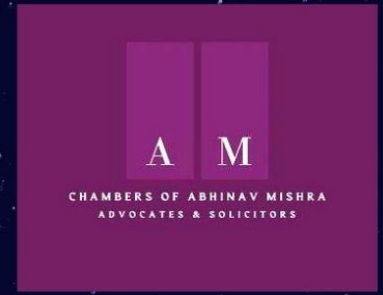




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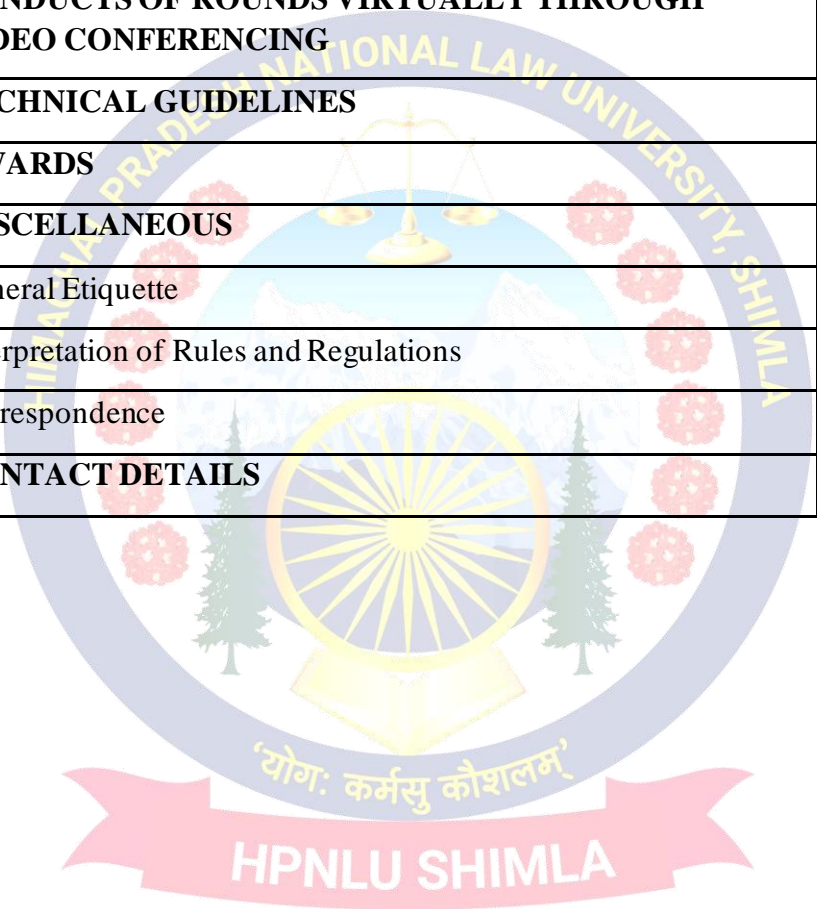
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Short Title:

These shall be called as the Rules for the *HPNLU's 1st National Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, 2022* (Hereinafter referred to as the "Competition").

2. General Information:

- i. The Competition is being conducted by the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla in association with Chambers of Abhinav Mishra, Advocates and Solicitors and shall be held from 25th to 27th March, 2022 through virtual mode.
- ii. The Competition shall consist of a Researcher's Test and the following Oral Rounds of Arguments:
 - Preliminary Round
 - Octa-Final Round
 - Quarter-Final Round
 - Semi-Final Round
 - Final Round
- iii. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereinunder and the Participants are required to adhere to the same.

3. Definitions:

- i. "**Administrator**" means The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla and Chambers of Abhinav Mishra, Advocates and Solicitors.
- ii. "**Bench**" means the Judges of the Oral Rounds of arguments collectively.
- iii. "**Bench Memorandum**" means the Memorandum of law and authorities concerning the Moot Proposition prepared by the Administrators for the exclusive use of the Bench.
- iv. "**Compendium**" means a compilation of the legal authorities that a team seeks to rely upon during the Oral arguments and shall form an integral part of their submissions and arguments raised.
- v. "**Competition**" means the 1st HPNLU National Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, 2022 to be held from 25th to 27th March, 2022.
- vi. "**Court**" shall mean the 'Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bharat'.
- vii. "**Identity**" means any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team and the state or region where such

Institution/College/University is located and includes any identification marks/seal of the Team but does not include the 'Team Code' allotted by the Organizing Committee to the respective participating team.

- viii. “**Match**” means a single competitive pairing involving one Petitioner and one Respondent and includes a judged moot and comparison of the Memorial scores of the Team.
- ix. “**Memorial**” means the written pleadings of each team, submitted pursuant to these rules.
- x. “**Memorial Evaluator**” means and includes evaluator(s) who will be responsible for marking the memorials submitted by the Team(s).
- xi. “**Moot**” means a single oral presentation between two teams, one representing the Petitioner and another representing the Respondent.
- xii. “**Moot Proposition**” means the official Moot Problem of the Competition, prepared by the Administrator and reviewed by externals and, supplemented, corrected, or clarified thereof.
- xiii. “**Oral Rounds**” means a Team’s pleadings, comprising of both speakers, submitted orally before the Bench on behalf of either the Petitioner or the Respondent.
- xiv. “**Organizers**” means the Moot Court Committee of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.
- xv. “**Participating Institution**” shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams.
- xvi. “**Penalty**” means the consequence of a rule violation as in line with these rules.
- xvii. “**Petitioner**” shall mean the one presenting the Petition to the Hon’ble Court.
- xviii. “**Pleadings**” means and include both written submissions in the Memorial and submissions made in the Oral Rounds.
- xix. “**Power Match-ups**” means the fixtures for the Oral Rounds of the Competition on the basis of a power match-up. It is clarified that the competition shall progress on the basis of power match-ups from the Octa-Final Round on the basis of the ranks secured by the top 16 teams in the preliminary rounds. For instance, Rank 1 vs. Rank 16, Rank 2 vs. Rank 15 so on and so forth.
- xx. “**Rebuttals**” means the challenges presented by the Petitioner in response to the Respondent’s submissions.

- xxi. “**Researcher’s Test**” shall mean the test explained in the Rules for the Competition.”
- xxii. “**Respondent**” shall mean the party responding to the petition filed by the Petitioner before the Hon’ble Court.
- xxiii. “**Rules**” means the HPNLU’s, 1st National Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition Rules, 2022.
- xxiv. “**Scouting**” means to obtain information or evaluate other team’s performance in any manner which is illegal and against the spirit of the Competition.
- xxv. “**Sur-rebuttal**” means the defense presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals as defined above.
- xxvi. “**Submissions**” means and includes Pleadings both oral and written, both on facts and on law.
- xxvii. “**Team**” means the team which is eligible to participate in the Competition after completion of the registration procedure.

II. GENERAL RULES

1. Date and Venue of the Competition:

- i. The HPNLU’s, 1st National Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, 2022 will be held from 25th -27th March, 2022 at the campus of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, 16 Miles, Shimla-Mandi National Highway Ghandal, District Shimla, HP-171014 via the online platform “Cisco WebEx”. The respective teams shall participate from their preferred physical venues.

2. Team Eligibility:

- i. Participation is strictly restricted to bonafide undergraduate law students pursuing the three years or five years LL.B. degree programme from the Institution/University recognized by Bar Council of India.
- ii. Only ONE team can register from a law school or college of a recognized university/institution as a participant in the Competition. During registration, teams are required to submit a No Objection Certificate (“NOC”). The NOC needs to be sent by the Head/Dean/Faculty coordinator of the Institution/Moot Court Committee, authorizing the team to participate on behalf of the institution as provided in the Registration Form (link is given below).

3. Team Composition:

- i. Each team may comprise a minimum of two (2) and not more than three (3) members. The team composition may be of two (2) speakers only or of two (2) speakers and one (1) researcher.
- ii. Once registered, a team will not be permitted to vary the composition of the team members in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the Administrators (at their discretion), if due reason is shown for the same.
- iii. Any changes with respect to the contact details shall be notified to the Administrators with immediate effect. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition.
- iv. Certificates for participating team members will be prepared from the team list submitted. The certificates of participation will reflect the names of the team members exactly as they have been submitted. It is, therefore, incumbent on teams to ensure that names are spelt and presented correctly.

4. Language:

- i. English shall be the official language for the conduct of the Competition.

5. Registration:

- i. **Procedure for Registration:** The procedure for registration for the competition, is as follows:
 - a. **Registration-** Interested teams are required to register themselves to participate in the Competition by filling a registration form. The link to the form is given below-

[Registration Link \(Click Here for the Link\)](#)

- b. During registration, teams are required to submit a No Objection Certificate (“NOC”). The NOC needs to be sent by the Head/Dean/Faculty coordinator of the Institution/Moot Court Committee, authorizing the team to participate on behalf of the institution as provided in the Registration Form.
- ii. **Deadline for the online Registration** - February 20th, 2022 (Till 11:59 P.M. IST).
- iii. **Registration Fee** - INR 3, 000/- (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only (Per Team)).
- iv. The confirmation of Registration will be notified to the teams by the Organizers, after the completion and verification of the Registration formalities.

- v. The teams will be provided with a **Team Code** and in any stage of the Competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team code.
- vi. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their Institution at any time and in any manner during their participation in the Competition. Non – compliance with this rule shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Organizers.
- vii. **Payment of Registration Fee:** The procedure for the payment of the Registration Fee shall be as follows:
- All the teams shall be required to make a payment of INR 3, 000/- (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only) via SBI Collect online bank to register for the Competition.
 - The last date for completion of all the registration formalities is on or before February 20th, 2022 (till 11:59 P.M. IST).
 - The link for the payment of Registration Fee through SBI Collect online bank transfer is provided below as well as in the Registration Form:

<https://www.onlinesbi.com/sbicollect/>

- Further instructions for the Fee payment through SBI Collect are provided in the manual, the link for the manual is provided as under:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yqCyNpIlnP73Odf6AOB_ZwO5usdFPbqP/view?usp=sharing

6. **Dress Code:**

- i. Participants shall be appropriately attired throughout the conduct of the Competition (Inauguration, Oral Rounds, Valedictory & Prize Distribution) in the manner provided below:
- The Dress Code shall strictly be:

For Gentlemen- Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers and a black blazer); and

For Ladies- Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers/skirt and a black blazer) or Indian Formals (White kurta, black salwar and black dupatta along with the black blazer).

[Robes and collar bands are not permitted.]

III. CLARIFICATIONS

- i. Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an E-Mail to:

mcc[at]hpnlu[dot]ac[dot]in on or before February 25th, 2022. The subject of the clarification E-Mail must be “Clarification(s) – 1st NIBMCC, 2022”.

[Note: Clarifications sent after the deadline shall not be entertained.]

- ii. A team may seek a maximum of five clarifications only. The Clarifications shall be released by the Organizers in consultation with the Administrators on February 28th, 2022. Clarifications will be sent to the respective teams on their E-Mail ID's.

[Note: The request for clarification shall only be made on the factual matrix of the Moot Proposition and no request whatsoever shall be entertained towards seeking clarification on the legal facets of the Moot Proposition. The clarification so issued shall be deemed to be final and absolute unless otherwise decided and communicated by the Organizers in consultation with the Administrators to the participating teams.]

IV. MEMORIAL AND MARKING EVALUATION

1. Strict adherence regarding the rules:

- i. The Teams are expected to strictly adhere to the Rules regarding submission of Memorial(s). Non-adherence to the same will attract penalties as provided under the Rules.

2. Memorials to be submitted from both sides:

- i. Each team must prepare Memorials for both the sides to the dispute i.e., the Petitioner(s) and the Respondent(s) as the case may be. The rules regarding the Memorial are stated as under:

3. General Conditions for Memorial:

- i. The Memorial shall not contain any form of identification apart from the Team Code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the Memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification of the participating team.

4. Specific Guidelines for Memorial:

- i. The Memorial has to be submitted only in soft copy.
- ii. Each Team shall submit the soft copy of the Memorial, in “pdf and doc” format on or before March 15th, 2022 not later than 11:59 pm [IST] through the Google Form which will be sent to each team.

- iii. Each Team has to send four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Memorial for the Petitioner(s) [one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx or .doc) format] and two (2) as Written Submission for the Respondent (s) [one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx or .doc) format].
- iv. The name of the Memorial should be according to the Team Code and the side (Petitioner and Respondent) for which the Written Submission is prepared. The Team Code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page and must be succeeded by the side for which the Memorial is prepared.
- v. A penalty of 1 (One) mark shall be levied in case the Memorial is submitted in any other format or as multiple files by the Team.
- vi. The team submitting their 'Memorial' after the last date of the submission shall stand "disqualified" from the competition.

5. **Guidelines for Formatting:**

- i. **Memorial Structure:** The Memorial must contain the following contents in the order as stated below:
 - a. **Cover Page** – The Cover Page must be BLUE for the Petitioner and RED for the Respondent. A penalty of 1 (One) mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses the wrong cover page in their Memorial. The Cover Page of the Memorial must contain the following information:
 - The 'team code' in the top right corner
 - The 'name' and 'year' of the Competition
 - The name of the case (Case Title)
 - The 'side' for which the Memorial has been prepared
 - Name of the 'forum' resolving the dispute
 - b. **Table of Contents**
 - c. **List of Abbreviations;**
 - d. **Index of Authorities:** The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial.
 - e. **Statement of Jurisdiction;**
 - f. **Statement of Facts:** The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts to the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to

the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts. Argumentative facts are prohibited. Statement of Facts shall not exceed 2 pages.

[Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each exceeded page.]

g. **Issues Raised;**

- h. **Summary of Arguments:** The summary of arguments should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not merely be the production of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The Summary of Arguments shall not exceed 2 pages.

[Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each exceeded page.]

- i. **Pleadings/Arguments Advanced:** All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced must not exceed 20 pages.

[Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 2 marks for each exceeded page.]

- j. **Prayer:** The Prayer shall not exceed 1 page.

- ii. **Team Code:** The team code must be ascribed to the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be succeeded by the side for which the Memorial is prepared. The teams must use “P” for Petitioner and “R” for Respondent. For instance, in the case of Team Code being TC-100, the team must write “TC-100 P” in case of Memorial for ‘Petitioner’ and “TC-100 R” in case of Memorial for ‘Respondent’.

- iii. **Margin:** The Memorial must maintain an equal margin of 1 inch on all sides.

- iv. **Basic compliance for Memorial:** The Memorial (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications: Paper size: A4, Font type: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, Line spacing: 1.5, Body of text: Justified.

[Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 02 marks for each side of the written submission.]

- v. **Footnotes:** The footnotes must be in font type: Times New Roman, Font size: 10, Line spacing: 1.0, Paragraph spacing: 0, no additional space between 2 footnotes and body of text and Justified with a Uniform Style of Citation (Bluebook, 20th Edition) to be strictly followed throughout the Memorial.

[Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 (One) mark per page.]

- vi. **Header and Footer:** The font used for the header/footer, if any, shall be Times New Roman, size 10 with single spacing.

6. **Marking criteria for the Memorial(s) submitted by the Teams:**

Memorial from each side shall carry a total of 100 marks. The written submissions shall be marked on the parameters which are laid down as under:

Sr. Nos.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Evidence of Original Thought	20
2.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
4.	Structure, Language and Grammar	15
5.	Extent and Use of Research	15
6.	Correct Format and Citation	10
	TOTAL	100

7. **Compendium:**

- i. All relevant case laws and statutory material and other evidence based on which the participants are going to present and substantiate their arguments may be submitted before the Bench during the Oral Rounds of arguments in the form of a 'Compendium' on or before March 22nd, 2022.
- ii. Participants shall ensure that anonymity is not violated while passing on any material to the Bench. If any mark, name, seal, symbol or logo of their institution/college/university is present, participants must ensure that the same is rendered unrecognizable.

8. **Exchange of Memorials:**

- i. The exchange of Memorial for the Preliminary Round shall take place on March 25th, 2022 before 12 Noon. The memorial exchange for the advanced round of competition(s) shall take place at least 1 (One) hour prior to the conduct of the advanced rounds (Octa-Finals, Quarter-Finals, Semi Finals and Finals).
- ii. Teams are prohibited from making any remarks on the opponent's Memorial, thus, exchanged. Teams are also prohibited from making any copies of the opponent's Memorial, electronically or otherwise.

9. **Researcher's Test:**

- i. The Researcher's Test for the Competition shall be conducted on March 25th, 2022, the method, link and timings of which shall be notified to the Teams well in advance of the date of the test.

- ii. Only the 'Researcher' is supposed to give the test. In case there are only two members in a team, one member must give the test.
- iii. The test will be conducted by way of any online form and for that using only a desktop or laptop shall be permissible.
- iv. It is a mandatory requirement to maintain a good and stable internet connection; it cannot be later on used as an excuse by the participant for non-submission of the Researcher's Test on time.
- v. It is mandatory for each participating team to give the Researcher's Test.
- vi. In case of any internet issues or other technical issues faced by the Researcher, the Researcher is required to forthwith inform the Organizers with a screenshot of the issue being faced via Email and/or WhatsApp with the Team Code mentioned. Any delayed notice of such an incident will not be entertained.

V. ORAL SUBMISSIONS AND MARKING EVALUATION

1. General Guidelines for Oral Submissions:

- i. Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in their written submissions.
- ii. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets for research or reference purposes is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds, subject to the discretion of the Bench.
- iii. Participants may use their bare acts, print outs and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.
- iv. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final and binding.

2. Structure of Rounds:

- i. The Competition shall be conducted over a period of 3 (Three) days i.e., from 25th to 27th March, 2022.
- ii. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:
 - a. Preliminary Rounds; and
 - b. Advanced Rounds:
 - Octa-finals

- Quarter-finals
 - Semi-finals
 - Finals
- iii. During each of the abovementioned rounds, the order in which the Teams shall present their arguments are as follows:
- Petitioner Speaker-1
 - Petitioner Speaker -2
 - Respondent Speaker-1
 - Respondent Speaker-2
- iv. **Rebuttal (Petitioner)** - By any one of the two Speakers.
- v. **Sur-Rebuttal (Respondent)** - Any one of the two speakers.

3. Splitting of Time between Speakers:

- i. Teams shall notify the Court clerks of the division of time between the 2 Speakers (including time reserved for Rebuttal & Sur-rebuttal) 10 minutes before the commencement of the Rounds.
- ii. If Speaker 1 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved by Speaker 2. Similarly, if Speaker 2 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals/Sur- Rebuttals as the case may be. This rule may not be followed if the additional time is awarded at the discretion of the Bench.
- iii. While granting additional time, if the additional number of minutes granted is not specified by the Bench, it shall be presumed that the additional time granted is 2 minutes.
- iv. The finality of the decision as to the time structure and the right to Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal shall vest with the Bench.

4. Preliminary Rounds:

- i. Each team shall argue once from both sides, i.e., Petitioner and Respondent, order of which shall be decided by way of draw of lots to be conducted by the Organizers in consultation with the Administrators.
- ii. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds nor will they argue before the same panel of judges.

iii. **Draw of Lots:** The fixtures/match-up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the draw of lots.

iv. Each side shall get a maximum time of 30 minutes to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Bench for more than 18 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 2 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 1 minute. Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of 12 minutes exclusive of the time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.

5. **Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds:**

i. The qualification or disqualification of the Teams for the Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the wins only in each Preliminary Round.

ii. The win or loss of a Team shall be determined on the basis of aggregate score. The Team with a higher aggregate score shall win the round.

iii. The aggregate score of a Team shall be computed as the total of - Oral Score of Speaker-1, Oral Score of Speaker-2 and half the score of the Memorial.

iv. **Only those Teams shall qualify to the Advanced Rounds (Octa Finals) who win both the preliminary rounds. In case of shortage of such teams to even out the competition in the advanced rounds, the top teams as determined by their cumulative scores for both the rounds shall be taken into consideration by the Organizers irrespective of the fact that whether such a team had won/lost any round whatsoever.**

v. In the event of a tie, the following methods shall be used to determine the rank of the Team :

a. The aggregate score of the Team in their Oral Round One shall be considered, the Team with a higher score will be allotted a higher rank;

b. If the tie subsists, the Team with the higher speaker score will be allotted the higher rank;

c. If the tie still subsists, the Team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied Teams will be allotted the higher rank;

d. If the tie still subsists, the Team with the higher Memorial score will be allotted a higher rank;

e. If the tie still subsists, then the rank shall be determined by a toss of a coin.

- vi. The Best Mooter Award for each round will be awarded on the basis of the scores awarded to the Speakers in each such Rounds, meaning thereby that there will be the Best Mooter award for each round of the Competition.

6. Advanced Rounds:

- i. Every Team shall argue once in each of the Advanced Rounds.
- ii. The side to be argued shall be determined on the basis of Power match ups after the declaration of results of Preliminary Rounds.
- iii. The qualification of Teams to subsequent rounds shall be on a knock-out basis for each of the Advanced Rounds. In the event of a tie, the Team with higher Memorial marks will be given a higher rank.

a. Octa-Finals:

- i. The Octa-final round shall be a knock out round consisting of 16 Teams in total. The Teams shall be required to plead only once, either from the side of the Petitioner or the Respondent.
- ii. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the same as in the Preliminary round.
- iii. The winners of the Octa-final round i.e., the winner from each court room shall advance to the Quarter-final round.

b. Quarter-Finals:

- i. The Quarter-final round shall be a knock out round consisting of 8 Teams in total. The Teams shall be required to plead only once, either from the side of the Petitioner or the Respondent.
- ii. Each side in quarter finals shall get a maximum of 45 minutes to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 25 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 4 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 2 minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of 18 minutes exclusive of the time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
- iii. The winners of the Quarter-final round shall advance to the Semi-final round.

c. Semi-Finals:

- i. The top four Teams from the Quarter Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-final round. It shall be a knock out round. The side of pleadings and the opponent shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.
- ii. Each side shall get a maximum time of 50 minutes to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 30 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 5 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 3 minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of 22 minutes exclusive of the time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
- iii. The winner of each courtroom fixture i.e., 2 Teams from the semi-final round shall proceed to the final round.

d. Final Round:

- i. The top two Teams from the Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the final round. It shall be a knock out round, where the side for pleading shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.
- ii. The maximum time for arguments shall be the same as in the Semi-finals.
- iii. The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the winner of the Competition.

7. Marking criteria for Oral Submissions/Arguments:

- i. Oral Submissions/Arguments from each side shall carry a total of 100 marks. The following will be the marking criteria for the oral arguments/pleadings for the Speakers:

Sr. No.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Appreciation and application of facts	10
2.	Application of legal principles	10
3.	Use of authorities and precedents	10
4.	Presentation skills	10
5.	Clarity of thoughts and structure of arguments	10
6.	Poise and demeanour	10
7.	Strategy	10

8.	Knowledge of laws	10
9.	Response to Forum questions	20
	TOTAL	100

8. Scouting:

- i. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Any participant/ member of the organizing committee may submit a complaint regarding Scouting to the Organizers.
- iii. Teams found scouting shall be disqualified immediately.

VI. CONDUCT OF ROUNDS VIRTUALLY THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

- i. All the rounds of the Competition shall be conducted virtually by way of video conferencing through a video-conferencing platform, namely Cisco WebEx. The details of the video-conferencing platform shall be given to the Teams at least 1 (One) week prior to the Competition.
- ii. The meeting ID and Password and Link for the video-conferencing shall be informed to the Teams through email.
- iii. Participants shall keep their microphone on mute at all the times, except while addressing oral submissions/arguments. A speaker shall unmute his/her microphone only after being invited to do so by the Bench/Court officer.

VII. TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

- i. All pleadings for the Competition shall be conducted through the Cisco WebEx application. All Participants are required to download the application for the same on their desktops prior to the Competition.
- ii. Participants must ensure strong internet connectivity with good audio and video quality during oral rounds on their desktop. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss due to slow or non-functional internet connection during the Competition.
- iii. No audio or videotaping of the oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the Organizers.

- iv. If a Team believes that violation of any of the Competition Rules has taken place at any stage of the Competition, the Teams shall within half an hour of the completion of the round wherein a violation has allegedly occurred, register a complaint with the Organizers and under no circumstances the Teams are allowed to approach the Bench with any complaints.
- v. Participants must ensure that their name on Cisco WebEx application is set up as their Team Code and their status in the Team concerned; for instance, Members of Team Code 100 will be '100S1' (for Speaker 1) '100S2' (Speaker 2), and '100R' (for Researcher). Participants will not be allowed to enter the courtroom unless their names are changed.
- vi. All Rounds of the Competition shall be conducted in virtual courtrooms. Teams shall be sent the details of the courtrooms where their rounds will be held, well in advance before the competition. Teams must join the courtroom 15 minutes prior to the time indicated for their rounds in the detailed schedule.
- vii. Teams will be required to wait in the waiting room for the meeting while the judges concerned are ready to begin the rounds. The Court Masters will be admitting the participants only when the judges are prepared for the same. The Court Masters also have the discretion to remove a participant from the waiting room if the participants have not used the name as required.
- viii. Teams must ensure that their video is on when they join the virtual courtroom. Upon joining, the Teams will first be asked the division of time that they wish to follow in their Oral Pleading Sessions by the Court Master. Teams are free to specify their time division in the chat box or verbally. Teams must comply with time limits and the Order of speaking that they indicate to the Court Master.
- ix. The timekeeper will keep track of time during each round and indicate the remaining time via the Chat box to the Bench and Teams at: -10 minutes - 5 minutes and - 2 minutes and STOP when the time allotted has elapsed. Teams are requested to pay heed to the time provided. Please note that only the Bench has the authority to exceptionally award additional time if it is considered that questions have taken considerable time off the pleadings, or if substantial submission of the speaker is pending to be heard.
- x. Teams can only share their screens with the permission of the Bench or when it is otherwise demanded to do so by the Bench. In any other case, sharing the screen is not permitted.

VIII. AWARDS

The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:

a. Team Awards:

- **Winners:** The Team shall be awarded a cash prize of INR 33,000/- (Indian Rupees Thirty-Three Thousand Only) along with Internship Opportunity in a Top Tier Law Firm plus six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Excellence.
 - **Runners up:** The Team shall be awarded a cash prize of INR 24,000/- (Indian Rupees Twenty-Four Thousand Only) along with Internship Opportunity in Top Tier Law Firm plus six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Excellence.
 - **Best Memorial:** The Team having the highest average Memorial scores from both sides shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 11,000/- (Indian Rupees Eleven Thousand Only) along with six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Excellence.
 - **E-Certificate of Merit** shall be given to all the Teams qualifying for the **Quarter-finals Round**.
 - **E-Certificate of participation** shall be given to all the participating Teams.
- b. Individual Awards:**
- The Researcher scoring the highest score in the Researcher's Test shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 5,000/- (Indian Rupees Five Thousand Only) along with six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Merit.
 - The Best Mooter from the Final Round shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 11,000/- (Indian Rupees Eleven Thousand Only) along with six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Merit.
 - The Best Mooter from the Semi-Final round shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 9,000/- (Indian Rupees Nine Thousand Only) along with six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Merit.
 - The Best Mooter from the Quarter-Final round shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 7,000/- (Indian Rupees Seven Thousand Only) along with six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Merit.
 - The Best Mooter from the Octa-Final round shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 5,000/- (Indian Rupees Five Thousand Only) along with six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Merit.
 - The Best Mooter from the Preliminary rounds shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 3,000/- (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only) along with six months subscription of “ibclaw.in” plus a Certificate of Merit.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Etiquette:

- i. Teams are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Administrators, Organizers, the Judges and any of the other participants to the Competition.
- ii. The Organizers reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.
- iii. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The Organizers in consultation of the Administrators, reserve the right to disqualify Team(s) for deviating from these Rules. The Organizers in consultation with the Administrators will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final. These Rules are not exhaustive.

2. Interpretation of Rules & Regulations:

- i. All interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents or other decisions in the administration of the Competition is at the complete discretion of the Organizers in consultation with the Administrators.
- ii. Any decision made by the Organizers shall be final and binding on all participating Teams.

3. Correspondence:

Any and all clarifications and queries regarding the Moot Proposition and Rules & Regulations shall be sought only via E-Mail to [mcc\[at\]hpnlu\[dot\]ac\[dot\]in](mailto:mcc[at]hpnlu[dot]ac[dot]in).

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