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# 5<sup>th</sup> NALSAR-CCI Anti-Trust Moot Court Competition

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# 2026 RULEBOOK

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# [1] DEFINITIONS

**1.1. “Advanced Rounds”** shall refer to the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds held in the offline format.

**1.2. “Clarifications”** shall refer to the requests for information with respect to the Moot Proposition, to be submitted by 19th January 2026.

**1.3. “Compendium”** shall refer to the collection of judgements and resources used to support the oral and written submissions of the party.

**1.4. “Competition”** shall refer to “5th NALSAR-CCI Antitrust Moot, 2026”, organized by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.

**1.5. “Competition Website”** shall refer to the website, where all updates pertaining to the competition will be provided. It can be accessed at [www.antitrustmoot.nalsar.ac.in](http://www.antitrustmoot.nalsar.ac.in).

**1.6. “Cross-institutional Team”** shall refer to teams that consist of members from more than one institution.

**1.7. “Dispute Resolution Committee”** shall consist of the Competition Director, Convenor of the MCC, and Faculty Advisor of the MCC.

**1.8. “MCC”** shall refer to the Moot Court Committee of the NALSAR University of Law.

**1.9. “Open Teams”** shall refer to the teams participating in the competition independent of their institutional affiliation, including Cross-Institutional Teams.

**1.10. “Organising Committee”** shall refer to the Committee constituted by the MCC for conducting the competition.

**1.11. “Plagiarism”** shall refer to the direct or substantial duplication of work represented as one’s own, without acknowledgement.

**1.12. “Preliminary Rounds”** shall refer to the rounds which take place before the Advanced Rounds of the Competition and for the purpose of determining which teams advance to the Advanced Rounds.

**1.13. “Proof of Enrolment”** shall mean to include College Identity Card or a similar document.

**1.14. “Registration Fees”** shall refer to the one time amount payable by all teams participating in the Competition.

**1.15. “Registration Form”** shall refer to the Google Form through which the participants will register for the competition. It can be accessed at this [link](#).

**1.16. “Soft Copies”** of a document shall include the document in both PDF (.pdf) and Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.

# [2] INTERPRETATION OF RULES

2.1. The Organising Committee shall serve as the final arbiter of the implementation and interpretation of the Rules.

2.2. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with these Rules. All Participating Teams shall be presumed to have read and understood these Rules.



# [3] LANGUAGE

**3.1.** All oral and written submissions are required to be made in English.

**3.2.** It shall also be the official language of the Competition.



# [4] STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

4.1. The Competition shall comprise two stages:

- Memorandum Elimination Round: The results of this round shall be based on the evaluation of Memorandums and shall determine the 24 teams that will proceed to the Oral Rounds.
- Oral Rounds: The teams that qualify the Memorandum Elimination Round shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds, which shall comprise Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.

4.2. The Tentative Timeline\* shall be as follows:

EVENT	DATE
Registration Opens	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2026
Release of the Moot Proposition	12 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026
Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026
Release of Clarifications	28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026
Registration Deadline	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2026
Memorial Submission Deadline	14 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026
Announcement of Results of the Memorial Elimination Round	28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026
Oral Rounds	12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026

\*The Timeline can be subjected to change by the Organising Committee. It is for the participants to keep track of such changes through the Website and the Social Media of the Moot Court Competition.

# [5] ELIGIBILITY

**5.1.** The Competition is open to students enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an Undergraduate/Postgraduate law course (including LL.M. programs) or its equivalent conducted by any institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

**5.2.** The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year) or LLM Postgraduate Degree Courses.

**5.3.** Applications from Cross-institutional Teams are accepted. There is no limit on the number of teams applying from one institution.

**5.4.** The Competition shall not be open to participants currently enrolled as students in NALSAR University of Law.

**5.5.** The Organising Committee shall reserve the right to cancel the participation of a participant/team on valid grounds.

# [6] TEAM COMPOSITION

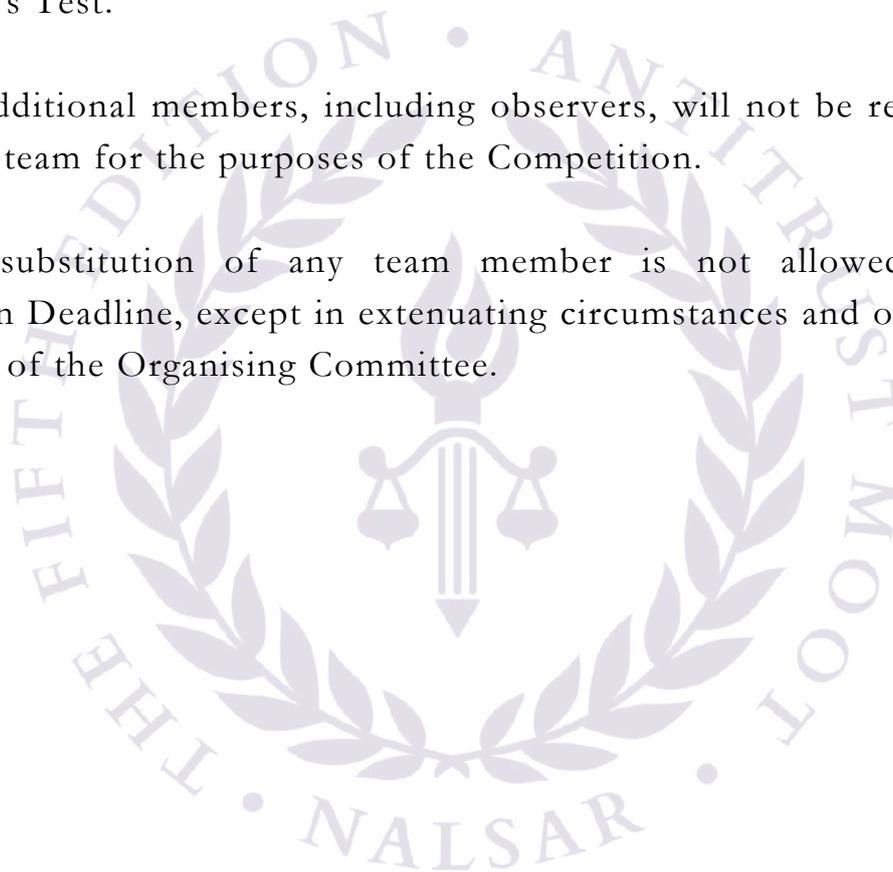
6.1. Each team shall comprise two or three members.

6.2. In three-member teams, two members shall perform the role of speaker and one member shall perform the role of researcher.

6.3. In case of two-member teams, the team will have to forgo the Researcher's Test.

6.4. Any additional members, including observers, will not be recognised as part of the team for the purposes of the Competition.

6.5. The substitution of any team member is not allowed after the Registration Deadline, except in extenuating circumstances and only with the permission of the Organising Committee.



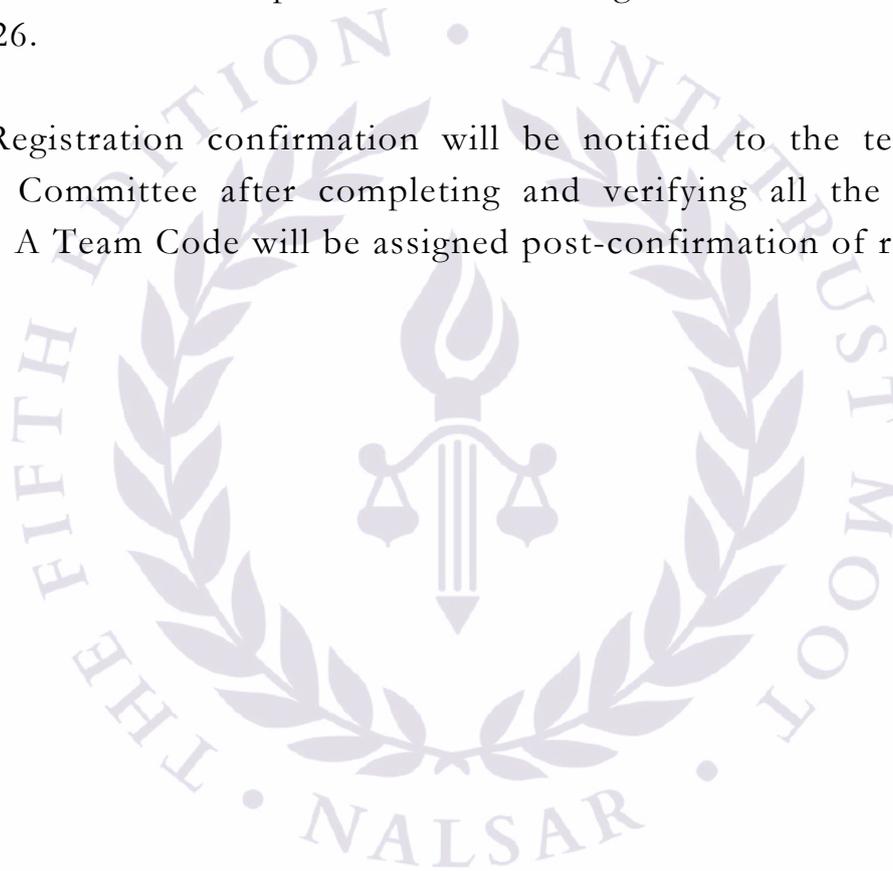
# [7] REGISTRATION

7.1. Interested teams are required to register for the Competition by filling out the Registration Form, which can be accessed through this [link](#).

7.2. Proof of Enrollment for each team member is required for Registration. The proof(s) is to be submitted via the Registration Form.

7.3. The last date for completion of all the registration formalities is 31st January 2026.

7.4. The Registration confirmation will be notified to the teams by the Organising Committee after completing and verifying all the registration formalities. A Team Code will be assigned post-confirmation of registration.



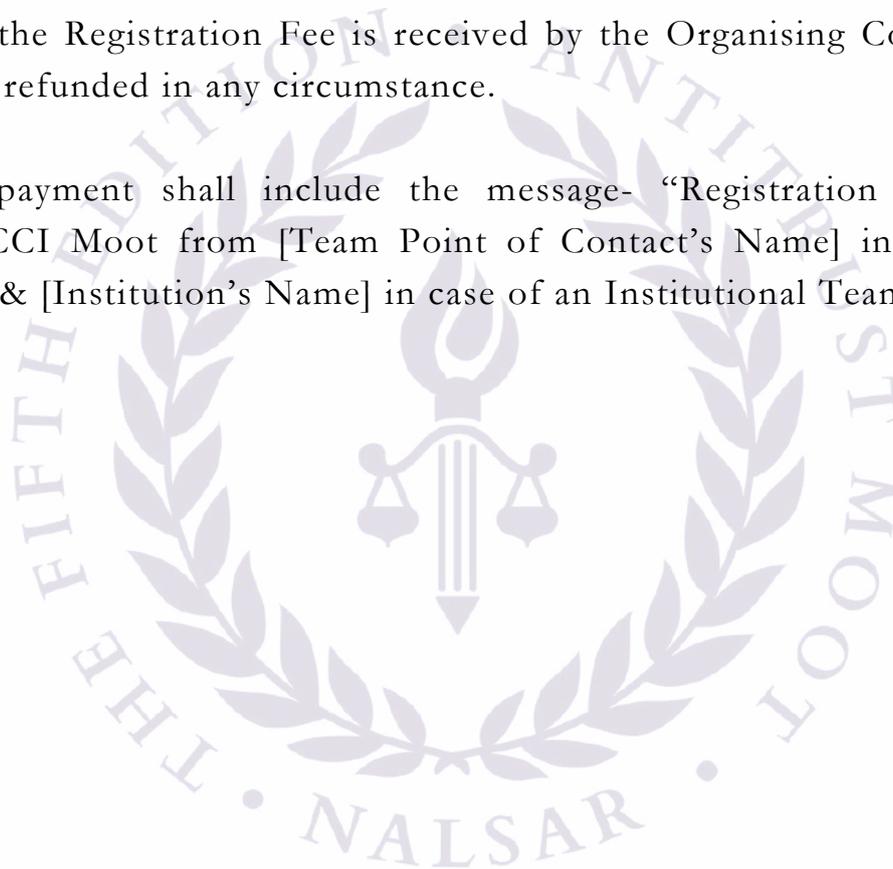
# [8] REGISTRATION FEE

**8.1.** The Registration Fee is INR 8000. Registration Fee is mandatory for all teams.

**8.2.** The Registration Fee includes the accommodation provided during the days of the moot, and participants are not supposed to pay any additional fee unless they opt for additional accommodation.

**8.3.** Once the Registration Fee is received by the Organising Committee, it will not be refunded in any circumstance.

**8.4.** The payment shall include the message- “Registration Fee – 5th NALSAR-CCI Moot from [Team Point of Contact’s Name] in case of an open team & [Institution’s Name] in case of an Institutional Team.”



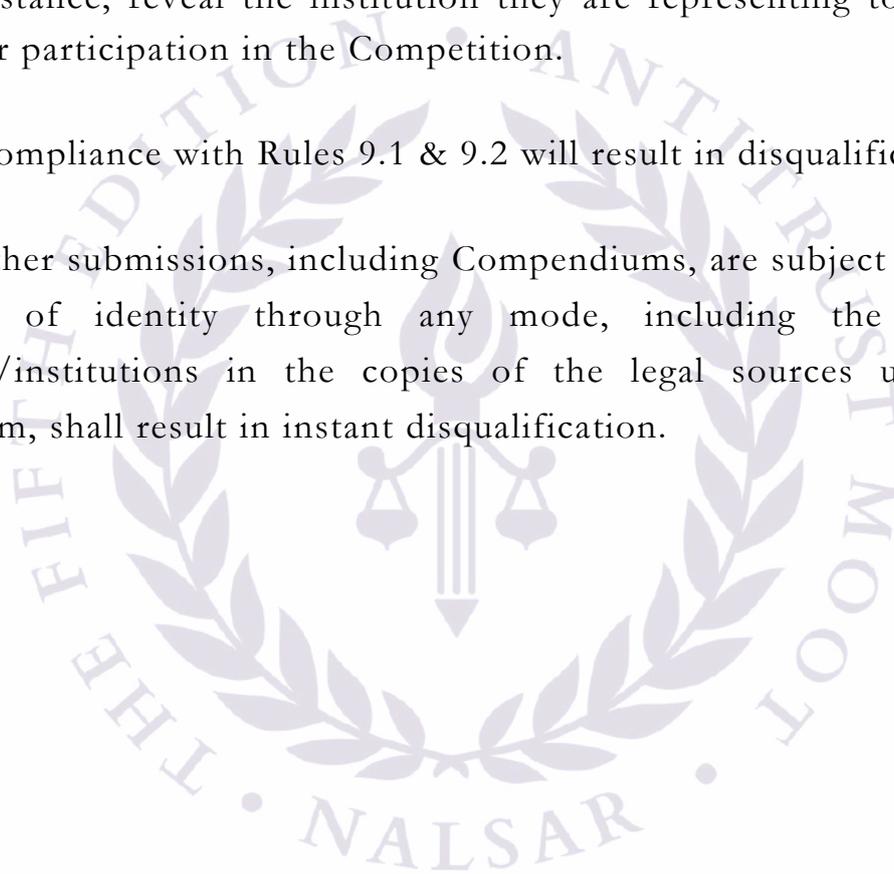
# [9] ANONYMITY

**9.1.** Memorandum Elimination Round: The identity of the participants, particularly the institution represented, should not be revealed in the memorandum. Any such disclosure will amount to non-compliance.

**9.2.** Oral Rounds: The speakers may only state their First Names or team codes during the Oral Rounds. The speaker must not, in any way or under any circumstance, reveal the institution they are representing to the judges during their participation in the Competition.

**9.3.** Non-compliance with Rules 9.1 & 9.2 will result in disqualification.

**9.4.** Any other submissions, including Compendiums, are subject to Rule 9.1. Disclosure of identity through any mode, including the names of individuals/institutions in the copies of the legal sources used in the compendium, shall result in instant disqualification.

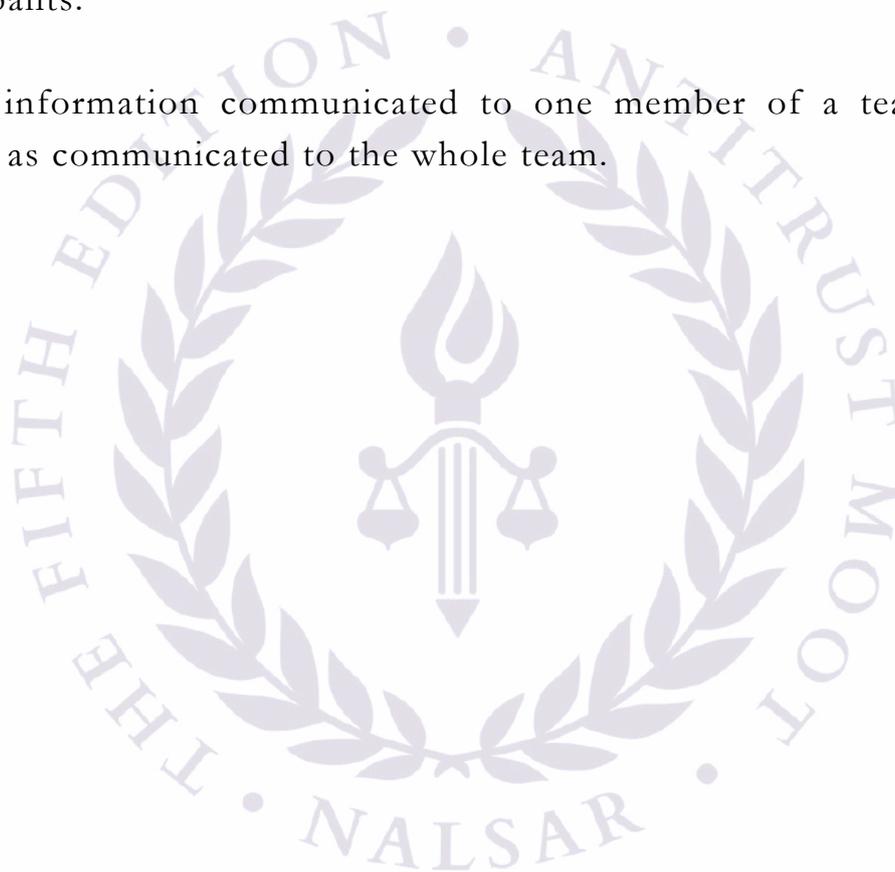


# [10] COMMUNICATIONS

**10.1.** All communications to the Organising Committee shall be via email, addressed to [nalsarccimoot@nalsar.ac.in](mailto:nalsarccimoot@nalsar.ac.in) or through the WhatsApp group created with participants upon qualification to the Oral Rounds.

**10.2.** The Organising Committee may update its Website and other Socials for important announcements, and it shall be considered as communicated to the participants.

**10.3.** Any information communicated to one member of a team shall be considered as communicated to the whole team.



# [11] CLARIFICATIONS

**11.1.** Clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition should be sought by filling out the form in the Clarification Section of the website.

**11.2.** A team can ask up to 5 clarifications.

**11.3.** The Clarification as and when issued become a part of the Moot Problem. The request for clarifications shall be clear and related to the facts of the case and not related to the substantive arguments.

**11.4.** The deadline for sending clarifications is 19th January 2026 (11:59 PM IST)\*. No requests for clarification received after the deadline will be accepted.

**11.5.** The clarifications will be released by 28th January 2026 on the Competition Website.

\*Subject to Change by the Organising Committee.

# [12] MEMORIAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**12.1.** Every team that has successfully registered for the Competition shall submit two Memorandums: Memorandum on behalf of the Informant(s) and Memorandum on behalf of the Opposite Party.

**12.2.** All teams are required to submit Soft Copies\* of their Memorandums for the Memorandum Elimination Round by 14th February 2026 (11:59 P.M. IST) through the submission form on the website. Any Memorandum not submitted through the submission form will not be considered and will entail disqualification of the team.

**12.3.** All soft copies of the Memorandum submitted must be in both PDF (.pdf) and Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx). They must be identical to each other. Any inconsistency between the Word and PDF file, shall result in immediate Disqualification of the Team.

**12.4.** Each Memorandum should be contained in a single file with the name of the file being the allocated Team Code followed by an 'I' for Informant(s) and 'O' for Opposite Parties. For instance, the Memorials of Team Code 10 should be named '10I' & '10R' for Informant(s) and Opposite Parties Memorials Respectively.

**12.5.** Teams are required to remove any identification from the meta-data in soft copies. Refer to Rule 9.1.

**12.6.** If a team makes more than one submission before the deadline, the last submission shall be considered final for all purposes of the Competition

**12.7.** After the completion of the Competition, the Organising Committee reserves the right to publish, disseminate, and use the Memorandums as it deems appropriate.

\*Refer to Rule 1.16.

# [13] MEMORANDUM CONTENTS

**13.1.** The memorandums are required to contain the following sections:

- i. Cover Page
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Table of Abbreviations
- iv. Index of Authorities
- v. Statement of Jurisdiction
- vi. Statement of Facts
- vii. Issues Raised
- viii. Summary of Arguments
- ix. Arguments Advanced
- x. Prayer

**13.2.** Each of the above sections shall begin on a new page and the entire Memorandum shall not exceed 45 pages.

**13.3. Cover Page:** Participants must strictly adhere to providing only the following information in the order specified: (this information should be centered, except where stated otherwise):

- The Team Code in the top right-hand corner of the page. For instance, the team with Team Code 27 would put TC-27 in the top right-hand corner of the cover page.
- The name and the year of the Competition (i.e., “5th NALSAR – CCI Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2026”).
- The name and place of the forum.
- The relevant legal provision under which the forum has been approached as according to the Moot Proposition.
- The Cause Title.
- The title of the document (i.e., “Memorandum for Opposite Party” or “Memorandum for Informant”).

**13.4.** The Cover Page shall have a blue background for the Informant(s) and a red background for the Opposite Party.

**13.5. Table of Contents:** The Table of Contents shall mention:

- All the sections mentioned from Rule 13.1 (iii) to 13.1 (x).
- Headings of arguments and sub-arguments.
- Sub-sub-sub arguments need not be mentioned.
- The page numbers corresponding to each of the items mentioned.

**13.6.** Auto-generated hyperlinked (clickable) Table of Contents is preferred.

**13.7. Table of Abbreviations:** The Table of Abbreviations must be in alphabetical order.

**13.8. Index of Authorities:** The Index of Authorities must contain a list of all legal authorities and other sources (together "authorities") cited in the Memorandum. The Index of Authorities must contain the page number(s) of the Memorandum where the authorities are so cited. Refer to Rule 14.8.

**13.9.** The Index of Authorities must classify the authorities into sections (Books, Statues, Articles, Indian Cases, Foreign Cases etc.).

**13.10.** Auto-generated hyperlinked (clickable) Index of Authorities is preferred.

**13.11. Statement of Facts:** This section shall not exceed two pages.

**13.12.** The Statement of Facts shall only contain the relevant facts from the Moot Proposition, the Clarifications, and nothing else. Legitimate inferences that can be drawn from the moot proposition are allowed.

**13.13. Summary of Arguments:** This section shall not exceed two pages.

**13.14. Arguments Advanced:** This section shall not exceed 25 pages.

**13.15.** Any excess over the page limit will not be evaluated and Penalties under Rule 15 would apply.



# [14] MEMORANDUM FORMAT

**14.1. Layout:** All pages of the Memorandum must be of A4 size, with a 1-inch margin on all sides (Normal Margin).

**14.2. Font and Spacing:** The font and size of the text of all parts of the Memorandum shall be Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5-line spacing.

**14.3.** The Footnotes shall only be in Times New Roman, size 10, with single (1) line spacing.

**14.4.** All text must be justified. This rule is not applicable to the Cover Page.

**14.5. Citations:** The citation format should be according to the 21st edition of The Harvard Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.

**14.6.** Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed.

**14.7. Page Numbers:** The Page numbers shall appear in the bottom right-hand corner of the page.

**14.8.** The Memorandum shall contain page numbers in the following manner:

- Cover Page and Table of Contents: No page number
- Sections (iii) to (viii) & (x) under Rule 13.1: Roman Numerals (I, II, III...)
- Arguments Advanced: Hindu Arabic Numerals (1, 2, 3...)

# [15] MEMORANDUM EVALUATION

**15.1** Two evaluators shall evaluate each Memorandum. Each evaluator shall evaluate each Memorandum out of 100. Thus, each team will be scored out of 400 points. The criteria for evaluation are as follows:

CRITERIA	MAX POINTS
Knowledge & Use of Facts	25
Quality and Extent of Legal Analysis & Research	25
Recognition of Issues & Structure of Arguments	20
Logical Structure & Clarity of Thoughts in Arguments	20
Overall Presentation (Language, Structure, Format etc.)	10
Maximum Marks	100
[LESS] Objective Deductions	
Total Marks for Memorial	

**15.2.** There shall be an upper ceiling of Objective Deductions or penalties, which shall not exceed 50 points. The Objective Deductions are to be done by the Organisers, as per this table:

RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
12.1	Non-Submission of Both Memorials	Disqualification
12.2	Delay in Submission of Memorials	2 points per Memorial per hour within the first 5 hours after the Deadline 4 points per Memorial per hour between 5 – 12 hours after the Deadline Disqualification beyond 12 hours

12.3	Missing File Format	Disqualification
12.3	Inconsistency between the Word and PDF format of the Memorial	Disqualification
12.4	Non-Adherence to the prescribed File Naming Format	5 points per file
9.1, 9.4 & 12.5	Breach of Anonymity	Disqualification
13.1	Missing or Additional Section(s)	5 points per Violation
13.2	Section Not Starting on a New Page	2 points per Violation
13.2	Exceeding Memorial Page Limit	Disqualification
13.3	Missing, Additional or Incorrect Information on Cover Page	5 points (One-Time Deduction)
13.4	Non-Adherence to Color of Cover Page	5 points (One-Time Deduction)
13.5	Missing Information or Page Numbers in the Table of Contents	2 points (One-Time Deduction)
13.7	Table of Abbreviations not in Alphabetical Order	2 points (One-Time Deduction)

13.8	Missing Page Numbers in the Index of Authorities	2 points (One-Time Deduction)
13.11	Exceeding Page-Limit in Statement of Facts	5 points (One-Time Deduction)
13.13	Exceeding Page-Limit in Summary of Argument	5 points (One-Time Deduction)
13.14	Exceeding Page Limit of the Arguments Advanced Section	5 points per page
14.1	Incorrect Page Margins or Size	2 points (One-Time Deduction)
14.2	Incorrect Font, Size or Spacing in the Main Body	2 points (One-Time Deduction)
14.3	Incorrect Font, Size or Spacing in footnotes	2 points (One-Time Deduction)
14.4	Incorrect Alignment	2 points (One-Time Deduction)
14.5	Incorrect or Irregular Citations	2 points (One-Time Deduction)
14.6	Use of Speaking Footnotes/Endnotes	10 points (One-Time Deduction)
14.7 & 14.8	Non-Adherence to Page Numbering Guidelines	5 points (One-Time Deduction)

# [16] PLAGIARISM

**16.1.** Plagiarism found within the Memorandums can result in the team's disqualification based on the occurrence's severity.

**16.2.** The permissible limit of similarity is 25%, exclusive of citations and footnotes. However, direct plagiarism not amounting to 25% can also attract disqualification.

**16.3.** The standard applies to research-based plagiarism within the document (lifting texts from other sources without proper citation) and inter-memorial plagiarism (between participating teams).

**16.4.** If an instance of plagiarism is found to be prevalent in a Memorandum, the involved team may be issued a show cause notice by the Organising Committee. In cases of gross violation, the Organising Committee may directly disqualify the team with proper reason.

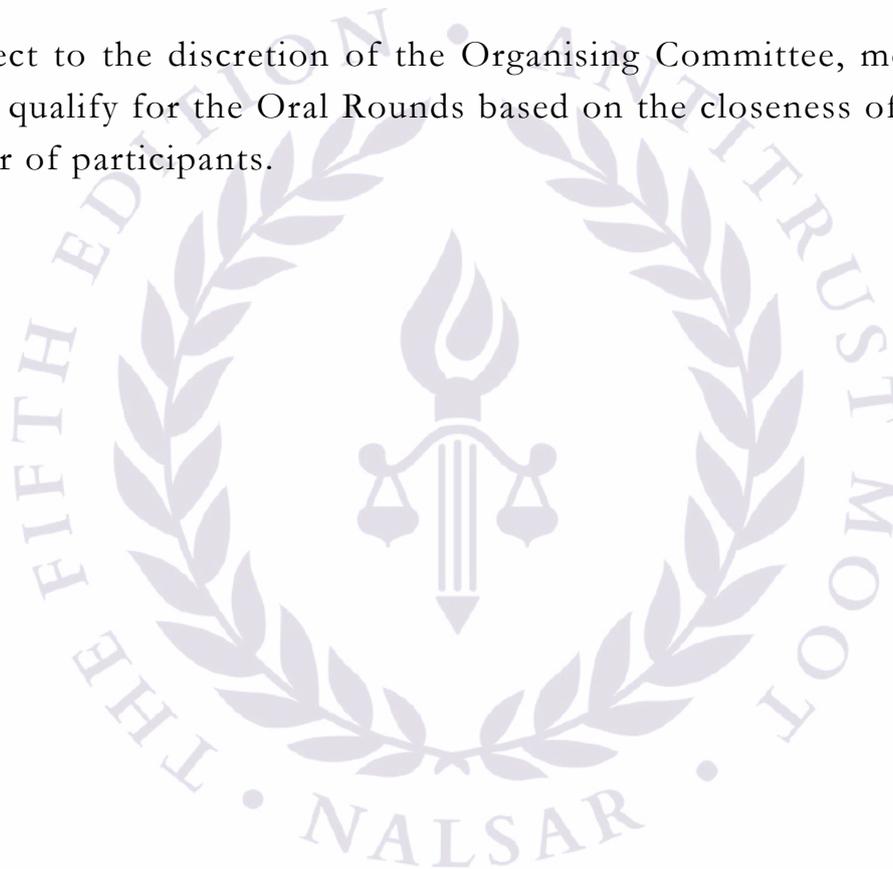
**16.5.** Portions of research directly quoted from other sources, properly cited, and within quotation marks will not be considered plagiarism.

# [17] QUALIFICATION TO ORAL ROUNDS

**17.1.** After evaluation of the Memorandums, the top 24 teams, on the basis of their total scores in the Memorandum Elimination Round, shall qualify for the Oral Rounds.

**17.2.** The results of the Memorandum Elimination Round shall be declared on 28th February 2026.

**17.3.** Subject to the discretion of the Organising Committee, more than 24 teams may qualify for the Oral Rounds based on the closeness of scores and the number of participants.

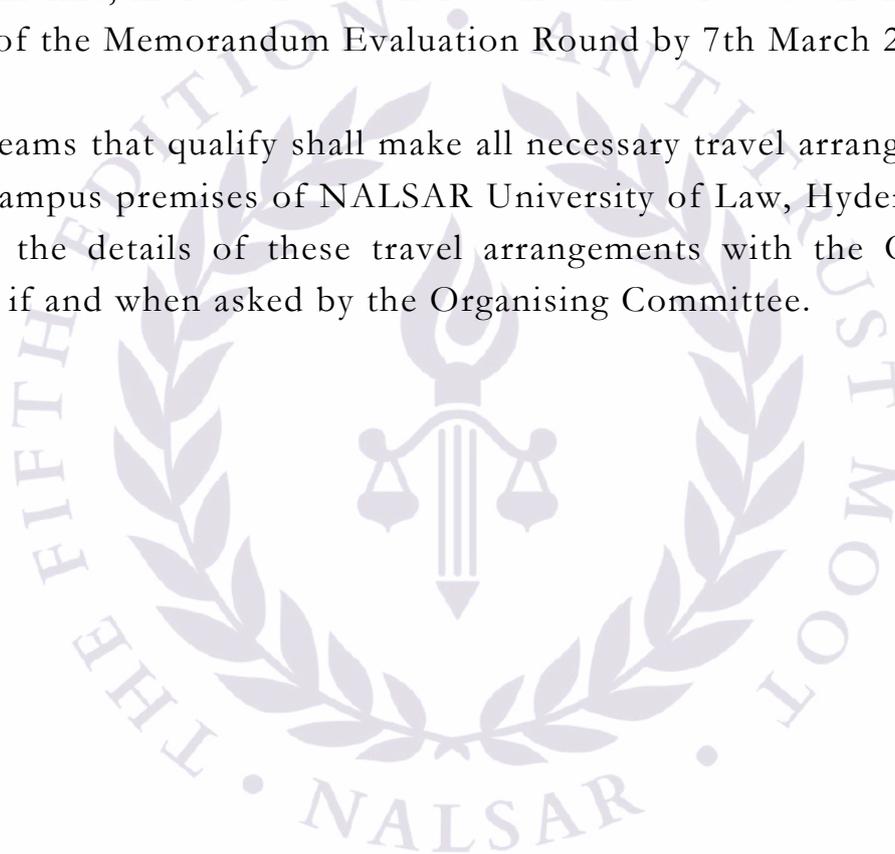


# [18] CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

**18.1.** The teams that qualify for the Oral Rounds will be required to confirm their participation in the Oral Rounds by filling out the confirmation form sent to them by email before 5th March 2026 (11:59 P.M. IST).

**18.2.** In the event that a team fails to confirm participation within the specified timeline, invitations to other teams will be issued on the basis of the scores of the Memorandum Evaluation Round by 7th March 2026.

**18.3.** The teams that qualify shall make all necessary travel arrangements to reach the campus premises of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, and shall share the details of these travel arrangements with the Organising Committee if and when asked by the Organising Committee.



# [19] ORAL ROUNDS

**19.1.** There shall be two stages of Oral Rounds- Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.

**19.2.** The Preliminary Rounds shall consist of Preliminary Round – I (“Prelims – I”) and Preliminary Round – II (“Prelims – II”). Each team shall argue in both rounds, once as Informant and once as Opposite Party. No team shall face the same bench or team more than once in the preliminary rounds.

**19.3.** A two-judge bench will judge each round in the Preliminary Rounds.

**19.4.** In the Preliminary rounds, the Memorial scores of the teams will be used to determine the matchups; a power match-up system (Team 1 v Team 24, Team 2 v Team 23...) and a slide match-up system (Team 1 v Team 12, Team 2 v Team 13...) shall be used for Prelims–I and Prelims–II respectively.

**19.5.** 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.

**19.6.** A total of 3 points per judge will be allocated for the Preliminary Rounds. 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.

**19.7.** For Example:

i. 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 A: 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

**19.8.** 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.

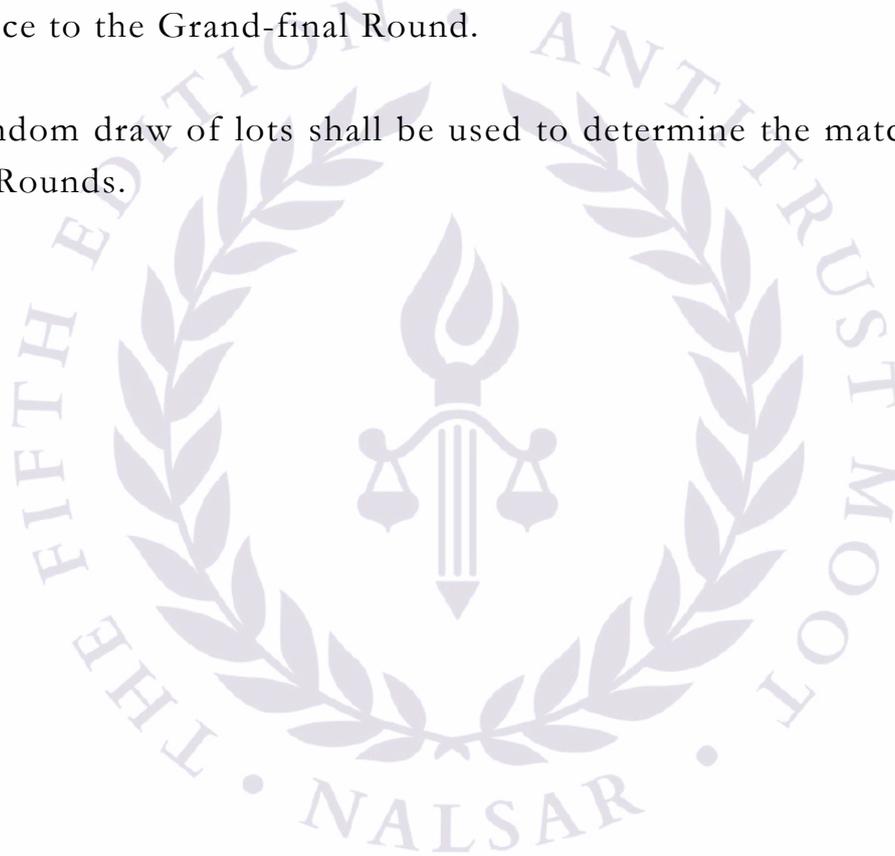
# [20] ADVANCED ROUNDS

**20.1. Quarter-final:** The top 8 teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall advance to the Quarter-final Rounds.

**20.2. Semi-final:** The winning Team in each of the four Quarter-final Rounds shall advance to the Semi-final Rounds.

**20.3. Grand-final:** The winning team in each of the two Semi-final Rounds shall advance to the Grand-final Round.

**20.4.** A random draw of lots shall be used to determine the matchups for the Advanced Rounds.



# [21] PROCEDURES FOR ORAL SUBMISSIONS

**21.1.** The time allotted to each team to present their case during the Oral Rounds shall include time for arguments advanced, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals. The Judges, at their discretion, may, however, extend the time limits for the team, provided that no team may be granted time greater than five (5) minutes beyond the prescribed limit, including the time necessary to answer the questions of the bench. While exercising this discretion, it will be the responsibility of the bench to ensure that both teams are treated fairly.

**21.2.** Each team will be allotted 30 minutes to present their case in Preliminary Rounds and the Quarter Finals.

**21.3.** Each team shall be allotted 45 minutes to present their case in the Semi-Finals and the Final Rounds.

**21.4.** A researcher may be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Organising Committee and the bench in extenuating circumstances.

**21.5.** The division of time between the two speakers is up to the discretion of the team. However, each speaker must speak for a minimum of 10 minutes and reserve no more than 4 minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

**21.6.** The Informant's rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Opposite Party's oral pleadings; whereas the Opposite Party's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Informant's rebuttal.

**21.7.** Before the Oral Round begins, the team must inform the manner in which the team wishes to divide its total time between its (i) first speaker, (ii) second speaker, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Informants) or sur-rebuttal (for Opposite Party) to the Bailiff of that round.

**21.8.** Oral communication during the rounds is limited to the speaker presenting the oral pleadings and the Bench. If the need arises, the researcher may discreetly pass chits to the speakers, however, no oral communication shall be allowed amongst teammates during the rounds. Any communication between the speakers of a team during the Oral rounds, if required, shall be in writing. Teams should avoid any inappropriate behaviour that disturbs the presentation of the Oral Round.

**21.9.** The Participants must be dressed in formal courtroom attire.

**21.10.** The maximum marks in an oral round shall be 100 marks per speaker per judge. The basis for evaluation shall be as follows:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>MAX MARKS</b>
Knowledge & Understanding of Law	20 Marks
Application of Law to Facts	20 Marks
Reasoning & Ingenuity of Arguments	20 Marks
Organisation, Clarity & Ability to Answer	20 Marks
Style, Poise, Courtesy & Courtroom Etiquettes	10 Marks
Time Management	10 Marks
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>

# [22] GENERAL PROCEDURE

**22.1.** The Oral Rounds shall be conducted physically at the campus premises of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, and shall comprise of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter- Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Rounds.

**22.2.** The team representing the Informant shall submit their arguments first, followed by the team representing the Opposite Party. Upon completion of the arguments, the Informant shall have the option of submitting rebuttals, followed by the Opposite Party. Sur-rebuttals shall/shall not be permitted, subject to the discretion of the judges.

**22.3.** The participants may state their First Names during the oral rounds but are not allowed to reveal the name of their institution and must use their Team Code in all circumstances.

**22.4.** The Judges shall be provided with the soft-copy Memorandum of each party and may pose any questions to the teams that they deem fit, with or without reference to their respective submissions.

**22.5.** Teams, during Oral Rounds, wishing to cite authorities other than those mentioned in their memorandums may do so only with the prior permission of the Judges.

**22.6.** The Judges' decision regarding the conduct of proceedings shall be final vis-à-vis their Courtroom.

**22.7.** The Judges' decision regarding the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

**22.8.** The reasoned verdict for qualifying one team in the Advanced Rounds over another shall be recorded by the Organising Committee.

# [23] COMPENDIUM

**23.1.** It is not mandatory to submit a Compendium. However, submission of a Compendium must only be in soft-copy format.

**23.2.** The compendium must indicate the Team Code and the side represented on its first page.

**23.3.** Any disclosure of identity will attract disqualification.

**23.4.** An index for the compilation (at the beginning of the file/folder) is mandatory. The responsibility of making a coherent, accessible compendium folder lies with the teams.

**23.5.** In case of judgements exceeding 20 pages, only the first page and relevant pages of the judgment are required to be attached.

**23.6.** The Organising Committee bears no responsibility for any issues caused to Judges in finding a relevant document or page.

# [24] RESEARCHER'S TEST

**24.1.** The Test will be conducted on 12th March 2026, during the conduct of the Prelim-I (subject to final schedule).

**24.2.** The Researcher obtaining the highest score in Researcher's Test shall be given the Best Researcher Award.

**24.3.** The Test shall be conducted in the pen-and-paper format in the Examination Hall within the University Premises. The Test must be completed within 45 minutes.

**24.4.** The test will tentatively consist of 30 multiple-choice questions, each carrying 2.5 marks. Every wrong answer will result in 0.5 negative marks. The Organising Committee will communicate the final format of the Researcher's Test in due course.

**24.5.** Usage of any unfair means, including but not limited to mobile phones or any other electronic equipment during the test, will result in immediate disqualification from the Researcher's Test.

**24.6.** Teams composed of 2 members, without a researcher, shall forgo this test and will not be eligible for the Best Researcher Award.

# [25] AWARDS AND PRIZES

**25.1.** Winning Team Award: The winning team will receive a Trophy, a cash prize of INR 1,00,000/-, three one-year complimentary subscriptions to SCC Online Web Edition worth INR 32,000 each, and a chance at an Internship at Trilegal.

**25.2.** Runners-Up Team Award: The runners-up team will receive a Trophy, a cash prize of INR 50,000/-, and a chance at an Internship at Trilegal.

**25.3.** Best Speaker will receive a Trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000.

**25.4.** Best Researcher will receive a Trophy, a cash prize of INR 7,500 and a chance at an Internship at Trilegal.

**25.5.** Best Speaker in the Finals will receive a Trophy and a cash prize of INR 7,500.

**25.6.** The team with the Best Memorandum – Informant will receive a Trophy and a cash prize of INR 12,500.

**25.7.** The team with the Best Memorandum – Opposite Party will receive a Trophy and a cash prize of INR 12,500.

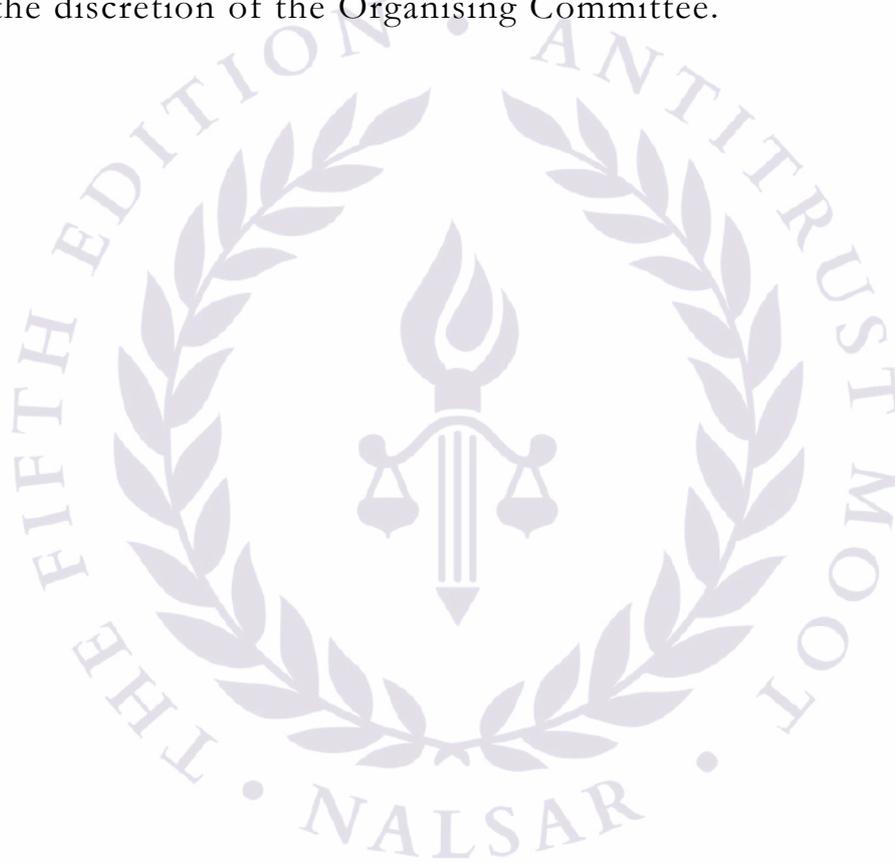
**25.8.** All participating teams will be provided with a certificate of participation or a certificate of merit in accordance with the performance of the team.

# [26] SCOUTING AND OBSERVATION

**26.1.** Teams shall not be allowed to observe any of the Oral Rounds of another team unless they have been officially knocked out of the competition .

**26.2.** Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

**26.3.** Non-participants may be allowed to observe any of the Advanced Rounds at the discretion of the Organising Committee.



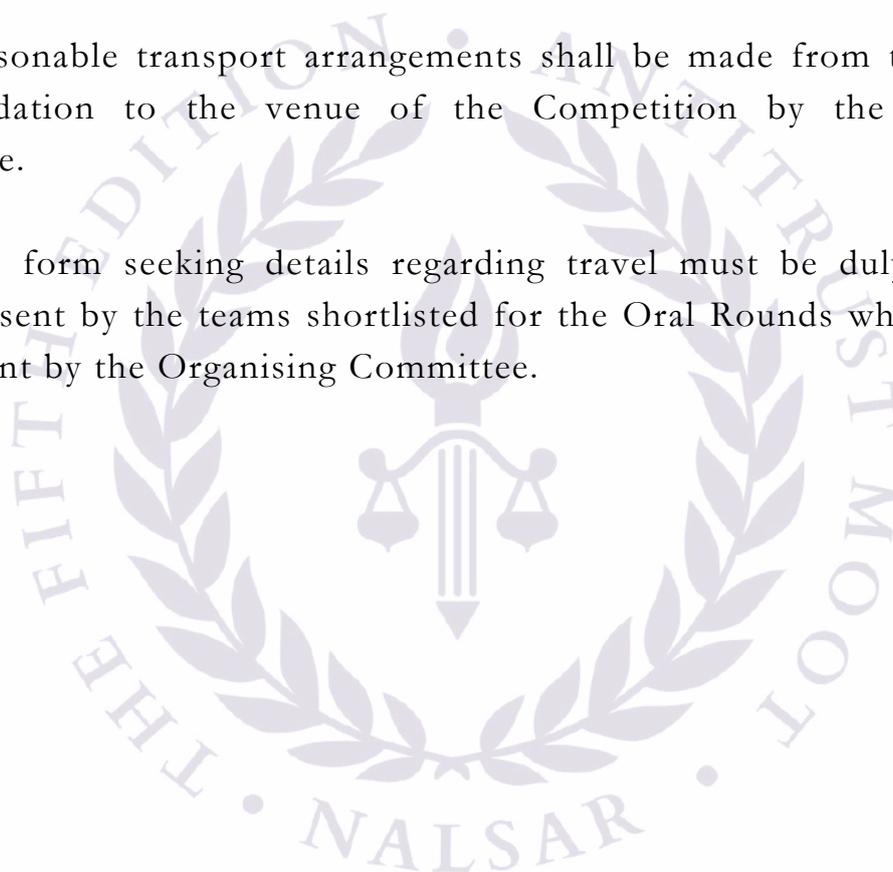
# [27] ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

**27.1.** Accommodation and food shall be provided to all teams by NALSAR University of Law from Noon of 12th March, 2026 to Noon of 14th March, 2026 (3 days and 2 nights).

**27.2.** If any team wishes to arrive earlier or postpone their stay beyond the given schedule, they shall bear additional accommodation costs.

**27.3.** Reasonable transport arrangements shall be made from the place of accommodation to the venue of the Competition by the Organising Committee.

**27.4.** The form seeking details regarding travel must be duly filled and promptly sent by the teams shortlisted for the Oral Rounds whenever such form is sent by the Organising Committee.



# [28] POWERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

**28.1.** All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court during the competition and conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

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

**28.3.** If any situation is not contemplated in the rules, the Organising Committee's decision on the same shall be final and binding.

**28.4.** The Organising Committee reserves the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

**28.5.** The institution follows a Zero Tolerance Policy towards sexual harassment and ragging. The Organising Committee reserves the right to disqualify the participants for engaging in such conduct without prejudice to any other action which can be initiated under appropriate law.

**28.6.** The Organising Committee may set up an Equity Committee to ensure the orderly conduct of all participants of the Competition.

**28.7.** Any issue or matter concerning the Competition will be decided by the Organising Committee.

**28.8.** Any grievance may be addressed to the Dispute Resolution Committee, whose decision shall be final.

# [29] AI POLICY

**29.1.** The use of AI is permitted under the following circumstances:

- AI-enhanced research tools to find relevant sources (For example, Search Engines & AI-powered Legal Databases).
- AI-enhanced proof-reading tools.
- Using AI to generate overviews or briefings on relevant factual and legal topics solely for the team's own research purpose. For the avoidance of doubt, no such overviews or briefings may be submitted as part of the written memorandum.
- AI-enhanced translation tools to translate and understand legal sources.

**29.2.** All other uses of AI are expressly prohibited as acts in violation of these Rules and will result in the written memorial being automatically disqualified.

**29.3.** Using any document issued by the Organising Committee of the Competition, to 'train' any AI tool, or using an AI tool that has been trained on the competition problem, to write and submit any part of the Memorials, shall result in immediate disqualification.

# [30] PAPERLESS POLICY

The following device-use guidelines shall govern the oral rounds:

**30.1.** Teams may use laptops and tablets including iPads inside the courtroom during oral arguments.

**30.2.** Any laptop or tablet used by the arguing counsel, co-counsel, or researcher shall remain completely offline for the entire duration of the oral round. The device must be in Airplane Mode with all forms of internet connectivity disabled, including Wi Fi, mobile data, hot spots, tethering, VPNs, wired or USB networking, and Bluetooth.

**30.3.** The Bailiff will conduct periodic inspections of devices during the round. Any breach of clauses 1 or 2 reported by the Bailiff to any member of the Organising Committee shall result in immediate disqualification.

**30.4.** The Bailiff and the Judges may at any time direct any participant to step away from all devices. Step away means the participant immediately ceases all interaction with the device, including touching, typing, scrolling, unlocking, or otherwise handling, and moves sufficiently away to permit inspection. Upon such direction, the Bailiff is authorised to conduct a reasonable and minimally intrusive inspection solely to verify compliance with these rules, including confirming Airplane Mode and the disabling of all connectivity, the closure of web browsers or in app web-views, and the absence of prohibited peripherals or recordings, and to check for violation of any rule in this policy. Inspections shall be confined to connectivity status, system settings, and the list of currently open applications or windows. The Bailiff shall not access, search, or read the contents of files, notes, emails, or personal documents, and shall not copy, photograph, or record the screen or data. Where practicable, the inspection shall be conducted in full view of the participant and a Judge or Organising Committee representative. Failure to comply immediately with the direction to step away, or interference with the inspection, shall result in immediate disqualification.

**30.5.** Use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited inside the courtroom for the entire duration of the oral round. Any violation reported by the Judges or the Bailiff shall result in immediate disqualification.

**30.6.** The Bailiff or the Judges may prohibit the use of any tablet if in their opinion its screen size or display characteristics would impede effective inspection during the oral round.

**30.7.** The use of internet browsers including Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari, Firefox, or any other browser or in app web-view during the event is strictly prohibited. Teams are advised to download the PDF or Microsoft Word versions of all documents they intend to use before the round begins. If a Team is found by the Judges or the Bailiff to be using any browser even to access locally saved PDFs or Word files during the oral rounds, the Team shall be immediately disqualified from the competition.

**30.8.** For the purposes of these rules, “Team” includes the arguing counsel, co-counsel, researcher, and observer.

# [31] CONTACT DETAILS

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