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Presents



2nd CCI-MNLUCS

**NATIONAL ANTITRUST MOOT COURT
COMPETITION, 2026**

RULE BOOK

COLLABORATING PARTNERS



SHORT TITLE

This moot court competition shall be called the “2nd CCI-MNLUCS NATIONAL ANTITRUST MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026”.

1. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them:

- 1.1 **“CCLP”** shall refer to the Centre for Competition Law and Policy.
- 1.2 **“Court Master”** shall refer to an officer appointed by the Organising Committee to ensure the smooth functioning of the courtroom during the Competition and to facilitate communication between the Committee and the Court.
- 1.3 **“Competition”** shall refer to all aspects of the “2nd MNLUCS National Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2026.”
- 1.4 **“Clarifications”** shall refer to the requests for information with respect to the Moot Proposition, to be submitted by 31st July, 2026.
- 1.5 **“Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)”** shall mean the appellate body for resolving disputes arising during the Competition. The decisions of the DRC shall be final and binding. No further appeals shall be entertained.
- 1.6 **“MCA”** shall refer to the Moot Court Association of the Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 1.7 **“MNLU-CS”** shall mean the Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 1.8 **“Organising Committee”** shall refer to the Committee constituted by the MCA and CCLP for conducting the competition.
- 1.9 **“Plagiarism”** shall refer to the direct or substantial duplication of work represented as one’s own, without acknowledgement.

1.10 **“Preliminary Rounds”** refer to the rounds conducted at the commencement of the Competition in which each participating team shall argue the Moot Proposition on the side allotted to it by the Organizers.

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

1.12 **“Participating Team”** shall refer to the team that has registered for the Competition in accordance with the rules of registration.

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

1.14 **“Participating Institution”** shall refer to the institution to which a participating team belongs.

1.15 **“Memorial”** shall refer to the written submissions prepared by teams on behalf of both parties in accordance with the Competition rules.

1.16 **“Memorial Evaluation Committee”** shall refer to the committee responsible for evaluating memorials and providing feedback and scores to the Organising Committee.

1.17 **“Rules”** shall refer to refers to the rules governing the “2nd CCI-MNLUCS National Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2026.”

2. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

2.1 The Organising Committee shall have the exclusive authority to interpret, apply, and enforce these, Rules. Any decision rendered by the Organising Committee concerning the Competition, including matters relating to the interpretation of these Rules, shall be final and binding on all Participating Teams.

2.2 The Competition shall be governed by these Rules and any supplementary notifications, clarifications, or directions issued by the Organising Committee. By registering for the Competition, each Participating Team shall be deemed to have read, understood, and agreed to abide by these Rules in their entirety.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

3.1 THE COMPETITION SHALL COMPRISE TWO STAGES:

3.1.1 Stage I (Memorial Evaluation Round): The result of selected memorial will be released on 6th September, 2026, top 32 teams will be selected for further Advance rounds.

3.1.2 Stage II (Virtual Rounds): The Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds shall be conducted virtually on 12th September - 13th September, 2026.

3.1.3 Stage III (On-Campus Rounds): Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall be conducted offline at MNLU, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on 27th September 2026.

3.2 THE TENTATIVE TIMELINE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

**10 JUL
2026**

Release of Moot Proposition
& Commencement of
Registration

**31 JUL
2026**

Last Date for Seeking
Clarifications

**08 AUG
2026**

Release of Clarifications

**10 AUG
2026**

Registration Deadline

**20 AUG
2026**

Memorial Submission
Deadline

**06 SEPT
2026**

Declaration of Memorial
Evaluation Results

**12 SEPT
2026**

Inaugural Ceremony &
Preliminary Rounds (Virtual)

**13 SEPT
2026**

Quarter Final Rounds
(Virtual)

**27 SEPT
2026**

Semi Final Rounds, Final
Rounds & Valedictory
Ceremony (On- Campus)

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The Competition is open to students enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an Undergraduate law course or its equivalent conducted by any institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

4.2 The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year) courses.

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

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

5.1 Each team shall comprise two or three members.

5.2 No cross-institutional team shall be allowed to participate in the competition.

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

5.4 The composition of a Participating Team, as notified at the time of registration, shall remain unchanged throughout the Competition. No substitution, addition, or replacement of any Team Member shall be permitted after the Registration Deadline, except under exceptional circumstances and subject to the prior written approval of the Organising Committee. The decision of the Organising Committee in this regard shall be final and binding.

6. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS & PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

6.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ANONYMITY:

6.1.1 Teams must not disclose their identity or the name of their institution during any of the rounds.

6.1.2 Any violation of this rule may lead to penalties or disqualification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

COURT DECORUM:

6.1.3 All participants are expected to maintain professionalism and courtroom decorum throughout the Competition.

6.1.4 All Participants shall conduct themselves in a professional, respectful, and courteous manner towards Judges, Organisers, Volunteers, and fellow Participants.

6.1.5 Any act of misconduct, intimidation, harassment, use of abusive language, or behaviour detrimental to the integrity of the Competition may result in penalties, including disqualification.

6.1.6 Participants shall comply with all instructions issued by the Organising Committee during the course of the Competition.

6.2 LANGUAGE OF THE COMPETITION

6.2.1 English shall be the sole and official language of the Competition.

6.2.2 All Memorials, Written Submissions, Oral Arguments, Clarifications, Correspondence, and any other communication made in connection with the Competition shall be in English.

6.2.3 Teams shall not use any language other than English during the Oral Rounds, except where the Bench specifically permits the use of a Latin legal maxim or commonly accepted legal phrase.

6.3 DRESS CODE

6.3.1 Participants shall maintain professional standards of appearance and shall be appropriately attired throughout the Competition.

6.3.2 The prescribed dress code for Oral Rounds shall be:

FOR MALE PARTICIPANTS:

- White formal shirt;
- Black formal trousers;
- Black tie;
- Black blazer or black suit coat;
- Black formal shoes.

FOR FEMALE PARTICIPANTS:

- White formal shirt, top, or kurti;
- Black formal trousers, salwar, or equivalent formal attire;
- Black blazer or black suit coat;
- Black formal footwear.

6.3.3 Participants failing to comply with the prescribed dress code may be subjected to penalties as determined by the Organising Committee.

6.4 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

6.4.1 The use of laptops, tablets, mobile phones, smartwatches, or any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited during the active rounds of the competition.

6.4.2 Communication with coaches, faculty members, alumni, or third parties during an active round is strictly prohibited.

6.4.3 Any participant found receiving external assistance during a round may be disqualified from the Competition.

6.5 RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

6.5.1 Participants shall not record, livestream, photograph, or otherwise reproduce any proceedings of the Competition without prior approval of the Organising Committee.

6.5.2 The Organising Committee reserves the right to photograph, record, and publish Competition-related content for academic, promotional, and archival purposes.

7. REGISTRATION

7.1 TWO-STAGE REGISTRATION FEE:

7.1.1 **Stage I:** A registration fee of INR 4,500 per team shall be payable at the time of initial registration for the Memorial Evaluation Round and Virtual Rounds.

7.1.2 Registration Link for Stage I: <https://forms.gle/SS9rjEzfrVpRi4ZPA>

7.1.3 **Stage II:** Teams qualifying for the offline round i.e. Semi-Final rounds will pay an additional fee of INR 5,500 before the commencement of Stage II.

7.1.4 Registration Link for Stage II will be shared to qualifying teams after the declaration of Preliminary Rounds result.

7.2 COMMUNICATION

7.2.1 Each team shall designate a primary contact person in the registration form.

7.2.2 All official communication regarding the Competition shall be sent via email to the designated contact person, who shall be responsible for relaying the information to the rest of the team.

7.3 PAYMENT DETAILS:

7.3.1 The registration fees for Stage I must be paid via the link mentioned below: <https://forms.eduqfix.com/namcc1/add>

7.3.2 After payment, teams must take a screenshot of the transaction and upload it while filling the Google Form to confirm their registration. A confirmation email will be sent to the registered email ID once the payment is verified and the slot is confirmed. If a team does not receive the confirmation email within a reasonable time, it must promptly send its registration details and payment proof to mnlucscimoot@mnlua.ac.in.

7.3.3 Each confirmed team will be assigned a unique team code, which must be used in all written and oral submissions. Teams shall be identified only by this code during the Competition.

8. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT (FOR OFFLINE ROUNDS)

8.1 Accommodation and local transport will be provided for teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals and Final Rounds by the Organising Committee.

8.2 Details and arrangements will be communicated individually to the qualifying teams.

9. MEMORIAL

9.1 GENERAL RULES FOR SUBMISSION AND COMPLIANCE:

9.1.1 All rules regarding submission and formatting of memorials must be strictly followed.

9.1.2 Non-compliance will result in penalties as detailed below.

9.1.3 Teams may raise grounds or issues beyond those mentioned in the Statement of Facts.

9.2 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

9.2.1 Each team must submit two memorials - one for the Petitioner and one for the Respondent.

9.2.2 Soft copies in PDF and DOCX formats must be emailed to mnlucscimoot@mnlua.ac.in with the subject: "Submission of memorial by [Team Code]" by 11:59 PM IST on 20th August, 2026. Late submissions incur penalties.

9.2.3 File names must clearly reflect the team code. Example: P01 for Petitioner, R01 for Respondent.

9.2.4 Deadlines are strict; no extensions will be granted.

9.2.5 Only the team code is permitted as identification. Any other identifying marks (participant names, institution names) will cause disqualification.

9.2.6 Cover page colour: BLUE for Petitioner/Appellant memorials, RED for Respondent memorials.

9.2.7 In case of multiple submissions, only the latest received before the deadline will be evaluated.

9.2.8 Teams qualifying for offline rounds must submit printed copies upon arrival at the university on 25th of September 2026.

9.3 FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS:

9.3.1 Arguments Advanced shall not exceed 25 pages; total memorial (including cover) must not exceed 40 pages.

9.3.2 Formatting specs:

Font: Times New Roman.

Font Size: 12 for body text, 10 for footnotes.

Line Spacing: 1.5 for body, single for footnotes.

Citation Style: Bluebook 21st Edition.

Margins: 1 inch all sides.

Pagination: Bottom-right hand corner on each page.

9.3.3. The Memorial shall imply page number in this format

- Cover Page and Table of content will have no page numbers.
- Under clause 9.4 (iii) to (x), the page number should be in Roman Numerals (I, II, III, IV).
- Arguments Advance should be in Hindu Arabic Numeral (1,2,3).

9.3.4 Use of endnotes and speaking footnotes is prohibited.

9.3.5 Headings/titles: size 12, bold, consistent throughout.

9.4 STRUCTURE OF THE MEMORIAL:

9.4.1 Memorials must include the following sections in order:

- i. Cover Page (appropriate colour and team code at top-right corner)
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. List of Abbreviations
- iv. Index of Authorities

- v. Statement of Jurisdiction
- vi. Statement of Facts
- vii. Issues Raised
- viii. Summary of Arguments
- ix. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
- x. Prayer

9.4.2 Statement of Facts shall not exceed two pages.

9.4.3 Summary of Arguments shall not exceed two pages.

10. MEMORIAL EVALUATION

10.1 The Competition consist of **Memorial Evaluation Rounds**. All participating teams shall first undergo a Memorial Evaluation Round; **from all the memorial submissions a total of 32 Teams will be selected for the Oral Submissions**. Each memorial shall be independently assessed by the designated evaluators, appointed by Memorial Evaluation Committee with every evaluator awarding a maximum of **100 marks**. The combined score awarded by the evaluators, amounting to a maximum of **200 marks**, shall constitute the team's final memorial score. Only those teams securing qualification on the basis of their memorial scores shall advance to the Preliminary Rounds.

The criteria for memerial evaluation is as follows:

Application of Facts	20
Reasoning & Understanding of Law & Procedure	25
Knowledge, Interpretation, and Application of Law	20
Use of Authorities and Precedents	20
Presentation and Formatting	15
Maximum Marks	100

10.2 PENALTIES

Rule Violated	Penalty
Late submission (up to 4 hours)	2 marks per hour, per side
Late submission (beyond 4 hours)	Disqualification
Exceeding total page limit	1 mark deduction per extra page
Missing required sections	5 marks deduction per section
Improper cover page (color, format, missing code)	Up to 5 marks deduction per memorial
Font, spacing, margin, citation, or style errors	1 mark deduction per error (max 10 marks per side)
Speaking footnotes	0.5 mark deduction per footnote
Disclosure of identity (names, institution, etc.)	Disqualification
AI Exceeding 20% (Arguments Advanced)	Disqualification
Plagiarism exceeding 25% (Arguments Advanced)	Disqualification

11. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USAGE AND PLAGIARISM POLICY

11.1 Each memorial submitted by a participating team shall be an original work prepared exclusively for the purposes of this Competition. Teams shall ensure that their submissions reflect independent legal research, analysis, and drafting, and shall comply with the standards of academic integrity and professional ethics expected in legal writing.

11.2 The assessment of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated content and plagiarism shall be restricted exclusively to the “Arguments Advanced” section of the memorial. The remaining portions of the memorial, including but not limited to the Cover Page, Table of Contents, Index of Authorities, Statement of Jurisdiction, Statement of Facts, Issues Raised, Prayer, Footnotes containing citations, and other formatting or structural components, shall not be considered for the purpose of AI or plagiarism assessment.

11.3 PERMISSIBLE LIMITS

11.3.1 The AI-generated content in the “Arguments Advanced” section shall not exceed 20%.

11.3.2 The plagiarism similarity index in the “Arguments Advanced” section shall not exceed 25%.

11.4 The Memorial Evaluation Committee shall determine the AI-generated content and plagiarism similarity index using software or technological tools deemed appropriate by the Committee. The report generated by such software shall be final and binding for the purposes of this Competition.

11.5 A memorial exceeding either the prescribed AI-generated content limit or the permissible plagiarism threshold shall be deemed to be in violation of these Rules. Such violation shall render the concerned team liable to disqualification from the Competition.

11.6 The Memorial Evaluation Committee reserves the right to seek clarifications, conduct additional verification, or adopt any other reasonable measures necessary to ensure compliance with this Rule. Any attempt to manipulate, conceal, or circumvent the AI or plagiarism assessment process may also result in disqualification or such other action as the Organising Committee may deem appropriate.

12. ORAL ROUNDS

12.1 GENERAL RULES:

12.1.1 The rounds include Memorial Evaluation Rounds, Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Final Round.

12.1.2 The Preliminary and Quarter Final oral rounds will be conducted in Online mode, with teams allotted courtrooms accordingly.

12.1.3 Two speakers from each team will present oral arguments; the researcher must be present but cannot address the court.

12.1.4 No oral communication is allowed between team members and the speaker during submissions.

12.1.5 Teams may not use any digital or electronic devices during rounds except to join virtual rounds. Violation may lead to disqualification.

12.1.6 The division of time between speakers must be communicated to the Court Clerks before the round.

12.1.7 Teams shall not disclose their or their institution's identity at any time during the rounds.

12.1.8 Only one speaker per team may deliver rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, subject to Judges' permission.

12.1.9 Rebuttals must address only the opposing side's primary oral pleadings; no new legal issues can be raised. If the Petitioner waives rebuttal, Respondent cannot give sur-rebuttal.

12.1.10 Standard pleading order in all rounds: Petitioner 1 → Petitioner 2 → Respondent 1 → Respondent 2 → Rebuttal (P1 or P2) → Sur-rebuttal (R1 or R2).

12.2 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

12.2.1 These rounds will be conducted online.

12.2.2 Each team argues twice - once as Petitioner and once as Respondent.

12.2.3 Match-ups will be determined by random allocation.

12.2.4 Total time per team: 30 minutes (including rebuttal, sur-rebuttal, and Judges' questions).

12.2.5 Each speaker may argue for a maximum of 18 minutes.

12.2.6 No extra time will be granted to teams.

12.3 QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS:

12.3.1 These rounds will be conducted online.

12.3.2 Top 8 teams from Preliminary Rounds qualify for Quarter-Finals.

12.3.3 The teams winning both of the rounds shall directly qualify for the Quarter Finals, however if the required number of teams fall short of the required number, and in case of 1 win & 1 lose the team with the highest total scores of both of the Preliminary Rounds shall be selected.

12.3.4 In case the total number of teams winning both the rounds exceeds the required number total scores of both of the Preliminary Rounds shall be accounted.

12.3.5 In event of a tie between the total scores of both of the Preliminary Rounds the marks secured in memorial of the respective shall be taken into account.

12.3.6 Total time per team: 40 minutes (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal).

12.3.7 Maximum 25 minutes per speaker.

12.3.8 No extra time will be given granted to the teams.

12.4 SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS:

12.4.1 Knockout rounds for the four teams qualifying from Quarter-Finals.

12.4.2 Total time per team: 50 minutes (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal).

12.4.3 Maximum 28 minutes per speaker.

12.4.4 These rounds will be conducted offline.

12.4.5 Time may be extended at the discretion of the Judges.

12.5 FINAL ROUNDS:

12.5.1 The final two teams compete in the Final Round conducted offline.

12.5.2 Total time per team: 60 minutes (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal).

12.5.3 Maximum 30 minutes per speaker.

12.5.4 Time may be extended at the discretion of the Judges.

12.6 SCORING CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS:

Knowledge of Law	30
Application of Law to Facts	25
Ingenuity & Ability to Answer Questions	25
Time Management & Organisation	10
Style, Advocacy Skills, Court Craft & Demeanour	10
Total	100

13. DELAY IN APPEARENCE/ PRESENTATION

13.1 Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds will be held virtually. Further Advanced Rounds will be held in physical mode at the Campus.

13.2 Courtrooms will be allocated in advance, with designated Court Officers and Timekeepers.

13.3 If a team fails to appear within 15 minutes of its scheduled time (while the Judges are present), the opposing team may be allowed to present ex-parte.

13.4 Permission to allow a late-appearing team to present is at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.

13.5 Any attempt to use unfair means or violate competition rules will lead to disqualification. The decision of the Organising Committee shall be final in case of disputes or issues during the rounds.

14. SCOUTING

14.1 Scouting by any speaker, researcher, or person affiliated with a team will result in immediate disqualification of that team.

14.2 Scouting is deemed to have occurred if any affiliated person is found:

14.2.1 Witnessing, hearing, or observing oral submissions of a round not involving their team.

14.2.2 Reading the memorial of another team, except:

- The memorial belongs to their own team; or
- The memorial was obtained through an official exchange prior to the round involving their team.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION & MISCELLANEOUS

15.1 DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

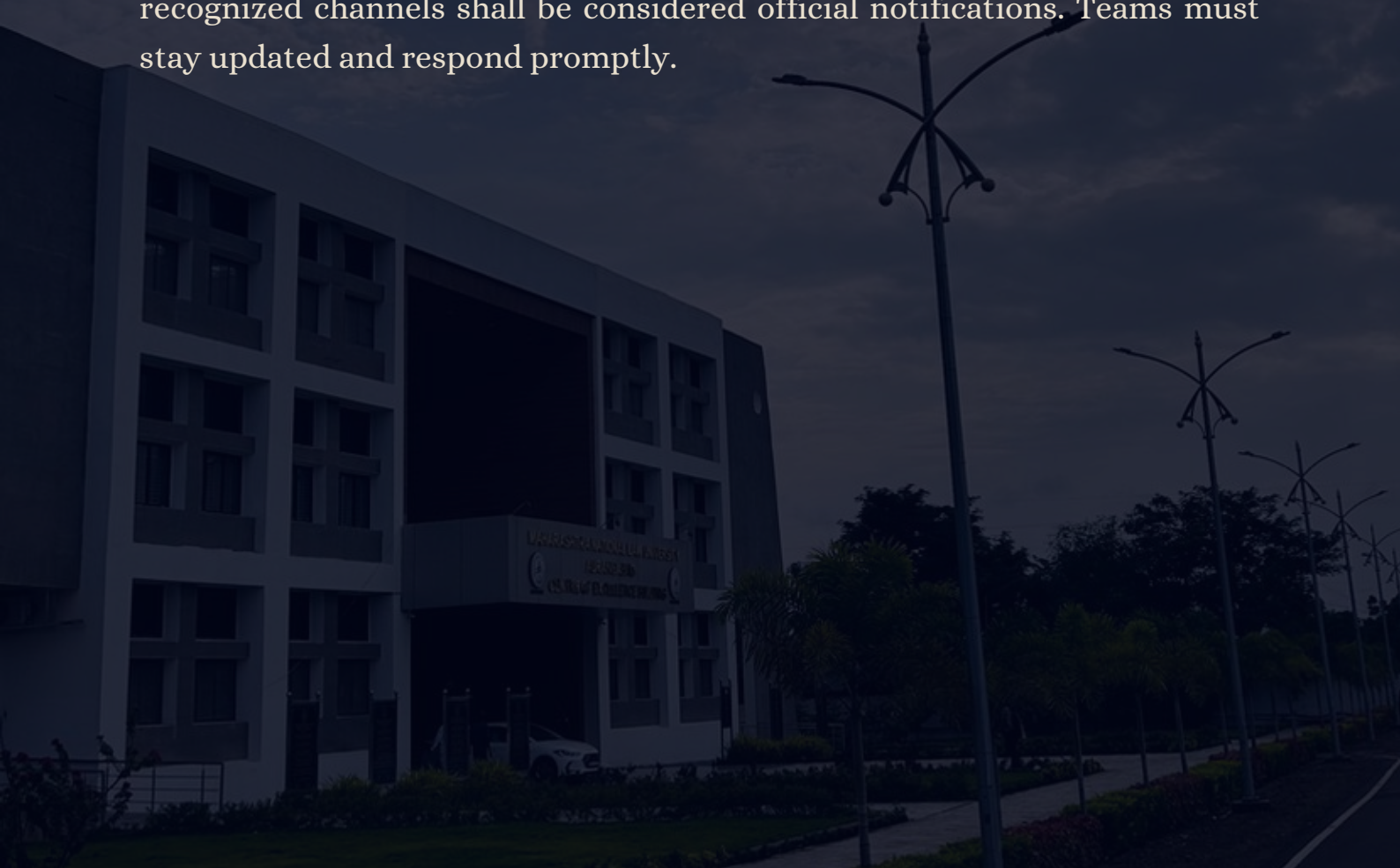
15.1.1 Any dispute regarding interpretation or application of competition rules will be resolved by the Organising Committee. Their decision is final and binding on all participants.

15.1.2 Any dispute arising out of or in connection with the participation of any team in any round of the Competition shall be governed by and resolved in accordance with the Equity Policy of the Competition. The decision rendered under the Equity Policy shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

15.2 MISCELLANEOUS:

15.2.1 All rules may be amended or revised at any stage by the Organising Committee at their sole discretion.

15.2.2 Official communications from the Organising Committee or its recognized channels shall be considered official notifications. Teams must stay updated and respond promptly.





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