



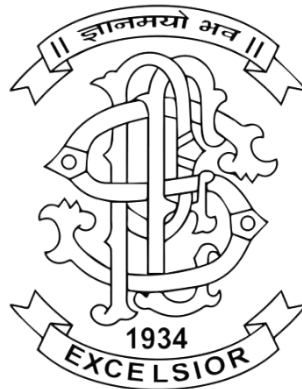
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Rule Book and Submission Guidelines

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I. Format of the Competition

Proposition Link

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Preliminary Round

- Each Team Shall consist of 3 Participants, 2 Speakers and 1 researcher.
- In the preliminary rounds, each team (both speakers) shall compulsorily present oral arguments for the side allotted to them (either Petitioner or Respondent).
- Teams will be given codes in alphabetical order (according to the order of registration).
- In the preliminary round, each team will be allotted 20 minutes. (The distribution of these 20 minutes between arguments and rebuttal is at the discretion of the team.)
- Each speaker on the team must inform the court officers of the specific duration they will require to present their arguments within the allotted 20 minutes.
- This does not include the time used for questioning by the Hon'ble judges. Court officers will use signboards to alert each of the two speakers two minutes before their allotted time ends. Once the allotted time is over, the bell will ring three times to indicate the end of time.

Semi-Final Round

- The semi-final round will comprise of the top four team out of each courtroom.
- Lots shall be drawn for the semi-final round. Team shall (both the speaker) present the side allotted to them through draw of lots (either petitioner or respondent).

- Each team shall be allotted only 30 minutes to argue in the semi-finals. Exceeding time limit will result in loss of marks. Utilization of time amongst team members is discretion of team.

Final Round

- The final round will comprise the top two teams from each courtroom.
- Lots shall be drawn for the final round. Team shall (both the speaker) present the side allotted to them through a draw of lots (either petitioner or respondent).
- Each team shall be allotted only 30 minutes to argue in the finals. Exceeding the time limit will result in loss of marks. Utilization of time amongst team members is discretion of the team.
- Each speaker on the team must inform the court officers of the specific duration. This does not include the time used for questioning by the Hon'ble judges. Court officers will use signboards to alert each of the two speakers two minutes before their allotted time ends. Once the allotted time is over, the bell will ring three times to indicate the end of time.

Offline Researcher's Test

Test Format

- Mode: Offline (pen–paper)
- Type of Questions:
 - Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)
 - Total Questions: 25
 - Total Marks: 25 marks
 - Duration: 30 minutes

Rules For Researcher's Test

- Only the designated Researcher (as mentioned in the registration form) is allowed to appear for the test.

- Teams cannot change the researcher on the day of the test.
- The test will be held offline on Day of the competition.
- Researchers must carry a valid college ID card.
- No books, notes, bare acts, or electronic devices are allowed.
- The question paper will be based on:
 - Moot Proposition
 - Relevant areas of law
 - General legal aptitude and research skills
- The test will be MCQ based in offline mode
- No extra time will be provided.
- Misconduct, use of unfair means, or communication with others will lead to disqualification of the researcher and the team.

II. Important Instructions

- **Adhere to the schedule:** Follow the timings strictly according to the given agenda.
- **Bring memorial copies:** Ensure you have your own copy of the memorials for personal use.
- The hard copies must reach the prescribed address by 2nd January 2026. Each team must submit 5 copies for the petitioner and 5 copies for the respondent (Total: 10 copies).
- **Maintain decorum:** Keep the competition environment orderly and avoid any chaotic situations.
- **Address grievances:** Contact your assigned escort volunteer for any issues or grievances.
- **Use campus amenities:** Refreshments and drinking water will be available on the college campus. There is no need to leave the premises for this purpose.

- **Stay on campus:** For tasks like making copies or purchasing stationery items, request assistance from the escort members instead of leaving the college premises.
- **Keep college identity confidential:** Do not reveal your college name. Any such disclosure will lead to disqualification.
- **Respect judges' decisions:** The marks awarded by the judges are final, and disputes regarding the same will not be entertained.
- **Avoid electronic gadgets:** Using electronic devices inside the courtroom is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification if caught.
- Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further assistance with the competition.

III. Memorials and Format of the Competition

1. ANONYMITY

1. The “**Team Code**” assigned to all participating teams and shall be used by the participating teams during Memorial Submission.

2. CONTENTS OF MEMORIALS

2.1. Each memorandum shall necessarily consist of the following and only the following sections:

- a. Cover Page (Shall include Name of the College, Name of the University, Name of the participants)
- b. Title page
- c. Table of Contents
- d. List of Abbreviations
- e. Index of Authorities
- f. Statement of Jurisdiction
- g. Statement of Facts
- h. Issues Raised

- i. Summary of Arguments
- j. Arguments Advanced
- k. Prayer

3.FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

3.1. Font and Spacing

- The cover page of the Memorial must follow a colour scheme i.e. Blue for Petitioner/Appellant and Red for Respondent.
- Typed on A4 size paper with one side printing not exceeding 25 pages. The font used in all parts of the memorandum, including headings and subheadings, must ONLY be Times New Roman (black font colour), font size 12, with 1.5-line spacing, and justified alignment.
- The font used in the footnotes must ONLY be Times New Roman, font size 10, with single line spacing, and justified alignment.
- There should be a margin of 1 inch on all sides of the page.

3.2. Submission

- Five copies of each side (Petitioner and Respondent), spiral-bound memorials.
- The soft copy of the memorials must be submitted at or before 11:59 PM on 30th December <https://forms.gle/2LmD3aDA2GRSK36D9>
- The hard copy of the memorials should reach by post at or before 11:59 PM on 2nd January 2026 at **S. No.85, Modern Law College, University of Pune Circle, 86, Dr Homi Bhabha Rd, Ganeshkhind, Pune, Maharashtra 411053.** (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/C8CfVvbfcgW1mnvM9>)

3.3. Miscellaneous

- The proceedings of the Moot Court Sessions may be video recorded. All rights in this regard shall be reserved with Modern Law College.
- Host team shall not be considered for the Prizes even if they participate.
- The decision of the judges shall be final, and no disputes shall be entertained in this regard. Personal Interaction with judges is strictly prohibited.
- In case of a tie, memorial marks will be considered to determine the winner.
- The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, and immoral conduct.
- The Organizer's decision as regards to the interpretation of rules, a situation that is not contemplated in the rules, or any other matter related to the competition will be final.

IV. TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION

Event	Date
Release of the Moot Proposition and Rulebook	28 th November, 2025
Registrations Open	28 th November, 2025
Last Date for Registration	24 nd December, 2025
Last Date for Asking Clarifications	26 th December, 2025
Last Date for Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials	30 th December, 2025

Last Date for Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials	2 nd January, 2026
Researchers Test, Preliminary, Semi-Final and Final Round	10 th January, 2026
Valedictory Ceremony and Felicitation of winners	10 th January, 2026

V: ADJUDICATION

1. Marking Criteria for Oral Rounds

1.1. Each judge in each round will mark each team member according to the criteria given below:

Sr. No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Written Submission/Memorials	20
2.	Substance in Arguments	30
3.	Advocacy Skills	30
4.	Question from the Bench	10
5.	Time Adherence	10
	Total Marks	100

2. AWARDS

2.1. Prizes for the Competition are as follows:

- a. Winning Team: Cash Prize (Rs. 21,000) + Trophy + Certificates

- b. Runners-up team: Cash Prize (Rs. 11,000) + Trophy + Certificates
- c. Best Speaker: Cash Prize (Rs. 5000) + Trophy + Certificate
- d. Best Memorial: Cash Prize (Rs. 3000) + Certificate
- e. Best Researcher: Cash price (Rs 2000) + Certificate
- f. Judges Special Appreciation Certificates (2)

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