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DEFINITIONS

1. “Administrator” shall mean the School of Law, NMIMS, Bengaluru.
2. “Competition” shall refer to SVKM’S NMIMS, Bengaluru’s All India Moot Court Competition, 2026 (AIMCC’26)
3. “Organisers” shall refer to the Moot Court Society, School of Law of NMIMS Bengaluru.
4. “Organising Committee” (hereinafter to be referred as Organisers) shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the competition, including any other authorised persons, and of all events leading up to the competition.
5. “Competition rules” shall refer to the official rules of the competition as amended from time to time.
6. “IST” shall refer to Indian Standard Time.
7. “Memorial” shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the competition rules.
8. “Moot Proposition” shall refer to the facts, issues clarifications and corrections released by the organisers of the competition.
9. “Court Room” shall refer to the platform where the oral round shall take place.

GENERAL

1. SVKM'S NMIMS, Bengaluru's All India Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall be organised by the Moot Court Society, School of Law of NMIMS, Bengaluru from 26th - 28th March, 2026.
2. The Competition is open to students enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate law programme (3 year/5 year) conducted by any institution recognised by the Bar Council of India. Each team may comprise of minimum two (2) members and maximum three (3) members. In case of a two member team one of the speaker will undergo the researcher's test.
3. Each team shall prepare ONE memorial for each side, that is, the Petitioner(s) and the Respondent(s). The soft copy of the memorial must reach the following e-mail address: NMAIMCC.solblr@nmims.in on or before 22nd March, 2026, 23:59 hours IST.
4. Venue – The competition will be held offline on the campus of the School of Law, SVKM'S NMIMS University, Bengaluru.
5. All oral and written submissions are required to be made in English. It shall also be the official language of the Competition.
6. Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code assigned to them in accordance with the Rules of the Competition.
7. Clarifications to the moot proposition shall be sought by sending an e-mail to NMAIMCC.SolBlr@nmims.in on or before 12th March, 2026 (23:59 P.M. IST). Clarifications sought after the provided deadline shall not be entertained.
8. The clarifications, if any, will be circulated amongst the registered teams on 14th March, 2026.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Preliminary Rounds

1. The first 32 teams to register for the competition will go against each other in the preliminary rounds. Each team shall appear in two preliminary rounds and shall argue once from both sides, i.e., Petitioner and Respondent, the order of which shall be decided by way of draw of lots for both rounds to be conducted by the organisers in consultation with the administrators.
2. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
3. Teams with two wins in the preliminary rounds will go to the octa final round. If there are more than 16 teams having two wins each, the teams with two wins each will be ranked according to their aggregate scores.
4. If there are less than sixteen teams with two wins each, the teams with two wins each will go through to the octa final round. For the remaining places, teams having less than two wins each will be ranked according to the aggregate scores and the top sixteen teams thus ranked will be sent to the octa final round. The octa final round shall be a knockout round.

5. The Octa Final Round shall be succeeded by the Quarter Final Round, the Semi Final Round and the Final Round.
6. The Octa Final Rounds shall be conducted at the discretion of the Organizers dependent on the number of teams qualifying for the Oral Rounds. In the absence of the Octa Finals, the procedure prescribed in Rules iii and iv, shall be followed for the Quarter Finals, with the exception that the number of teams will be 8 instead of 16.
7. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.
8. In case two or more teams have the same total score, their memorial scores shall be taken into consideration.
9. Each round shall get a maximum of Fifty (50) minutes, of which no team shall be permitted to address the Bench for more than Twenty-Five (25) minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal, respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is Five (5) minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a maximum of Twelve (12) minutes and a minimum of Eight (8) minutes, exclusive of the time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
10. ***Please note that sub-rebuttals are only permitted at the discretion of the judges. The maximum time for sur-rebuttal is 5 minutes.***

Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds

1. The qualified Team shall be determined on the basis of the total score in both rounds.
2. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of the oral Score of both speakers in the preliminary rounds.
3. Best Speaker shall be determined based on the individual total score of the speaker taken only from the preliminary rounds. The Individual total score shall be determined as the sum of the scores of the speaker in both preliminary rounds.

The Octa Final Rounds (Knock-out Round)

1. The octa-finals shall be conducted in a knock-out format (16 teams).
2. The team that wins its respective round shall advance to the quarter finals. Provided octa rounds shall be conducted only if the total number of registered teams is 32 or more. In the event of fewer than 32 teams register, the competition shall proceed directly from the preliminary rounds to the quarterfinals.
3. The total time period for an octa final round shall be seventy (70) minutes, of which no team shall be permitted to address the Court for more than thirty (30) minutes. The time limit is exclusive of the time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, respectively. The maximum time for rebuttal is five (5) minutes, and the maximum time for sur-rebuttal is five (5) minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a maximum of eighteen (18) minutes and a minimum of twelve (12) minutes.

The Quarter Final Rounds (Knock-out round)

1. The eight (8) winning teams from the octa final rounds shall proceed to the quarter final rounds, as determined by the rules above.
2. These teams shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
3. The total time period for an quarter final round shall be seventy (70) minutes, of which no team shall be permitted to address the Court for more than thirty (30) minutes. The time limit is exclusive of the time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, respectively. The maximum time for rebuttal is five (5) minutes, and the maximum time for sur-rebuttal is five (5) minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a maximum of eighteen (18) minutes and a minimum of twelve (12) minutes.
4. The four (4) winning teams shall qualify for the semi final rounds on a knockout basis. In the event of a tie, the team with higher memorial marks will be given a higher rank.
5. The teams that have qualified for the quarter finals shall compete in a knock-out round.

The Semi-Final Rounds

1. The four (4) teams that proceed to the semi final rounds, as determined by the rules above, shall each argue only ONCE for the side allotted by a draw of lots.

2. The total time period for a semi-final round shall be hundred (100) minutes, of which no team shall be permitted to address the court for more than forty-five (45) minutes. The time limit is exclusive of the time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, respectively. The maximum time for rebuttal is five (5) minutes, and the maximum time for sur-rebuttal is five (5) minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a maximum of twenty-five (25) minutes and a minimum of twenty (20) minutes.
3. Two (2) teams shall qualify for the final Round on a knock-out basis.

The Final Round

1. The two (2) teams that proceed to the final round, as determined by the rules above, shall each argue only ONCE for the side allotted by a draw of lots.
2. The total time period for a final round shall be hundred (100) minutes, of which no team shall be permitted to address the Court for more than Fifty (50) minutes. The time limit is exclusive of the time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, respectively. The maximum time for rebuttal is five (5) minutes, and the maximum time for sur-rebuttal is five (5) minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes and a minimum of twenty (20) minutes.
3. The team that wins the final round shall be declared as the 'Winning Team'. The other team shall be declared as the 'Runners-Up Team'.

Please note that due to the Draw of Lots, a situation may arise wherein a Team may have to argue against a Team that it has already argued against in a previous round.

**A detailed itinerary will be provided shortly via email.*

ELIGIBILITY

1. The Competition is open to students enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate law programme (3 year/5 year) conducted by any institution recognised by the Bar Council of India.
2. Candidature from cross-institutional teams are not accepted. There is no limit on the number of teams applying from one institution.
3. The Organising Committee shall reserve the right to cancel the participation of a team on valid grounds.

REGISTRATION

Thirty-two (32) teams shall participate in the Preliminary Rounds on a first-come first-serve basis. Teams are required to submit the authorisation letter.

Registration must be done via the Google Form [Click here](#)

The participants are required to submit the completed Registration Form and the payment receipt. The registration fees for the event: Without accommodation* – Rs. 3,500 (Excluding GST). Complete payment details, including bank account and UPI information, are provided in the MCS National Registration Form. Participants are requested to refer to the form for the same.

*Accommodation, where feasible, may be arranged subject to the availability and additional payment.

MEMORIAL CONTENT

1. The memorials are required to contain the following sections:
 - Cover Page
 - Table of Contents
 - Table of Abbreviations
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Issues Raised
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Arguments Advanced
 - Prayer

2. Each of the above sections shall begin on a new page, and the entire memorial shall not exceed Thirty (30) pages.

3. Cover Page: Participants must strictly adhere in providing only the following information in the order specified: (this information should be centred, except where stated otherwise):
 - The team code is in the top right-hand corner of the page. For instance, the team with 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., “All India Moot Court Competition, 2026”).
 - Name of the Case.
 - The title of the document (i.e., “Memorial for Petitioner” or “Memorial for Respondent”).

4. The Cover Page shall have a blue background for the Petitioner(s) and a red background for the Respondent.

MEMORIAL FORMAT

1. Layout: All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size, with a 1-inch margin on all sides (Normal Margin).
2. Font and Spacing: The font and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial shall be Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5-line spacing.
3. The Footnotes shall only be in Times New Roman, size 10, with single (1) line spacing.
4. All text must be justified. This rule does not apply to the Cover Page.
5. Citations: The citation format should be according to the 21st edition of The Harvard Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.
6. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed.
7. Page Numbers: The Page numbers shall appear in the bottom right-hand corner of the page.

OTHER RULES TO BE FOLLOWED

1. The soft copy of the memorial must reach the following e-mail address: NMAIMCC.solblr@nmims.in on or before 22nd March, 2026, 23:59 hours IST.
2. The name of the memorial file must be “Memorial Submission- (Team Code) - 2026”, and the format of the file must be in docx. and PDF.
3. Identification mark of any type is strictly prohibited. Breach of this rule shall lead to a penalty or disqualification.
4. Memorial submission from each side shall carry a total of hundred (100) marks.

MEMORIAL EVALUATION

Memorial shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Marks
Knowledge of facts and law	30
Analysis, Organisation and Clarity	25
Extent and use of authority	20
Correct format and citation	15
Grammar and style	10
TOTAL	100

PENALTIES WILL BE DEDUCTED ON **THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS**

Delay in Submission of Memorial
Formatting Violation
Use of Electronic Devices and any unprofessional conduct during the rounds
Exceeding page limit of memorial
Exceeding pleading time
Dress Code Violation

**The detailed penalty list shall be shared through Email after the closing of registration.*

PLAGIARISM

The permissible limit of similarity is 25%, exclusive of citations and footnotes. Similarity above 25% shall attract a penalty.

GENERAL PROCEDURE

1. The oral rounds shall be conducted physically at the campus premises of NMIMS University, School of Law, Bengaluru, and shall comprise of preliminary rounds, octa-finals, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final rounds.
2. The team representing the Petitioner shall submit their arguments first, followed by the team representing the Respondent. Upon completion of the arguments, the Petitioner shall have the option of submitting rebuttals, followed by the Respondent. sur-rebuttals shall/shall not be permitted, subject to the discretion of the judges.
3. The Judges shall be provided with the hard-copy memorial of each party and may pose any questions to the teams that they deem fit, with or without reference to their respective submissions.
4. Teams, during oral rounds, wishing to cite authorities other than those mentioned in their memorials may do so only with the prior permission of the Judges.

5. The Judges' decision regarding the conduct of proceedings shall be final vis-à-vis their Courtroom.
6. The Judges' decision regarding the outcome of the rounds shall be final.
7. Memorial submission from each side shall carry a total of Hundred (100) marks.
8. Teams shall not be permitted to use ANY electronic device, when they are presenting their oral rounds to the judges, while their rounds are in session and violation of this rule may lead to the disqualification of the team.
9. The Petitioner's rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Respondent's oral pleadings; whereas the Respondent's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Petitioner's rebuttal.
10. 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 Petitioner) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent) to the court masters of that round.
11. Researcher shall refrain from verbal communication but may discreetly convey written notes to the speakers during the Oral Rounds, should the need arise.
12. The Participants must be dressed in formal courtroom attire.
 - 12.1 Female: Black trousers or knee-length skirt, white shirt, Black blazer, and Black formal shoes or heels.
 - 12.2 Male: Black trousers, White shirt, black tie with black blazer, and formal black shoes.

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

Serial No.	PARAMETERS	MARKS
1	Knowledge Of Law	20
2	Application Of Law	20
3	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	20
4	Style, Poise, Courtesy & Demeanor	15
5	Time Managment	10
6	Coordination and Teamwork	10
7	Adequacy Of Prayer	5
	TOTAL	100

COMPENDIUM

1. The compendium must indicate the Team Code and the side represented on its first page.
2. Any disclosure of identity will attract disqualification.
3. 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.
4. In case of judgments exceeding 20 pages, only the first page and relevant pages of the judgment are required to be attached.
5. The Organising Committee bears no responsibility for any issues caused to Judges in finding a relevant document or page

RESEARCHER'S TEST

The test will take place on 26th March, 2026 and will be conducted in the University Premises.

SCOUTING & OBSERVATION

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
2. Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

POWER OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

1. All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the court halls during the competition and conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
2. The Organising Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for unethical, unprofessional, and immoral conduct.
3. If any situation is not contemplated in the rules, the organising committee's decision on the same shall be final and binding.
4. The Organising Committee reserves the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without prior notification, if so required and as they may deem fit and appropriate.
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.
6. Any issue or matter concerning the competition will be decided by the organising committee.



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