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# **RULE BOOK**





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# NOTIFICATION

**WHEREAS**, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, constituent of the Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune, has announced the Arbitration Moot Court Competition, 2025, to be held in collaboration with the Frontline Law Partners, Bengaluru, from 21st February to 23rd February 2025 to enable law students from all across India to participate and showcase their majesty over law and legal principles in a moot court competition;

**THEREFORE**, the Moot Court Association of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, hereby makes the following rules, namely:

# **CHAPTER I – SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

These rules may be called **'AMCC Rules- 2025'**. They shall come into force from the date of publication on the official website of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, <u>www.slsnagpur.edu.in</u>. The rules are reviewed annually and are subject to change. Reliance should be placed only on **'AMCC Rules- 2025'** and not on any previously applicable rules

# **CHAPTER II - DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

### 1. DEFINITIONS-

- **1.1.** "Advanced Rounds" means the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Grand-Final Round of the Competition, which are conducted after the Preliminary Rounds in a knockout format.
- **1.2.** '**Bench**' refers to the members duly invited by the institute to adjudge any of the rounds collectively.
- **1.3.** "**Bench Memorandum**" means the confidential document prepared by the MCA for the exclusive use of judges, which details relevant legal principles, issues, case laws, and authorities related to the moot proposition. It shall not be made available to any Participant.
- **1.4.** "**Clarification**" means the official response provided by the MCA to the questions submitted by Participants seeking further information on the moot proposition. Clarifications shall form an integral part of the moot proposition.
- **1.5.** 'Compendium' means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a



participating team seeks to rely upon during the round of oral pleadings.

- **1.6. "Competition**" means SLS Nagpur- Frontline Law Partners Arbitration Moot Court Competition- 2025.
- **1.7.** "**Governing Council**" means the student-faculty-staff body appointed for the administration and smooth conduct of the competition, including all other members conferred with powers on ad-hoc basis by the 'Ex-officio Chairperson' or 'Faculty In charge' of the Moot Court Association of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.
- **1.8. "Host Institution/ Institution**" means and includes 'Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur', a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune.
- **1.9. "MCA**" means Moot Court Association of the Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.
- **1.10.** "**Memorial**" means the written submissions of each team submitted for both the Petitioner and Respondent sides of the case, in accordance, with the prescribed format and guidelines as per these Rules.
- **1.11.** "**Memorial Round**" refers to the assessment of memorials, submitted by teams, on the predefined criterion, hereinafter mentioned in these rules.
- **1.12.** "**Moot Problem/ Moot Proposition**" means a set of facts published by the institution for competition.
- **1.13.** "**Oral Round**" means a team's oral pleadings made before a panel of judges representing each side of the case.
- **1.14.** "**Participant**" means any student who has registered for and is competing in the Competition as a member of a Team.
- **1.15. "Penalty**" means any sanction imposed by the MCA on a Participant or a Team for violation of these Rules or any addenda introduced by the MCA, which may include deduction of points or disqualification.
- 1.16. "Petitioner" means Appellant, Plaintiff, Petitioner, Claimant, Complainant, etc.
- **1.17.** "**Preliminary Rounds**" means the initial oral pleading rounds of the Competition where each Team shall argue twice, once as Petitioner and once as Respondent, against different opposing Teams. The Preliminary Rounds precede the Advanced Rounds of the Competition.
- 1.18. "Scouting" means observing the Oral Rounds of a Team other than the one to which



an individual is affiliated, including attending Moot rounds involving future opponents, attending unrelated Moot rounds, or obtaining information about other Teams by other means.

**1.19. "Team**" means students from an institution who have registered for and are competing in the Competition in accordance with these Rules.

#### 2. INTERPRETATION-

- **2.1.** The MCA shall have the exclusive authority to interpret and apply these Rules, and to resolve any disputes arising in relation to the Competition. All such interpretations and decisions shall be final and binding.
- **2.2.** The MCA reserve the right to amend, modify, or add to these Rules as they deem fit to ensure the fair and orderly conduct of the Competition. Any changes shall be communicated to Teams with due notice.
- **2.3.** Headings subheadings in these Rules are merely for convenience and shall not affect or assist their interpretation or construction.

### CHAPTER III - PRELIMINARY RULES

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

- **3.1.** The Competition is open to students who are enrolled in a full-time 5-year law course at the time of the Competition. Teams from institutions outside India may participate only with the express permission of the MCA.
- **3.2.** Each participating institution may register a maximum of two Teams for the Competition. Teams must submit a Bona-fide or No objection certificate (NOC) from the institution.
- **3.3.** The MCA may review the Team's participation in consultation with the MCA Faculty In-charge, if guidelines are not met.

### 4. TEAM COMPOSITION

4.1. Each Team shall comprise a minimum of two and a maximum of three



members. The roles of the members shall be as follows:

- a. **Two members shall be designated as "Speakers"**, who shall make oral submissions on behalf of the Team. The Speakers cannot be changed in different rounds; a speaker will be considered for the Best Speaker award only if they argue for both the Petitioner and Respondent side in the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. **Other member shall be designated as "Researcher"** and shall aid the Team in their submissions and preparation throughout the Competition.
- **4.2.** Once the composition of a Team has been communicated to the MCA, no change shall be permitted except with the express permission of the MCA in case of any extenuating circumstances. Such extenuating circumstances shall be communicated by the Moot Court body of the respective institution or by the institution administration.
- **4.3.** Each Team shall provide the names and other details of its members at the time of registration. Certificates and other documentation will be prepared based on the information submitted at the time of team registration. Teams shall be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all information submitted.

# 5. **REGISTRATION**

# 5.1. Provisional Registration:

- a. Interested institutions/Moot Court Societies must complete the provisional registration by **January 31, 2025 by 11:59 P.M. (IST)**, by filling in their details in the **Google Form** "<u>https://forms.gle/9krwjhsy1hetnisz7</u>".
- b. Provisional registration only confirms the interest in participation and does not guarantee participation.
- c. After the completion of the provisional registration and fee payment, the MCA shall assign a unique Team Code to each Team, which must be used for all official communications with the MCA.

# 5.2. Registration Process and Fee:

- All the teams qualifying Memorial Round referred to under Rule 10 are required to complete the final registration for the Competition on or before February 15, 2025 by 11:59 P.M. (IST) by filling their details in the Google Form "https://forms.gle/RF4bYeJoH7dqG25m9".
- b. Final registration shall be confirmed only on the payment of registration fees. The registration fee for the Competition is **INR 8,850 (Rupees Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty only)** (including GST) per Team and is non-refundable.
- c. The registration fee shall be paid through online bank transfer, the details of which shall be intimated to the registering universities post provisional registration. The online bank transfer receipt must be attached to the Registration form



#### 6. TEAM WITHDRAWALS/ CANCELLATIONS

- **6.1.** Once the registration process is completed, the registration fee will be non-refundable even in case of a team withdrawal.
- **6.2.** Any withdrawal must be communicated via email to <u>mca@slsnagpur.edu.in</u> on or before **January 31, 2025**.

#### 7. CLARIFICATIONS

- **7.1.** Participants may seek clarifications regarding the moot proposition at <u>mca@slsnagpur.edu.in</u> by **January 15, 2025 by 11:59 P.M. (IST)**, as specified in the Competition Calendar annexed to these Rules as <u>Annexure-IV</u>.
- **7.2.** A comprehensive document addressing all necessary points of clarification, if any, shall be released on by **January 17, 2025** with due notice to all the teams.

#### 8. LANGUAGE

- **8.1.** The official language of the Competition shall be **English**
- **8.2.** All competition rounds and memorials shall be in **English**.

#### 9. DRESS CODE

- **9.1.** The dress code to be adhered during the online and offline rounds of the Competition shall be:
  - a. **For Men:** White shirt, Black blazer, Black trousers (formal cut, Black formal shoes, Black tie (optional).
  - b. **For Women:** White shirt/ Kurta, Black blazer, Black trousers (formal cut) /black salwar pant, Black formal shoes, Black tie (optional).
- **9.2.** The attire should be professional and well-ironed.
- **9.3.** The team shall not be allowed to participate in the oral rounds in case of non-compliance with Rule 9.1(a) or Rule 9.1.(b), as the case may be.



# **CHAPTER IV - COMPETITION FORMAT**

The Competition comprises of two main phases: Memorial Round and Oral Rounds.

#### 10. MEMORIAL ROUND

- **10.1.** All teams who have provisionally registered for the Competitions per Rule 5.1 must prepare and submit Memorials for both the Petitioner and Respondent sides of the case, as per the format and content requirements detailed in Rule 13 and 14.
- 10.2. Memorials must be submitted by February 05, 2025 11:59 P.M. (IST), through an email at <a href="memorials@slsnagpur.edu.in">memorials@slsnagpur.edu.in</a> with a subject "TC (code) Memorial Submission SLS Nagpur- FLP AMCC 2025".
- 10.3. The files shall be named as follows: "[Team Code (x)\_Petitioner]" and "[Team Code(x)\_Respondent]" where 'x' represents the Team Code allocated to the team by the Host Institute.
- **10.4.** There shall be a total penalty of 2 mark for each hour, starting from 12:00 A.M. Eg: 12:00 A.M 12:59 A.M 2 mark penalty, 1:00 A.M 1:59 A.M 4 mark penalty, etc.
- **10.5.** The scores of the team in Memorial Round will contribute in deciding the selection of the teams for the Oral Rounds. A total of 20 teams shall be selected for the Oral Rounds purely based on the highest marks obtained by the team in the Memorial Round.
- 10.6. The result for the memorial rounds shall be published on February 08, 2025.
- **10.7.** The result so published shall include a list of **20 selected teams and a waiting list of 5 additional teams**. The teams in the waiting list shall be allowed to participate only in the event of withdrawal of a selected team or failure of the selected team to register under Rule 5.2. Such information shall be brought to the notice of the wait-listed team in due time.
- **10.8.** Result of the Memorial Round shall be final and shall not be reviewable or appealable on any grounds.

#### 11. ORAL ROUNDS

The Oral Rounds are divided into two stages: Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.



#### **11.1. Preliminary Rounds:**

- a. All registered teams shall participate in the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. Each team shall argue twice, once as the Petitioner and once as the Respondent, against different opposing teams.
- c. The Preliminary Rounds shall be as per the schedule provided by the MCA after the inaugural ceremony of the Competition.
- d. Teams shall be ranked based on a weighted score comprising their oral scores from the Preliminary Rounds (70%) and memorial scores (30%). However, team which has won both the Preliminary Rounds shall be given a preference for qualification over a team which has higher final score.
- e. The top 8 teams based on this weighted score shall advance to the Advanced Rounds.

#### 11.2. Advanced Rounds:

The Advanced Rounds consist of the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals, conducted in a knockout format.

- a. Quarter-Finals:
  - The **top 8 teams** from the Preliminary Rounds shall compete in the Quarter-Finals.
  - Matchups shall be determined on power-ranking basis based on a draw of lots.
  - The **4 winning teams** shall advance to the Semi-Finals.
  - Only **Oral Rounds Scores shall be considered for evaluation**. In case of a tie between two teams, Memorial Rounds scores shall be considered.

### b. Semi-Finals:

- The **4 winning teams** from the Quarter-Finals shall compete in the Semi-Finals.
- Matchups shall be determined by a draw of lots.
- The **2 winning teams** shall advance to the Final Round.
- Only Oral Rounds Scores shall be considered for evaluation. In case of a tie between two teams, Memorial Rounds scores shall be considered.
- **11.3. Final Round:** Final Round shall be held between the winners of the Semi-Final Rounds.
- **11.4.** Prohibition on Additional Materials Compendiums, supplementary compilations, additional written materials, or any other supporting documents shall not be permitted or accepted under any circumstances. Teams are expressly prohibited from:
  - a. Submitting separate compilations of authorities
  - b. Creating or distributing any form of case compendium
  - c. Providing judges with additional written materials during oral rounds.



**11.5.** The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may, however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at the Judges' discretion.

#### **12. RESEARCHER'S TEST**

- 12.1. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on February 21, 2025.
- **12.2.** Researcher from every team qualifying for the Oral Rounds shall participate in the Researchers' Test. In the case of a Two-member team, one of the Speakers shall act as the researcher for this exercise.
- **12.3.** The Researchers' Test shall be objective with the questions based on the applicable law, precedents and facts pertaining to the Moot Proposition.
- **12.4.** The duration of the test shall be that of **30 minutes** consisting of **30 Multiple Choice Questions**.
- **12.5.** Marking Scheme for the Researcher's test shall be as follows:
  - a. For every correct attempt: **2** marks shall be granted
  - b. For every incorrect attempt: **1 mark shall be deducted.**
  - c. For every attempted question: **No mark shall be granted**
- **12.6.** No additional material such as the bare text of Acts, Written Submissions, etc. shall be allowed in the Researcher's text except necessary stationery material.
- 12.7. The schedule of the Researcher's text will be shared with the participating teams by February 15, 2025.

### **CHAPTER V - MEMORIAL RULES**

#### **13. MEMORIAL CONTENT**

- **13.1.** Each memorial shall contain the following sections in the stated order:
  - a. Cover Page
  - b. Table of Contents
  - c. Table of Abbreviations
  - d. Index of Laws and Authorities
  - e. Statement of Jurisdiction



- f. Statement of Facts
- g. Issues Raised
- h. Summary of Arguments
- i. Arguments Advanced
- j. Prayer
- **13.2.** The memorial shall not contain any information that identifies the team, its members, or its institution, except the team identifier allotted by the MCA.

# **14. MEMORIAL FORMAT**

- **14.1.** All memorials shall conform to the following formatting specifications:
  - Memorials shall be typed and submitted in PDF format.
  - Page size: A4 size.
  - Font: **Times New Roman**, **size 12 for body text** (including headings and subheadings), **size 10 for footnotes**.
  - Line spacing: **1.5 for main text**, single for footnotes
  - Margins: 1 or 2.54 cm inch on all sides
  - The Statement of Facts shall not exceed **3 pages.**
  - The Summary of Arguments shall not exceed **2 pages**.
  - The Arguments Advanced section shall not exceed **25 pages**.
  - The citation format should follow the **20th edition of the Bluebook**. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed.

**14.2.** The Front Page of the Memorial shall have the following information, not limited to:

- The Team Code at the top right corner followed by the "**P**" if a Petitioner Memorial or "**R**" if a Respondent Memorial.
- The Name of the Competition.
- The Cause title.
- The Title of the document (Memorial for Petitioner/Respondent).
- The front page of the Petitioner shall be **blue** in colour and the Respondent Memorial shall be **red** in colour.
- **14.3.** Penalties shall be imposed for violation or non-compliance with the formatting and content rules, as detailed in the <u>Annexure-III.</u>

# **15. MEMORIAL EVALUATION**

**15.1.** Each memorial shall be scored out of 100 points, based on the criteria provided in the <u>Annexure-I.</u>



- **15.2.** The memorial scores shall contribute to the team's overall score in the Preliminary rounds of the Competition.
- **15.3.** The memorial evaluation shall be final and not be subject to any appeal or revision.
- **15.4.** The scores of the memorial evaluation shall not be shared with the participating teams.

#### **CHAPTER VI - ORAL ROUNDS**

#### **16. GENERAL PROCEDURES**

- 16.1. The Preliminary Rounds and Quarters Final Rounds shall be conducted on February 22, 2025; Semi- Finals Rounds and the Final Rounds shall be conducted on February 23, 2025, as detailed in the Competition Calendar in <u>Annexure IV</u>.
- 16.2. Each team will be given 20 minutes to present their oral arguments, subject to a minimum of 5 minutes per Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Finals. For the Semi-Finals, each team will get a total of 40 minutes each, subject to a minimum of 15 minutes per Speaker. For Final Rounds, each team shall get a maximum of 45 minutes, each, subject to a minimum of 20 minutes per Speaker. The teams shall indicate the time allocation to the court officers prior to the commencement of each round.
- **16.3.** In addition to the maximum times specified under Rule 16.2, each team shall get a total of 5 minutes for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal each. However, no sur-rebuttal shall be allowed unless the rebuttal is allowed.
- **16.4.** The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited during the rounds, except for the device being used to participate in the virtual courtroom.

### **17. ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES**

- **17.1.** Each round shall proceed in the following order:
  - a. Petitioner Speaker 1
  - b. Petitioner Speaker 2
  - c. Respondent Speaker 1



- d. Respondent Speaker 2
- e. Rebuttal (Petitioner)
- f. Sur-rebuttal (Respondent)
- **17.2.** Only one speaker from each team is permitted to deliver the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- **17.3.** The rebuttal and sur-rebuttal are confined to addressing arguments raised by the opposing team. Introducing new arguments during these segments is strictly prohibited.
- **17.4.** At no time during the rounds should teams disclose their institution or any details relating to their institution. Any such disclosure, whether intentional or inadvertent, may result in penalties, including disqualification.

### **18. EVALUATION OF ORAL ROUNDS**

- **18.1.** Each Oral rounds Judge shall evaluate speakers on a scale of 100 points as outlined in <u>Annexure II</u>.
- **18.2.** The raw scores assigned by each judge shall be recorded for every speaker.
- **18.3.** The individual score for each speaker in a round will be the average of scores awarded by all judges presiding over that round. The total oral round score shall be the combined scores of both the speakers of the team for that round.
- **18.4.** The decisions of judges regarding scores in each round shall be deemed final and binding and shall not be reviewable or appealable.

### **19. EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDUM**

- **19.1.** The exchange of memorandums for the Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds will be facilitated through the respective email IDs provided by the participating teams.
- **19.2.** The memorandum of the opposite team will be provided after the fixtures are finalised.

# 20. COMPENDIUM

**20.1.** The teams are at discretion to carry a hardcopy compendium. Soft copy of the compendium shall be allowed.



- **20.2.** The teams can use laptops, tablets, iPad or any other electronic gadgets of the like nature without using the internet for presenting soft copy of the compendium. Such soft copy of the compendium shall be downloaded in the electronic device used by the team for presenting compendium or other material.
- 20.3. The team has to submit the soft copy in pdf format to the organizers by February 19, 2025 at memorials@slsnagpur,edu.in with subject: "Compendium TC (Code) SLSN-FLP AMCC 2025." The teams will shall be allowed to present only that compendium which has been shared at on memorials@slsnagpur,edu.in. In case any team is found presenting the material other than the material shared with the host institution, a penalty of 5 marks shall be levied.

# 21. SCOUTING

- **21.1.** Scouting by any person affiliated with a team shall be strictly prohibited.
- **21.2.** Any team found scouting shall be disqualified immediately.
- **21.3.** No person shall be permitted to enter the virtual courtroom for any round other than their allocated courtroom, unless expressly permitted by the MCA.

### 22. DELAYS AND TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

- **22.1.** If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled time, the round shall proceed ex-parte.
- **22.2.** In case of a loss in connectivity, each team shall be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to reconnect in each round before they shall be deemed to have forfeited the round.

### **23. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- **23.1.** All participants shall maintain the highest standards of civility and courtesy during the Competition.
- **23.2.** Any behaviour that interferes with the orderly conduct of the Competition shall result in a penalty or disqualification at the sole discretion of the MCA.
- 23.3. The MCA's decision regarding any dispute or violation of these rules shall be final and



binding.

# 24. USE OF INTERNET

**24.1.** Use of Internet services and Wi-Fi is strictly prohibited. Any team found using internet services or Wi-Fi during the preliminary rounds shall be disqualified for that round and shall be marked *nil* for that round. Any team found using internet services or Wi-Fi during the advanced rounds shall be immediately disqualified from the competition.

# **CHAPTER VII - PRIZES AND AWARDS**

#### **25.** AWARDS & PRIZES

- **25.1.** The following awards shall be presented to the participating teams:
  - a. Winner The team that wins the Grand final round of the Competition. Prize: **Rs. 50,000, trophy, and Certificate of Merit.**
  - b. **Runners-Up -** The team that secures the second place after the final round of the Competition. Prize: **Rs. 40,000, trophy, and Certificate of Merit.**
  - c. **Best Memorial** The memorial with the highest average of the petitioner and respondent memorial scores. Prize: **Rs. 15,000**, **trophy and certificate of merit.**
  - d. **Best Speaker** The speaker with the highest average score in the preliminary rounds. Prize: **Rs. 5,000, trophy and Certificate of Merit.**
  - e. **Best Researcher** The researcher with the highest score in the researcher's test. Prize: **Rs. 5,000, trophy and Certificate of Merit.**

**25.2.** All participants shall be awarded **Certificates of Participation**.

### 26. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- **26.1.** The awards shall be presented at the Valedictory Ceremony of the Competition, to be held after the conclusion of the final round.
- **26.2.** The MCA shall announce the winners of the awards and present them with their prizes. The video-conferencing link of the ceremony shall be circulated with all participants.



#### **27. PAYMENT OF PRIZES**

- **27.1.** All monetary prizes shall be paid by way of bank transfer after the completion of the Competition.
- **27.2.** The prize money shall be sent to the bank account nominated by the winning team or individual, as the case may be.
- **27.3.** The final amount credited shall reflect an amount that is payable after any applicable taxes, charges or fees.

#### **28. RELEASE OF RESULTS**

- **28.1.** The results of the Grand Final Rounds of the Competition shall be announced at the Valedictory Ceremony. The MCA shall also publish the results of the Competition in form of a report on the official website within 30 days of the Valedictory Ceremony.
- **28.2.** The Certificates of Merit and Participation shall be given to the respective teams after the completion of the Competition.

#### **CHAPTER VII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

#### **29.** ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

- 29.1. The host institution will offer accommodation for the team starting from February 21, 2025 (Friday) from 12:00 P.M. (IST) until February 24, 2025 (Monday) till 12:00 P.M. (IST). Any team staying before or after the period aforesaid shall pay Rs. 2800 per day and any such additional amount paid shall not be reimbursed or returned by the host institution.
- **29.2.** Accommodation will exclusively be provided to the teams during this specific timeframe.
- **29.3.** The host institute will offer **3 meals** to the participants **viz. breakfast, lunch and dinner from 21st February 2025 to 23rd February 2025.**

#### **30. COMMUNICATION**



- **30.1.** All official communication regarding the Competition shall be sent to the registered email address of the teams. All communications shall be through the competition's email id: <u>mca@slsnagpur.edu.in</u>.
- **30.2.** Teams must designate one member as the official point of contact for all communication with the MCA.
- **30.3.** Any communication not sent from the registered email address or by the designated point of contact shall not be considered as official communication.
- **30.4.** Teams may reach out for any clarifications or queries to our official email ids: <u>mca@slsnagpur.edu.in</u>.

### **31. PLAGIARISM POLICY**

- **31.1.** All memorials and oral arguments must be the original work of the participants.
- **31.2.** Participants may refer to and rely on external sources but must provide proper attribution through citations and references.
- **31.3.** Verbatim quotations from any source must **not exceed 15%** of the total word count of the memorial.

### **32. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

- **32.1.** The MCA reserves the right to supplement, amend, or modify these rules through addenda at any time before or during the Competition.
- **32.2.** Any such addenda or supplementary rules shall be circulated to all registered teams via email and shall be binding on all participants.
- **32.3.** The addenda shall be considered an integral part of these rules, and compliance with any supplementary rules is mandatory.

### **33. VENUE AND ADDRESS**

- **33.1.** The competition is going to be held in offline mode at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur Symbiosis International University Nagpur Campus.
- **33.2.** Any amount paid by the team as a payment for transportation/ commutation from



Airport/ Railway Station/ Bus Station shall not be reimbursed or refunded by the host institution. Furthermore, the governing council or the host institute shall not be responsible for arranging transposition or commutation for the participating teams.

**33.3.** Address of the Host Institution: Symbiosis International University, Mouza, Wathoda Layout, Nagpur, Maharashtra 440008.



**ANNEXURE-I- (MEMORIAL EVALUATION CRITERIA)** 

(With reference to Rule 15.1)

- 1. Memorial shall be evaluated on the basis of following formula:
  - $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$

where

- A- Memorial Score out of 100 marks as per the Criteria stated in <u>TABLE-1</u>.
- B- Standard Deductions as per the Criteria stated in <u>Annexure-III</u>.
- **C-** Total Memorial Score for one side.
- 2. The aforesaid formula shall be applied for evaluation of both memorials (memorials of Petitioner and Respondent) for every participating team and the score so arrived shall be aggregated.
- 3. The aggregate score shall contribute in determining the final scores of team for Memorial Round referred to under Rule 10.

PARAMETERS	MAXIMUM POINTS
Summary of Facts	10
Grammar & Style of Presentation	10
Application of Law to Facts	25
Use of Authority	20
Proper Citation & Correct Format	10
Originality in Presentation	15
General Expression & Clarity of Thought	10
Total	100

**TABLE 1:** Criteria for determining Memorial Score out of 100 marks:



# **ANNEXURE-II - (ORAL ROUNDS EVALUATION CRITERIA)**

(With reference to Rule 18.1)

The oral rounds shall be evaluated out of 100 marks per speaker and the basis for evaluation shall be as follows:

SCORING GUIDE	MAXIMUM SCORE
Knowledge of the Facts	20
Knowledge of Law	20
Framing of Issues	10
Advocacy Skills (Arguments/ Expressions/ Articulation)	20
Use of Authority	10
Court Mannerisms	10
Response to Questions	10
TOTAL	100



# <u>ANNEXURE-III</u> - (MEMORIAL STANDARD DEDUCTIONS & PENALTIES) (With reference to Rule 14.3)

Non-compliance with the rules concerning memorial format and content shall result in a deduction from the allocated points as follows:

PARAMETER	DEDUCTIONS
Failure to follow the font type mentioned	0.5 marks per page
Failure to follow the font size mentioned	1 mark per page
Failure to follow the line spacing	1 mark per page
Failure to have 1-inch margin from both sides	0.5 marks per page
Failure to follow the right colour for the cover page	2 marks
Penalty for exceeding the number of pages	2 marks per page
Team member's names or identification of any type, signatures displayed in memorial or on cover	2 marks per page
Failure to include the headings in the same font and size with bold	1 mark per page
Failure to include the team code in upper right-hand corner	1.5 marks
Failure to include the name of the case	1 mark
Failure to include the parties for which written submissions are made	1 mark
Failure to include the name of the appropriate forum approached for dispute resolutions and year	1.5 marks
Failure to include the table of contents	1 mark
Failure to include the list of abbreviations	1 mark
Failure to include the index of authorities	1 mark
Penalty for failure in plagiarism	2 marks
Failure to follow the blue book citation rules	0.25 marks per page
Failure to include the statement of jurisdiction	1 mark
Failure to include the statement of facts	1 mark
Failure to include the issues raised	1 mark



Failure to include the summary of arguments	1 mark
Failure to include arguments advanced	1 mark
Failure to include prayer clause	1 mark
Failure to submit the memorial on time	2 marks for every 6 (six) hours



# **ANNEXURE-IV** - (COMPETITION CALENDAR)

(With reference to Rule 16.1)

DATE	EVENT
January 06, 2025	Problem Release & Commencement of Provisional Registration
January 17, 2025	Release of Clarifications
January 15, 2025	Deadline for Seeking Clarifications
January 31, 2025	Provisional Registration Deadline
February 05, 2025	Deadline for Submission of Memorials
February 08, 2025	Results of the Memorial Rounds
February 15, 2025	Final Registration Deadline
February 21, 2025	Inauguration Ceremony, Orientation and Researcher's Test
February 22, 2025	Preliminary Round and Quarter Final
February 23, 2025	Semi Final Round, Final Round and Valedictory Ceremony

#### **RULE-BOOK**



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