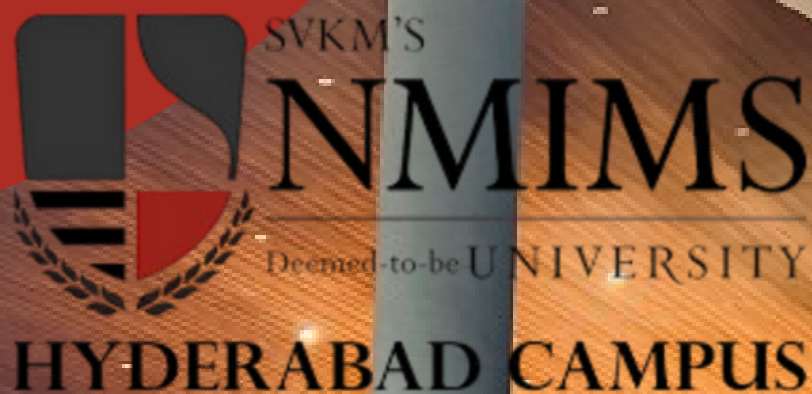




PRESENTS

**3rd NMIMS
HYDERABAD
MOOT COURT
COMPETITION, 2025**

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1. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will be conducted in two stages:

Stage I: Memorial Elimination Round

This stage is open to all registered teams. The results will be determined based on the evaluation of memorial submissions, and the top 24 teams will advance to Stage II.

Stage II: Oral Rounds

Teams qualifying from Stage I will proceed to the Oral Rounds, which include the Preliminary Rounds followed by the Advanced Rounds, comprising the Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals.

2. LANGUAGE

All oral and written submissions must be made in English, as it will serve as the official language of the competition.

3. INTERPRETATION

The Organizing Committee will hold the exclusive authority to interpret the Rules, ensuring fairness and equality. Any interpretation provided by the Committee shall be considered conclusive, and its decisions regarding the application of these Rules will be deemed final.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. The competition is open to students currently pursuing an LL.B. degree (3-year or 5-year courses) or an LL.M. postgraduate degree.

4.2. Teams must consist of members from the same institution.

4.3. Each institution may be represented by a maximum of Two Teams.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

5.1. Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members, both designated as Speakers.

5.2. Teams may include up to three members, with two designated as Speakers and one as a Researcher. The Researcher may be allowed to assume the role of a Speaker in cases of illness or other unforeseen circumstances, subject to mandatory approval by the Organizing Committee.

5.3. Once registered, teams are not permitted to alter their composition. Any changes may only be made with the explicit approval of the Organizing Committee and must be supported by valid reasons.

5.4. Any updates regarding contact details must be promptly communicated to the Organizing Committee. This obligation remains in effect for the entire duration of the competition.

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6. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- 6.1. While completing the Registration Form, each team must designate a primary contact person, referred to as the "Point of Contact" (POC). All official communications regarding the competition will be sent via email to the designated contact person.
- 6.2. The POC is responsible for relaying all received information to their team. Additionally, teams must include the email address of their respective committee in the Registration Form.
- 6.3. Upon submission of the provisional registration form, a confirmation email shall be sent.
- 6.4. Payment of the registration fee is mandatory prior to completing the final registration form.

A. PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

- i. Teams are required to provisionally register by completing the Provisional Registration Form.
PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION FORM – <https://forms.gle/tny5nqaD1gVraL3Z7>
- ii. The deadline for provisionally registering the form is **8th March, 2025** by **11:59 PM IST**.
- iii. A maximum of 60 teams will be permitted to participate, determined on a first-come, first-served basis.
- iv. Teams selected for participation will receive a confirmation email.

B. FINAL REGISTRATION

- i. Upon receiving the confirmation email, teams are required to complete the final registration form*.
FINAL REGISTRATION FORM – <https://forms.gle/wCvLpBf3skyC4NPC7>
- ii. The deadline for completing all registration and payment formalities is **9th March, 2025**, by **11:59 PM IST**.
- iii. Confirmation of registration will be communicated to the teams by the organizers after all registration formalities have been completed and verified.
- iv. Each team will be assigned a Team Code, which must be used as their sole identifier throughout all stages of the competition.

C. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- i. The teams that have qualified for semi-finals shall be required to make an additional payment of INR 2,000 for accommodation for 3 days from **11th April, 2025 [12PM IST] to 13th April, 2025 [12PM IST]**.
TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION FORM – shall be shared via mail to qualifying participants.
- ii. Upon qualifying to semi-final rounds, the top 4 teams shall be required to be present at the campus premises for the further rounds on **12th April, 2025** before offline registration closes.
- iii. The fee shall cover lodging and food. Any team who seek to extend their accommodation before and/or beyond the timeframe mentioned shall be levied an additional charge of **INR 500** per person per day.
- iv. Smoking and drinking are strictly prohibited in the provided accommodation.*
- v. Parents, observers, coaches, or other additional individuals will not be accommodated.
- vi. Transportation to teams shall not be provided.*

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D. PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE

i. All teams are required to pay a registration fee as per the below bifurcations via online bank transfer to complete their registration for the competition upon receiving confirmation of preliminary registration.* The payment details must be uploaded as part of the registration form.

ii. The account details are:

Account Holder Name- SVKM'S NMIMS DEEMED UNIVERSITY

Bank – HDFC BANK

Branch- TARNAKA, HYDERABAD

Account Number – 50200017463427

IFSC Code - HDFC0004291

iv. For primary registration to participate in the memorial selection round (Stage I) the teams shall be required to make a payment of **INR 1,500** initially.

v. Upon qualifying the memorial selection round, the top 24 teams that have qualified to Stage II shall make a further payment of **INR 3,500** further.

vi. Upon making it to the Semi-finals, the top 4 qualifying teams to the rounds shall be required to make an additional payment of **INR 2,000** for accommodation at the campus premises.

7. CLARIFICATIONS

7.1. All requests for clarifications regarding the problem must be submitted through the provided form no later than **28th February, 2025, (11:59 P.M. IST)**.

Clarification Form: <https://forms.gle/Lb4MLQgBd5fVFrgK7>

7.2. Requests for clarifications should be specific and pertain to the facts of the case, excluding substantive arguments.

7.3. All clarifications will be communicated to the teams via email.

7.4. Any clarifications issued will form an integral part of the Moot Problem.

8. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

8.1. Teams must not disclose the name of their institution or the names of the participants in the Memorials or during oral arguments. Additionally, teams are prohibited from using or displaying any logos, pins, badges, or similar identifiers in the Memorials or during oral proceedings.

8.2. Each team shall be identified solely by the team code assigned upon registration.

8.3. Any violation of Rule 8.1. at any stage of the competition may result in disqualification, as determined by the Organizing Committee.

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9. MEMORIALS

a. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

9.1. GENERAL

9.1.1. All Memorials submitted for the competition must strictly comply with the competition rules. Each participating team is required to prepare one written submission on behalf of the Petitioner(s) and one on behalf of the Respondent(s).

9.1.2. All Memorials must be written in English.

9.2. SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS

9.2.1. Memorial files must be named in the following format: "Team Code XY – Petitioner/Respondent." For example, "TC 01 – Petitioner."

9.2.2. Teams must submit soft copies of their Memorials for both sides (Petitioner and Respondent) no later than **14th March 2025 [11:59 PM IST]***.

9.2.3. Memorials must be submitted in **PDF format** exclusively through the provided Google Form link:

MEMORIAL SUBMISSION FORM – <https://forms.gle/7Wedeb3DVQddzdpK7>

9.2.4. Once submitted, the soft copies of the Memorials cannot be revised or resubmitted.

9.2.5. Submissions made **12 hours** after the memorial submission deadline will not be accepted and such teams shall be disqualified from the Competition.

9.2.6. Late submissions will incur penalties as follows: 3 points for every 1 hour of delay. No extensions will be granted for the submission deadline.

9.2.7. Additionally, the top 4 teams qualifying for the semi-finals must submit **7 hard copies** of their written submissions for each side (Petitioner and Respondent), totaling 14 copies, at the time of registration upon arrival at the campus for the physical rounds.

9.2.8. All memorials will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in Annexure - 1 (Memorial Evaluation).

9.2.9. Penalties for non-compliance with the prescribed guidelines will be applied as per the details provided in Annexure - II (Penalties).

b. MEMORIAL FORMAT

9.3. MEMORIAL STRUCTURE

9.3.1. Each Memorial must include only the following components:

- A. Cover Page
- B. Table of Contents
- C. Table of Abbreviations
- D. Index of Authorities
- E. Statement of Jurisdiction

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- F. Statement of Facts
- G. Issues Raised
- H. Summary of Arguments
- I. Arguments Advanced
- J. Prayer

9.3.2. Font and Spacing

A. **Team Code:** The team code must appear in the upper-right corner of the cover page.

B. Content Specifications:

- i. Font (General): Times New Roman, 12 pts
- ii. Line Spacing (General): 1.5
- iii. Font (Footnotes): Times New Roman, 10 pts
- iv. Line Spacing (Footnotes): Single line
- v. Page Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- vi. Citations must comply with the 20th Edition of the Bluebook.

C. MEMORIAL CONTENT

- i. The Arguments Advanced section must not exceed **30 pages**.
- ii. The Memorial as a whole must not exceed **50 pages**, including the cover page.
- iii. Citations must follow the **20th Edition of the Bluebook**.
- iv. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not permitted.
- v. The cover page of the Memorial must display the team registration code in the upper-right corner, followed by a "P" for the Petitioner(s)' Memorial or an "R" for the Respondent(s)' Memorial.
- vi. Non-compliance with the rules will result in penalties as outlined in the Penalties Table provided in the brochure.

10. COMPENDIUM

- 10.1. it is not mandatory to submit a compendium; however, if submitted, it must adhere to the following guidelines:
- a. Teams may prepare one Petitioner Compendium and one Respondent Compendium, separately.
 - b. To avoid unnecessary bulk, each compendium should include only the first page and relevant pages of the resources cited, such as books or case laws. For example, if citing specific paragraphs from a case like X v. Y, the compendium should contain the first page of the case followed by the relevant pages.
 - c. Compendium files must be named in the following format: "C-'Team Code'-Side." For example, the Respondent compendium for team code 10 should be named "C10R."
 - d. All Compendiums must be in English.

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e. The soft copy of the compendium must be submitted by **14th March 2025 (11:59 PM IST)*** in the link provided for memorial submission.

f. The top 4 qualifying teams for the semi-final rounds must bring hard copies of their compendiums and submit them during registration for the offline rounds.

10.2. The teams having submitted their compendiums along with their memorials and having qualified to the Top 4 must submit hardcopies of their compendiums at the time of registration in the campus premises.

10.3. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for any difficulties judges may encounter in locating a relevant document or page. Additionally, the compendium should not reveal the identity of the participants. Any breach of anonymity may result in disqualification.



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ORAL ROUNDS

11.1. SCORING CRITERIA

S.NO	PARTICULARS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1	Knowledge and Presentation of Facts	20
2	Knowledge and understanding of legal provisions and principles/Applications of law	20
3	Organization,presentation and flow of arguments	10
4	Logical Reasoning, Clarity, Brevity and ingenuity of arguments with ability to answer questions	10
5	Court Etiquettes(Style,Poise, Courtsey, Demenour)	10
6	Time management and advocacy skills	10
7	Co-ordination and Teamwork	10
8	Adequacy/Efficacy of the prayer	10
	Total Marks	100

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11.2. GENERAL PROCEDURE

11.2.1. The oral rounds of the competition will be conducted in a hybrid format, with the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds held online, and the semi-finals and finals conducted in person at the NMIMS Hyderabad campus.

11.2.2. The preliminary rounds will comprise two sessions: **Preliminary Round-I** ("Prelim-I") and **Preliminary Round-II** ("Prelim-II").

11.2.3. In each session, the team representing the Petitioner(s) will present their arguments first, followed by the team representing the Respondent(s). After the initial arguments, the Petitioner(s) may opt to submit rebuttals, which will be followed by the Respondent(s)' sur-rebuttals, subject to the discretion of the judges.

11.2.4. During the oral rounds, student counsels may state their names but are strictly prohibited from disclosing the name of their institution. In all circumstances, they must identify themselves using the team code.

11.2.5. The researcher must remain present with the speakers during all oral rounds. The researcher is not permitted to speak or address the bench, unless specifically invited to do so by the judge.

11.2.6. Memorials for the preliminary rounds will be exchanged via email following the **Inaugural Ceremony**. For subsequent rounds, memorial exchanges will take place via email at a reasonable time prior to the quarterfinal rounds, as determined by the **Organizing Committee**.

11.2.7. For the **semi-finals and finals**, memorial exchanges will occur physically at the **NMIMS Hyderabad campus**, following the **registration** process.

11.2.8. For rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, only one speaker shall be allowed to present.

11.2.9. Pleading time can be extended only on the discretion of the judges.

11.2.10. For the **online rounds**, participants must ensure a stable internet connection. In the event of a poor connection, a **waiting time of 10 minutes** will be allowed. Any delay beyond this period will result in **disqualification**.

11.2.11. The Organizing Committee will **not be responsible** for any technical issues originating from the participants' side. The same rule applies if a participant fails to report at the stipulated time, regardless of the reason.

11.2.11. The online oral rounds shall be conducted via an online platform of whose link shall be intimated to the participants after the memorial selection results.

11.3. PROCEDURE FOR ORAL SUBMISSIONS

11.3.1. In the preliminary rounds and quarterfinals, each team will be allocated **30 minutes** to present their case. This time includes the presentation of arguments, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals.

11.3.2. In the semifinals and finals, each team will be allotted **45 minutes** to present their case, including time for arguments, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals.

11.3.3. The division of time between the two speakers is at the team's discretion; however, each speaker must address the court for a minimum of **10 minutes**.

11.3.4. Prior to the commencement of the oral round, the team must inform the Organizing Committee of how they

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wish to divide the total time between their (i) first speaker, (ii) second speaker, and (iii) rebuttal (for the Petitioner) or sur-rebuttal (for the Respondent).

11.3.5. Oral arguments should remain strictly within the scope of the issues outlined in the memorials.

11.3.6. Researchers are required to be present during the oral rounds.

11.3.7. The maximum marks for the oral rounds will be **100 marks per speaker, per judge**.

11.4. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

11.4.1. All teams that qualify in **Stage I: Memorial Evaluation Round** will be eligible to participate in the preliminary rounds.

11.4.2. There will be two preliminary rounds. Each team will argue in both rounds—once as the Petitioner(s) and once as the Respondent(s).

11.4.3. The draw of lots for this round shall take place online on the informed date and time by the organizing committee

11.4.4. The team has to argue either for Petitioner or for Respondent in the first preliminary round, after which the assigned sides will be changed for the second preliminary round.

11.4.5. No team shall argue in front of the same judge twice.

11.5. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

11.5.1. The **top 8 teams** with the highest points on the basis of win-loss system will qualify for the quarter-finals. In the event of a tie, the memorial marks will be considered as the deciding factor.

11.5.2. The match-ups for the quarter-final rounds will be determined through a lot system, which will take place online immediately after the results are announced.

11.6. SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS

11.6.1. The winning teams from each of the four quarter-final rounds will advance to the Semi-final Rounds through a knock-out system on the basis of win-loss markings.

11.6.2. The pairings for the Semi-final Rounds will be determined through a lot system, which will take place at the campus premises on the evening of **12th April 2025**, following the registration process.

11.6.3. In the event of a tie, memorial marks of the teams will be considered as the deciding factor.

11.7. FINAL ROUNDS

11.7.1. The winning team from each of the two semi-final rounds will advance to the final round through a knock-out system on the basis of win-loss markings.

11.7.2. The winner of the final round will be declared the overall winner of the competition.

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12. JUDGING OF ORAL ROUNDS

12.1. Each round will be decided based on the allocation of 3 points per judge per round, all awarded based on the Oral Scores of the teams.

12.2. A bench of **two judges** will preside over both the Preliminary Rounds and the Quarter-Final Rounds.

12.3. In the Preliminary Rounds, three (3) points per judge will be awarded as follows:

- If the cumulative Oral Score of one team exceeds the other team's cumulative Oral Score by 10% or more of the higher cumulative Oral Score, the team with the higher score will receive 3 points, and the other team will receive 0 points.
- If the difference in scores is less than 10%, the team with the higher score will receive 2 points, and the other team will receive 1 point.
- In the case of a tie in the cumulative Oral Scores for the round, both teams will be awarded 1.5 points each by that judge.

12.4. After both Preliminary Rounds are completed, the total points for each team will be calculated, and a leaderboard will reveal the top eight (8) teams.

- In the case of a tie for the same position on the leaderboard, the Memorial Marks will be considered. The team with the higher Memorial Marks will secure the higher ranking.

12.5. The same win-loss methodology will be applied in the Quarter-Final Rounds, producing a leaderboard of the top eight (8) teams.

12.6. Both the Semi-Final and Final Rounds will follow a knockout format, where the winner will be determined based on the win-loss methodology.

- In the event of a tie, the Memorial Marks will be considered to determine the winner of the rounds.

13. SCOUTING

13.1. Scouting is **strictly prohibited**.

13.2. Any individual may submit a complaint regarding scouting to the organizers through an email addressed to [**mcs.solhyd@nmims.edu.in**](mailto:mcs.solhyd@nmims.edu.in).

13.3. Teams found engaging in scouting will be **disqualified immediately**.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

14.1. The rules of the competition are subject to modification as deemed necessary by the Organizing Committee at any stage of the competition. The Organizing Committee shall communicate any changes made in the rules to the teams.

14.2. Any official communication from the Organizing Committee, through any authorized channel, shall be considered a valid intimation. Teams are, therefore, advised to remain attentive to any announcements made by the Organizing Committee.

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114.3. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

14.4. Any form of action not consented by the rules and guidelines, the Organizing Committee shall not be liable for the same.

14.5. Use of electronic devices i.e., laptops and tablets during the physical oral rounds is permitted for the speaker only. Use of these devices to communicate with any person is prohibited.

14.6. Participants shall be required to be dressed in formal courtroom attire during the course of the competition, i.e., while attending the Inaugural and Valedictory Ceremonies of the Competition, and online and/or offline rounds.

15. AWARDS

15.1. The winner of the Final Round will be declared the “Winning Team”, while the other finalist will be declared the ‘Runner-up’.

19.2. The teams with the highest total memorial score will be awarded the “Best Memorial” award.

19.3. The speaker with the highest average score at the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds will be adjudged as the “Best Speaker”.

19.4. Awards shall include Monetary Prizes and Merit Certificates to the meritorious participants

- WINNERS: **INR 40,000/- and Trophy**
- RUNNERS-UP: **INR 25,000/- and Trophy**
- BEST SPEAKER: **INR 10,000/-**
- BEST MEMORIAL: **INR 5,000/-**

SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

8th March, 2025	Last Date for Provisional Registration
9th March, 2025	Last Date for Final Registration
28th February, 2025	Last Date for Seeking Clarifications
2nd March, 2025	Release of Clarifications
14th March, 2025	Submission of Memorials
26th March, 2025	Declaration of Results
28th March, 2025	Inaugural Ceremmony, Draw of Lots & Exchange of Memorials
29th March, 2025	Preliminary Rounds 1 & 2 , Quarter Finals (Online)
12th April, 2025	Semi Final Rounds, Final Rounds & Valedictory Ceremony

ANNEXURE - I

MEMORIAL EVALUATION

S. NO.	PARTICULARS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW AND FACTS	20
2.	INTERPRETATION OF LAW AND APPLICATION OF LAW	20
3.	EXTENT AND USE OF RESEARCH	20
4.	CLARITY AND ORGANISATION	20
5.	ADHEARANCE TO THE NORMS REGARDING STYLAR, GRAMMER AND CITATION OF THE SOURCE	20
5.	TOTAL	100

ANNEXURE - II (PENALTIES)

S.N o.	Particulars	Marks
1.	Delay in submission of memorial (A team submitting its memorial beyond 12hrs after the deadline shall be disqualified)	03 marks per hour
2.	Resubmission of memorial	05 marks
3.	Incorrect font, size, margins, citation style, or spacing	02 marks
4.	Disclosure of team identity by any means	05 mark
5.	Use of any electronic device during the proceeding (offline)	Disqualification
6.	Scouting	Disqualification
7.	Exceeding page limit of arguments advanced (30 pages)	2 marks per page
9.	Failure to include all the sections	05 marks
10.	Failure to follow guidelines for the cover section	05 marks
11.	Plagiarism in Memorials beyond 15%	01 Mark for every 5%

IMPORTANT LINKS

- PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION FORM : <https://forms.gle/tny5nqaD1gVraL3Z7>
- FINAL REGISTRATION FORM: <https://forms.gle/wCvLpBf3skyC4NPC7>
- CLARIFICATION FORM: <https://forms.gle/Lb4MLQgBd5fVFrgK7>
- MEMORIAL SUBMISSION FORM: <https://forms.gle/7Wedeb3DVQddzdpK7>



CONTACT DETAILS

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