



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF LAW

Residency Road, (FM Cariappa Road), Bangalore – 560025

5TH SJCL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025

RULES & PROPOSITION



DATE & VENUE OF THE EVENT

DATE:

The 5th SJCL National Moot Court Competition, 2025 shall be held from the April 4th to April 6th, 2025.

Venue:

St. Joseph's College of Law, Residency Road, Shanthala Nagar, Bangalore, 560025.

Google Maps Link:

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Please tap the link for the proposition, rules and other required details:

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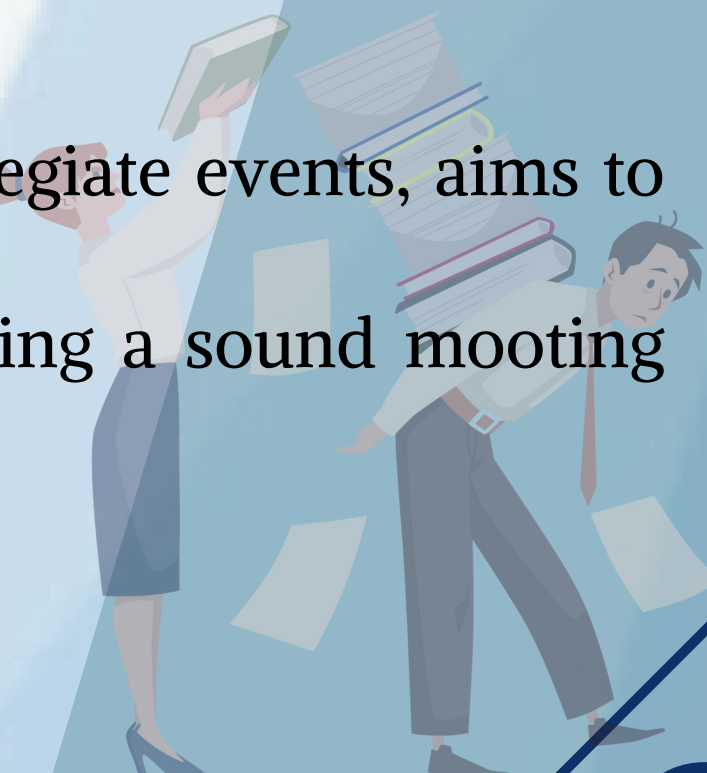
ABOUT THE INSTITUTION



Established in the year 2017, St. Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore is the pioneer Jesuit law college in South Asia that is strengthened with a 450-year-old legacy in imparting quality education through the Jesuit mission of molding students into people of competence, conscience and compassion dedicated to the service of faith and the promotion of justice'.

The Institution is driven by the ideology of faith and labour that is resonated in the motto of the College **“FIDE ET LABORE”**. Emboldened with a vision to 'transform the lives of people by bringing about a just an egalitarian society', the College believes in a steadfast focus to bridge law and governance with a human rights approach. The college, though neoteric, has been able to work towards these set ideals.

The Moot Court Society, through its various inter and intra-collegiate events, aims to achieve and fulfill the objectives of the institution by encouraging a sound mooting culture, which has at its center, justice and equity.



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

OBJECTIVE

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The 5th SJCL National Moot Court Competition 2025 is designed to provide a platform for law students across the country to showcase their research, analytical abilities, legal expertise, and advocacy skills in the field of labor rights and corporate accountability.

The competition delves into the complex interplay between economic growth, workplace exploitation, and the constitutional and international obligations to safeguard workers' rights. Participants will engage with critical legal issues, including the constitutional validity of labour laws, corporate negligence, and the inadequacies within the existing legal framework that fail to protect employees from exploitative work conditions.

The ultimate aim of the competition is to foster a highly competitive and intellectually stimulating environment while bringing attention to the urgent need for legal reforms in labour laws to ensure fair and inclusive workplace policies.



AIM AND PURPOSE

The 5th National Moot Court Competition, 2025 of St. Joseph's College of Law aims to provide a platform for aspiring lawyers to engage in critical discourse on labour rights and constitutional law. It seeks to enhance research, writing, and advocacy skills while examining key legal issues such as workplace exploitation, corporate accountability, and the constitutional validity of labour laws. Participants will analyze the limitations of existing legal frameworks and explore the need for stronger labour protections to ensure a fair balance between economic growth and workers' rights in India.



NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR



Mooting is an integral part of legal education that not only hones your advocacy skills but also nurtures critical thinking, research, and the ability to construct persuasive arguments.

This year's moot focuses on work hours in the organised sector. It is a subject that holds immense significance in today's rapidly changing work environment. Through this competition, we aim to encourage thoughtful deliberation on the evolving balance between workers' rights and employers' responsibilities, which is crucial in shaping the future of labour law.

To all the participants, I extend my heartfelt best wishes. May this experience inspire you to think creatively, argue persuasively, and challenge yourself to grow both as a student and as a future legal professional. Your dedication, hard work, and passion for the law are truly commendable, and I am confident that you will bring your best to the competition.

I look forward to witnessing your arguments and wish you the very best of luck in this exciting journey.

Warm Regards,
Rev. Fr .Jerald D'Souza SJ
Director



NOTE BY THE PRINCIPAL



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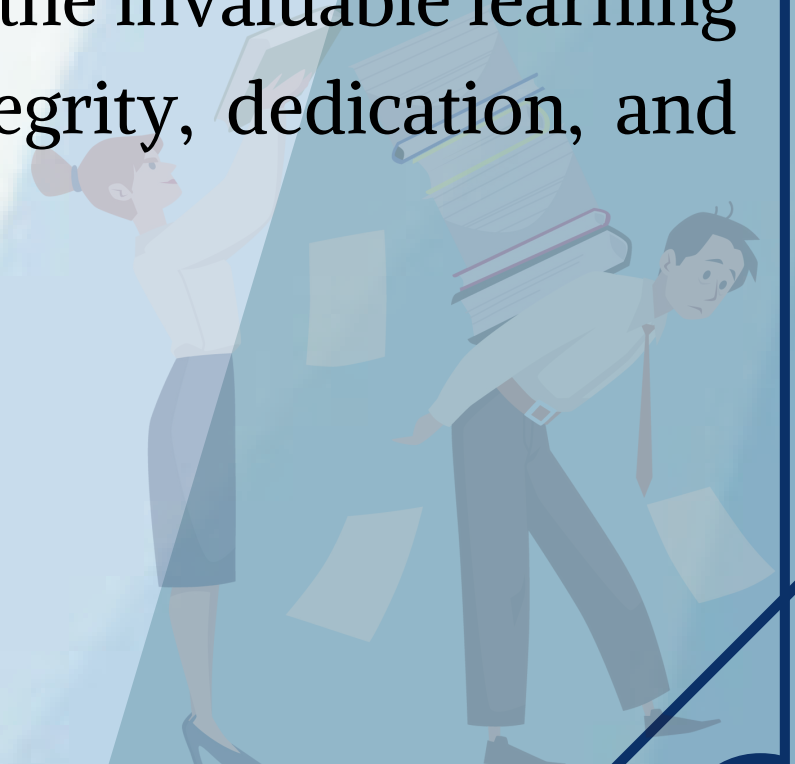
It is with great pride that I welcome you to the 5th National Level Moot Court Competition hosted by St. Joseph's College of Law. Mooting is a powerful educational tool, and I believe it plays a pivotal role in developing not only legal skills but also a sense of responsibility towards the law and society. It is through moots like these that we are able to witness the next generation of legal minds who will influence the course of justice in the years to come.

This year's moot problem offers an important lens to examine the evolving dynamics of workplace rights and employer obligations. With labour laws becoming increasingly relevant in our rapidly changing world, this moot provides an opportunity to delve into complex issues and generate thoughtful discourse that can contribute to real-world change.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all participants. Your engagement in this competition reflects your commitment to understanding and addressing pressing legal issues. I have no doubt that the arguments and ideas presented will be enlightening and thought-provoking.

I wish you all the very best in your endeavours. May this experience challenge and inspire you, as you strive for excellence and make the most of the invaluable learning it offers. Continue to pursue your passion for law with integrity, dedication, and perseverance.

Best Regards,
Dr. Pauline Priya S
Principal



DEFINITIONS :

1. **Organizing Committee:** The Moot Court Society of St. Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore, members thereof, or any person/persons appointed for the administration of this moot court competition.
2. **Petitioner:** Petitioner means the side that argues on behalf of Petitioner at any given point in the competition.
3. **Respondent:** Respondent means the side that argues on behalf of Respondent at any given point in the competition.
4. **INR:** Indian Rupee.
5. **Memorandum:** Memorandum means the written arguments submitted by each team.
6. **Penalty:** Penalty refers to deductions imposed on the memorandum scores of a participating team for non-compliance with the rules mentioned herewith.
7. **Rebuttals:** Rebuttals refers to the arguments presented by Petitioner in response to Respondent's submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the speakers.
8. **Sur-rebuttals:** Sur-rebuttals refer to the defense presented by the Respondents to the rebuttals.

9. **Scouting:** Scouting refers to the practice whereby any person observes the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with. Such scouting by the participants shall be invigilated seriously by the organizers and shall attract penalties

10. **Clarifications:** Clarifications refer to procedural order(s) and/or any clarification(s) issued by the Organizing Committee and published on the official website.

11. **Compendium:** A brief compilation of principle heads, general principles, case laws and any other academic resource relevant to the memorandum to be physically submitted by the respective teams in absolute confidentiality.



5th SJCL National Moot Court Competition

Proposition

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDICA

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

SMW (CrI) No.

**"In Re: Exploitation of Workers in the IT Sector: Nascent
Information Technology Employees Senate**

vs

State of Kandana & A&Z Pvt. Ltd."

1. Background

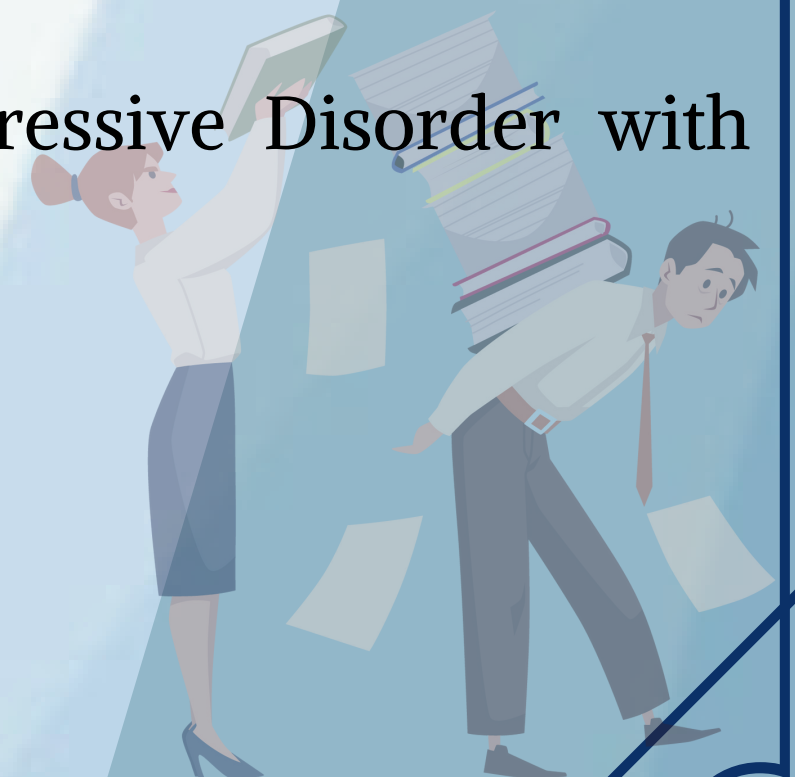
1.1 The Republic of Indica has witnessed remarkable growth in the (IT) sector, which contributes significantly to the national economy. The state of Kandana, home to the tech capital Bengular, is a thriving hub for major multinational corporations (MNCs). However, this growth has been accompanied by rising concerns over worker exploitation, excessive working hours, and deteriorating employee wellbeing.

1.2 A&Z Pvt. Ltd. (hereafter referred to as Company) delivers innovative software solutions that generate significant revenue from global markets. However, its performance-driven culture has created a toxic work environment in which employees face unrelenting pressure to meet deadlines and achieve their targets. A Company's internal policies emphasize productivity over employee welfare, contributing to a high rate of burnout among workers.

1.3 Rachel, a tech worker employed at the company, serves as a developer responsible for creating, testing, and launching complex software solutions. The software was sold to clients worldwide to help them process and analyze large datasets, making Rachel's role both crucial and high-pressure. Despite the prestige of working at the company, Rachel's life has become an endless cycle of long working hours, intense deadlines, and mental and physical exhaustion.

1.4 In November 2024, the Kandana Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2024, was enacted, officially legalizing a 14-hour workday for employees in IT and business processing industries, arguing that the Act prioritizes economic growth at the expense of workers' health and well-being, raising ethical and legal concerns. Following this amendment, the workload of Rachel increased. Her working hours were extended beyond 15 hours daily, with 2 hours of additional, often uncompensated overtime.

1.5 Rachel had begun to experience symptoms of severe depression, spondylosis, chronic neck pain, and vitamin deficiencies due to her erratic work-life balance. She decided to seek professional help through an appointment with a GP at the Bengalar Medical College and Research Institute, the premier government medical college, and the hospital in the State of Kandana. After an initial consultation with the GP, she was diagnosed with work-related stress disorder causing periodic heart palpitations, insomnia, and anxiety. She was referred to the GP Dr. Elizabeth, who referred her to an orthopedic, cardiologist, and psychiatrist. Dr. Sandra suggested taking rest for at least 6 to 7 hours every day to alleviate her back pain and prescribed medication for temporary relief. Her cardiologist, Dr. Neena, diagnosed that her long working hours triggered excessive release of stress hormones, which in turn became a reason for her suffering from bouts of hypertension (labile hypertension). She also strongly recommended working on a proper sleep schedule with a consistent diet and warned that if she continues this lifestyle, she might be prone to Ischemic Heart Disease. She was also prescribed anti-hypertensive pills to control her blood pressure that has to be consumed lifelong. The psychiatrist Dr. Aparna recommended Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for a few sessions after diagnosing her with Single Depressive Disorder with melancholia with mild symptoms.



1.6 Despite deteriorating health, she was unable to take a break, fearing professional repercussions and the threat of being replaced. Her pleas to the team manager and HR Department to reduce her workload due to the onset of her medical conditions stated through email were unheard. The Company Stated that there is an increasing need to meet international client demands due to post COVID-19 market rebounding, further justifying the unrelenting pace of work. The hectic work schedule led the manager to refuse to grant any leave, even to follow up with her doctors for the next session

1.7 She was called to come to the office on December 25, 2024, due to the arrival of an international client. On that day, she appeared at the office on time after taking breakfast and had her prescribed medication. The Meeting with the client lasted for four hours, without any breaks. After the sessions with the client, Rachel went to the office cafeteria for lunch. When she was standing in the queue to collect lunch, she collapsed suddenly and was rushed to the hospital by her teammates. By the time she was taken to the hospital, her health had deteriorated severely, and the doctors declared her dead when they reached there. Subsequently, there were rumours spread by certain people in the office that she had died due to drug overdose as part of an attempt to commit suicide. Shocked by these rumours, the family decided to conduct an autopsy to ascertain the cause of death.

The postmortem report issued by the forensic surgeon stated that her death was due to cardiac arrest and confirmed the absence of alcohol, poison, and narcotic drugs, ruling out suicide as a cause of death. Her parents also had access to medical records and were aware of the difficulties she faced in the office, and therefore alleged that the working conditions in the office were the root cause of their daughter's death.

1.8 Rachel's sudden death sparked a nationwide outrage, with multiple media houses covering the story. Several labour unions, including the Nascent Information Technology Employees Senate (NITES), demanded accountability from both the company and the State of Kandana, alleging that:

a) The Kandana Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2024, violated fundamental constitutional rights by allowing corporations to exploit workers through excessively long hours.

b) A&Z Pvt. Ltd. failed to ensure a safe and healthy work environment, violating labour laws and international commitments to workers' rights.

1.9 NITES subsequently filed a writ petition in the High Court of Kandana, challenging the constitutional validity of the amendment and the corporate negligence of A&Z Pvt. Ltd.

1.10 The petition also included a claim against the company, alleging that the company's exploitative corporate practices endanger its employees' lives. NITES argued that Rachel's death exemplifies the growing epidemic of employee burnout and the neglect of worker rights in Kandana's IT industry. The Petition further claimed that such policies and practices violate fundamental rights, labour laws, and international obligations to provide a safe and healthy working environment.

1.11 The petition gained immense public traction, prompting various labour unions across Indica to submit formal complaints to the Labour Ministries of Kandana and Indica.

1.12 In response to the growing public discourse and legal concerns, the Supreme Court of Indica Took Suo motu cognizance of the matter under its special jurisdiction and registered a case titled:

“In Re: Exploitation of Workers in the IT Sector” (Case No. 2024). “

1.13 The Supreme Court merged the pending writ petition from the High Court of Kandana into its proceedings, recognizing the systemic failure to protect IT employees from workplace exploitation. The Case has since become a landmark legal battle addressing the conflict between economic growth, corporate accountability, and fundamental labour rights.

1.14 The case brought to light the broader debate over balancing corporate growth, economic development, and labour rights. With the Supreme Court of India hearing the matter, the outcome is poised to set a landmark precedent in protecting workers' rights in the face of global competition and corporate power

2. Pari Materia Clause

- i. The city of Bengaluru is pari materia with Bangalore.
- ii. The state of Karnataka is pari materia with the state of Karnataka.
- iii. India is pari materia with the Republic of India.
- iv. All the laws applicable in the above pari materia places will be applicable in this proposition.
- v. The petitioner's side should present arguments against the legislation.

3. Legal Issues

3.1 Whether the Act violates Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution by legalizing excessive work hours that endanger employee health and well-being.

3.2 Whether the State of Karnataka failed its constitutional duty to ensure worker health and safety. On a broader scale, failure to regulate excessive working hours and ensure a safe workplace violates its obligations under the DPSP of the Indian Constitution and various international frameworks, including ILO Conventions, ICESCR, and UDHR, to which India has been a signatory.

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

Participation is open to all law students (3 years LL.B or 5 years LL.B integrated course) or any equivalent law program from any law college/department/university recognized by the Bar Council of India.

Team Composition

- **Team Registration:** Only one team per institution may register for the competition.
- **Team Dynamics:** Teams shall comprise a maximum of three members, wherein two members shall perform the role of a speaker, and one member shall perform the role of a researcher.
- **Disclosure of Identity:** Teams shall not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties, including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the organizing committee. The Teams will be given team codes after completion of the registration process.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

The registration fees for the event:

without accommodation – INR 5000 + 18% GST

with accommodation – INR 8000 + 18% GST

Please note that the option of accommodation is not available for institutions in Bangalore urban and Bangalore rural.

The registration shall be initiated in the following manner:

1. The link below will direct the participants to the google folder for details such as rules, a registration form with a travel plan, and a google form to register.

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Google Folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qKJ3M4CiJJHw94IEnZ-GwEGetQHebrY5>

2. The participants must upload the filled Registration Form, Bona fide letter and Payment Receipt in the Google Form.

NOTE: – Please find the required forms in the link attached above

3. The participant's Email Id recorded in the Google Form will be the point of contact for the competition.

4. The institutions can also provisionally register by emailing to **[mca@sjcl.edu.in]** with the subject **"Name of the Institution_Provisional_NMCCSJCL"**. (Please note that emails without this subject shall not be considered as provisional registration).

5. The Institutions provisionally registering must register through the Google Form with the team details and payment within 3 working days. Further queries can be addressed to mca@sjcl.edu.in with the subject

"QUERY_REG/ACCOM/ OTHER"

PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION

Inclusive of Accommodation – <https://rzp.io/rzp/3ZEUJliG>

Exclusive of Accommodation– <https://rzp.io/rzp/lZolOGG>



AWARDS

SL NO.	CATEGORY	PRIZE MONEY
1.	Winners	50,000
2.	1st Runner Up	35,000
3.	2nd Runners- Up	25,000
4.	Best Memorandum	15,000
5.	Fr. Praveen Hrudayaraj Best Speaker Award	15,000
6.	Best Researcher	15,000
Every winning category will get a Trophy and Certificate along with the Prize money		
Every Participating Team will get a "Certificate of Participation"		

MEMORANDUM GUIDELINES

Contents of Memorandum

The Memorandum is required to contain the following sections:

1. Cover Page

2. Table of Contents

3. Table of Abbreviations

4. Index of Authorities

5. Statement of Jurisdiction

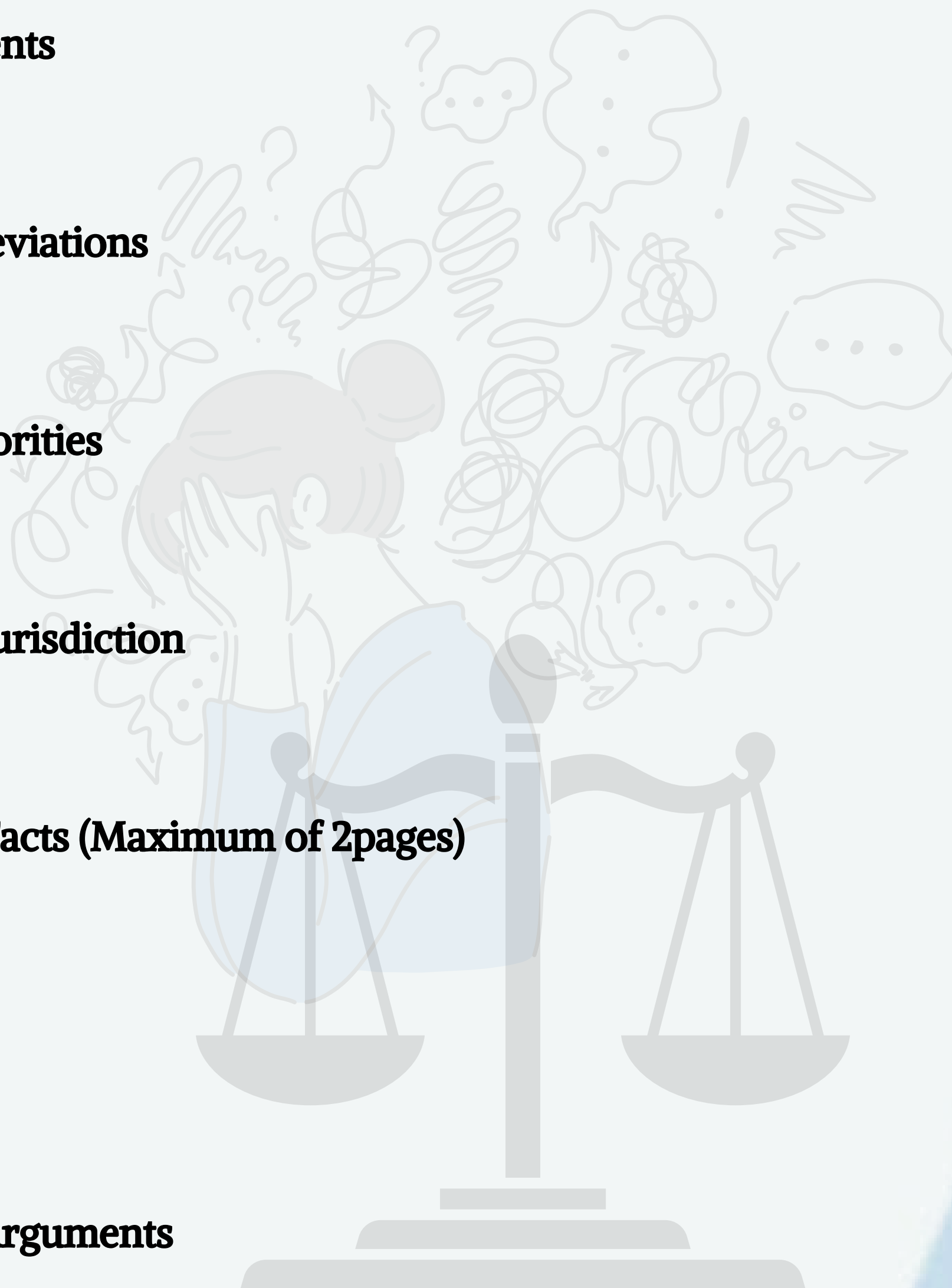
6. Statement of Facts (Maximum of 2pages)

7. Issues Raised

8. Summary of Arguments

9.Arguments Advanced

10. Prayer



DRAFTING RULES FOR THE MEMORIAL

- The section on Summary of Arguments Advanced, Prayer shall not exceed 30 pages. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point for every additional page.
- The memorandum shall not exceed 40 pages, including the cover page.
- Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 2 points for every additional page.
- The citation format should follow the 21st edition of the Bluebook. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point for each error.
- The Cover page of the memorandum must contain the team registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by a '**P**' for the Petitioner's Memorandum and '**R**' for Respondent's Memorandum. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point.

FORMAT OF MEMORANDUM

1. All soft copies of the Memorandum submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document format (doc/.docx) and PDF Format.
2. Each Memorandum should be contained in a single file with the name of the file being the allocated team code followed by the name of the side whose arguments are presented in that Memorandum, i.e., 'Petitioner' or 'Respondent'. For instance, the Petitioner memorandum of team code '25' should be named "Memorandum for Petitioner – TC 25".
3. All pages of the Memorandum must be of A4 size, with a 1-inch margin on each side. The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorandum, excluding the Cover Page, shall be Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5-line spacing. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, font size 10, single line spacing. The memorandums must be spiral-bound.
4. All the memorials need to be printed on one side in A4 size sheets.

5. Participating teams must comply with the clause of anonymity as is mandated.

The memorandum must at no stage reveal the name of the participants, the institution, or any personal details of the teams.

6. During offline registration, Each team should submit 5 Hard copies of the Memorandum for both Respondent and Petitioner on July 12th, 2024.

PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH MEMORANDUM FORMAT

1. A penalty of 1 point per hour shall be imposed for any submission made past the deadline specified.
2. Non-compliance with rules (1) and (2) shall result in a penalty of 5 points.
3. Non-compliance with rule (3) shall result in a penalty of 1 point per error.
4. Non-Compliance with rule (4) shall lead to immediate disqualification.

CRITERIA OF MEMORANDUM EVALUATION

SL NO.	PARAMETER	MARKS
1.	Logical Progression of Ideas	10
2.	Originality in Analysis and Argument	10
3.	Understanding Essential Legal Issues Presented	10
4.	Clear, Concise and Unambiguous Writing Styles	10
5.	Forceful and Persuasive Presentation	10
6.	Integration of Facts into Legal Arguments	10
7.	Understanding and Analysis of Authority	10
8.	Proper Use of Citations and Citation Format	10
9.	Effective Use of Authority to Support Arguments	10
10.	Neatness, Legibility and Formatting	10
	Total	100

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS

1. The decision of the judges shall be final and binding.
2. The Teams shall be evaluated in the oral rounds based on the criteria mentioned below:

SL No.	Parameter	Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
3.	Interpretation and Application of Facts	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Response to Questions	10
6.	Organisation of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thought and Expression	10
8.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10
9.	Reference to Written Submissions in the course of Oral Pleadings	10
10.	Court Mannerism	10
	TOTAL	100

RESEARCHER'S TEST

1. Team members who have registered as Researcher, shall have a Researcher's test
2. There shall be 50 objective-type questions. The test will be for a duration of 30 minutes.
3. Researchers are individually assessed, based on their performance in the Researcher's test. The Award for Best Researcher shall be decided by this rank list.
4. In case of a tie for the Best Researcher Award the Researchers' scores will be calculated as follows:

[Memorial Score of the Team + Marks Obtained in Researcher's Test = Final Score]

5. Researchers shall attend the oral rounds with the speakers.
6. The Researcher's test scores will be used as a tie breaker for other awards.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Soft copy of the Petitioner and Respondent Memorandum shall be uploaded via Google form in both pdf and .doc/ docx format

<https://forms.gle/SXgdr85XPJx744tp6>

Participants can communicate their clarification(s) via the Google Form –

<https://forms.gle/hqsTNenrPzYHmxQx6>

Dress Code

The Participants must be dressed in formal courtroom attire for all days of the event. The participants must always wear the Identity Card provided during registration.

1. Girls– White Collar Shirts, Black Trousers, Black Blazers, Black Shoes.
2. Boys– White Collar Shirts, Black Trousers, Black Blazers, Black Shoes.

ORAL ROUNDS

General Procedure:

Number of Rounds: The oral rounds shall be conducted in offline mode at the venue and shall comprise five rounds in total:

1. Preliminary Rounds (Round 1 & Round 2).

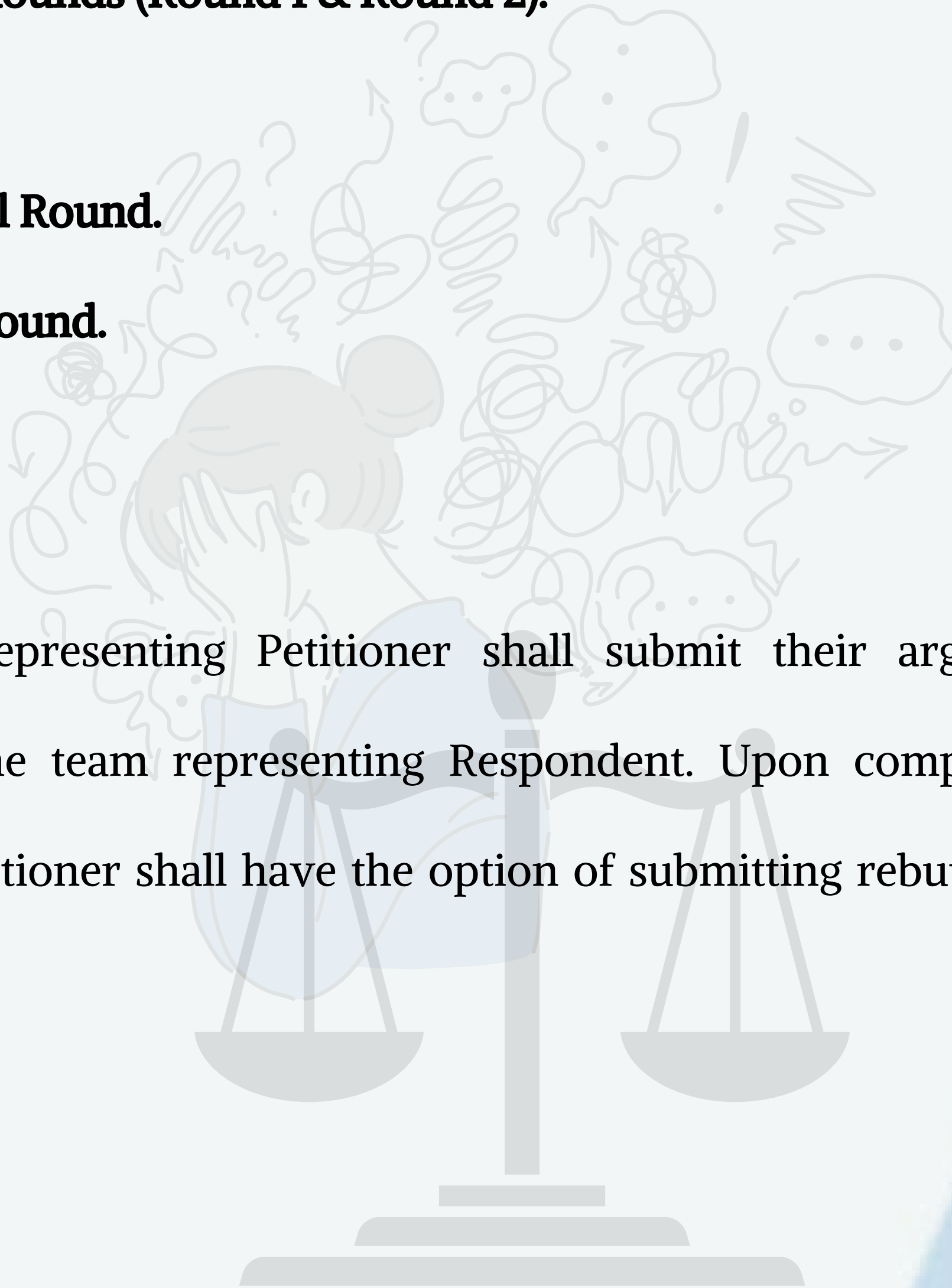
2. Octa-Round.

3. Quarter-Final Round.

4. Semi-Final Round.

5. Final Round.

- The team representing Petitioner shall submit their arguments first, followed by the team representing Respondent. Upon completion of the arguments, Petitioner shall have the option of submitting rebuttals, followed by Respondent.



- Sur-rebuttals shall be permitted for the same duration as the rebuttals. No submissions will be allowed after sur- rebuttals for either of the teams.
- The student counsels shall not state their names and/or any personal details during the oral rounds. They are also not allowed to reveal their Institution's name and must use the Team Code.

PROCEDURE FOR ORAL SUBMISSION

Time Division

The division of time between the two speakers is up to the team's discretion; however, each speaker must speak for a minimum of 7 minutes.

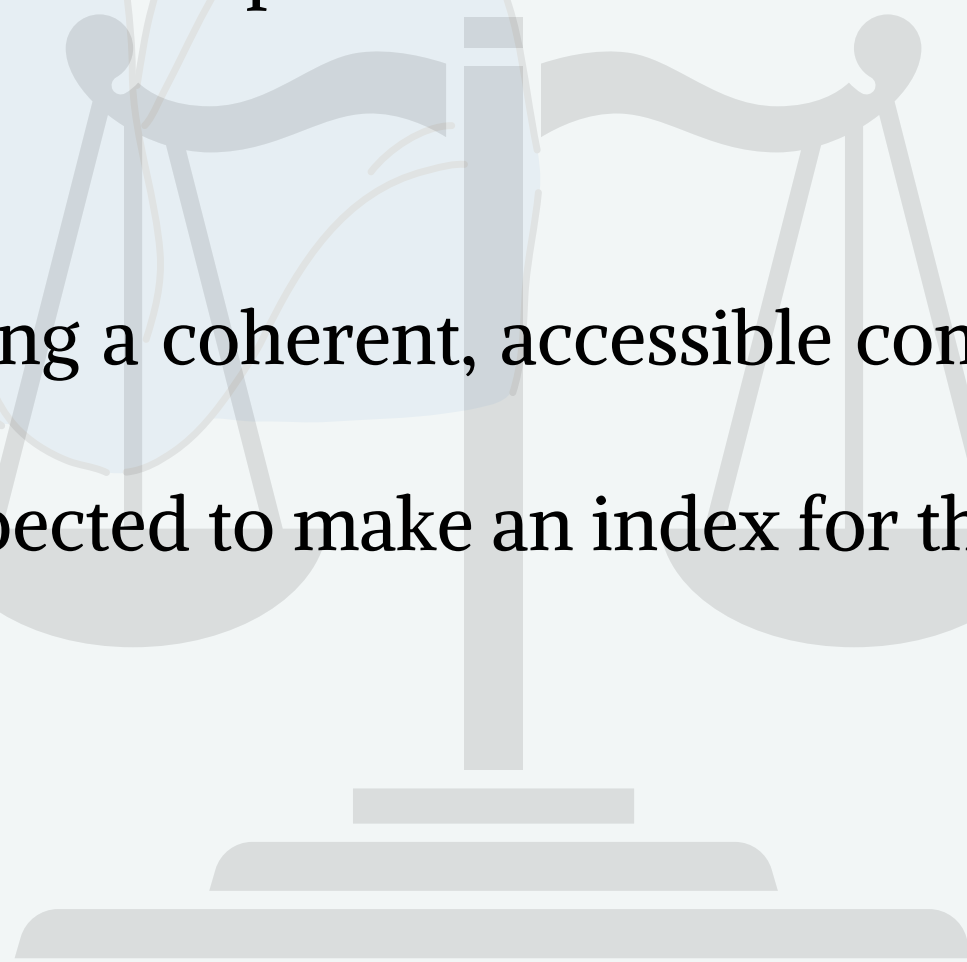
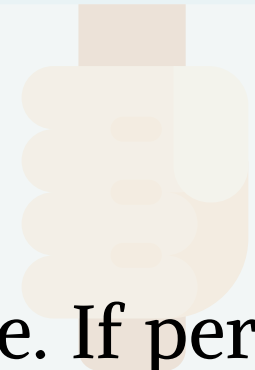
Communication to the Organizing Committee:

Before the Oral Round, teams must inform the organizers about the time division between i) the first speaker, ii) the second speaker, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Petitioner) or sur - rebuttal (for Respondent).

COMPENDIUM

1. It is not mandatory to submit a compendium, but if a team chooses to do so, it is mandatory to do so in a hard copy, and the guidelines for the same are as follows:
2. The Compendium can be presented at the discretion of the Judge. If permitted, it must happen 10 minutes before the beginning of the rounds.
3. The compendium for the book/case or any other resource shall be cited on the first page of the resource and the relevant pages only. For instance, for citing a paragraph(s) from a case X v. Y, the first page of the case, followed by relevant pages, shall be cited for this part of the compendium.
4. The responsibility of making a coherent, accessible compendium folder lies with the teams. Teams are also expected to make an index for their compilation.

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PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

1. **Details of the Round:** There shall be two preliminary rounds: Rounds 1 and 2
2. Each team shall argue in both rounds from both sides. Teams will argue once as a Petitioner and once as Respondent.
3. **Determination of Fixtures:** The Draw of Lots system shall determine the match-ups.
4. **Adjudging Bench:** No team shall face the same bench more than once in the preliminary rounds.
5. **Oral Arguments:**
 - The oral arguments should not extend beyond the issues in the memorandums.
 - Each team shall be allotted 15 minutes to present their case this shall include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals, and surrebuttals
6. **The researcher is also required to attend the oral rounds.**
7. **Evaluation of Rounds:** The aggregate score for both the rounds, shall be tabulated, and the teams securing the top 16 ranks shall qualify for the Octa-Rounds

OCTA-ROUNDS

1. **Details of the Round:** Teams with the top 16 ranks from the Preliminary Rounds, shall qualify for the Octa-Round.

2. **Determination of Fixtures:** The Draw of Lots system shall determine the match-ups.

3. **Adjudging Bench:** No team shall face the same bench more than once in the rounds.

4. **Oral Arguments:**

- The oral arguments should not extend beyond the issues in the memorandums.
- Each team shall be allotted 20 minutes to present their case; this shall include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals, and surrebuttals
- The researcher is also required to attend the oral rounds.

5. **Evaluation of Rounds:** The cumulative score shall be tabulated, and the teams that secure the highest scores in each court hall shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

1. Details of the Round: Based on Knockout, the teams that have secured the highest scores "in each court hall of the Octa Rounds" shall qualify for the quarter-final Rounds.

2. Determination of Fixtures: The Draw of Lots system shall determine the match-ups.

3. Oral Arguments:

- The oral arguments should not extend beyond the issues in the memorandums.
- Each team shall be allotted 25 minutes to present their case; this shall include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals and surrebuttals.
- The researcher is also required to attend the oral rounds.

4. Evaluation of Rounds: The cumulative score shall be tabulated, and the teams that secure the highest scores in each court hall shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds

SEMI - FINAL ROUND

1. Details of the Round: The teams with the highest scores, "in each court hall of the quarter final rounds", based upon Knockout shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.

In case of a tie, the scores of the memorandum will be used to evaluate the teams.

2. Determination of Fixtures: The Draw of Lots system shall determine the match- ups.

3. Oral Arguments:

- The oral arguments should not extend beyond the issues in the memorandums.
- Each team shall be allotted 30 minutes to present their case; this shall include time
- Allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals, and surrebuttals.
- The researcher is also required to attend the oral rounds. .

4. Evaluation of Rounds: The cumulative score shall be tabulated, and the teams that secure the highest scores in each court hall shall qualify for the Final Rounds.

5. The second runner up will be ascertained by considering the team that secured the highest scores out of the teams that could not qualify for the final round.

FINAL ROUND

1. Details of the Round: Two teams with the highest scores, in each court hall of the semi-final round, based upon Knockout, marks shall qualify for the finals. In case of a tie, the scores of the memorandum will be used to evaluate the teams.

2. Determination of Fixtures: The Draw of Lots system shall determine the match-ups.

3. Oral Arguments:

- Each team shall be allotted 40 minutes to present their case, including time allotted for advanced arguments, rebuttals and surrebuttals.
- The oral arguments should not extend beyond the issues in the memorandums.
- The researcher is also required to attend the oral rounds.

4. Evaluation of Rounds: The team securing the highest marks in the Final Round shall be declared the competition's winner. In case of a tie, the memorandum scores shall be used to declare the Winner.

5. The Second Runner-up will be ascertained by considering the team that secured the highest scores out of the teams that could not qualify for the final round.

Rules And Regulations for Accommodation

(For Students Registered for the National Moot Court Competition at St. Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru)

1. Accommodation is provided only for teams who are from outside Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural Districts.

2. It is not compulsory for teams to take accommodation arranged by the organising committee; the organising committee arranges accommodation only to those teams who make a specific request in this regard.

3. The places identified for accommodation are :

- a. Ashirvad Interfaith Dialogue Centre, St. Marks Road Bengaluru**
- b. Holy Cross Brothers Accommodation facility**

Both of these centres are connected to religious congregations and therefore they strictly follow rules regarding conduct of persons residing in their campus.

4. Room Allotment:

- Accommodation will be allotted by the Faculty Coordinators of the Moot Court Society (MCS) based on gender.
- Any requests for changes in room allotment will be subject to the discretion of the Faculty Coordinators.

5. Check-in & Check-out:

- a. Participants must inform the organizers in advance about their check-in and check-out timings.
- b. Late check-ins or early check-outs must be communicated at least 24 hours prior.

6. Code of Conduct:

- Participants must respect fellow participants, coordinators, and accommodation staff at all times.
- Participants shall immediately report their concerns regarding the accommodation facility to the designated coordinators of the MCS after checking into the room upon arrival.
- Participants are expected to behave in a professional manner at all times in the accommodation facility.

7. Prohibited Activities:

Smoking, consumption of alcohol, substance use, or possession of any of these items and illegal items within the premises is strictly prohibited.

b. The staff of the accommodation facility and the organisers have the right to inspect the premises.

c. Any violation that is identified will result in immediate disqualification from the competition and further disciplinary action decided by the faculty coordinators.

8. General Rules:

- Participants are responsible for maintaining cleanliness and discipline in their allotted rooms.
- Any damage to property will be charged to the responsible individual or team.
- Silence must be maintained after 10:00 PM to ensure a peaceful environment for all.

9. Security & Compliance:

- Participants must carry their ID cards at all times and cooperate with security personnel.
- The curfew time in each of the accommodation centers must be strictly complied by the participants.

c. Discussion is allowed as long as it doesn't disturb those who are residing in the centre of accommodation.

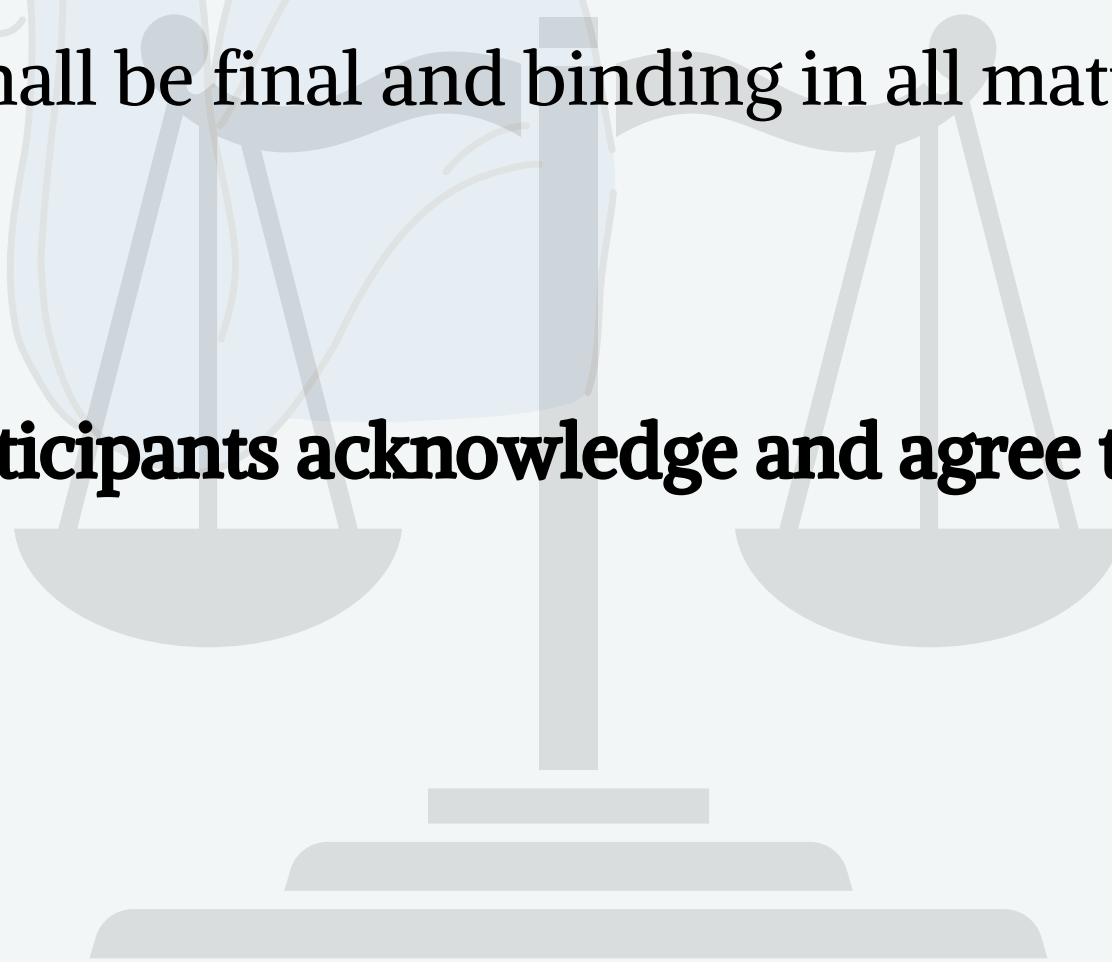
10. Provision for Meals

- All participants will be provided with refreshments from Friday in the college campus post the completion of registration formalities.
- It is not compulsory for all participants to take all courses of meals. Therefore, participants must carefully fill the registration form regarding the requirements for the same.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in strict action, including removal from the accommodation and disqualification from the competition. The decision of the Faculty Coordinators shall be final and binding in all matters.

Note: By checking in, participants acknowledge and agree to abide by these rules

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1. Participants at all times are expected to keep their devices on full charge with adequate network range for instant updates outside the court halls.
2. Participants must strictly adhere to the Dress Code rules mentioned under General Procedure.
3. The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change, or repeal any of the Competition Rules. The Organising Committee shall communicate any changes made in the Competition Rules to the teams.
4. The Organising Committee reserves the right to decide on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding.
5. The Organising Committee reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.

6. If any team member is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team has been duly notified or informed.

7. All participating teams will be provided with a Certificate of participation.



Important Dates

Release of Proposition	5th March
Last Date of Registration	14th March
Last Date of Payment of Registration Fee	16th March
Last date for Queries regarding the Problem	18th March
Release Of Clarifications	20th March
Last date of submission of Moot Memorials (Soft Copy)	24th March
Last date for Submission of Moot Memorials (Hard Copy)	4th April
Inaugural Ceremony	4th April
Researchers Test	4th April
Prelims Rounds, Octa Round &Quarter Finals	5th April
Semi Final Round, Final Round and Valedictory Ceremony	6th April

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