

2nd National Virtual Moot Court Competition

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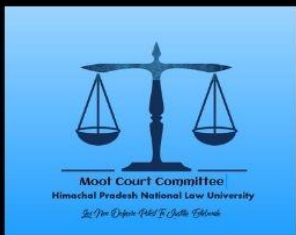


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RULES & REGULATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Short Title

- i. These shall be called the rules for the **2nd HPNLU National Moot Court Competition, 2021.**

2. General Information

- i. The Competition is being conducted by **Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla** in collaboration with **SCC Online** and **Eastern Book Company** who shall be the **Exclusive Knowledge Partners** for the 2nd HPNLU National Moot Court Competition, 2021.
- ii. The Competition shall be held from **October 29, 2021 to October 31, 2021** virtually.
- iii. The Competition shall comprise of two stages: **Round I and Round II.**

Round I: It shall be the Memorial Elimination Round. This round will be open to all teams which register for the Competition. Based on round I, a total of 32 will advance to Round II.

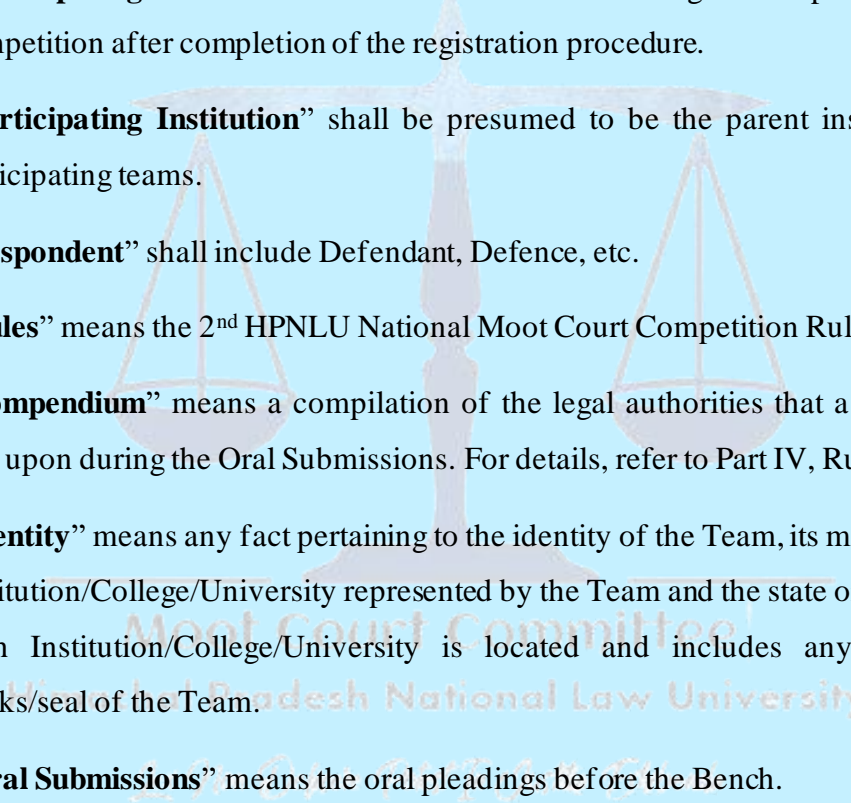
Round II: Oral Rounds. The teams which will succeed in Round I will be eligible to participate in Round II i.e., Oral Rounds which shall comprise of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds viz. Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals.

- iv. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to adhere to the rules and guidelines prescribed herein.

3. Definitions

Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein under as—

- i. “**Administrator**” shall mean Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.

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- ii. “**Petitioner**” shall mean the one presenting the Petition to the Hon’ble Court.
- iii. “**Competition**” means the 2nd HPNLU National Moot Court Competition, 2021.
- iv. “**Moot Proposition**” means the Moot Problem of the 2nd HPNLU National Moot Court Competition, 2021 released by the Organizers subsequent to the date of release of pre-invitation notification i.e. on **August 20, 2021**. However, the date of release of Moot Proposition shall be on or before **September 10, 2021**.
- v. “**Bench**” means the judges of the Oral Submissions collectively.
- vi. “**Participating Team**” means the team which is eligible to participate in the competition after completion of the registration procedure.
- vii. “**Participating Institution**” shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams.
- viii. “**Respondent**” shall include Defendant, Defence, etc.
- ix. “**Rules**” means the 2nd HPNLU National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2021.
- x. “**Compendium**” means a compilation of the legal authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Oral Submissions. For details, refer to Part IV, Rule 8(i).
- xi. “**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.
- xii. “**Oral Submissions**” means the oral pleadings before the Bench.
- xiii. “**Written Submissions**” means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per Part IV of the Rules of the Competition.
- xiv. “**Rebuttals**” mean the set of arguments that the Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the orators.

- xv. **“Sur-rebuttal”** means the set of arguments that the Respondent shall raise in response to the set of arguments raised by the Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner during ‘rebuttals’.
- xvi. **“Power Match-ups”** The fixtures for the Oral Rounds of the Competition will be done on the basis of a power match-up. For the first round of the Preliminary Round, power match-up will be based on the memorial ranks secured by the team. (Out of 16 Ranks, Rank 1 v. Rank 16, Rank 2 v. Rank 15...) For the Advanced Rounds, the power-up will be based on the Oral Round Scores secured by the teams.
- xvii. **“Slide match-up”** The fixtures for the second round of the Preliminary Round will be determined by the Organizers on the basis of a slide match-up (Out of 16 Ranks, Rank 1 v. Rank 9, Rank 2 v. Rank 10 ...) of the memorial ranks secured by the teams.
- xviii. **“Organizers”** means the Moot Court Committee of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.

II. GENERAL RULES

1. Date and Venue of the Competition

- i. The Competition will be held from 29th-31st October, 2021 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 in any Bar Council of India recognized institution/University.
- ii. Only **ONE** team can register from a college, university or law school for participation in the Competition. During provisional registering teams are required to submit a “No Objection Certificate (NOC)”. The NOC should be sent by the Head/Dean/Faculty

coordinator of the Institution/Moot Court Committee, authorizing the team to participate on behalf of the institution.

3. Team Composition

A maximum of three members and a minimum of two members are allowed per participating team. In a team consisting of three members, two members shall be designated as 'Speakers' and the third member shall be designated as 'Researcher'. *Provided* if a team consists of two members, then such team shall designate both the members as speakers and **no member in the team shall be allowed to be represented as a Researcher.**

4. Language

The Competition shall be conducted in English language only. All oral submissions and written submissions (memorials and compendium) shall be in the English language only.

5. Registration

- i. **Procedure for Registration:** The procedure for registration shall be as follows-
 - a. Interested teams are required to register for the Competition by filling a Round I Registration Form.
The link to the form is - <https://forms.gle/Go1WBrn6TQiv1HWz6>
 - b. The teams are also required to mention the email-id of either the respective committee or the head/dean of the institution in the Provisional Registration Form. The deadline for Round I registration form is **September 22, 2021** (11:59 P.M. IST).
 - c. Prior payment of INR 1000/- (per team) Registration Fee for Round I is required to fill the Final Registration Form.
 - d. The confirmation of Registration for Round I will be notified to the teams by the Organizers, after the completion and verification of all the Registration formalities.
 - e. The teams will be provided with a Team Code, in any stage of the competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team code.

- f. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time 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.
- ii. **Payment of Registration Fee:** The procedure for the payment of the Registration Fee shall be as follows:
- a. All the teams shall be required to make a payment of INR 1000/- via SBI Collect online bank transfer before **September 25, 2021** (11:59 PM IST) to register for Round I.
- b. Teams that qualify Round I (Memorial Elimination Round) shall be required to make a payment of INR 2000/- via SBI Collect online bank transfer by **October 25, 2021** (11:59 PM IST). The last date for completion of all the registration formalities is before **October 25, 2021** (11:59 P.M. IST).
- c. The link for the payment of Registration Fee through SBI Collect online bank transfer is provided below:

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

Further instructions for the Fee payment through SBI Collect are provided in the manual:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yqCyNpIlnP73Qdf6AOB_ZwO5usdFPbqP/view?usp=sharing

6. Dress Code

- i. Participants shall be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. Robes and collar bands are not permitted.
- ii. The Dress Code for the Inauguration, Oral Rounds and Valedictory & Prize Distribution shall strictly be:
- a) For Gentlemen-Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants and a black blazer); and

- b) For Ladies - Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants/black formal skirt and a black blazer) or Indian Formals.

III. CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an e-mail to [mcc\[at\]hpnlu.ac.in](mailto:mcc[at]hpnlu.ac.in) on or before **September 25, 2021**. The subject of the clarification email must be “Clarification – [Team Code]” **Clarifications sent after this date shall not be entertained.**

The Clarifications shall be released by the Organizers on **September 30, 2021**. Clarifications will be sent to the respective teams on their e-mail ID only.

IV. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND MARKING EVALUATION

1. Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Written Submissions

All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same will attract penalties as provided under the Rules.

2. Written Submissions to be prepared from Both Sides

Each team must prepare Written Submissions for both sides to the dispute i.e., the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and the Respondent(s) as the case may be.

3. General Conditions for Written Submission

- i. The Written Submissions 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 written submission, then it shall result in instant disqualification of the participating team.

4. Specific Guidelines for Written Submissions

The Written Submission has to be submitted only in soft copy.

- i) Each Team shall submit the soft copy of the Written Submissions, in “pdf and doc” format on or before **October 10, 2021**, no later than 11:59 pm [IST] through the Google Classroom which will be allotted to each team separately.

- ii) Each Team has to send four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Written Submission for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format) and two (2) as Written Submission for the Respondent (s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format)
- iii) The name should be according to the Team Code and the side 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 written submission is prepared. For details, refer to Part IV, Rule 5(ii).
- iv) A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the written submission is submitted in any other format or as multiple files by the team.
- v) The team submitting their 'Written Submissions' 2 days after the last date of the submission shall stand "disqualified" from the competition.

5. Guidelines for Formatting

- i. **Written Submissions Structure:** The Written Submissions must contain the following contents in the Order as stated below:
 - a. Cover Page – The Cover Page must be coloured BLUE for Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner and RED for Respondent. A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses the wrong cover page in their written submissions. The Cover Page of the Written Submission must contain the following information:
 - i) The 'team code' in the top right corner
 - ii) The 'name' and 'year' of the Competition
 - iii) The name of the case (Case Title)
 - iv) The 'side' for which the Written Submission has been prepared
 - v) 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 written submission.
- e. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- f. Statement of Facts: The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of 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.

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.

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 written submission. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced must not exceed 20 pages.

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 written submission 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 written submission for ‘Petitioner’ and “TC-100 R” in case of written submission for ‘Respondent’.

iii. Margin: The Written submission must maintain an equal margin of 1 inch on all sides.

iv. Basic compliance for Written Submission: The Written Submission (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.

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, paragraph spacing 0, no additional space between 2 footnotes and body of text Justified. A Uniform Style of Citation (Bluebook, 20th Edition) is required to be strictly followed throughout the written submission.

Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page.

vi. Header and Footer: The font used for the header/footer, if any, shall be Times New Roman, size 10, 1 spacing.

6. Marking criteria for Written Submission

Written Submission 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. No.	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. Qualification of Written Submissions

- a. After evaluation of the written submissions submitted, the top 32 teams on the basis of their total scores in Round I i.e., Memorial Elimination Round shall qualify to Round II i.e., Oral Rounds.
- b. The results of Round I i.e., Memorial Elimination Round shall be declared on **October 20, 2021**.

8. Compendium

- i. All relevant case laws and statutory material and other evidence based on which the parties are going to present and substantiate their arguments which will be laid before the Judges during the Oral Rounds 'may' be submitted in the form of a 'Compendium' on or before **October 25, 2021**.
- ii. Compendium will be submitted through the same Google Classroom link provided to participants.
- iii. Participants shall ensure that anonymity is not violated while passing on any material to the Judges. If any mark, name, seal, symbol or logo of the institution/college/university is present, participants must ensure that the same is rendered unrecognizable.

9. Exchange of Written Submissions

- i. The exchange of Written Submissions shall take place prior to the Oral Pleading Rounds i.e., on **October 29, 2021**.
- ii. Teams are prohibited from making any remarks on the opponent's Written Submissions thus exchanged. Teams are also prohibited from making any copies of the opponent's Written Submission, electronically or otherwise.

10. Researcher's Test

- i. The Researcher's Test for the Competition shall be conducted on **October 29, 2021**, 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 a desktop or laptop is advised.
- iv. It is a mandatory requirement to maintain a good and stable internet connection, it can not be later on used as an excuse by the participant for non-submission of the Researcher's Test.
- v. The Researcher's Test shall be of **50 marks** in total.
- vi. It is **mandatory for each participating team to give the Researcher's Test**.
- vii. In case of any internet issues or other technical issues faced by the Researcher, you are required to inform the respected authorities with a screenshot of the **issues via Email and WhatsApp with your team code** mentioned immediately. 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 the Written Submissions.
- ii. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds, subject to the discretion of the judges.
- 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 will be held over a period of 3 days i.e., **29th to 31st October 2021**.

The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- a. Preliminary Rounds; and
- b. Advanced Rounds:
 - i. Quarter-finals
 - ii. Semi-finals
 - iii. Finals
- ii. During each of the abovementioned rounds, the order in which the teams shall present their arguments is as follows:
 - a. Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner Speaker-1
 - b. Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner Speaker -2
 - c. Respondent Speaker-1
 - d. Respondent Speaker-2
 - e. Rebuttal (Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner) - Any one of the two Speakers
 - f. 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 Judges.
- iii. While granting additional time, if the additional number of minutes granted is not specified by the Judges, 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 Judges.

4. Preliminary Rounds

- i. Each team shall argue once from both sides, i.e. Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner and Respondent, order of which shall be decided by way of draw of lots.
- 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. **Fixtures:** The fixtures for the preliminary rounds will be based on the memorial scores secured by the teams. The fixtures for the teams will be prepared by the Organizers on the basis of a power match-up and slide match-up of ranks for the first and second rounds respectively.
- 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 Court 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.
- v. **Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds**
- a. The qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the win or loss of the team in each Preliminary Round.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 Written Submissions.
- vi. The top eight teams shall qualify to the Advanced Rounds on the basis of the maximum number of wins per team in the Preliminary Rounds.

- vii.** 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 written submission 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.
- viii.** The Best Speaker Award will be awarded on the basis of the scores awarded to the Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds.

5. Advanced Rounds

- i.** Every team shall argue once in each of the Advanced Rounds.
- ii.** The side to be argued shall be determined on a Draw of Lots 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 written submission marks will be given a higher rank.

1) Quarter-Finals:

- a. 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 Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner or Respondent.
- b. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the same as in the Preliminary round.
- c. The winners of the Quarter-final round shall advance to the Semi-final round.

2) Semi-Finals

- a. 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 for pleading and the opponent teams shall be determined on the basis of the draw of lots.
- b. Each side shall get a maximum time 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 5 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 2 minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of 20 minutes exclusive of the time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
- c. The winner of each courtroom fixture i.e., 2 teams from the semi-final round shall proceed to the final round.

3) Final Round

- a. 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.
- b. The maximum time for arguments presides shall be the same as in the Semi-finals.
- c. The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the winner of the Competition.

6. Marking criteria for Oral Arguments/Pleadings

Oral arguments/Pleadings 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 ALLOCATED
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

7. Scouting

- i. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Any person may submit a complaint regarding Scouting to the Organizers.
- iii. Teams found scouting shall be disqualified immediately.

8. Delays in Appearance/Presentation

If a team scheduled to take part in a Round does not appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team present shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.

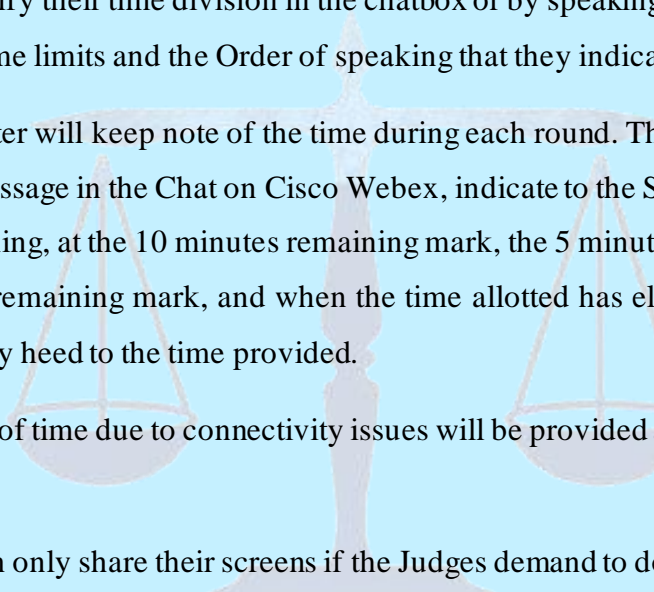
VI. CONDUCT OF ROUNDS VIRTUALLY THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

- i. All the rounds for 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 well in advance to the dates of the Competition.
- ii. The meeting ID and Password along with the Link for the video-conferencing shall be informed to the teams through email.

- iii. Participants shall keep their microphone on mute at all times, except while addressing oral arguments/pleadings. A speaker shall unmute his/her microphone only after being invited to do so by the Court.

VII. TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

- i. All pleadings to be conducted for the Competition shall be conducted through/on the “Cisco WebEx”. All Participants are required to download the application for the same on their desktops prior to the Competition.
- ii. Participants must ensure that their audio and video run effectively on the application 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 Judges with any complaints.
- v. Participants must ensure that they have a strong internet connection with good audio and video facilities during oral rounds.
- vi. Participants must ensure that their name on Cisco WebEx is set up as their team code and their status in the Team concerned; for instance, Members of Team Code 100 will be 100S1 (Speaker 1) 100S2 (Speaker 2), and 100R (Researcher). Participants will not be allowed to enter the courtroom unless their names are changed.
- vii. 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.

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- viii.** 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.
- ix.** Team Members must ensure that their audio and video are both on when they join the virtual courtroom. Upon entering, the Team Members will first be asked the division of time that they wish to follow in their Oral Pleading Sessions by a Court Master. Teams are free to specify their time division in the chatbox or by speaking. Team Members must comply with time limits and the Order of speaking that they indicate to the Court Master.
- x.** The Court Master will keep note of the time during each round. The Court Master shall, by way of a message in the Chat on Cisco Webex, indicate to the Speakers and the judges the time remaining, at the 10 minutes remaining mark, the 5 minutes remaining mark, and the 2 minutes remaining mark, and when the time allotted has elapsed. Participants are requested to pay heed to the time provided.
- xi.** Any extension of time due to connectivity issues will be provided at the discretion of the Bench.
- xii.** Participants can only share their screens if the Judges demand to do so. In any other case, sharing the screen is not permitted.

VIII. AWARDS

The Competition rewards the awardees with the Cash Prizes worth INR 40,000/- along with other benefits to be awarded in the following manner:

- i. Winners:** The Winning team shall be awarded a cash prize of INR. 21,000/- (INR Twenty One Thousand Only) along with Three (3) one-year complimentary subscriptions to SCC Online Web Edition to be distributed to the winning team worth INR. 24,000 each.

- ii. **Runners Up:** The Runner-up team will be awarded a cash prize of INR. 10,000/- (INR Ten Thousand Only) along with Three (3) one-year complimentary subscriptions to EBC Learning worth INR. 14,500 each.
- iii. **Best Speaker:** The Best Speaker Award shall be determined based on the individual aggregate score of the speaker taken only from the Preliminary Rounds. Individual Aggregate Score shall be determined as the sum of the following:
 - a. Score of Speaker in Preliminary Round I;
 - b. Half of Written Submission Score.

The Best Speaker from the preliminary rounds shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 5000/- (INR Five Thousand Only).
- iv. **Best Memorial:** The team having the highest average written submission score from both sides shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 5000/- (INR Five Thousand Only).
- v. **Best Researcher:** The participant researcher scoring the highest average score in the Researcher's Test shall be rewarded with the cash prize of INR 5000/- (INR Five Thousand Only).
- vi. **E-Certificates of merit** shall be given to all the teams qualifying for the Advanced Rounds.
- vii. **An E-Certificate of participation** shall be given to all the participating teams.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Etiquette

- i. Participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Organizers, the Judges of the Competition or any of the other participants.
- ii. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.

- iii. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to the Organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organizers 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, are at the complete discretion of the Organizers.
- ii. Any decision made by the Organizers shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

3. Correspondences

Any and all clarifications and queries regarding the Moot Proposition and Rules & Regulations shall be sought only via e-mail to [mcc\[at\]hpnl.u.ac.in](mailto:mcc[at]hpnl.u.ac.in) The last date for seeking clarifications is **September 25, 2021**.

X. CONTACT DETAILS

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