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# 13<sup>th</sup> JUSTICE P.N. BHAGWATI INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, 2025

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**RULE BOOK**



## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

*A Guide to provide for the bonafide participation in and effective administration of the 13<sup>th</sup> Justice P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition on Human Rights, 2025 and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.*

### **ARTICLE 01**

#### **SHORT TITLE, DURATION & APPLICABILITY:**

**1.1** This Guide may be called as the “Rule-book” (for brevity) for the Competition.

*Explanation* – “the Competition” (as hereinafter referred to as in the Rulebook) shall mean 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Justice P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition on Human Rights, 2025 organized and hosted by Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), New Law College, Pune.

**1.2** It shall become effective from the 24<sup>th</sup> day in the month of December, 2024 and shall remain effective till the 24<sup>th</sup> day in the month of March, 2025.

**1.3** It shall mandatorily be applicable (or binding) on every person connected with the Competition.

*Explanation* – In this clause, “every person connected with the Competition” means and includes participants and such other persons related to the participants with respect to the Competition.

### **ARTICLE 02**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**2.1** “Advanced Rounds” refers to the knock out rounds and includes (only) the Quarter Finals, Semi- Finals, and the Final Rounds of the Competition.

**2.2** “Bench Memorandum” means the memorandum of law and authorities concerning the Compromis of the Competition prepared by the Organizing Committee for the exclusive use of the Judges. It shall also include any such material required by the Judges (at any time) for the smooth discharge of their responsibilities.



2.3 “Compendium” refers to a compilation of any statutes or legal precedents or such other literature collected from authorized (or recognized by a Court of law of competent jurisdiction) sources that the participants shall put forth before the Adjudicatory Authority (of the Competition or of any segment of its framework).

2.4 “Compromis” means the official Problem for the Competition and titled as ‘The Compromis.’ It shall also include corrections & clarifications, and schedules or annexures attached to the Compromis or the corrections & clarifications (if any, released separately by the Organizing Committee).

2.5 “Corrections & Clarifications” refers to the official corrections and clarifications with respect to the Compromis which will be released by the Organizing Committee pursuant to Article 11 of the Rule-book.

2.6 “Court Master” refers to such person as shall be appointed by the Organizing Committee specifically employed to aid the Judges during the adjudication of the Rounds (i.e., when the Preliminary or Advanced Rounds are in operation).

2.7 “Ex -Parte Round” means either a preliminary or advanced round wherein only a single team shall present their oral submissions (including but not limited to the violation of Rule 13.2 by the other team determined specifically for that respective round) before the Judges or as determined by the Organizing Committee due to certain circumstances.

2.8 “Framework” means and includes Memorial Submission & Evaluation, Researcher’s Test, Preliminary Rounds, and Advanced Rounds.

2.9 “Judges” refers to the Chief Justices or Sitting Judges or other Judges of a Court of law or advocates practicing in a Court of law (or in Alternative Dispute Resolution) or any such persons from the legal fraternity as the Organizing Committee may determine from time to time for the purposes of adjudication of the Preliminary and Advanced Rounds of the Competition.

2.10 “Memorial” means the humble written submissions recorded by the Adjudicatory Authority or presented before the Judges on behalf of a team representing one of the parties which shall be subjected to evaluation in accordance with Article 8 (B).

2.11 “Organizing Committee” refers to the body of faculty and student members designated with specific operations and responsibilities and recognized under the name of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), New Law College, Pune and whose particulars have been enumerated in a special schedule under the



signature of the Dean and Principal In-charge of BVDU, New Law College, Pune namely, Dr Ujwala Bendale along with the seal of the aforesaid institute.

**2.12** “Participant” refers to such person who shall be deemed competent under the Rule 3.1 to register and is successfully registered to participate as a team in the Competition in conformity with Article 5 (A).

**2.13** “Parties” means the parties in dispute as can be inferred through the Compromis of the Competition.

**2.14** “Penalty” means the deduction of marks or such other measures that the Organizing Committee may deem fit at a required time to be executed to act as a deterrence on the non-adherence of the mandatory compliances to be followed by the participants as enumerated in the Rule-book.

**2.15** “Preliminary Rounds” refers to the set of rounds which shall take place prior to the Advanced Rounds solely for the purpose of determining the teams that shall stand qualified to participate in the Phase I of the Advanced Rounds i.e., the Quarter Final Round.

**2.16** “Recognized Institution” includes such university and its constituent college or school or faculty of law or any other institute (if any) that shall be authorised to enrol students for obtaining a bonafide degree in law as per their current and operative legal system.

**2.17** “Researcher” refers to such participant that shall not be permitted to participate in the oral submissions during the Preliminary or Advanced Rounds but shall only be authorised to take the Researcher’s test.

**2.18** “Scouting” means the act of witnessing either the Preliminary Rounds or Advanced Rounds of the Competition by a participant in which he/she is not participating or contesting the dispute.

**2.19** “Speaker” refers to such participant shall under no circumstances be permitted to take the Researcher’s test and must mandatorily present the oral submissions before the Judges as and when determined for a given timeframe (in accordance with the Rule-book).

**2.20** “Team Code” means the unique Code that shall be allotted to each team to avail it as their only identity for the purpose of the Competition. It includes the number designed for a specific team as discussed under Article 5 (B) of the Rule-book.



*Explanation* – “team” shall mean a group of participants bearing the composition under Rule 4.1.

**2.21** “Usher” refers to a team escort who shall be appointed by the Organizing Committee specifically for a particular team for their assistance during the entire duration of the Competition.

## ARTICLE 03

### PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY

**3.1** The Competition stands open to all the students enrolled bonafide on a regular basis in an authorized UNDERGRADUATE pursuing a recognized Bachelor of Law (or its international equivalent) programme conducted by any recognized institution.

*Explanation* – “Bachelor of Law” means either a Three (3) Year Course post-graduation or a Five (5) Year Integrated Course for Indian students or an Undergraduate degree in law recognized by the Bar or Regulator of where the student is undergoing education.

**3.2** ONLY One (1) Team is permitted to register from a recognized institution for participation in the Competition. In the event, (if) two registrations are received from the same recognized institution, the Team which submits the Authorization Letter at first under the hand of the Head / Dean of the Institution / Moot Court Committee / any other concerned Authority, authorizing them to participate on behalf of the institution shall be entitled to participate and will be deemed registered for the Competition.

**3.3** ONLY the team acknowledged and recognized for its Successful Registration by the Organizing Committee through a mail shall be eligible to take part in the Competition and no other team irrespective of the successful completion and submission of the Conditional Registration Form by a team.

## ARTICLE 04

### TEAM COMPOSITION

**4.1** Each Team shall comprise of a maximum number of three (3) participants enrolled and recognized under the name of a single recognized institution (i.e., NO



participants from more than ONE recognized institution shall form a particular Team). However, out of the three (3) participants, the composition shall embrace two (2) participants as Speakers and only one (1) participant as Researcher to be authorized for participation in the Competition.

**4.2** The Team may comprise of only two (2) participants wherein both the participants will be deemed as Speakers and such team shall not be entitled to take the Researcher's test under Rule 8.17 of the Rule-book.

**4.3** Under NO circumstances, the Teams are permitted to bring any fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) person within the designated premises of the concerned Venue for the Competition or seek any kind of assistance from such person during any segment of the framework of the Competition except with the permit of the Organizing Committee. Violation of the aforesaid compliance shall directly invite disqualification to the respective Team from the Competition.

## ARTICLE 05

### A. TEAM REGISTRATION PROCESS

**5.1** The Successful Registration of the teams is a two-tier process which needs to be mandatorily undertaken for participating in the Competition. There is a cap on the maximum number of teams to be accommodated for the Competition that has been determined as thirty-two (32) teams by the Organizing Committee, which shall be selected specifically on a First Come First Serve basis.

**5.2** Correspondingly, for a Successful Registration of the team, **BOTH** the below given **STAGES** need **to be exercised** to participate in the Competition.

#### I. STAGE 01 – CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION

**5.3** The Conditional Registration of the team for the Competition shall commence from the 26<sup>th</sup> day in the month of December, 2024 and NO Conditional Registration shall take place at or after 11:59 PM IST on the 01<sup>st</sup> day in the month of February, 2025.

**5.4** Interested teams shall make the Conditional Registration for the Competition by duly providing all the required particulars in the Conditional Registration Form.

Note: -





- a) The Photograph of each person interested to be a Participant should be uploaded in **[.jpg]** or **[.jpeg]** format.
- b) All other documents (i.e., Institutional ID Card of each person interested to be a Participant, and the Authorization Letter for the Team from the concerned Authority of the Recognized Institution) should be uploaded in **[.pdf]** format.
- c) The size of an uploaded file in the Registration Form should not exceed 10 MB where it is in **[.pdf]** or **[.docx]** format and should not exceed 1MB in case of a file in **[.jpg]** or **[.jpeg]** format.

**5.5** The Conditional Registration Form can be accessed here as follows:

(Kindly, Click on the below given link to open the Conditional Registration Form)

[\[CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION FORM\]](#)

**5.6** A successful completion and submission of the Conditional Registration Form DOES NOT IN ANY MANNER guarantees / promises / assures any recognition as a team to participate in the Competition.

## II. STAGE 02 – FINAL REGISTRATION

**5.7** Pursuant to the successful completion and submission of the Conditional Registration Form by a team, the team may receive a mail from the Organizing Committee to complete the Final Registration containing the requisite particulars for the payment of the Registration Fee by the team in order to proceed for its Successful Registration.

**5.8** The receipt of the above-discussed mails for exercising the Final Registration by the teams shall be subjected to the discretion of the Organizing Committee which in turn, shall be determined on the basis of the number of the teams wherein under NO circumstances it shall exceed the cap of thirty-two (32) teams.

**5.9** The selected teams shall be required to send the Registration Fee (which shall be inclusive of the genuine Accommodation Charges, irrespective of waiving off such facility) as follows:

INDIAN TEAM	₹ 6000
INTERNATIONAL TEAM	₹ 7000 (or equivalent to \$ 82.25 <sup>1</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> The Registration Fee (in USD) shall be equivalent to INR 7,000 **at the time – period of** executing the monetary transaction i.e., **payment of the concerned Fee**. In addition, the abovementioned Registration Fee (INR 7,000) **IS EXCLUSIVE OF** any convenience (or service or gateway) charges.



**5.10** Upon successful completion and submission of the Final Registration Form, the team shall receive an Email from the Organizing Committee informing the team of their Successful Registration.

**5.11** If such an Email (as above-mentioned) is not received by a team, the concerned team may contemporaneously send an Email with its Conditional Registration Details as well as Final Registration Details to [pnbimcc2025@gmail.com](mailto:pnbimcc2025@gmail.com) and a response will be sent by the Organizing Committee within Seven (7) Days, informing the team of its Successful Registration.

**5.12** A team registered successfully (as aforesaid) is strictly prohibited from any kind of addition or elimination or substitution activity with respect to a participant registered under the name of the concerned team. Such untoward acts might lead to disqualification of the team subject to the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Notwithstanding the above-mentioned clause, a Team may apply for a humble and genuine request (any-time before 12:00 PM IST on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day in the month of February, 2025) through the mode of formal communication (i.e., Email) for any such act as discussed under Rule 5.7 (if necessary<sup>2</sup>). However, the discharge of such request shall bank solely upon the discretion and appropriate constraints to be determined by the Organizing Committee.

## **B. ANONYMITY**

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**5.13** Only the teams registering successfully in accordance with the provisions as above-mentioned (under the concerned Article), shall be allotted their respective Team Codes through the (already discussed) Email to be sent by the Organizing Committee informing the teams of their successful Registration.

**5.13.1** The Team Code shall be called as the Unique Identification Number [abbreviated as 'UIN'] of the respective teams successfully registered for the Competition as aforesaid.

**5.13.2** There shall be NO indication<sup>3</sup> of either the institution which a team represents specifically or the material particulars of the participants of a team (in specific) in their respective Memorial or Compendium or any other materials carried with themselves throughout the Competition.

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<sup>2</sup> ONLY under unforeseen extra-ordinary circumstances (which needs to be proved via relevant evidence as may be determined by the Organizing Committee).

<sup>3</sup> Name and Identity of the concerned institution and of the participants, its Jurisdiction or Country or location, or the Nationality of the participants.





**5.13.3** The teams are hereby strictly prohibited to disclose, or attempt to disclose, (whether deliberately or inadvertently) any such information at any segment of the Competition (including the entire framework of the Competition). Transgression of the Rule of Anonymity shall lead to penalty (including disqualification) as may be devised by the Organizing Committee.

## ARTICLE 06

### A. VENUE

**6.1** The Venue for the Competition shall be the lushful premises of the prestigious Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), New Law College, Erandwane Campus, Kothrud, Pune, Maharashtra - 411043 (INDIA).

[A well detailed itinerary with respect to the locales for specific events of the Competition shall be disclosed to the participants before the commencement of the Competition as may be determined by the Organizing Committee.]

### B. ACCOMMODATION

**6.2** The accommodation shall be provided by the Organizing Committee. Consequently, each participant is required to abide by the related Protocols which shall be handed over to the concerned teams well in advance as may be determined by the Organizing Committee.

**Note:**

a. It is mandatory to opt for the discussed Accommodation and thereby, the any applications made showing the disinterest or non-requirement of the same and thereupon, requesting for the waiver of the Registration Fee or a part thereof shall not be determined by the Organizing Committee.

b. All the participants of a respective team shall be allotted the concerned accommodation together in a single room.

**6.3** The accommodation shall be made available for use to the participants from 10:00 AM IST on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day in the month of March, 2025 and the participants shall be required to vacate the allotted accommodation NO later than 12:00 PM IST on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day in the month of March, 2025.



**6.4** The Teams are advised to keep their respective Ushers updated with an outline of their specific travel arrangements so as to devise the necessary preparations within the concerned premises of the University by the Organizing Committee (in time).

**6.5** The Teams must arrange for their respective means of transport (to reach and leave from the concerned Venue) all by themselves and the Organizing Committee does NOT hold any responsibility with regard to the same.

**6.6** The participants (once allotted the accommodation) are NOT permitted to leave the concerned premises without the prior permission of the Organizing Committee (in written form) after consenting to the required undertaking<sup>4</sup>. The concerned Authorities of our University or the Organizing Committee do not hold any accountability for the acts committed pursuant to the transgression of the aforesaid compliance. In addition, severe sanctions (or penalty) may be imposed on such participants.

**6.7** The provision of sustenance for the respective time-frame throughout which the Accommodation has been provided to the participants (as abovementioned) shall be facilitated exclusively within the confines of the University Campus by the Organizing Committee.

## ARTICLE 07

### DRESS CODE

**7.1** The participants are hereby instructed to be neatly dressed throughout the entire duration of the Competition in a professional attire universally followed in the legal fraternity which shall (strictly) include:

(For **Female Participants**) – A pair of Black Trousers, White Kurta or White Shirt worn under a Black Blazer, a pair of Black Socks along with a pair of Black Formal Shoes (including ballerinas).

(For **Male Participants**) – A pair of Black Trousers, a Black Tie, White Shirt worn under a Black Blazer, a pair of Black Socks along with a pair of Black Formal Shoes.

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<sup>4</sup> As may be determined by the Organizing Committee.



## ARTICLE 08

### FRAMEWORK OF THE COMPETITION

#### A. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

##### I. VIRTUAL MODE

8.1 Each successfully registered Team shall create two (2) soft copies of the drafted Memorial each on behalf of both the parties in such a manner that one (1) soft copy representing a party shall be designed in [.docx] format and one (1) soft copy representing the same party shall be designed in [.pdf] format. Correspondingly, one (1) soft copy representing the other party shall be designed in [.docx] format and one (1) soft copy representing the same other party shall be designed in [.pdf] format. Thus, four (4) soft copies are required to be submitted in toto by each team.

8.2 The aforesaid four (4) soft copies of the Memorial must be named as per the below given scheme:

(The terms ‘Aggrieved Party’ and ‘Other Party’ (as referred in the Rule-book) have been solely used for the purpose of a better understanding and shall NOT be deemed as Official Terms for the parties)

- {UIN}\_A – Memorial submitted on behalf of the Aggrieved Party (who has knocked the pious doors of the Adjudicatory Authority).
- {UIN}\_R – Memorial submitted on behalf of the Other Party (other than the Aggrieved Party).

Supposedly, a team has been allotted UIN – 101 by the Organizing Committee, then the names for the respective two (2) soft copies of the Memorial submitted on behalf of the Aggrieved Party shall be;

(a) 101\_A.docx

(b) 101\_A.pdf

And, the names for the respective two (2) soft copies of the Memorial submitted on behalf of the Other Party shall be;

(a) 101\_R.docx

(b) 101\_R.pdf

8.3 It is the sole responsibility of each team to ensure that the soft copies of the Memorials are readily accessible with Microsoft Office 365, 2019, 2016, 2013 or 2010 [.docx] format and Adobe Acrobat Reader 9 [.pdf] format.



8.4 The above-discussed four (4) soft copies of the Memorials shall be submitted to the Organizing Committee by the respective teams through a Google Form wherein the teams shall be recognized by the allotted UIN as the only identity to such piece of literature. All the four (4) soft copies must be attached in the aforesaid Google Form and NO separate mails shall be entertained.

The Google Form for Memorial Submission can be accessed here as follows:

(Kindly, Click on the below given link to open the Google Form)

[MEMORIAL SUBMISSION FORM]

8.5 The Google Form shall remain accessible and be accepting responses (as above-mentioned) NO later than 11:59 PM IST on the 05<sup>th</sup> Day in the month of March, 2025 and thus, the Memorial submission should be successfully completed accordingly. A Memorial once submitted shall be considered as Final and cannot be revised.

8.6 Memorials submitted subsequent to the stipulated deadline under Rule 8.5 (on the concerned Mail ID: [pnbimcc2025@gmail.com](mailto:pnbimcc2025@gmail.com)) shall incur a deduction of marks as the Penalty. There shall be a deduction of one (1) Point for every hour of delay caused in the final submission of the Memorial, with the very first deduction (of the continuing penalty) commencing at 12:01 AM IST on the 06<sup>th</sup> Day in the month of March, 2024. It is to be noted that such deduction shall be made from the cumulative Memorial Score (only once).

8.7 Memorials submitted twenty-four (24) hours after the devised Memorial submission deadline (i.e., at or after 12:01 AM IST on the 07<sup>th</sup> Day in the month of March, 2024), shall be summarily rejected and the concerned teams shall stand disqualified from the Competition.

## **II. PHYSICAL MODE**

8.8 Each team shall adhere to the stipulated mandate of furnishing the Organizing Committee with a total of seven (7) hard copies<sup>5</sup> of the Memorials on behalf of both the parties upon their arrival at the designated Venue of the Competition (i.e., seven (7) hard copies of the Memorial representing one party and seven (7) hard copies of the Memorial representing the other party). The submission of Memorials shall be undertaken at the Registration Desk at such time and date as may be determined by the Organizing Committee (which shall be communicated to the

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<sup>5</sup> Spiral – Bound Hard Copies only.



team through their respective Ushers) subsequent to the completion of a successful on-site Registration Process by the respective teams.

**8.9** On discovery of any kind of discrepancy or inconsistency while examining the soft copies of the Memorial simultaneously with the hard copies of the Memorial, the concerned Team shall be liable to a penalty (including disqualification) as may be determined by the Organizing Committee.

## **B. MEMORIAL EVALUATION**

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**8.10** The entire subject matter of a Memorial shall be typed on a A4-sized paper, with the below given formatting specifications to be strictly followed:

- a) Font Type: Times New Roman
- b) Font Size: 12
- c) Line Spacing: 1.5
- d) Margins: 1 inch on each side

The formatting specifications for the footnotes are as follows:

- a. Font Type: Times New Roman
- b. Font Size: 10
- c. Line Spacing: 1
- d. Speaking footnotes or endnotes are not allowed.

**8.11** A uniform style of citation for citing the (authenticate) authorities (from an authorised source) shall be followed by the teams in their Memorials using footnotes (preferably) in accordance with the 21<sup>st</sup> Edition of Harvard Bluebook : A Uniform System of Citation.

**8.12** A Memorial on behalf of each party to be drafted by a Team shall comprise of the following mandatory heads:

- i. Cover Page
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Index of Authorities
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
- v. Statement of Facts (not exceeding one (1) page).
- vi. Issues Raised
- vii. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding two (2) pages)
- viii. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding twenty (20) pages)
- ix. Prayer (not exceeding one (1) page)



The following colour scheme shall be strictly abided by each team with respect to the Page Colour of the Cover Page:

- ❖ **Blue** – Cover Page of the Memorial on behalf of the Aggrieved Party.
- ❖ **Red** – Cover Page of the Memorial on behalf of the Other Party.

8.13 The Cover Page of a Memorial MUST contain the following information:

- ✓ The UIN in the upper right-hand corner
- ✓ The name of the Forum resolving the dispute
- ✓ The name of the Competition
- ✓ The Cause Title
- ✓ The appropriate Jurisdiction to the Forum
- ✓ The Party on behalf of which the Memorial is prepared.

8.14 The Memorials shall NOT contain any photograph, graph, diagram, or any other pictographic representation of such nature.

8.15 Non – adherence to the prescribed Page Limits with regard to a Memorial shall result in the deduction of one (1) Point per page exceeding the limit and for the non-adherence to the other above-mentioned rules with respect to Memorial Submission and Evaluation shall eventuate a deduction of 0.50 Points per non-compliance of such guidelines. Such negative marking (along with the negative marking for delayed submission) shall be deducted once from the cumulative Memorial Score obtained by a team.

8.16 The Points scored under the Memorial Evaluation by a team shall be solely used for the purpose of adjudicating the “Best Memorial” of the Competition (or as a tie – breaker subject to the provision formulated under Rule 8.27 of the Rule-book).

### **C. RESEARCHER’S TEST**

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8.17 ONLY the participant registered and designated as a Researcher is permitted to appear for and take the Researcher’s Test with a time limitation of sixty (60) minutes to complete the same. Transgression of the aforesaid Rule shall result in severe sanctions (or penalty) as may be determined by the Organizing Committee.

8.18 Researcher’s Test shall be conducted in a completely offline mode at such time and place as may be determined by the Organizing Committee (which shall be communicated to the teams well in advance).





**8.19** Participation in the Researcher's Test is mandatory for all such Teams (comprising of three (3) participants), and failure to participate may lead to strict actions to be taken against the concerned team, subject to the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

**8.20** Utmost integrity shall be exercised and NO participant shall resort to any kind of unfair practices throughout the entire stipulated time duration for the Test. Non – compliance of the same shall be settled by the final decision of the Organizing Committee.

**8.21** The Points scored in the Researcher's test by a participant shall be solely used for the purpose of adjudicating the "Best Researcher" of the Competition.

#### **D. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

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**8.22** There shall two (2) Preliminary Rounds (namely, Prelims Round – I and Prelims Round – II) wherein each team shall be permitted to present their Oral Submissions on behalf of both the parties in two (2) distinct Rounds as aforesaid.

**8.23** The match-up of the teams for both the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined based on a draw of lots to be conducted by the Organizing Committee.

**8.24** The Time Duration for the Preliminary Rounds shall be as follows:

- Total Time Allotted to each Team: Thirty (30) minutes
- Maximum Time Permitted to a Speaker in each Team: Eighteen (18) minutes

**8.25** The teams shall NOT be permitted to exercise a Rebuttal (or Sur-Rebuttal) during any of the Preliminary Rounds except upon the discretion of the Judges.

**8.26** The teams with the higher number of Points scored (cumulatively) in both the Preliminary Rounds shall stand qualified to participate in the Advanced Rounds (Phase I).

**8.27** In the event of a tie in the cumulative Points scored between two or more teams in the Preliminary Rounds, the Points scored by the concerned teams in the Memorial Evaluation shall be considered.

#### **E. ADVANCED ROUNDS**

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**8.28** Advanced Rounds of the Competition unfolds into three (3) phases namely, Phase I : Quarter Final Rounds, Phase II : Semi Final Rounds and Phase III : Final Rounds.



**8.29** The Power Match-up of the teams qualifying for Phase I : Quarter Final Rounds and Phase II : Semi Final Rounds shall be designed by the Organizing Committee.

**8.30** The teams shall mandatorily exercise a Rebuttal or Sur – Rebuttal in the Advanced Rounds.

**8.31** The Time Duration for the Advanced Rounds shall be as follows:

(where, **Total Time Allotted** to Each Team is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur – Rebuttal)

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Time Duration (in minutes)</u>
<b><i>Phase I : Quarter Final Rounds</i></b>		
1.	Total Time Allotted to Each Team	Forty (40)
2.	Maximum Time Permitted to a Speaker in Each Team	Twenty-two (22)
3.	Maximum Time Permitted for Rebuttal or Sur – Rebuttal	Three (3)
<b><i>Phase II : Semi Final Rounds</i></b>		
4.	Total Time Allotted to Each Team	Fifty (50)
5.	Maximum Time Permitted to a Speaker in Each Team	Twenty-eight (28)
6.	Maximum Time Permitted for Rebuttal or Sur – Rebuttal	Five (5)
<b><i>Phase III : Final Rounds</i></b>		
7.	Total Time Allotted to Each Team	Seventy (70)
8.	Maximum Time Permitted to a Speaker in Each Team	Thirty-eight (38)
9.	Maximum Time Permitted for Rebuttal or Sur – Rebuttal	Seven (7)

**8.32** Each team **MUST** present the Oral Submissions on behalf of one (1) party in each phase of the Advanced Rounds which shall be determined by the draw of lots to be conducted by the Organizing Committee. Being knock-out Rounds, the win in each phase shall make a team qualified for the next phase.

**8.33** Sur Sur – Rebuttals are strictly prohibited to maintain the spirit of the Competition.



## ARTICLE 09

### SCORING

#### A. MEMORIAL SCORING

9.1 The Memorials shall be evaluated out of Total hundred (100) Points (strictly) in accordance to below given Points Distribution as per the distinct criteria:

S. No.	Particulars	Maximum Points
1.	Application of Facts	25
2.	Line of Reasoning	25
3.	Understanding of Law and Procedure	20
4.	Use of Authorities and Precedents	20
5.	Formatting	10

#### B. SCORING OF PRELIMINARY OR ADVANCED ROUNDS

9.2 The respective Speakers of each team participating in the Preliminary or Advanced Rounds shall be evaluated out of Total hundred (100) Points (strictly) in accordance to the below given Points Distribution as per the distinct criteria:

S. No.	Particulars	Maximum Points
1.	Response to Questions and Articulation	25
2.	Use of Authorities and Precedents	25
3.	Reasoning and Interpretation of Law	20
4.	Argumentative Skill and Clarity of Expression	10
5.	Application of Facts and Reference to Memorial	10
6.	Court Craft and Demeanour	10

9.3 Each team shall vacate their respective Courtroom while the Judges are scoring the team or having related discourse with respect to the same and re-enter the concerned Courtroom with the prior permission of the respective Judges.



## ARTICLE 10

### SCOUTING

**10.1** Both the kinds of Scouting (either Direct Scouting or Indirect Scouting) are strictly prohibited to be exercised by the participants in whichever manner possible. Non – compliance of the same shall eventuate immediate disqualification of the concerned team as a whole by the Organizing Committee.

*Explanation 1* – In this clause, “Direct Scouting” occurs when a team [or participant(s)] attends a Preliminary or Advanced Round involving one or more teams against which that concerned team [or participant(s)] will compete in near future.

*Explanation 2* – In this clause, “Indirect Scouting” occurs when a team [or participant(s)] attends a Preliminary Round involving two teams against which that concerned team is not scheduled to compete in the Preliminary Rounds, or when a team, through any other means, obtains or attempts to obtain information about another team regardless of whether the team seeking the information will compete against the team(s) [maybe in near future] for which information is sought.

## ARTICLE 11

### CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

**11.1** Any kind of query or clarification to be sought with respect to either the Compromis or the Rule-book of the Competition shall be communicated to the Organizing Committee through an Email (as an attachment of a file in [.pdf] format) to the respective Mail ID as [pnbimcc2025@gmail.com](mailto:pnbimcc2025@gmail.com). However, NO such mails shall be entertained at or after 05:00 PM IST on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day in the month of February, 2025.

**11.2** The Official Release for such Corrections & Clarifications (only, if required) by the Organizing Committee shall be published on the official website of the [Moot Court Society of the esteemed Bharati Vidyapeeth \(Deemed to be University\), New Law College, Pune](#) at or after 05:00 PM IST on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day in the month of February, 2025.



**11.3** Each Team must ensure that it receives and adequately notes the Corrections & Clarifications to be published as above-mentioned in preparation for the Competition.

## ARTICLE 12

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

**12.1** All such Awards or Accolades, Trophies, and Certificates as mentioned under this Article shall be distributed to the concerned teams or participants by the Organizing Committee ONLY during the Valedictory Ceremony that shall be conducted subsequent to the Final Round of the Competition.

**12.2** Each participant who has mandatorily attended every such event as directed by the Organizing Committee shall be entitled to a Certificate of Participation subjected to the discretion of the Organizing Committee with regard to any other prevalent penalty or misconduct shown towards the smooth working of the Competition.

**12.3** ONLY the awarded team or participant shall be authorised to collect such awards or accolades and NO other representative of the same shall be handed over the possession of such award or accolade. Furthermore, the Organizing Committee holds NO responsibility in the event of absence of the awarded team or participant to provide them with their accolades.

#### A. WINNERS

The team which wins the Final Round shall be adjudged as the Winner of the Competition and shall be entitled to the glorious WINNER Trophy with a Cash Prize of ₹ 35,000/- (Rupees Thirty-Five Thousand Only) along with a Certificate of Merit to the concerned participants.

#### B. RUNNERS – UP

The team which secures the Second Position in the Final Round shall be adjudged as the Runner – Up of the Competition and shall be awarded the splendid RUNNER – UP Trophy with a Cash Prize of ₹ 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) along with a Certificate of Merit to the concerned participants.



### C. BEST MEMORIAL

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The team which secures the highest cumulative Memorial Score (as discussed in Rule 8.15 and Rule 8.16 of the Rule-book) subsequent to the scrutiny of Memorial Evaluation shall be awarded the magnificent BEST MEMORIAL Trophy with a Cash Prize of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) along with a Certificate of Merit to the concerned participants.

### D. BEST SPEAKER

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The participant which secures the highest cumulative Score (with respect to Points as discussed in Rule 9.2) after the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds shall be adjudged as the Best Speaker of the Competition and shall be awarded the coveted BEST SPEAKER Trophy with a Cash Prize of ₹ 5,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) along with a Certificate of Merit.

### E. BEST RESEARCHER

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The participant which secures the highest cumulative Score (with respect to Points as discussed in Rule 8.21) pursuant to the Researcher's Test shall be adjudged as the Best Researcher of the Competition and shall be awarded the coveted BEST RESEARCHER Trophy with a Cash Prize of ₹ 5,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) along with a Certificate of Merit.

## ARTICLE 13

### MISCELLANEOUS

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#### A. MAINTAINING DECORUM OF THE COURTROOM

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**13.1** The participants of a team are permitted to communicate among themselves during the Preliminary and Advanced Rounds. However, the same shall strictly be in written form only and must not be in violation of the general courtroom practices thereby, maintaining the decorum of the Courtroom.

**13.2** The teams are advised to enter their concerned Courtrooms at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of their respective Preliminary or Advanced Rounds. Non – compliance of which (resulting in disrespect towards the Hon'ble Judges) shall lead to immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition.





**13.3** The participants shall mandatorily follow English as the official language of the Competition.

## **B. FLOW OF COMPENDIUM**

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**13.4** Each team is permitted to prepare a Compendium (NOT mandatory) and present the same during their oral submissions before the Judges. However, the same shall be presented to the Judges through the respective Court Masters allotted in the concerned Courtroom.

## **C. PROHIBITION ON ACCESS OF CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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**13.5** During the entire framework of the Competition, every participant is strictly prohibited to operate or access any electronic devices (ONLY) which are internet-enabled or data-capable, or have instant messaging capabilities or blue-tooth connectable or any other feature of the same kind such as smart watches, laptops, mobile phones, PDAs or any such device. Violation of the said Rule shall lead to immediate disqualification of the concerned Team as a whole of that respective participant.

**13.6** The official time of the respective Speakers in a Round shall be indicated by the Court Master. No one other than the Court Master may display timecards or otherwise signal to a speaker on the time left for the oral submissions.

## **D. NO REFUND POLICY**

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**13.7** NO team shall be allowed for any refund or reimbursement of the Registration Fee once duly paid upon Final Registration under Article 5 (A) for its Successful Registration irrespective of any circumstances pleaded.

## **E. POWER TO PROMULGATE ADDITIONAL MEASURES**

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**13.8** The Organizing Committee may promulgate any such measures as may be required (from time to time) for the orderly conduct of the Competition or to correct deficiencies (if any) in the Competition. It is anticipated that additional measures will be adopted when Team Registration has been completed.

## **F. EXEMPLARY POWER CLAUSE**

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**13.9** The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make changes in the rule if situation so warrant. In case of any dispute arising in the interpretation of the rules, scores, or otherwise, the decision of the Faculty Co-ordinator in consultation



with the Organizing Committee (or the Judges as in case of scores) would be deemed Final and Binding.

## ARTICLE 14

### CODE OF CONDUCT

**14.1** Engaging in actions that contravene the established Code of Conduct shall elicit repercussions (or penalty), the determination of which shall rest with the esteemed Organizing Committee.

**14.2** Each participant shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting of their fellow team members, as well as the Hon'ble Judges, Organizing Committee, and the Volunteers.

**14.3** A participant shall refrain from making any attempts to exert influence upon the Hon'ble Judges and Organizing Committee in any capacity.

**14.4** Each participant shall uphold an atmosphere of decorum within the confines of the courtroom throughout the entire duration of the Competition, and to comport themselves in a manner that commensurate with the esteemed standards of the legal vocation.

**14.5** A participant shall abstain from any kind of manifestation of unethical, unprofessional, or wrongful behaviour throughout the entirety of the Competition.

**14.6** Participants are hereby, advised against engaging in the consumption or possession of substances such as drugs, alcohol, firearms, or ammunition, as well as any activities deemed immoral or illegal, or any other forms of indulgence or addiction, throughout the duration of the Competition.



## WORKFLOW SCHEDULE

