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## 1. DEFINITIONS

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

- 1.01. “**Bluebook**” means the Bluebook Method of Citation (21st Edition).
- 1.02. “**Clarifications**” refer to the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Proposition issued pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of the Competition. They shall form part of the Moot Proposition.
- 1.03. “**Competition**” means the 5th Vox Anatolis Moot Court Competition, 2026.
- 1.04. “**Petitioner**” means Team which argues on behalf of the complainant at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.05. “**Respondent**” means Team which argues on behalf of the respondent at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.06. “**Compendium**” means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Oral Pleading Session.
- 1.07. “**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.
- 1.08. “**Organising Committee**” or “**OC**” means the Moot Court Committee of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam inclusive of any other authorised persons, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and of all events leading to the Competition.
- 1.09. “**University**” means the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
- 1.10. “**Participants**” means those persons eligible to participate under Rule 2.
- 1.11. “**Team**” shall mean the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules of registration.
- 1.12. “**Rules**” means the official competition rules and any applicable supplements to the rules published by the Organising Committee.

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

1.14. “**Oral Score**” means the score given by a Panellist in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Competition.

1.15. “**Panel**” refers to the Panellists in an Oral Pleading Session collectively.

1.16. “**Panellist**” means an adjudicator of an Oral Pleading Session.

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

1.18. “**Team Code**” means the code allotted to a Team through a draw of lots by the OC.

1.19. “**Virtual Platform**” means any online platform which is determined by the OC for the conduct of Oral Pleading Sessions of the Competition.

1.20. “**Waiting Area**” means the area designated by the OC on the Virtual Platform wherein team members are required to wait for their Oral Pleading Sessions to start.

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

1.22. “**Written Submission Score**” means the score determined in accordance with Rule 10.1 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 recognised Institution/College/University.

**2.2.** There is **no restriction** on the number of Teams that a recognised Institution/College/University may send 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 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.

### **3. REGISTRATION**

#### **3.1. General Rules**

**3.1.1.** Each Team must register by filling out the registration link and by paying the registration fees as provided in Rule 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition. The link to the form can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/QYTQft4Fc3UvpL7fA>

**3.1.2.** Each Team shall complete such registration on or before **18th February, 2026 (11:59 PM IST)**.

**3.1.3.** The teams are also required to mention the email ID of either the respective committee or the Head/Dean of the institution in the Registration Form.

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

**3.1.5.** 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 the Organising Committee after registration and shall be mailed to the Team.

**3.1.6.** 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.

**3.1.7.** 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.

**3.1.8.** 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 with this rule shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Organisers.

**3.1.9.** All registered teams shall be allotted a team coordinator who shall be their point of contact for the duration of the competition.

### **3.2. Registration Fee**

**3.2.1.** Teams shall make a payment of INR **3300/-** (Three Thousand Three Hundred Rupees) to confirm their participation in the competition.

**3.2.2.** The registration link can be accessed via this link:  
<https://linktr.ee/VoxAnatolis2026>

**3.2.3.** The registration and payment of the fees for the memorial rounds is a prerequisite for the confirmation of registration for the Moot.

### **3.3. Mode of Payment (details)**

- The registration fee must be paid in the appended link:  
<https://formbuilder.ccavenue.com/live/bandhan-bank/national-law-university-and-judicial-academy-assam>
- After the link has loaded, select the fee type as **Seminar/Events/Conference, etc.**
- Name of the participant should be that of the person making the payment.
- Name of the programme should be 'Vox Anatolis Moot Court Competition'
- After payment, attach the payment receipt to the Final Registration Form.

## **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 3.1.7 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**

**5.1.** Teams may seek Clarifications via email to [voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in](mailto:voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in), latest by **10th February, 2026 (11:59 PM IST)** with “Clarification” as the subject.

**5.2.** All Clarifications shall be released on **12th February, 2026**, on the Official Website and shall be conveyed to the teams via mail.

## **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 3.1.7 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 metadata of the documents must be removed before submission.

**6.1.5.** The Submission should not exceed the maximum limit of 30 pages in length, including the Legal Pleadings and Cover Page.

**6.1.6.** The Cover Page of the Memorial must have the following colour scheme: -

**Blue:** Petitioner Cover Page

**Red:** Respondent Cover Page

**6.1.7.** The Written Submission shall not contain any annexure, photograph, diagram, or other representation of like nature.

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

- a. Page Size: A4
- b. Font Type: Times New Roman
- c. Font Size: 12
- d. Line Spacing: 1.5
- e. Body of Text: Justified
- f. Margin: 1 inch on all sides

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

- a. Font Type: Times New Roman
- b. Font Size: 10
- c. Line Spacing: 1.0
- d. Paragraph Spacing: 0
- e. No additional space between 2 footnotes
- f. Body of Text: Justified

## **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 Jurisdiction (not exceeding 1 page)
- f. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
- g. Issues raised
- h. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings (not exceeding 2 pages)
- i. Arguments Advanced/Written Pleadings (Not exceeding 20 pages)
- j. 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 3.1.7 of the Rules of the Competition
- 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

**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”, etc.) 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.

### **6.3. Penalties**

| S. No | Violation                                         | Penalty |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1.    | Formatting violations in Main Body Text           | 1       |
| 2.    | Formatting violations in Citations and footnotes  | 1       |
| 3.    | Substantive violations in Citations and footnotes | 1       |
| 4.    | Violation in submission format                    | 2       |

|    |                                                              |    |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| 5. | Affidavits/Annexures/Photographs/Sketches, etc., in memorial | 2  |
| 6. | Non-compliance with page limits                              | 5  |
| 7. | Non-compliance with the required contents                    | 2  |
| 8. | Late Submission                                              | 3  |
| 9. | Similarity (>30%)                                            | 10 |

#### 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 **25th February, 2026, by 11:59 P.M. I.S.T.** The teams must send a “pdf” file extension along with a “docx” file extension to [voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in](mailto:voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in).

**6.4.2.** Submissions after the stipulated time will be penalised by 1 mark for every hour the soft- copy of the Memorial is delayed till **12:00 PM I.S.T of 26th February, 2026.** Submissions after this shall be subject to automatic disqualification.

**6.4.3.** The subject of the e-mail must be: Memorial for team code “mention team code”, and both the “pdf” and “docx” files should be named as “TC<team code>- Petitioner/Respondent”. Non-compliance is subject to a one-time penalty of 1 mark.

**6.4.4.** In light of the competition being conducted via virtual mode, we ask all teams not send hard copies of their memorials.

## 7. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

### 7.1. General Rules

**7.1.1.** The Competition shall take place in a virtual mode from **March 13, 2026, to March 15, 2026.**

**7.1.2.** The Competition shall consist of the following Rounds:

- i. Memorial Qualification Round

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

**7.1.3.** The Oral Rounds shall be conducted online via **Google Meet**.

**7.1.4. Draw of lots:** The side to be represented (Petitioner/Respondent) shall be decided by draw of lots at different stages during the competition.

## **7.2 Memorial Rounds**

**7.2.1.** A total of **thirty-two (32)** teams with the highest scores for the memorials will qualify for the oral rounds of the competition.

**7.2.2.** The Memorials will be marked in accordance with Rule 10.1. The memorial scores shall be inclusive of the penalties stipulated in Rule 10.2.

**7.2.3** The results of the Memorial Rounds shall be announced on **5<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**.

## **7.3. Preliminary Rounds**

**7.3.1.** The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted online on **14<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**. There will be two Preliminary Rounds, and each Team shall argue once as the Petitioner and once as the Respondent.

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

**7.3.3.** Each Team will be provided with the Memorial of the opposing Team via email 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.

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

**7.3.5** 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).

**7.3.6.** Division of time shall be informed to the Court Master/Clerk(s) before beginning the arguments. Questions by the judges are part of the round. The timer shall be paused while the speakers are being asked questions by the judges, but shall resume when the speaker answers.

**7.3.7.** The oral arguments need to be confined to the issues presented in the Memorials.

**7.3.8.** The Researcher shall be present in the allotted Courtroom, instructed by the Committee with the Speakers at the time of the orals.

**7.3.9.** The qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined based on the win or loss of the team and the margin of victory/defeat in each preliminary round.

**7.3.10.** Each round shall be decided by allocating a total of 6 round points, with all points awarded based on the Oral Scores of the teams. If the difference between the Cumulative Oral Scores is more than 10% of the higher score, the team with the higher score will be awarded 3 points. If the difference is less than 10%, then the Team with the higher score will be awarded 2 points, and the other Team will be awarded 1 point.

In the case of a tie, the teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that judge.

For Example:

Team A: 175 marks

Team B: 155 marks

Difference: 20 marks

Since the difference is more than 10% of 175:

Team A: 3 points

Team B: 0 points

ii. Team A: 170 marks

Team B: 165 Marks

Difference: 5 marks

Since the difference is less than 10% of 170:

Team A: 2 points

Team B: 1 point

iii. Team A: 160 marks

Team B: 160 marks

Difference: 0

Since there is a tie:

Team A: 1.5 points

Team B: 1.5 points

The teams will be ranked based on the points secured in the Preliminary Rounds. In case of a tie, first, the Memorandum Score will be used to break the tie. If it is also a tie, then Cumulative Oral Scores will be used as tiebreakers.

**7.3.11.** The Top 8 highest scoring teams with the highest points out of 6 in the above stipulated manner shall qualify for the quarter-finals.

#### **7.4. Quarter-Finals Rounds (Knock-out Round)**

**7.4.1.** The Quarter Finals Round shall be conducted online on **14th March, 2026**. The top eight (8) teams shall qualify for the Quarter

**7.4.2.** For the Quarter Final Rounds, the rankings of the Preliminary Rounds shall be used for the match - ups (Team 1 v. Team 5; Team 2 v. Team 6; Team 3 v. Team 7; Team 4 v. Team 8).

**7.4.3.** The score of the Memorial 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.

**7.4.4.** 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 20 minutes, including the time for Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal, respectively.

**7.4.5.** 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).

## **7.5. Semi-Finals Rounds (Knock-out Round)**

**7.5.1.** The Semi-Finals Round shall be conducted online on **15th March, 2026**.

**7.5.2.** 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 20 minutes, including the time for Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal, respectively.

**7.5.3.** 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).

**7.5.4.** The score of the Memorial shall not be considered for Semi Finals. Only in the case of a tie, the Memorial Scores will serve as the deciding factor.

## **7.6. Final Round**

**7.6.1.** The Final Round shall be conducted online on **15th March, 2026**.

**7.6.2.** 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 20 minutes, including the time for Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal, respectively.

**7.6.3.** 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).

**7.6.4.** The win-loss shall be decided based on the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the final round. The win-loss shall be determined based on the score so computed.

## **8. RULES FOR VIRTUAL ROUNDS**

**8.1.** The Oral Rounds for the competition will take place virtually via the GMeet platform.

**8.2.** It would be the responsibility of every team to ensure a stable internet connection. The audio and video of every member of the team should be clear. Every team must ensure a proper background. The OC will under no circumstances be obligated to provide the participants with any such facility.

**8.3.** The meeting link will be conveyed to the participating teams before the oral rounds.

**8.4.** Each team is required to join the room at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of the oral rounds.

**8.5.** The participants' camera and microphone shall be firmly positioned throughout the oral rounds so as to show speakers and to ensure their voices are clearly audible.

**8.6.** All participants must keep their cameras on at all times during the rounds.

**8.7.** At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she or the entire team to which such participant belongs may be disqualified at the discretion of the bench.

**8.8.** Each participant is responsible for finding a suitable venue and background to participate. The venue must be a quiet location and one which has adequate and reliable internet connectivity and has a desk and chairs for the oralist. Locations in open spaces or hallways, cybercafes or similar areas are NOT permitted.

### **8.9. Dress Code Compliance**

**8.9.1.** Participants must strictly adhere to the prescribed dress code.

**8.9.2.** Each participant must wear black trousers/skirts, a white shirt, a black blazer, and a black necktie.

**8.9.3.** Proper attire is mandatory for all competition rounds.

**8.10.** Teams must ensure that their equipment has a sufficient power supply to last for at least two hours without interruption.

**8.11.** In case of an internet disconnection, teams will be given a reasonable time to reconnect. If the issue persists, the Committee's decision shall be final and binding.

**8.12.** If one or both speakers are unable to join due to connectivity issues, the team may face disqualification. Under no circumstances will another team member be allowed to take their place.

**8.13. *Ex-Parte* Proceedings** – If a team fails to appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled round time, the round will proceed ex parte.

**8.14. Submission of Research Material (Compendium)** -If a team wishes to refer to compiled Research Material (Compendium), it must be emailed to

[voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in](mailto:voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in) at least an hour prior to the rounds with the Team Code in the subject of the mail.

**8.15. Presentation of Research Material:** Any compiled Research Material (Compendium) or supplementary documents may be presented using the “screen sharing” option, subject to the Bench’s discretion. This will only be permitted if the preceding submission requirements have been fulfilled.

**8.16. Restriction on External Device Usage:** Teams shall not use mobile phones, external internet sources, or any other devices during the rounds for any purpose other than participating in the competition.

**8.17.** The participants are not permitted to join the Platform with their names. Participants must instead join with their “Team Code” which will be allotted to them. For example, if the allotted Team Code is 10, and the Speaker(s) represent the Respondents, they rename themselves as “TC-10 S1 and TC-10 S2” while the Researcher as “TC-10R” so as to ensure anonymity.

**8.18.** Participant(s) are required to keep their videos on throughout their round. They must ensure that they are visible at all times during the round.

## **9. SCOUTING**

**9.1.** Scouting is strictly prohibited.

**9.2.** 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 in consonance with Rule 15.

**9.3.** In case of any default, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final.

## **10. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**10.1.** Evaluation Criteria of the Memorials

**10.1.1.** The Memorial will be evaluated by a separate Panel of Judges who will not judge in the Oral Rounds.

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

| Sl. No. | MARKING CRITERIA                                | MAXIMUM MARKS |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.      | Knowledge of Law and Depth in Research          | 20            |
| 2.      | Use of Authority/Precedents                     | 20            |
| 3.      | Clarity of Thought and Organisation of Argument | 15            |
| 4.      | Interpretation of the Applicable Law            | 10            |
| 5.      | Incorporation of Facts into Arguments           | 10            |
| 6.      | Originality                                     | 10            |
| 7.      | Style of Presentation                           | 10            |
| 8.      | Relief Sought                                   | 5             |
|         | <b>TOTAL</b>                                    | <b>100</b>    |

**10.1.3.** 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.

## **10.2. Evaluation Criteria of The Oral Rounds**

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

| Sl. No. | MARKING CRITERIA | MAXIMUM MARKS |
|---------|------------------|---------------|
|         |                  |               |

|    |                                                   |            |
|----|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Knowledge of Law                                  | 20         |
| 2. | Use of Authority/Precedents and Depth of Research | 20         |
| 3. | Act of Persuasion or Rhetoric                     | 10         |
| 4. | Incorporation of Facts into Arguments             | 10         |
| 5. | Clarity of Thought and Expression                 | 10         |
| 6. | Answering Queries                                 | 10         |
| 7. | Relief Sought                                     | 10         |
| 8. | Court Mannerisms                                  | 10         |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>100</b> |

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

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

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

### **11.1. General Rules**

**11.1.1.** 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

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

**11.1.3.** 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.

**11.1.4.** 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.

**11.1.5.** 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.

**11.1.6.** 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.

**11.1.7.** 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 had already argued.

## **11.2. Time Split Between the Speakers**

**11.2.1.** 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.

**11.2.2.** 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.

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

### **11.3. Compendium**

**11.3.1.** 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.

**11.3.2.** Any such relevant material, e.g., 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 60 minutes prior to the commencement of the said Round.

**11.3.3.** Such compendium shall not exceed a page limit of 100 pages.

**11.3.4.** Participants are required to ensure that anonymity is not violated while sharing 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.

### **11.4. Exchange Of Memorials**

**11.4.1.** In consonance with Rule 7.1.4., the teams participating in a Round will be provided with a soft 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.)

## **12. RESEARCHERS' TEST**

**12.1.** The Researcher's Test shall be conducted online on **13th March, 2026**. Only the teams which have qualified for the Preliminary Rounds shall be eligible for the Researchers' Test.

**12.2.** 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 except in the case of a two-member team.

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

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

**12.5.** Amongst the 25 Multiple Choice Questions, five questions will be star questions carrying equal weightage in marks.

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

**12.7.** If the above condition is not able to break the tie, then the Researcher who answered the largest number of questions in chronological order will be declared the winner of the tie. In other words, the Researcher which first gets a question wrong from the chronology will have lost the tie. If the tie persists, then the team with the higher memorial score shall win.

**12.8.** Non-compliance with the rules mentioned in the above clauses shall attract severe penalties at the discretion of the organisers.

## **13. PRIZES AND AWARDS**

**13.1.** The team with the highest cumulative score in the Final Round will be declared as the "Winning Team" and receive a cash prize of **INR 1,00,000/-**.

**13.2.** The team Runners-up Team who qualified to the Final Round shall receive a Cash Prize of **INR 50,000/-**

**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 20,000/-**

**13.4.** 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/-**

**13.5.** The individual with the highest marks obtained on the Researchers’ Test will be declared as the “Best Researcher” and receive a Cash Prize of **INR 10,000/-**

**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.

## **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 Judges 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.

## **15. ACCESSIBILITY AND VIRTUAL MODE ASSISTANCE**

**15.1.** The Organising Committee aims at ensuring the highest degree of accessibility for all Teams participating in the Competition.

**15.2.** All our documents are capable of being read by screen-readers. However, if any of our documents are inaccessible to any Team member, Teams are requested to contact us at [voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in](mailto:voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in) to receive more accessible materials in a screen reader-compatible format.

**15.3.** In a situation where the Virtual Platform chosen is inaccessible to any Team member, a more accessible Virtual Platform will be chosen for the Team concerned. Any accessibility concerns related to the Virtual Platform chosen will be dealt with in the technological guidelines released by the OC.

**15.4.** In case any Team member of a Team is hearing or speech impaired, the same Team member will be permitted to have their own interpreter present at the time of Oral Rounds only after duly communicating to the Organising Committee.

## **16. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL**

**16.1.** 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.

**16.2.** The same shall be duly communicated to the Committee via mail at [voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in](mailto:voxanatolis@nluassam.ac.in)

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