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Please note: These rules apply to International Criminal Court (“ICC”) Moot Court Competition – India National Rounds 2026. They are for the most part identical to those for the International Final Round held in The Hague. While we endeavour to synchronise our rules with those for the International Rounds, there may, in some cases, be slight variations between the two. For the purposes of the India National Rounds, National Law University Delhi, and the Organising Committee for the competition shall be the final arbiters of these rules. Should a conflict in the rules exist and should it potentially impact the competition, the same should be brought to the Organisers’ attention and they will work directly with the International Organisers to eliminate any such discrepancy.

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CHAPTER 1: GENERAL RULES

Article 1 – Object

- a. The present rules (“Rules”) govern the International Criminal Court (“ICC”) Moot Court Competition – India National Rounds 2026 (hereinafter “the Competition”), to be held in the English language, and organised by the National Law University, Delhi (hereinafter “the Organisation”).

Article 2 – Subject

- a. All teams participating in the Competition are presumed to have knowledge of, and shall be subject to, these Rules.

Article 3 – Interpretation of the Rules

- a. The Organising Committee has the authority to interpret and amend the provisions contained in the Rules.
- b. The Organising Committee reserves the right to make changes when necessary. Any changes made will be communicated to the participating teams through the official e-mail ID (iccmoot@nludelhi.ac.in).

Article 4 – Aim of the Competition

The Competition aims to encourage university students to improve their knowledge of International Criminal Law in practice and in particular of the ICC, its mandate and its jurisprudence, by simulating ICC proceedings through arguing a hypothetical case. The Competition seeks to enhance knowledge about the Rome Statute, especially within countries that have yet to ratify it. In addition, the Competition provides participants with the opportunity to become familiar with The Hague based international institutions.

Article 5 – Participation

- a. Only actively enrolled students in Bachelor and Master Programmes of Law are eligible to

participate. Exchange students may participate on behalf of their host university.

- b. Non-law students may be considered eligible, provided that they have the requisite legal knowledge. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that its team members have the degree of legal knowledge appropriate for the Competition.
- c. Students admitted to practice, including those admitted by having taken and passed the bar exam, are prohibited from participation.

Article 6 – Team Composition

- a. Each team shall comprise three (3) Speakers. Additionally, the team may include two (2) Researchers and two (2) Coaches: one Leading Coach and one Assistant Coach. Article 5 restrictions shall not apply to the leading and assistant coaches.
- b. Each team must submit, in writing, their team composition at the time of registration. Each university will be responsible for the selection of the team members and the designation of their coach(es).
- c. The maximum number of team representatives for each team cannot exceed seven (7). A team may be comprised of no fewer than three speakers without an explicit waiver received upon written request of the Organisers.
- d. Any other changes in team composition must also be submitted via email along with an updated registration form before 21 December 2025. Any request for changes in team composition beyond 21 December 2025 shall be rejected. However, the Organising Committee reserves the right to allow team composition changes beyond the aforementioned deadline in consideration of exceptional circumstances or in the interests and fairness of the Competition.

CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Article 7 – Team Registration

- a. Each team can register by furnishing duly filled-in consent form and registration form along with required registration fees.
- b. The deadline for registration is 4 December 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (IST). A team cannot register after this date. The Organisers reserve the right to extend the deadline whenever

required.

- c. To register, a team must submit their duly filled-in consent letter by 4 December 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (IST).
- d. The initial registration fee shall be INR 7,000 per team, regardless of the number of members in a team. Teams selected after the memorial qualification stage shall be invited to appear for the Oral Rounds for this edition. The invited shall be required to pay an additional INR 10,000 by a date to be notified by the Organising Committee.
- e. Deadline for furnishing the filled-in registration form and payment of registration fee is 4th January 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (IST). The details provided in the registration form shall be considered as final. The Registration fee shall be paid through an online portal, the link for which shall be communicated to the teams via email.

Article 8 – Team Identification

- a. In the interest of fairness and objectivity, each team shall be assigned an anonymous team code. Teams must not reveal the identity of their institutions to the judges at any time during the competition.
- b. This team code will be emailed to each team by the Organising Committee.
- c. This team code becomes the team’s identifier throughout the Competition.
- d. The Organising Committee may disqualify or impose a penalty on or against any team that intentionally or inadvertently discloses its law school/university to a judge during the competition.

CHAPTER 3: COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Article 9 – Timeline

- a. The Oral Rounds shall be conducted physically from 13 -15 March 2026.
- b. The Preliminary Rounds shall be held on 14 March (Saturday).
- c. The Advanced Rounds and the Finals shall be held on 15 March (Sunday).
- d. Each team shall participate in three (3) oral rounds before the Bench, in the roles of Defense Counsel, Counsel for the Government and Counsel for the Prosecution. There shall be one round for each role.

- e. The Organising Committee reserves the right to increase the number of preliminary rounds. Any change in the number of oral rounds shall be intimated to the team in advance.

Article 10 – Preliminary Rounds

- a. Each team shall participate in three (3) oral rounds before the Bench, in the roles of: (1) **Counsel for the Defendant** (Defense Counsel), (2) **Counsel for the Government** (or Government Counsel), and (3) **Counsel for the Prosecution** (or Prosecution Counsel). There shall be one round for each role.
- b. The Organisers reserve the right to modify the number of preliminary rounds. Any change in the number of oral rounds shall be intimated to the teams in advance.
- c. The Oral Pleadings shall reflect a deep knowledge of the ICC rules and case law, as well as of International Criminal Law in general.
- d. The written and oral phases of the Preliminary Rounds are independently assessed. The sum of the scores obtained in both phases after the deduction of any penalty points will qualify the fifteen (15) best teams for the five (5) Advanced Rounds. Both phases, the written and oral rounds, count for 50% of the total score each. If two or more teams rank number 15, the team with the highest total score in the oral phase of the Preliminary Rounds will proceed to the Advanced Rounds.

Article 11 – Advanced Rounds

- a. The Advanced Round will consist of an oral phase only. The teams are free to choose which of their three speakers will represent their team at the Advanced Round. They are not bound by the role the speakers represented in the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. The result of the written Memorials and the result of the Hearings of the Preliminary Rounds will not be taken into account in assessing the final scores of the Advanced Round. The Bench will assess only the substance of the arguments and the quality of the performance of the teams in the Advanced Round.
- c. Advanced Rounds' matchups will be predetermined by the order of the advancing teams in the Preliminary Rounds ranking.
- i. Advanced Round A Matchup: 1, 10, 15th place teams.
 - ii. Advanced Round B Matchup: 2, 9, 14th place teams.



- iii. Advanced Round C Matchup: 3, 8, 13th place teams
 - iv. Advanced Round D Matchup: 4, 7, 12th place teams.
 - v. Advanced Round E Matchup: 5, 6, 11th place teams.
- d. In the event that an Advanced Round team withdraws or forfeits, the Organising Committee reserves the right to invite the team ranked 16th in the Preliminary Rounds to replace them. This procedure may apply for any additional withdrawals or forfeitures.
 - e. To decide who will be playing which role, designated team members of the qualified teams will select one envelope out of three envelopes provided by the Organising Committee. Every envelope will contain a different role. The role mentioned in the envelope the designated team member draws, is the role that team will be playing in the Final Round.
 - f. The winning Team of each of the five (5) match-ups shall be decided by majority vote of the Judges. In the event that no team receives the majority vote, the team with the highest aggregate scores awarded by all the Judges of that Advanced Round shall be declared as the winning team **Ties in scores are not permitted.**
 - g. The winning team from each Advanced Round shall be eligible to proceed to the International Rounds.

Article 12 – Final Round

- a. The teams proceeding to the Final Round will be the three highest scoring teams from amongst the five teams qualifying to the International Rounds.
- b. The teams are free to choose which of their three speakers will represent their team at the Final Round. They are not bound by the role the speakers represented in the Preliminary Rounds or Advanced Round.
- c. To decide who will be playing which role, designated team members of the qualified teams will select one envelope out of three envelopes provided by the Organising Committee. Every envelope will contain a different role. The role mentioned in the envelope the designated team member draws, is the role that team will be playing in the Final Round.
- d. The winning team shall be the team decided by the majority vote of the Judges of the Final Round, regardless of scores in other rounds. In the event that no team receives the majority vote, the team with the highest aggregate scores awarded by all the Judges of the Final Round shall

be declared as the winning team. The team winning the Final Round will be the winner of the Competition, regardless of the scores of the Memorials and the team's results in the Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Round.

- e. In the event that a Finalist team withdraws or forfeits, the Organising Committee reserves the right to invite the highest-ranked team from the Advanced Rounds that did not advance to the Final to replace them. This procedure may apply for any additional withdrawals or forfeitures.

CHAPTER 4: MEMORIAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Article 13 - Submission of Memorials

- a. All teams must submit their three (3) Memorials for each role by email at iccmootsubmissions@nludelhi.ac.in by **10 January 2026, 11:59 PM IST**.
- b. Memorials submitted to iccmoot@nludelhi.ac.in or ICCMCC@law.leidenuniv.nl shall not be accepted.
- c. There will be a penalty of **three (3) points for each day** the briefs are past the due date. After **13 January 2026, 11:59 PM IST**, briefs will not be accepted and the team will be disqualified without a refund of registration fee.
- d. Submission must occur in a single email message with all three (3) Memorials attached as separate files titled “###D”; “###P” and “###G”, respectively (where “###” is the official number assigned to the team). Failure to comply with this provision will be penalised with **one (1) penalty point per violation**, with a maximum of **three (3) penalty points**.
- e. Each team must submit its Memorials in both Microsoft Word and Pdf. Format – **a total of 6 files**. Failure to do so will be penalised with **two (2) penalty points**.
- f. The organisers of the National Rounds will submit the Memorials of the participating teams to the International Organisers, **without giving the qualified teams the opportunity to change the memorials after their participation in the India National Rounds**.

Article 14 – No Identification in Memorials

- a. Each team must **omit** the following references in their Memorials:



- i. The names of team members;
 - ii. The members' and/or the university's country of residence;
 - iii. Its nationality; and
 - iv. The name of its university.
- b. Violations of this Article will be sanctioned with up to **forty (40) penalty points**, with **ten (10) penalty points per violation**.
- c. Information contained in a Memorials' **document properties** or other **metadata** does not violate this article.

Article 15 - Memorial Format

- a. Each team must submit its Memorials in **Times New Roman font style, size 12**. This requirement applies to all pages of the Memorial, including the cover page, and the header, footer, and page numbers.
- b. Each page must have a **margin of 2 cm** on every side of the text.
- c. Memorials must be **continuously page-numbered**, with each page being numbered.
- d. The line spacing for all parts of the Memorial is to be **1.5 lines**.
- e. Headings and subheadings of **more than one line in length must be single-spaced**.
- f. Violations of this Article are sanctioned with **one (1) penalty point per violation**. More than one violation of the same item of this Article should be considered as one violation in total.

Article 16 - Word Limit

- a. Each Memorial must not exceed 10,000 words (**including footnotes**). Violations of this Article are sanctioned by **five (5) penalty points per 400 words**. **The 10,000 words include the statement of facts, issues, summary of arguments, written arguments, submissions, and (optional) annexes**, and exclude the front cover, title page, table of contents, list of abbreviations, and index of authorities.
- b. There shall be a penalty cap of 10 marks for exceeding the word limit. However, this cap shall not be applicable for the international rounds.

Article 17 - Order of Content

- a. Each Memorial shall include the pages/sections below and shall be presented in the following order:



- i. Front cover;
 - ii. Title page;
 - iii. Table of contents;
 - iv. List of abbreviations;
 - v. Index of authorities (list of sources);
 - vi. Statement of facts;
 - vii. Issues;
 - viii. Summary of arguments;
 - ix. Written arguments;
 - x. Submissions;
 - xi. Optional: Annex (max two (2) pages); and
 - xii. Back cover.
- b. No additional sections may be included.
- c. Violations of this Article are sanctioned by **two (2) penalty points per violation**. The swapping of two sections will be sanctioned by **one (1) penalty point**.

Article 18 - Front Cover Requirements

- a. The front cover (page) must contain the following information:
 - i. Team number;
 - ii. Role (Defense Counsel, Prosecution Counsel, or Government Counsel);
 - iii. Title of the Competition (IBA ICC Moot Court Competition in the English language);
 - iv. Year; and
 - v. Total word count.
- b. The front cover (page) must be colour coded accordingly:
 - i. Red for Defense Counsel.
 - ii. Green for Prosecution Counsel.

- iii. Blue for Government Counsel.
- c. Violations of this Article will be sanctioned with **one (1) penalty point** per violation.

Article 19 - Footnotes

- a. Footnotes have to be in **Times New Roman font style, size 10**. Footnotes of more than one line in length must be single-spaced.
- b. Spacing between each footnote shall be **single**.
- c. Consistency in the reference to sources throughout the Memorial is required. **One referencing style** only may be used throughout the Memorial.
- d. All the sources included in the index of authorities, must be included in the footnotes as well.
- e. Full citation of a source must be used in the footnotes the first time a source is cited. Abbreviations of sources within footnotes are allowed. **The abbreviation has to be announced in the index of authorities.**
- f. Violations of the above items (a-e) are sanctioned with **two (2) penalty points per violation**. More than one violation of the same item of this Article should be considered as one violation in total.
- g. **Incorrect/fictional footnotes generated by AI tools are not permitted.** Violation of this article will be sanctioned with up to twenty (20) penalty points.

Article 20 - Scoring Structure Memorials

- a. Scores are awarded out of a maximum of 100 points for the overall quality of the memorial.
- b. Points are allocated as follows:
 - i. Knowledge and use of rules and principles of law: max 20 points.
 - ii. Proper and articulate analysis of the facts and law: max 18 points.
 - iii. Logic and reasoning: max 14 points.
 - iv. Extent and use of research: max 14 points.
 - v. Clarity and organisation: max 12 points.
 - vi. Evidence of original thought: max 12 points.
 - vii. Persuasiveness: max 6 points.
 - viii. Grammar and style: max 4 points.

- c. The score sheets will be emailed to each team upon the cessation of the Competition.
- d. An example of the score sheet is provided in Annex 1.

Article 21 - Plagiarism

- a. Plagiarism in Memorials will be sanctioned with the disqualification of the team. A team's disqualification is final and irrevocable.
- b. All memorials shall be uploaded on turnitin.com to check for plagiarism.
- c. Plagiarism applies throughout the memorials – this includes footnotes.
- d. The standard applies to both inter-memo plagiarism, i.e., between participating teams, and plagiarism within the document, i.e., with books, articles, Rome Statute, memorials submitted for other competitions.
- e. The permissible limit of similarity is 50% including citations. However, this does not include direct plagiarism. No amount of plagiarism is permissible, which includes directly lifting entire texts from other sources without proper citation.
- f. Portions of sources directly quoted from other sources (i.e. Rome Statute, articles, books), properly cited in the footnotes, and within quotation marks will not be considered as plagiarism.

Article 22 – Use of AI Tools

- a. The use of ChatGPT and other AI tools to generate content for Memorials is strictly prohibited. Teams may use such tools for limited purposes such as checking grammar, spelling, or sentence clarity, provided that the substance content and analysis are entirely the Team's own work.
- b. The prohibited use of ChatGPT or other AI tools per the above may result in sanctions of up to **fifty (50) penalty points**, a requirement to submit new Memorials, full disqualification of the team, other sanctions at the discretion of the Organising Committee, depending on the gravity of the violation.
- c. Any other form of cheating or plagiarism will be sanctioned in accordance with Art. 22(b) above.
- d. The use of incorrect/fictional citations generated by AI will be penalised in accordance with Art. 19.

Article 23 - Memorial Penalties

- a. Memorial Penalties shall be deducted from each of the individual evaluators' scores of a team's Memorials. The Organising Committee is responsible for reviewing each submission and applying the appropriate penalty points.
- b. The Organisers shall notify all the teams latest by 31 January 2026 of their penalty points. Any appeals against the decision to impose penalties shall be submitted by 3 February 2026. All the penalty appeals will be resolved by 10 February 2026.
- c. There will be a general cap of 20 marks for all formatting violation penalties per memorial, which shall not include late submission penalties. However, no such cap will be applicable for the International Rounds.

CHAPTER 5: ORAL ROUND PROVISIONS

Article 24 – Content

- a. Each team's oral pleadings must demonstrate an outstanding knowledge of the ICC Rules and case law, as well as of the applicable international criminal law principles.
- b. The Hearings will have a maximum length of two (2) hours per session and shall reflect familiarity with ICC proceedings.

Article 25 – Appearance

- a. Each team scheduled to appear shall have a maximum of ten (10) minutes from the start of the scheduled time to appear before the Bench.
- b. The Competition will proceed on an *ex parte* basis at the expiration of the ten (10) minutes. The Organising Committee may decide to delay the start of the proceedings, or take any other measure which they deem fit, in exceptional circumstances.
- c. In an *ex parte* proceeding, the attending teams present their oral pleadings, which are scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent team had been present and arguing.

Article 26 – Speakers

- a. Each team will have three (3) individual Speakers. Every individual Speaker of a team will represent in their pleadings the Defense Counsel, or the Government Counsel or the Prosecution

Counsel. The rebuttal must be presented by the same speaker as the main presentation. Researchers are not allowed to present at any stage of the Competition.

- b. Each team must submit the role allocation within the team at the time of Registration at National Law University, Delhi, on 13 March 2026.
- c. Only two members of each team- two Speakers, or one Speaker and one Researcher, are allowed to be present before the Bench. The other members can attend the rounds as spectators. Please see Article 27(a) and 27(b) for further reference.
- d. Each Speaker will present in accordance with the time allocated under Articles 30 and 31.
- e. Verbatim reading of the Memorials during the Hearings is strictly prohibited.

Article 27 – Communication

- a. Communication between the speakers and the coaches, team members not presenting, or Competition spectators, is strictly prohibited during the Hearings.
- b. Only the counsel and co-counsel present before the Bench are permitted to communicate with each other in writing, during the pleadings of the opposing parties. Communication between the counsel and co-counsel is not allowed during the team's own presentation.
- c. No written communication or exhibits may be presented or delivered by any Team Member to any judge.
- d. The use of laptops, mobile phones, or any other electronic device is strictly prohibited during the Hearings, also when these items are solely used for measuring time. Speakers are allowed to use an analogue or digital watch ONLY (and not smart watches).
- e. Violations of this Article will be adjudged in consultation with the Bench members. It is up to the discretion of the Bench Members, taking into account the seriousness and consequences of the violation, as to how many penalty points (subject to a maximum of 10 points) are to be deducted.

Article 28 - Use of electronic devices

- a. Electronic devices such as laptops, tablets or smartphones may not be used by the speaker as support for their pleadings, or for keeping time. The counsel and co-counsel shall not use electronic devices to take notes during the opposing parties' pleadings. Devices of the sort are prohibited from being on speaker's table.

- b. A Bench Clerk will be tasked with timekeeping throughout the pleading.
- c. Violations of this Article will be adjudged in consultation with the Bench members. It is up to the discretion of the Bench Members, taking into account the seriousness and consequences of the violation, as to how many penalty points (subject to a maximum of 10 points) are to be deducted.

Article 29 – Raising Objections

Objections are not allowed under any circumstances at any moment during the proceedings.

Article 30 – Speaking Time

- a. The order of the pleadings in each hearing is:
 - i. Presentation by Defense Counsel: up to 20 minutes.
 - ii. Presentation by Government Counsel: up to 20 minutes.
 - iii. Presentation by Prosecution Counsel: up to 20 minutes.
- b. Any other time division is strictly forbidden. Time not used in the presentation may not be allocated to the rebuttal, and time not used in the rebuttal may not be allocated to the presentation.
- c. Questions posed by the Bench Members are included in the Speaking Time of the presentation.

Article 31 – Rebuttal

- a. The order of rebuttals in each hearing is:
 - i. Rebuttal by Defense Counsel: up to 10 minutes.
 - ii. Rebuttal by Government Counsel: up to 10 minutes.
 - iii. Rebuttal by Prosecution Counsel: up to 10 minutes.
- b. Questions posed by the Bench Members are included in the Speaking Time of the rebuttal.
- c. The Speakers are not allowed to introduce new issues in their rebuttal.
- d. All arguments and issues raised by opposing counsels during both presentation and rebuttal may be discussed in the rebuttal.

Article 32 – Scores of Oral Pleading

- a. Scores are awarded out of a maximum of 100 points for the overall performance of the team during each pleading. The presentation and the rebuttal shall be awarded with one score only.
- b. Points are allocated as follows:
 - i. Organisation, structure, and time management: max 20 points.
 - ii. Knowledge and use of rules and principles of law: max 20 points.
 - iii. Knowledge and use of the facts: max 20 points.
 - iv. Questions and rebuttal: max 20 points.
 - v. Persuasiveness and style of presentation: max 20 points.
- c. Score sheets shall be emailed to each team upon the completion of the Competition.
- d. An example of the score sheet is provided in Annex 2.

Article 33 – Penalties for Inappropriate Behaviour

- a. Every team should maintain the fullest dignity and decorum not only inside the Courtroom, but also throughout the entire Competition.
- b. Inappropriate behaviour or blatant disregard for the procedures may result in deduction of penalty points and in extreme cases, to the disqualification of the team.

Article 34 – Recording of the Hearing

- a. Members of the presenting team, may (voice) record their own team members during their presentation and/or rebuttal. However, it is strictly forbidden to (voice) record the opposing teams during their presentation and/or rebuttal.
- b. Recording of the pleadings may only take place upon prior approval from the judges, opposing teams and the Organising Committee.
- c. Violations of this Article will be sanctioned with an appropriate penalty as deemed fit by the Organising Committee.

Article 35 – Scouting

- a. Scouting is forbidden at all times during the Competition.
- b. Scouting is defined as:
 - i) when a team or one or more of its members, guests or observers attend a Hearing in which they are not participants;

- ii) Instances where students, coaches or spectators discuss with or pose questions of substantive issues of international (criminal) law to the Bench Members.
- c. Violations of this Article will result in disqualification. A team's disqualification is final and irrevocable.

CHAPTER 6: THE AWARDS

Article 36 – Categories of Awards

- a. The following awards will be given by the Organisers after the Final Round:
 - i) Winner;
 - ii) First Runner-up;
 - iii) Second Runner-up
 - iv) Best Speaker (on the basis of performance in the Preliminary Rounds)
 - v) Best Memorial Overall.
- b. Upon the completion of the entire program, each participant shall receive a certificate of participation.

CHAPTER 7: NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Article 37 – Policy Statement

The Organising Committee recognises that discrimination and/or harassment undermines the integrity of the Competition and the members involved in the Competition. The Organising Committee affirms its commitment to ensure that each member of the Competition, including Participants, Judges, Volunteers and Organisers shall be permitted to participate and work in an environment free from any form of discrimination based on national origin, race, colour, religion, caste, disability, sex (including sexual misconduct), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and/or marital status. The Organising Committee recognises its obligation to work towards an environment where diversity is valued and opportunity is equalised.

Article 38 – Prohibited Conduct

- a. Prohibited Conduct is defined as any misconduct based on any form of Discrimination or Harassment based on the criteria mentioned in Article 37. Misconduct can be verbal, written, or

physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion towards an individual because of characteristics related to a ground of discrimination. It includes, and is not restricted to, making jokes, epithets, innuendos, singling out a person for humiliation, negative stereotyping, and making comments on characteristics related to a ground of discrimination.

- b. Sexual or Gender-based Discrimination is defined as per clause (k) of Section 2 of the University Grants Commission (Prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment of women employees and students in higher educational institutions) Regulations, 2015.
- c. The Organising Committee encourages all members involved in the Competition to take reasonable and prudent actions to prevent or stop any such prohibited conduct. Taking action may include direct intervention when safe to do so, enlisting the assistance of friends, or seeking assistance from a person in authority. It is the particular responsibility of those members involved in the Competition who hold positions of authority over others to avoid actions that are or can be considered, a violation of this Policy or as unprofessional.

Article 39 - Scope and Applicability of Policy

- a. This Policy applies to all members involved in the Competition, including all Participants, Coaches, Judges, Volunteers and members of the Organising Committee.
- b. This Policy applies to all prohibited conduct occurring both on and off the National Law University, Delhi campus.
- c. Complaints and alleged violations of the Rules of Procedure can be informed to the Organising Committee at iccmoot@nludelhi.ac.in. Complaints will be treated confidentially.

Article 40 – Penalty for Prohibited Conduct

The Organising Committee reserves the right to take prudent action against any member partaking in such Prohibited Conduct, including imposition of penalties, and in severe cases, disqualification (in case of Participants) and removal of such member from all locations under Article 39.

CHAPTER 8: MISCELLANEOUS

Article 41 – Competition Timeline and Schedule

- a. The final timeline for the India National Rounds is as follows:
 - i. Opening of Registration: 8 November 2025
 - ii. Last Date for Registration: 4 December 2025
 - iii. Deadline for sending queries for clarifications on the moot problem: 4 December 2025
 - iv. Last Date for Making Changes to Team Composition: 21 December 2025
 - v. Last Date for Payment of Participation Fees: 4 January 2026
 - vi. Deadline for Memorial Submission: 10 January 2026
 - vii. Competition Dates: 13 - 15 March 2026
- b. Any changes to the timeline shall be communicated to the Teams via email.
- c. The Schedule for the days of the Competition shall be communicated to the Teams closer to the date of the Competition.

Article 42 – Contact Details

The Organisers of the Competition may be contacted via the official email ID (iccmoot@nludelhi.ac.in) or via the official LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/iccmoot-india-national-rounds-807818209/>). All official announcements will be made via LinkedIn. However, all queries will be addressed **only** via the official email. No personal reference or alternate mode of communication including via any official social media platforms of the India National Rounds shall be entertained.

ANNEX 1: MEMORIAL SCORE SHEET SAMPLE 2025-2026



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 MEMORIAL SCORESHEET

Evaluator's Name: *Full First & Last Name*

Date: *Day / Month / Year*

Team number:

Role: *Defense / Government / Prosecution*

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Knowledge of Facts and Law <i>10-20 points</i>	18-20 Exceptional understanding of facts and law, comprehensive and accurate.	15-17 Strong grasp with minor gaps in understanding.	13-14 Adequate but with noticeable gaps.	10-12 Limited knowledge with major gaps or errors.
	17-18 Thorough, well-structured analysis, articulated with precision.	15-16 Proper and articulate analysis with minor improvements needed.	13-14 Somewhat proper and articulate analysis.	9-12 Lacking proper articulation and clarity.
Logic and reasoning <i>8-14 points</i>	13-14 Impeccable logic and reasoning, arguments flow seamlessly.	11-12 Strong logic and reasoning, arguments flow well.	9-10 Reasonable but with noticeable flaws.	8 Severely flawed logic and reasoning.
	13-14 Comprehensive, expertly integrated sources, including insightful secondary materials.	11-12 Considerable sources, minor omissions, commendable depth, effective support.	9-10 Constrained, gaps, moderate depth, relevant but less integration.	7-8 Significantly lacking, irrelevant, weak foundation, severe overall weakness.
Clarity and organization <i>6-12 points</i>	12 Exceptionally clear and meticulously organized.	10-11 Well-structured with minor room for improvement.	8-9 Somewhat unclear with noticeable issues.	6-7 Lack of clear organization and difficult to follow.
	12 Exceptional originality in thought, presenting unique perspectives.	10-11 Displays original thought and fresh perspectives.	8-9 Some evidence of original thought but not consistently apparent.	6-7 Lacks any meaningful evidence of original thought.
Persuasiveness <i>3-6 points</i>	6 Compelling arguments, clear reasoning, and strong evidence.	5 Convincing arguments, room for improvement in reasoning or evidence.	4 Lacks strong persuasion, arguments less compelling, crucial support missing.	3 Weak arguments, lacking evidence and coherence.
	4 Impeccable grammar and style, enhancing professionalism.	3 Generally strong with minor lapses affecting readability.	2 Noticeable issues affecting readability.	1 Severely lacking, difficult to read, or unprofessional.

Score

Criteria	Points
Knowledge of Facts and Law <i>10-20 points</i>	
Proper and articulate analysis <i>9-18 points</i>	
Logic and reasoning <i>8-14 points</i>	



Extent and use of research <i>7-14 points</i>	
Clarity and organization <i>6-12 points</i>	
Evidence of original thought <i>6-12 points</i>	
Persuasiveness <i>3-6 points</i>	
Grammar and Style <i>1-4 points</i>	
Total*	

* *The total score must be between 50 and 100 points.*

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ANNEX 2: ORAL ROUND SCORE SHEET SAMPLE 2025-2026



Judge's Name:	Time:	Courtroom:
Date:	Team #:	Role: Prosecution / Victims' Counsel / Defense Counsel
Speaker's Name:		

Criteria	Excellent (16-20)	Good (11-15)	Fair (6-10)	Poor (0-5)	GRADE
Organization, Structure, and Time Management	The speaker's presentation follows a logical roadmap with impeccable flow. Arguments are exceptionally concise and to the point.	The presentation is well-structured and easy to follow, with minor areas for improvement. Arguments are generally concise.	The organization is somewhat unclear, with challenges in following the flow. Arguments lack conciseness.	The presentation lacks organization and structure, making it difficult to follow. Arguments are lengthy and unclear.	/20
Knowledge and Use of Rules and Principles	Rules of law are expertly stated and applied. Arguments are strongly supported by authoritative sources. Cited sources are highly relevant.	Rules of law are generally well-stated and applied, with some room for improvement. Arguments have sufficient support. Most cited sources are relevant.	Rules of law are occasionally unclear or misapplied. Arguments lack strong support. Some cited sources may not be entirely relevant.	Rules of law are consistently unclear or misapplied. Arguments lack support. Cited sources are largely irrelevant.	/20
Knowledge and Use of the Facts	The speaker demonstrates a deep understanding of the facts and effectively compares them with real-world precedents.	The speaker accurately interprets the facts and compares them to real-world precedents with minor issues.	The speaker's grasp of the facts is occasionally uncertain, with occasional gaps in comparisons.	The speaker's grasp of the facts is consistently uncertain, with significant gaps in comparisons.	/20
Questions and Rebuttal	The speaker skillfully answers questions posed by judges and delivers a strong rebuttal addressing opposing arguments.	The speaker effectively responds to questions and offers a rebuttal, with some minor room for improvement.	The speaker struggles to answer questions and rebut opposing arguments convincingly.	The speaker fails to respond adequately to questions and provide a meaningful rebuttal.	/20
Persuasiveness and Style of Presentation	The speaker exudes formality, respect, and professionalism, demonstrating confidence and eloquence with consistent eye contact.	The speaker maintains formality and professionalism but may display minor lapses in confidence or eye contact.	The speaker's style is somewhat informal or lacks professionalism. Confidence and eye contact are inconsistent.	The speaker's style is highly informal or disrespectful, lacking professionalism. Confidence and eye contact are notably absent.	/20
TOTAL					/100

**Based on previous experience, an average score of 89 or above in the oral pleadings will be necessary for a team to advance to the Quarter-Finals, and an average score of 96 or above will be necessary for an advocate to win one of the top speaker awards.*

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