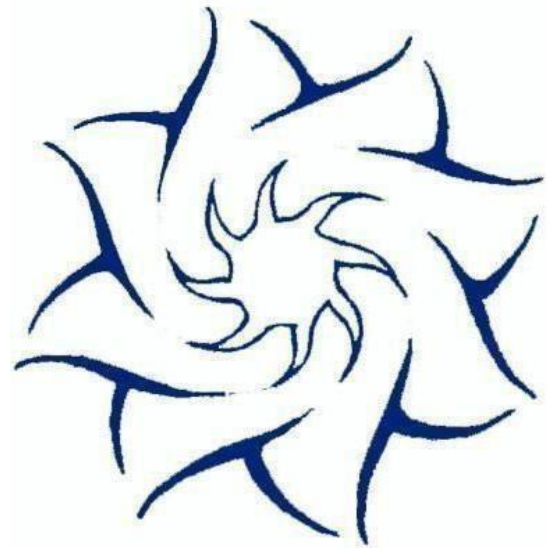


**27<sup>TH</sup> D. M. HARISH MEMORIAL GOVERNMENT LAW**  
**COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT**  
**COMPETITION, 2026**

**31<sup>st</sup> January & 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

**RULES OF THE COMPETITION**



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## **OFFICIAL RULES**

### **1. REGISTRATION**

#### **1.1 Overseas Teams Registration**

Overseas teams may participate in the Competition by sending an application to the Organisers via e-mail to [dmh.glc@gmail.com](mailto:dmh.glc@gmail.com) latest by **11:59 p.m. IST on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**. Only **after** the application has been confirmed, shall the link to a Google Form and details for the payment of registration fees be provided.

#### **1.2 Invited Indian Teams Registration**

The Organisers shall invite **ONLY** those Indian Universities/Colleges (refer to Annexure I), which had qualified to the Semi-Final Round of Arguments of the 26<sup>th</sup> D. M. Harish Memorial Government Law College International Moot Court Competition, 2025, to participate in the Competition. The invited colleges must first provisionally register themselves by sending an e-mail to [dmh.glc@gmail.com](mailto:dmh.glc@gmail.com) latest by **11:59 p.m. IST on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**. Only **after** the provisional registration has been confirmed shall a link to a Google Form and details for the payment of registration fees shall be provided. The term “Invited Teams” refer to the Universities/Colleges whose Teams qualified to the Semi-Final Rounds for the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the D.M. Harish Memorial Government Law College International Moot Court Competition, 2025.

#### **1.3 Indian Teams Registration**

Indian teams who are not invited to participate through Clause 1.2 but wish to participate in the Competition must provisionally register themselves by sending an e-mail to [dmh.glc@gmail.com](mailto:dmh.glc@gmail.com). The last date to provisionally register is **15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**, by **11:59 p.m. IST**. There is no registration fee for the Memorial Qualifier Round. Only after the team has qualified for the Preliminary Round of Arguments will they receive a link to a Google Form and details for the payment of registration fees.

#### **1.4 Registration Fee**

- 1.4.1** A nominal registration fee of **INR 2500/-** shall be charged to all the Indian Universities/Colleges. A registration fee of **USD 65** shall be charged to all the Overseas Universities/Colleges. Registration fee shall only be charged to teams qualifying for the Preliminary Round of Arguments.
- 1.4.2** Overseas Universities/Colleges shall include all Universities/Colleges/Schools that are not situated in India. Overseas Universities/Colleges = International Teams.
- 1.4.3** The registration fee charged in accordance with Clause 1.4.1 for Indian Universities/Colleges must be paid via NEFT. The details for making payment of registration fees via NEFT shall be provided once the provisional registration has been confirmed.
- 1.4.4** The registration fee charged for Overseas Universities/Colleges, in accordance with Clause 1.4.1, must be submitted by Wire Transfer, the details of which shall be provided after receiving the application.
- 1.4.5** In the event of a team backing out of the Competition **two (2)** weeks prior to the Oral Rounds, the team shall not be eligible for a refund of the Registration Fee.

#### **1.5 Participation in the Memorial Qualification Round**

- 1.5.1** All participating teams except Invited Teams (as defined in clause 1.2) and International Teams in the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the D.M. Harish Memorial Government Law College International Moot Court Competition, 2026, shall have to participate in a Memorial Qualification Round.
- 1.5.2** Invited Teams (as defined in clause 1.2) and International Teams shall directly qualify for the Preliminary Rounds of Arguments.
- 1.5.3** A total of 24 teams shall qualify to the Preliminary Rounds of Arguments. These 24 teams shall be inclusive of Invited and International Teams.
- 1.5.4** Participating teams in this round will have to submit Memorials from both the Applicant and Respondent side latest by **11:59 p.m.** on **13<sup>th</sup> January, 2026** via a Google Form link which will be provided to Participants via e-mail.
- 1.5.5** Teams will not be permitted to make any changes in the Memorials for subsequent rounds, any breach will attract a penalty or disqualification which would be at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.

**1.5.6** The Results for Memorial Qualification Round will be announced by the Moot Court Association on **22nd January, 2026**.

## **2. GENERAL**

### **2.1 Eligibility**

Students enrolled in a full-time or part-time law programme at the time of the Competition are eligible to compete in the Competition. Participation is limited to only **one (1) team** per University/College. Cross University/College teams are strictly prohibited.

### **2.2 Team Composition**

Each team shall have **three (3)** members only, consisting of **two (2)** speakers and **one (1)** researcher.

### **2.3 Language**

The official language of the Competition is **English**. All Competition Rounds including the written submissions (Memorials and Compendiums), shall be in English.

### **2.4 Registration**

**2.4.1** The duly completed Google Form for Registration with all team details and NEFT/Wire Transfer must be submitted online to Moot Court Association on or before **11:59 p.m. IST on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**, for teams participating in accordance with Clauses 1.1 and 1.2 (Overseas and Invited Indian Teams). No change in the team composition shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organisers.

**2.4.2** All teams shall be given a “Team Code” by the Organisers on validation of their Registration form and NEFT/Wire Transfer. Thereafter, the teams shall use their designated “Team Codes” for all correspondence with the Organisers.

**2.4.3** The assigned “Team Code” must be used by the teams during the submission of Memorials and during all Rounds of the Competition.

## 2.5 Accommodation

- 2.5.1** Accommodation shall only be provided to teams qualifying for the Quarter-Final Round of Arguments and residing outside of Mumbai at the cost of the Organisers for a maximum of 3 nights (subject to change) which are the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026.
- 2.5.2** Teams arriving earlier shall contact the hotel directly, (details of the accommodation shall be shared later, as given in Clause 2.5.4) and make their bookings accordingly. Additional charges shall have to be incurred by the team for additional days of stay.
- 2.5.3** Accommodation shall not be provided to a fourth team member, coach, professor or a family member.
- 2.5.4** Accommodation for the participants living outside Mumbai shall be notified to them via e-mail a week before the Competition.
- 2.5.5** Any concerns that participants have pertaining to room allotment are required to be conveyed to the Organisers. Changes in room allotment can be made by the Organisers after the same has been conveyed to the them at their discretion.

## 2.6 Dress Code

The dress code for the Rounds of the Competition shall be as prescribed by the Rules of the Court of Jurisdiction. The dress code for all the events at the Competition shall be western formals and a tie mandatory for gentlemen and western or traditional formals for women. A blazer is mandatory for both.

## 3. COMPETITION ROUNDS

The Competition rounds shall comprise of **two (2)** Preliminary Rounds, **one (1)** Octo-Final Round, **one (1)** Quarter-Final Round, **one (1)** Semi-Final Round and **one (1)** Final Round. The Preliminary Rounds and Octo-Final Round shall be conducted online, while the Quarter-Final Round, Semi-Final Round and Final Round shall be conducted offline at Government Law College, Mumbai. Teams qualifying to the Quarter-Final Round shall be provided with a **six (6)** week gap to appear offline for the Quarter-Final Round at the venue.

### 3.1 Preliminary Rounds

**3.1.1** There shall be **two (2)** Preliminary Rounds.

**3.1.2** A team shall be credited with a win in the Preliminary Rounds if their Round Total (as defined in Clause 7.2) is greater than that of the Opposing Team.

**3.1.3** In the event of a tie, the decision of the Judges shall be deemed to be final.

**3.1.4** The pairings for the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined according to a Draw of Lots Procedure.

### 3.2 Octo-Final Rounds

The top **sixteen (16)** teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify to the Octo-Final Round.

**3.2.1** Teams that have a 2:0 win loss ratio in the Preliminary Rounds shall directly advance to the Octo-Final Round. Such teams shall be seeded according to the Aggregate of their Round Totals in the two Preliminary Rounds (“**Aggregate Scores**”).

**3.2.2** Teams that have a 1:1 win-loss ratio shall advance based on their Preliminary Round Aggregate Scores. They shall be seeded after the teams qualifying with a 2:0 win loss ratio in the Preliminary Rounds, in order of their Round Aggregate Scores.

**3.2.3** In the event of a tie, the decision of the Judges shall be deemed to be final.

**3.2.4** For the purpose of pairing the **sixteen (16)** teams that advance to the Octo-Final Round, the team seeded first in the Octo-Final Seeding Chart shall be paired against the team seeded sixteenth in the Seeding Chart (Seed 1 vs. Seed 16), the team seeded second in the Seeding Chart shall be paired against the team seeded fifteenth in the Seeding Chart (Seed 2 vs. Seed 15) and all the other teams shall be paired in the same manner.

**3.2.5** The Octo-Final Round shall consist of **one (1)** Mooting Round and shall be “Knock-out” Round where the winner of each Octo-Final Round pairings shall advance to the Quarter-Final Round.

**3.2.6** A team shall be credited with a win in the Octo-Final Round if their Round Total (as defined in Clause 7.2) is greater than that of the Opposing Team.

**3.2.7** In the event of a tie in the Round Total of the team, the decisions of the Judges shall be deemed final. Should the tie persist, the team with the highest marks in the marking criterion 'Knowledge and Application of Relevant Law' as per the Marking Criteria in Clause 7.2 shall advance to the Quarter-Final Round.

**3.2.8** The Octo-Final Round may or may not be conducted, based on the number of teams participating in the Competition. The Organisers reserve the right to omit this Round.

### **3.3 Quarter-Final Round**

**3.3.1** A total of **eight (8)** teams shall advance to the Quarter-Final Round. The team seeded first in the Quarter-Final Seeding Chart shall be paired with the team seeded eighth in the Seeding Chart (Seed 1 vs. Seed 8), the team seeded second in the Seeding Chart shall be paired against the team seeded seventh in the Seeding Chart (Seed 2 vs. Seed 7) and all the other teams shall be paired in the same manner.

**3.3.2** Clause 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 shall apply in the event that Octo-Final Rounds are not conducted. The Quarter-Final Round consists of **one (1)** Mooting Round and shall also be a “Knock-out” round where the winner of each Quarter-Final Round pairing shall advance to the Semi-Final Round.

**3.3.3** A team shall be credited with a win in the Quarter-Final Round if their Round Total (as defined in Clause 7.2) is greater than that of the Opposing Team.

**3.3.4** In the event of a tie in the Round Total of the teams, the decision of the Judges shall be deemed final.

### **3.4 Semi-Final Round**

**3.4.1** **Four (4)** teams shall advance to the Semi-Final Round. The Semi-Final Round shall consist of **one (1)** Mooting Round and shall be a “Knock-out” Round where the winner of each Semi-Final Round Pairing shall advance to the Final Round.

**3.4.2** The Semi-Final Round pairings shall be determined according to a Draw of Lots Procedure.

**3.4.3** A team shall be credited with a win in the Semi-Final Round if their Round Total (as defined in Clause 7.2) is greater than that of the Opposing Team.

**3.4.4** In the event of a tie in the Round Total of the teams, the decision of the Judges shall be deemed final.



### 3.5 Final Round of Arguments

The Final Round shall also consist of **one (1)** Mooting Round which shall be a “Knock-out” Round where the team with the higher Round Total (as defined in Clause 7.2) shall be declared as the Best Team.

## 4. MEMORIALS

### 4.1 Format Specifications

All teams must submit typed-out Memorials/Written Submissions fulfilling the following specifications:

#### 4.1.1 Memorials must contain the following:

- (i) Cover Page;
- (ii) Table of Contents;
- (iii) Index of Authorities;
- (iv) Statement of Jurisdiction;
- (v) Questions Presented;
- (vi) Summary/Synopsis of Facts;
- (vii) Summary of Arguments;
- (viii) Body of Arguments;
- (ix) Conclusion/Prayer.

**4.1.2** The Memorial shall not be more than **forty-five (45) pages**, including the Body of Arguments, which shall not be more than **twenty-five (25) pages**.

**4.1.3** All Memorials must have a soft cover and must be spiral bound.

**4.1.4** The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size pages in Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, Double Spacing & 1-inch margins on all sides. Footnotes must be in Font size: 10, no Double Spacing.

**4.1.5** The footnotes must follow the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Harvard Bluebook format for citations. No endnotes or speaking footnotes are permitted.

**4.1.6** Substantive violations in footnotes shall refer to errors that misrepresent, distort, or inaccurately cite legal authorities or sources, thereby affecting the substance of the argument; for example:- citing a case law or article that does not exist. Incorrect or inconsistent footnotes shall refer to errors of formatting, citation style, or presentation that do not alter the accuracy or content of the cited material.

No additional information to be cited in the footnotes, for example:  
 “Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (1973) 4 SCC 225 laid down the basic structure doctrine” will be a violation under Incorrect or Inconsistent footnotes.

**4.1.7** The Cover Page of the Memorial must have the following colour scheme:

**Blue:** Applicant Cover Page

**Red:** Respondent Cover Page

**4.1.8** The Memorial must not contain any Annexures/Photographs/Sketches/ Exhibits/Affidavits etc. Violation of said provision shall subject the team to disqualification or negative marking as deemed appropriate by the Judges.

**4.1.9** Memorials that do not comply with the above-mentioned specifications shall be subjected to penalties. Penalties shall be calculated on the basis of the soft copy of the Memorial available with the Moot Court Association and in accordance with Clause 4.1.11 of the Rules. Irrespective of the number of violations, the maximum amount of marks deducted shall not be more than 15 marks. This does not apply to marks deducted for late submission or plagiarism.

**4.1.10** Participants must ensure that all memorials are original with no more than 15% comprising either plagiarised material or AI generated content. Any breach will result in penalties, including disqualification at the discretion of the Organisers.

**4.1.11** Penalties shall be calculated in accordance with the following criteria:

Sr.no.	Section(s) of the Memorial	Description of Penalty	Mark Deduction
1.	Cover Page	Incorrect team code/Absence of team code on the cover page/ Absence of marking side (such as “P or R” in the team code prescribed).	0.5 marks for each violation
		Violation of the colour scheme provided for the Memorial.	1 mark
2.	Footnotes, Header and Footer	Incorrect font/font size, incorrect line spacing, and incorrect page margin.	0.25-1 mark depending on the degree of the violation
		Failure to include all enumerated sections of the Memorial.	2 marks
		Substantive violation in footnotes.	1 mark
		Incorrect or inconsistent footnotes.	0.5 marks
		Breach of Anonymity.	2 marks
3.	Miscellaneous	Annexures/Photographs/Sketches/Exhibits/Affidavits, etc.	2 marks
		Non-compliance with page limits.	2 marks
		Non-compliance with required contents of the Memorial.	2 marks

		Delay in Submission (subject to extensions granted at the discretion of the Organisers).	2 marks per day of delay
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## 4.2 Deadline for Submission of Memorials

- 4.2.1** All teams must submit two (2) soft copies of their Memorials for each side of the Moot Compromis. One copy must be in a ‘docx’ format and the other in a ‘pdf’ file latest by 11:59 p.m. IST on **13th January, 2026**, to the Google Form link.
- 4.2.2** The content of the submitted Memorials via the Google Form should not differ from the content of the hard copies of the Memorials submitted to the Organisers.
- 4.2.3** If the content of the hard copies of the Memorials differ from the soft copy a Penalty will be levied which could also lead to disqualification which is at the sole discretion of the Organisers.
- 4.2.4** The Soft Copies of the Memorials must be renamed as: Team “Code” – Applicant Memorial and Team “Code” – Respondent Memorial. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in a penalty being levied at the sole discretion of the Organisers.
- 4.2.5** The teams qualifying into the Quarter-Final Round must send eight (8) hard copies of the Memorials and six (6) hard copies of the Compendium for each side of the Moot Compromis by 11:59 p.m. IST on **28th February, 2026** to the following address:
- The General Secretary  
Moot Court Association  
Government Law College  
'A' Road, Churchgate  
Mumbai-400020  
India*
- 4.2.6** A covering letter must be enclosed with the Memorials specifying the name of the University/College of the participating team. The covering letter must have a seal of the University/College. The team code must also be specified.
- 4.2.7** Teams failing to submit their Memorials before the deadline elapses shall be subject to penalization, which would be at the sole discretion of the Organisers.

### 4.3 Anonymity

- 4.3.1** The identity of the team or the names of the participants must not be revealed in the Memorial in any manner whatsoever. All teams must submit their Memorials along with a covering letter specifying the name and contact details of the Team Members and their designated team code as mentioned in Clause 4.2.5. Teams disclosing their identity through the Memorials in any form shall be subject to penalization or disqualification at the discretion of the Organisers.
- 4.3.2** The name of the institution should not appear on any Compendium or submissions made to the bench. In this case, the team shall **not** be allowed to submit the Compendium, or shall be subject to negative marking.
- 4.3.3** Teams must maintain anonymity while screen sharing during the virtual rounds of the Competition. The identity of the participants and the University/College should not be revealed through any desktop applications, judgement copies, Compendiums or Memorials during the course of screen sharing or oral submissions.
- 4.3.4** No team is permitted to share their Compendium or research with the Judges through the chat box.
- 4.3.5** Screen-shared Memorials should be the same as the Memorials sent by the teams via e-mail.
- 4.3.6** The results for Memorial Qualification round will be released on **22nd January, 2026** and all teams who qualify for the Preliminary Rounds of Arguments teams must e-mail their Compendiums or individual pdfs which they shall be screen sharing to [dmh.glc@gmail.com](mailto:dmh.glc@gmail.com) latest by **11:59 p.m. IST on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**. **The screen shared content should be the same as the content shared via e-mail.** Teams are to note that no changes are allowed to be made to the Memorial after the submission of the Online Rounds. If any changes are made to the Compendium, it must be informed to the Organising Committee at least one week prior to the Rounds.

### 4.4 External Assistance

- 4.4.1** All research, writing and editing must be solely the product of team members. No team shall be allowed to view or otherwise become privy to any Memorial/ Written Submission other than the respective Applicant and Respondent Memorials of the scheduled opposing teams in the course of the Competition.

- 4.4.2** Team members are permitted to discuss with their coach and with others affiliated with their University/College/Law School the general principles of Law.
- 4.4.3** The coach/faculty members/others affiliated with the University/College/Law School may provide general guidance on the overall organization of the brief, but cannot assist with the actual writing and are not permitted to edit the Memorials/Written Submissions or correct the citation format.
- 4.4.4** Academic guidance beyond that permitted by the Official Rules of the Competition shall lead to the immediate disqualification of the team.
- 4.4.5** The Memorials shall be evaluated in accordance to Clause 5 of the Rules.
- 4.4.6** After the completion of the Competition, the Organisers reserve the right to use the Memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.

## 5. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE MEMORIALS

- 5.1** The Memorials shall be marked by a special panel of Judges.
- 5.2** The following shall be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allotted to each criteria:

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Depth and Quality of Research	30
2.	Proper and Articulate Analysis & Clarity and Organisation	20
3.	Knowledge and Application of Facts	15
4.	Grammar and Style	15
5.	Referencing	10
6.	Presentation and Evidence of Original Thought	10
	Remarks: 0-30: Poor; 30-50: Average; 50-70: Good; 70-90: Very Good; 90-100: Excellent	<b>Total - 100</b>

## 6. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- 6.1** The Oral Rounds shall be conducted on a virtual platform for the **two (2)** Preliminary Rounds and **one (1)** Octo-Final Round.
- 6.2** As specified hereinabove at clause 2.2.1, each team shall comprise of **two (2)** speakers who shall divide the oral submission between themselves
- 6.3** There shall **not** be a Researcher's Test as part of the Competition.
- 6.4** During the course of the Oral Submissions no speaker shall either reveal their identity or the identity of their University/College by any means whatsoever. Doing so shall result in negative markings as deemed appropriate by the Judges.

- 6.5** No change in the team composition shall be permitted. Changes in the team composition shall be allowed only in exceptional circumstances subject to permission from the Organisers. However, in the event of a change, the Organisers are to be notified at the earliest via e-mail stating a valid reason for the same.
- 6.6** No change in the speaker roles and positions shall be permitted after the registration of a team has been completed. The designated roles - Speaker 1 and Speaker 2 shall remain the same throughout all stages of the Competition, that is, Preliminary, Octo-Final, Quarter- Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds of Arguments.
- 6.7** Each team shall have a maximum of 30 minutes to present their Oral Submissions. The Applicant team may reserve time for a rejoinder. **(Rejoinder: Rebuttal)**
- 6.7.1** At the commencement of each session of the Oral Submissions, each team must notify the Court Officer about the amount of time that they want to reserve for their rejoinder. A maximum of **5 minutes** can be reserved on the Applicants' side for the rejoinder.
- 6.7.2** Team representing the Respondent side in a session of the Oral Submissions is not in the capacity to reserve any time for a sur-rejoinder for that session. Sur-rejoinders could be granted by the Judges, and remain at the sole discretion of the Bench for that session.
- 6.7.3** No single speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 20 minutes.
- 6.7.4** At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions each team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers.
- 6.7.5** No speaker shall be allowed to speak in excess of the time allotted to each speaker. Extra time shall be given to each speaker as per the discretion of the Judges. If the judge so requires, the extra time taken by the speaker may be deducted from the time allotted to his/her co-speaker or from the time allotted for rejoinder.
- 6.7.6** The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rejoinder/sur-rejoinder shall be that of the Judges.
- 6.8** All teams shall be expected to carry along any case law(s) and authorities to which they intend to refer. Teams must note that they **shall not** be permitted to submit any material to the Judges if such material bears the name or seal of their College/University.
- 6.9** No other document, other than the Memorial of the appropriate side of the opposing team, shall be allowed to be exchanged between any two teams at any given time in the Competition.

- 6.10** During the course of oral submissions, the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever. Further the participants shall not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation, nor shall they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical or electronic device during their oral submissions except for the device being used to join the virtual session.
- 6.11** If at any instance a submission is made with any material in violation of Clause 6.10 and if any picture, sketches, photos, cartoons, caricatures, audio film, video film, projector-slide or a computer-generated image is submitted or presented to court, the teams shall be subject to disqualification or negative marking as deemed appropriate by the Judges.

## **7. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

- 7.1** Each speaker shall be marked on a total of **100 marks** by each Bench Judge.
- 7.2** The Round Total shall be the aggregate of the total of the **two (2)** speakers.
- 7.3** The following shall be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each Speaker by each Judge in the round

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>
1.	Knowledge and Application of Relevant Law	25
2.	Interpretation and Use of Facts	20
3.	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	15
4.	Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor	15
5.	Organization and Flow of Arguments	15
6.	Time Management and Rebuttals	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

- 7.4** The decision of the Judges as to the Marks allocated to any team shall be final.
- 7.5** So as to ensure uniformity in the marking system all the Judges shall be provided with a marking guideline.

### **7.6 Round Total for Preliminary Rounds**

The Round Total for the Preliminary Rounds of Argument shall be an aggregate of the total marks of each Speaker by each Judge (as indicated in Clause 7.3) in that Round, along with the Memorial Assessment Score of the side (Applicant or Respondent) that the team is representing in that respective round (as indicated in Clause 5.2).

## **7.7 Round Total for the Octo-Final/Quarter-Final/Semi-Final/Final Rounds**

The Round Total for the Octo-Final, Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Round shall be an aggregate total of the marks obtained by each speaker from each judge (as indicated in table 7.2).

## **8. ONLINE PLATFORM RULES**

- 8.1** The participants must ensure that they have a strong internet connection with good audio and video facilities. They must use laptops or PCs for the Oral Rounds. The use of mobile phone is prohibited.
- 8.2** The background of the participants on video shall be plain and shall not contain any symbols or representations.
- 8.3** The participants (speakers) must ensure that any noise or audio other the voice of the participant should not be audible during the online Oral Rounds. It is advisable to plan and prepare for the online Oral Rounds in advance accordingly.
- 8.4** Participants shall be permitted to use the screen-sharing feature for making their submissions. It is advisable to use PDF viewing applications such as Preview, Adobe Acrobat, or similar tools for displaying their Compendiums.
- 8.5** The teams must ensure that they do not disclose the identity of their college at any stage during the Competition. Any kind of canvassing shall lead to the disqualification of the teams.
- 8.6** At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute.
- 8.7 The Meeting ID, Password and Link to each session shall be shared with the participants before each round.**

## **9. AWARDS**

**9.1** The following awards shall be presented:

- (i) **Best Team** – INR 36,000/-
- (ii) **Second-Best Team** – INR 27,000/-
- (iii) **Best Speaker** – INR 14,000/-
- (iv) **Best Speaker in the Final Round of Arguments** – INR 14,000/-



- (v) **Second-Best Best Speaker** – INR 10,000/-
- (vi) **Best Memorial** – INR 15,000/-
- (vii) **Second-Best Best Memorial** – INR 12,000/-

**9.2** The **Best Speaker** and **Second-Best Speaker** Awards shall be determined by the Total Scores in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition by adding the Judges' scores from **two (2)** Preliminary Rounds. The Speaker's ranking shall be determined based on the cumulative total of their scores from the **two (2)** Preliminary Rounds, whereas the **Best Speaker in the Final Round of Arguments** shall be determined on the basis of the Individual speaker scores in the Final Round of Arguments.

**9.3** All participants shall get E-Certificates of Participation and all the winners of awards specified in Clause 9.1 shall be presented with E-Certificates of Merit and a cash prize.

## **10. DEMEANOUR AND EQUITY GUIDELINES**

### **10.1 Demeanour**

**10.1.1** It is expected of all participants to respect the Rules of this Competition and maintain highest professional conduct during all the stages of the Competition.

**10.1.2** Any disruptive practices or actions that aim to, or end up disrupting decorum are strictly prohibited.

**10.1.3** Participants are requested to not indulge in protracted arguments and avoid repetitive commentary.

**10.1.4** The Judges' decisions shall be final, and it is expected of teams to accept it unanimously without showing any disregard or disrespect towards the Bench's opinions and verdicts.

**10.1.5** Participants are requested to refrain from any actions or activities which shall negatively impact the integrity of the Institution or bring upon any disrepute.

**10.1.6** The rules and integrity of this Competition are to be upheld and violation of any aforementioned guidelines shall be condemnable by the Organisers.

**10.1.7** If any participant or team have complaints regarding the conduct or demeanour of any individual, they are advised to formally address their concerns to the General Secretary of the Moot Court Association.

**10.1.8** Action against alleged parties shall be at the sole discretion of the Organisers.

## **10.2 Equity**

- 10.2.1** The Organisers strive to ensure that this competition, in all its flaura, is free of any discrimination, bias and vilification, and wish to protect the equity of every Participant and other personnel.
- 10.2.2** Participants are expected to address other participants, Judges, volunteers, members of the Moot Court Association, and any other person associated with the Competition in any capacity with respect and conduct themselves in a civilized manner.
- 10.2.3** Any behaviour or misconduct by a Participant that causes any other individual any kind of discomfort which includes but is not limited to portrayal of any form of vilification, discrimination, harassment, or bullying is strictly prohibited.
- 10.2.4** Causing breach of an individual's equity and/or causing them any discomfort pertaining to aforementioned guidelines is condemnable by the Organisers.
- 10.2.5** If any participant feels that their equity has been breached and/or have related complaints, they are advised to formally address the General Secretary of the Moot Court Association regarding their concerns.
- 10.2.6** Action against cases of breach of equity and other activities of misconduct shall be at the discretion of the Organisers, and their decision on the matter shall be considered as final.

## **11. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 11.1** No member of any team or any individual connected with any team shall be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the Competition. The Organisers shall take strict action, including disqualification from the Competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.
- 11.2** All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court room during the Rounds of the Competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 11.3** The Organisers decision as regards to the interpretation of rules or procedures shall be declared final.
- 11.4** In case of any situation not contemplated in the Rules, the Organisers decision on the same shall be final.

**11.5** The Organisers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above Rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

**11.6** The decision of the General Secretary of the Moot Court Association regarding all and any concerns raised by participants including but not limited to complaints participant and other personnel.

## **12. REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETATION OF CASE STUDY AND RULES**

**12.1** All requests for interpretation of case study and rules of the Competition must be directed to the General Secretary, Moot Court Association.

**12.2** Such requests for interpretation must be sent via e-mail to [dmh.glc@gmail.com](mailto:dmh.glc@gmail.com). The subject of the e-mail must read “*Request for Interpretation*”.

**12.3** The last date to seek interpretation/clarifications to the Moot Compromis is **20<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**.

## **13. DISCLAIMER**

The Material in the Moot Compromis is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead. All material in the Moot Problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely coincidental.

## **14. CONTACT DETAILS**

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## **ANNEXURE - I**

List of Indian Universities/Colleges which had qualified to the Semi-Final Round of Arguments in the 26<sup>th</sup> D. M. Harish Memorial Government Law College Moot Court Competition, 2025:

1. **National Law School of India University, Bangalore**
2. **Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala**
3. **Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar**
4. **The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata**