures for the Semi Final Rounds shall be as follows:

Winner of Quarter Final Round I v. Winner of Quarter Final Round IV

Winner of Quarter Final Round II v. Winner of Quarter Final Round III

2.4.2. Two (2) teams shall qualify for the Final Round on a knock out basis, that is, the winner of each Semi Final Rounds shall qualify to the Final Round. The knockouts will be decided on a round point basis wherein one (1) point shall be awarded by each judge to the team that won the round according to that judge. The bench-strength for this round shall be an odd number but not one (1).

#### 2.5 The Final Round

2.5.1 The two (2) teams that proceed to the Final Round, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only ONCE for the side allotted by a draw of lots.

2.5.2 The team which wins the Final Round shall be declared as the 'Winning Team'. The other team shall be declared as the 'Runners-Up Team'.

2.5.3 The winner of the Final Round shall be determined on a round point basis wherein one (1) point shall be awarded by each judge to the team that won the round according to that judge. The bench-strength for the Final Round shall be an odd number but not one (1).

2.6 Please note that due to the Power Match Ups (as specified in Rules 2.2.1, 2.3.1 and 2.4.1) a situation may arise wherein a Team may have to argue against a Team that it has already argued against in a previous round. Further, a situation may also arise that the teams may have argued as Appellant or Respondent before another team with whom they have another round subsequently, with the same roles of Appellant or Respondent being allotted again. The same is not barred as per the Rules of the Competition.

### 3. MEMORANDA

- 3.1. Each memorandum shall necessarily consist of the following and only the following sections:
- a) Cover Page
  - b) Table of Contents
  - c) List of Abbreviations
  - d) Index of Authorities
  - e) Statement of Jurisdiction
  - f) Statement of Facts
  - g) Issues for Consideration
  - h) Summary of Arguments
  - i) Written Arguments
  - j) Prayer
- 3.2. Each memorandum shall have the following and only the following on its Cover Page:
- a) The team code on the top right-hand corner of the Cover Page
  - b) The name and place of the forum
  - c) The relevant legal provision under which filed
  - d) Name of parties and their status
  - e) Memorandum Filed on Behalf of ...
- 3.3. A team code shall be assigned to each of the participating teams at the culmination of registration formalities. Names of the participants or of the institution being represented 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 would also be considered a violation of this Rule. Violation of this Rule shall attract severe penalty at the sole discretion of the Competition Administrators.
- 3.4. The softcopies of the memoranda must bear a Cover Page in conformity with the following scheme:
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|-----------------------------|------|
| Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s): | Blue |
| Respondent(s):              | Red  |
- 3.5. The electronic copy of each memorandum must reach the following e-mail address: [antitrustnlumoot@gmail.com](mailto:antitrustnlumoot@gmail.com) latest by March 5, 2022 (at or before 2359 hours IST). Both memoranda must be attached in a single e-mail ONLY, with the subject of the e-mail being '*Memoranda for Team Code XXX*'.

- 3.6. The memoranda must be e-mailed in MS Word (‘.doc’ or ‘.docx’) format and protected PDF format. The file names of the soft copy of the memoranda must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: 023A or 155R, where ‘A’ and ‘R’ represent the teams set out in the Proposition.
- 3.7. All memoranda submitted must strictly conform to the following general requirements. Non-conformity may attract negative marking in a manner as indicated below:
- a) The font used in all parts of the memorandum must ONLY be Times New Roman (black font colour), font size 12, with double line spacing.
  - b) The font used in the footnotes must ONLY be Times New Roman, font size 12, with single line spacing.
  - c) Footnotes must not be explanatory in nature.  
*Illustrative example of an acceptable footnote: Xv. Y, AIR 1973 SC 22, 23-24 [hereinafter X].*  
*Illustrative example of an unacceptable footnote: X v. Y, AIR 1973 SC 22, 23-24 [hereinafter X] (holding that the Right to Information Act was in fact against the express provisions of Art. 14 of the Constitution of India).*
  - d) The style of footnoting must be uniform throughout the memorandum.
  - e) Each page of the memorandum must have a margin of one (1) inch on all sides. No text must be placed within this margin of the page, other than the page number.
  - f) Each section of the memorial, except the Cover Page(s), must be numbered and justified. Page numbers till Summary of Arguments (inclusive) must be in small Roman Numerals (e.g. ii, iii, iv). Page numbers of the Written Arguments and Prayer must be in Hindu-Arabic Numerals (e.g. 2, 3, 4), beginning at 1.
- 3.8. Word limits for various sections of the memorandum are as follows:  
Statement of Facts: 800 words (inclusive of the words “Statement of Facts”)  
Summary of Arguments: 900 words (inclusive of the words “Summary of Arguments”)  
Written Arguments and Prayer: 10000 words (inclusive of footnotes and the words “Written Arguments/Arguments Advanced and Prayer”)
- 3.9. The Organisers of the Competition reserve the right to not evaluate arguments that go beyond the prescribed word limit.
- 3.10. Any form of legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Proposition must be confined to the Written Arguments section of the Memorandum. The exceptions are:
- a) To the extent that the Prayer sets out the relief;
  - b) In so far as such argument may be summarised in the Summary of Arguments; and



- c) In so far as the argument may be anticipated in the Issues for Consideration.
- 3.11. The Index of Authorities must contain a list of all legal authorities cited in any section of the memorandum. The Index of Authorities must contain the page number(s) of the memorandum where the authorities are so cited.
- 3.12. Any substantial similarity, in part or in whole, between a memorandum of a team and any other literary work shall amount to plagiarism and that team shall be DISQUALIFIED.
- 3.13. In case the soft copy of the memoranda is submitted more than once, the soft copy sent last shall be considered for all purposes of the Competition.
- 3.14. No amendments can be made to the memoranda after submission. The Organisers reserve the right to determine which of such differing memoranda would be considered for evaluation purposes.

#### 4. EVALUATION OF MEMORANDA

- 4.1. Memoranda shall be evaluated on the following criteria:
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| a) Application and Appreciation of Facts:                       | 20 Marks |
| b) Identification, Structuring and Presentation of Issues:      | 20 Marks |
| c) Application of Legal Principles, Authorities and Precedents: | 20 Marks |
| d) Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning:                             | 20 Marks |
| e) Grammar, Style and Clarity:                                  | 20 Marks |
- 4.2. Penalties shall be deducted after each such memorandum has been evaluated.

The penalties are as follows:

**Table of Penalties**

Section(s) of the Memorandum	Rule Number	Description of Penalty	Penalty
<b>Cover Page</b>	3.2	Incorrect team code/Absence of team code on the Cover Page/Absence of marking side (such as “A or R” in the team	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative). <sup>1</sup> <i>Illustratively</i> , if a team mentions an incorrect team

<sup>1</sup> The use of the word “cumulative” *hereinafter* shall mean that the penalty shall be a one-time total penalty, i.e., irrespective of the number of errors of the same kind, the penalty shall be the same. Illustratively, if there are a total of three cause titles and one is wrong from among them, then a penalty of 0.5 would be levied. If there are two or even all three wrong from the cause titles, then also a penalty of 0.5 would be levied as the penalty for incorrect cause title has been specified to be “cumulative”.

		code).	code or does not mention a team code, then it shall incur a penalty of 0.5 marks. In the event it mentions the correct code number but does not mention the side or mentions the incorrect side, it shall incur a 0.5 marks penalty.
	3.2	Incorrect or Absent forum name/ Incorrect or Absent forum place on the Cover Page	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative). <i>Illustratively</i> , if a team mentions the correct forum name or fails to mention forum name but mentions the correct place of forum, it shall incur a penalty of 0.5 marks. Similarly, if a team mentions the correct forum name but mentions the incorrect forum place or fails to mention the forum place, it shall incur a penalty of 0.5 marks. In the event it does not mention both or mentions both place and forum name incorrectly, then it shall incur a penalty of 0.5 marks in total.
	3.2	Incorrect cause title on the Cover Page	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative)

	3.2	Incorrect representation of parties/Absence of representation of parties on the Cover Page	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative)
	3.2	Incorrect jurisdiction/Absence of jurisdiction on the Cover Page	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative)
	3.2	Failure to mention side represented (“Memorandum on Behalf of..”) on the Cover Page	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks
	3.4	Use of a colour on the Cover Page of a memorandum, contrary to the colour scheme provided	Up to one (1) mark each
<b>Table of Contents</b>	3.1	Absence of page numbers in Table of Contents	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative)
<b>Index of Authorities</b>	3.12	Absence of page numbers in Index of Authorities	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative)
<b>Statement of Facts</b>	3.9	Word limit exceeding in Statement of Facts (this includes the words “Statement of Facts”)	Zero decimal two five (0.25) marks for every twenty words; up to two(2) marks
<b>Statement of Jurisdiction</b>	3.1	Incorrect jurisdiction/Absence of jurisdiction under Statement of Jurisdiction	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative)
<b>Summary of Arguments</b>	3.9	Word limit exceeding in Summary of Arguments(this includes the words “Summary of Arguments”)	Zero decimal two five (0.25) marks for every twenty words; up to two(2) marks
<b>Written Arguments and Prayer</b>	3.9	Word limit exceeding in Written Arguments and Prayer (this includes the words “Written Arguments/Arguments Advanced” and “Prayer”)	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks for every fifty words; up to five (5) marks

<b>Memorandum (including Footnotes, Header and Footer)</b>	3.8	Incorrect font or font size	Zero decimal two five (0.25) marks for five or less violations; One (1) mark for more
	3.8	Incorrect line spacing	Zero decimal two five (0.25) marks for five or less violations; One (1) mark for more
	3.8	Memorandum (excluding the cover page) not justified (there is no penalty for not justifying spaces in the memorial)	Zero decimal two five (0.25) marks for five or less violations; One (1) mark for more
	3.8	Incorrect page margin	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks
	3.8	Incorrect page numbers (such as, no change between Roman and Hindu-Arabic as required)/Absence of page numbers	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative per head; non-cumulative <sup>2</sup> for different heads). Illustratively, a team mentioning incorrect page numbers (leading to levy of 0.5 marks penalty) and there being no change of numerals from Roman numerals to Hindu-Arabic numerals (leading to another 0.5 marks penalty) shall incur a penalty of 1 mark in total as the levy of penalty is non-cumulative

<sup>2</sup> The use of the word “non-cumulative” *hereinafter* shall mean that multiple penalties of the same nature shall be levied for each instance of violation. Illustratively, if there are explanatory footnotes, there will be a penalty of 1 mark for each such footnote, as the penalty for explanatory footnotes has been specified as “non-cumulative”.

			in nature
	3.1	Incorrect order of the sections of the memorandum	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks
	3.1.	Failure to include all enumerated sections of the memorandum/Inclusion of an unenumerated section	Two (2) marks each
		Presence of blank page(s)	Zero decimal two five (0.25) marks (cumulative)
<b>Footnotes, Headers, and Footers</b>	3.8	Incorrect or inconsistent footnotes	Zero decimal five (0.5) marks (cumulative)
	3.8 and 3.11	Substantive legal arguments (e.g.- explanatory footnotes) outside of the approved parts of the memorandum	One (1) mark; up to five (5) marks (non-cumulative) Further, such substantive legal arguments will not be evaluated.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		Violation of rule against anonymity	Up to two (2) marks
		Failure to remove tracked changes, highlights or comments from the soft-copy	One (1) mark (cumulative)
	3.5	Delay in submission of the memoranda	The penalty for delay in submission shall be levied separately for each side of the memorial i.e., for Appellant/Petitioner memorial individually and for Respondent memorial individually. A penalty of one mark (1) shall be levied for a delay

			<p>of up to 24 hours after the memorial submission deadline.</p> <p>Thereafter, a penalty of an additional two (2) marks shall be levied for a delay of every 24 hours. Again, the additional penalty shall be levied separately for the delayed submission of each side of the memorial i.e., for Appellant/Petitioner memorial individually and for Respondent memorial individually. <i>Illustratively</i>, for a delay of 2 days for submission of Petitioner memorial will cause a penalty of 1 mark (for the first 24 hours of delay) + an additional penalty of 2 marks for the second set of 24 hours from the submission deadline, causing a total of 3 marks as late submission penalty for the Petitioner/Applicant memorial. Similarly, penalty would be calculated for the delay in submission of Respondent memorials.</p> <p>The last date and time for</p>
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			the submission of memorials shall be 2359 hours on March 9, 2022, beyond which no memorials shall be accepted.
	3.13	Plagiarism (in any part of the memorandum or in full).	Disqualification from the Competition
	3.6	Submission of soft copy in any format not prescribed under the Rules, such as, but not limited to, PDF format.	Two (2) marks

## 5. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- 5.1. The language of the Court shall be English only.
- 5.2. The time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty (40) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The team cannot allocate less than 15 minutes to either speaker.
- 5.3. Only ONE speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut, as the case may be, subject to a time limit of five (5) minutes. The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the team. If the Appellant/Petitioner waives rebuttal, Respondent's sur-rebuttal is automatically waived as well. The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal shall be graded within the criteria provided in Rule 6 and not separately.
- 5.4. The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the bailiff prior to the commencement of each round.
- 5.5. There shall be no communication, oral, written or in any other manner whatsoever, between team members seated on the table and the speaker making oral submissions.
- 5.6. Teams shall not be permitted to use ANY other electronic device, besides the device through which they are presenting their oral rounds to the judges, while their rounds are in session and violation of this rule may lead to the disqualification of the team.
- 5.7. The teams shall not disclose, in any manner whatsoever, for the entire duration of the rounds, the identity of the institution that they represent. However, a mention of speaker names in the score sheets shall not amount to violation of anonymity.

- 5.8. Teams can pass on compendium of the sources they cite in their memoranda if so requested by the judges. In the interest of ensuring anonymity, the material passed as compendium to the Bench must not contain any sign, symbol or text that reveal the identity of the institution to which the team belongs.
- 5.9. In every round of the Competition, teams arguing 'For' will argue their case first.

## 6. EVALUATION OF THE ORAL SUBMISSIONS

The evaluation would be done on the following criteria:

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| a) Structure, Articulation & Clarity:                       | 20 |
| b) Application of Legal Principles and Use of Authorities:  | 20 |
| c) Knowledge and Marshalling of Facts:                      | 20 |
| d) Persuasiveness, Ingenuity & Response to Questions:       | 20 |
| e) Court Etiquette, Presentation Style and Time Management: | 20 |

## 7. DELAY IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION

- 7.1. If a team scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of a round does not appear for ten (10) minutes after the scheduled commencement of such round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions *ex-parte*. It shall be up to the discretion of the Organizers on whether to allow or disallow a team to present their oral submissions in case it does not appear within ten (10) minutes after the scheduled commencement of the round.
- 7.2. The oral pleadings shall be conducted over an online video conferencing platform, the link for which shall be shared with the team members, not later than 30 minutes prior to the oral pleadings.
- 7.3. The team members are requested to be dressed in formals suitable for a court room proceeding in accordance with Rule 11.3. The team members would be excused from wearing blazers and ties in case the same are not available to them in the present circumstances.
- 7.4. The team members are required to keep the video on for the entire duration of the rounds. It must be ensured that the visibility of a participant in an oral round is up to their torso, including their shoulder and hands. Additionally, before the commencement of each round, an audio check will be done for the members who are speaking during the oral pleadings, and in case of any issues, they are expected to communicate the same immediately using the Chat option. The participants must ensure that they are seated in a



noise free area with minimum disturbances and the Organisers shall not be liable for any technical issues that may arise.

- 7.5. The team members are not permitted to chat or communicate privately with the judges during the rounds. The Organisers shall use the chat option to signify the time left and the members of the team are required to keep an eye on the time themselves as well.
- 7.6. In case of any technical issues or network problems that arise during the course of the oral rounds, the participant must immediately inform the Organisers who are moderating the session and are part of the meeting room. The Organisers shall take account of time lost and ensure that time allotted to a team for their oral pleadings is adhered to, as per Rule 7.4.
- 7.7. Use of any unfair means and violation of these instructions is strictly prohibited. The Organisers shall be the final arbiter in case of any conflicts/issues raised during the conduct of the moot court competition.

## **8. SCOUTING**

- 8.1. Scouting by the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to the immediate disqualification of such team.
- 8.2. Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if any person affiliated with a team is found:
  - a) Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions in a round, except where the round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; or
  - b) Reading a memorandum of a team except where:
    - It is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or
    - The memoranda have been obtained on account of an exchange of memoranda prior to a round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

## **9. EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA**

- 9.1. There shall be an exchange of memoranda between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as determined by a draw of lots, prior to all the rounds of the Competition.
- 9.2. The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the exchanged memoranda.

## **10. AWARDS**

### **10.1. Winning Team**

Determined in accordance with Rule 2.5.3.

10.2. Runners-Up Team

Determined in accordance with Rule 2.5.3.

10.3. Best Memoranda

The team, which secures the highest marks based upon the cumulative marks of the memoranda submitted, shall receive the award for the 'Best Memoranda'.

10.4. Best Student Advocate

The speaker securing the highest marks based upon the cumulative marks of the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition will be adjudged as the 'Best Student Advocate'.

10.5. Second Best Student Advocate

The speaker securing the second highest marks based upon the cumulative marks of the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition will be adjudged as the 'Second Best Student Advocate'.

10.6. Best Student Advocate of the Finals

The speaker securing the highest marks in the Final Round of the Competition will be adjudged as the 'Best Student Advocate of the Finals'.

10.7. The cash prizes to be awarded are as follows:

Winning Team:	Rupees 45,000
Runners-Up Team:	Rupees 30,000
Best Memoranda:	Rupees 8,000
Best Student Advocate:	Rupees 7,000
Second Best Student Advocate:	Rupees 5,000
Best Student Advocate of the Finals:	Rupees 5,000

**11. MISCELLANEOUS**

11.1. If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.

11.2. Any reference to time will be construed as a reference to Indian Standard Time.

11.3. The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the Competition is:

Ladies: Black Western or Indian Formals (Courtroom Formals)

Gentlemen: Black Western Formals (Courtroom Formals)

- 11.4. The final round of the Competition shall be broadcasted in an audio visual format on the organizer's official YouTube Account. The consent of the team for broadcast is a precondition to participation in the competition.
- 11.5. The Proposition is neither intended to nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The Proposition is a fictitious factual account prepared for the purposes of the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.
- 11.6. The copyright of the memoranda submitted by the teams shall vest jointly with National Law University, Jodhpur and Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. The acceptance of such vesting is a precondition to participation in the Competition.
- 11.7. In case of any doubt in the understanding or interpretation of any matter concerning the Competition, the decision of the Competition Administrators shall be final and binding.
- 11.8. The Organisers shall resolve unanticipated or unexpected contingencies, if any, and the decision of the Competition Administrators in this regard shall be final. The acceptance of any such decisions of the Competition Administrators is a precondition to participation in the Competition.
- 11.9. The Rules governing the conduct of the Competition should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties or disqualification at the sole discretion of the Competition Administrators.
- 11.10. In addition to the penalties mandated by the Rules hereinabove, the Competition Administrators may assess up to fifteen (15) marks in penalties for such violations which are considered by the Competition Administrators to be against the letter or spirit of these Rules and the Competition. The quantum of the penalty shall correspond to the degree of the violation, as adjudged by the Competition Administrators. Discretionary penalties shall be imposed by the Competition Administrators after consultation with the judges of the Competition.
- 11.11. The Organisers reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period of time.
- 11.12. The Competition Administrators, who are the Convener and Co-Convenors of the Moot Court Committee of National Law University, Jodhpur, shall be the final arbiter for these Rules and any such decision made by the Competition Administrators on any issue/dispute arising in relation to the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- 11.13. The Organisers, as mentioned in these Rules, refer to the Moot Court Committee of National Law University, Jodhpur.

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