



THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
ASSAM UNIVERSITY, SILCHAR
(A Central University)



1ST ASSAM UNIVERSITY NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Date: 27th – 28th November 2026 | Assam University, Silchar Campus

Total Prize Pool: ₹1,25,000/-

Held under the aegis of The Moot Court Society, Assam University (A Central University)

PART I – PRELIMINARY

Rule 1. Short Title and Commencement

- 1.1 These Rules shall be called the **Rules and Regulations of the 1st Assam University National Moot Court Competition, 2026** (the "Rules").
- 1.2 The Competition is organised under the aegis of **The Moot Court Society, Department of Law, Assam University (A Central University), Silchar**.
- 1.3 The Rules come into force on the date of publication of the Official Brochure and bind every Participant, Team, Faculty Adviser and Institution upon registration.

Rule 2. Definitions

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 2.1 "**Competition**" means the 1st Assam University National Moot Court Competition, 2026.
- 2.2 "**Organising Committee**" (OC) means the Committee constituted by The Moot Court Society, Assam University, to conduct the Competition, including the Convenor, Co-Convenor, Faculty Coordinators and Student Coordinators.
- 2.3 "**Moot Proposition**" means the hypothetical fact situation and issues released by the OC.
- 2.4 "**Team**" means the registered team of an Institution consisting of Participants under Rule 5.
- 2.5 "**Participant**" means a student registered as a member of a Team.
- 2.6 "**Institution**" means a university, college, law school or department of law recognised by the Bar Council of India / UGC.
- 2.7 "**Memorial**" means the written submission prepared by a Team for the Petitioner or the Respondent.
- 2.8 "**Memorial Round**" means the written round under Part V.
- 2.9 "**Oral Rounds**" means the Octa-final, Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final Rounds.
- 2.10 "**Octa-final Round**" means the first oral round among the sixteen (16) qualified Teams.
- 2.11 "**Bench**" means the panel of Judges allotted to an Oral Round.
- 2.12 "**Scrutiny Committee**" means the body appointed under Rule 7 to verify compliance.
- 2.13 "**Official Website / Email**" means [website] and aunmcc@aus.ac.in, the sole channels of official communication.

2.14"University" means Assam University (A Central University), Silchar.

Rule 3. Objectives

3.1To promote research, advocacy and analytical skills of law students.

3.2To foster a culture of legal debate and professional ethics in the North-East and across India.

PART II – ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

Rule 4. Eligibility of Institutions and Students

4.1The Competition is open to students pursuing a three-year LL.B., five-year integrated LL.B. programme at a recognised Institution in India.

4.2A Participant must be bona fide enrolled in the Institution during the Competition. Proof of enrolment (current-year identity card or Bonafide Certificate) must be carried to the venue.

4.3Final-year students who have completed their final examinations but are awaiting results are eligible only if the Institution certifies their student status as on 27th November 2026.

4.4Practising advocates, enrolled members of any State Bar Council, and persons who are Judges of this Competition are ineligible.

4.5Prior Association Disqualification. A Participant who has served as a Judge, Examiner or Organiser for this Competition, or is a direct relative of a member of the Bench or OC, is ineligible.

Rule 5. Team Composition

5.1Each Team shall consist of **not more than three (3) members**: two (2) Speakers and one (1) Researcher.

5.2No Participant may be a member of more than one Team. Only one Team per Institution is permitted.

5.3A Researcher may assist the Speakers during the Oral Rounds but shall not address the Bench or communicate with Speakers while they argue, except by written notes.

5.4Team members may be of any gender, year or batch within the Institution.

5.5No Substitution. After the last date of registration, no substitution or addition is permitted except in extraordinary circumstances and only with written permission of the OC (see Rule 38).

Rule 6. Registration

6.1The total number of Teams for the Memorial Round is capped at **thirty-two (32)**. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to Rule 6.8.

6.2Registration is through the official portal at [\[link\]](#), accompanied by:

- (a) completed Registration Form;
- (b) Institution Nomination Letter signed by the Head of the Institution / Dean / Principal;
- (c) scanned copy of identity cards of every Participant;
- (d) proof of payment of the Registration Fee during Final Registration.

6.3Registration Fee: ₹ 3000/per Team, payable by [UPI / NEFT] in favour of *Assam University Project Account II*, and non-refundable except under Rule 6.7.

6.4 Important Dates (to be notified by the OC and entered below):

Event	Date
Release of Moot Proposition	7th October, 2026
Last date for submission of clarifications	15th October, 2026
Release of clarifications	17th October, 2026

Event	Date
Last date for Registration	22 nd October, 2026
Last date for Memorial submission	31 st October, 2026
Announcement of Top 16 Teams	03 rd November, 2026
Final Registration of Top 16 Teams	03 rd - 08 th November, 2026
Last date for confirmation of attendance by qualified Teams	20 th November, 2026
Competition (Oral Rounds, Silchar campus)	27th and 28th November 2026

6.5 The OC shall confirm registration by email within [3] working days. Registration is complete only upon written confirmation and allotment of a **Team Code**.

6.6 Incomplete or incorrect registrations may be rejected, or time may be given for rectification, at the sole discretion of the OC.

6.7 If the OC cancels or postpones the Competition, the fee shall be refunded in full or adjusted as the OC may decide.

6.8 If registrations exceed 32, the OC may maintain a waiting list; if they fall below 32, the OC may proceed with the available Teams, adjusting the format as per Rule 36.

Rule 7. Scrutiny of Registrations

7.1 The Scrutiny Committee shall verify eligibility, documents and fee payment and may seek clarifications.

7.2 False information in registration or at any later stage shall render the Team liable to disqualification under Rule 33.

PART III – MOOT PROPOSITION AND CLARIFICATIONS

Rule 8. Moot Proposition

8.1 The Moot Proposition will be released on the Official Website and by email to every registered Institution.

8.2 The proposition shall be the sole source of facts. No Team shall assume any fact that is not contained in the proposition or the OC's clarifications.

8.3 Teams may argue on the basis of law and reasonable factual inferences, but may not introduce new facts.

Rule 9. Clarifications

9.1 Teams may submit queries only in the prescribed format in the participant portal on or before the date notified under Rule 6.4. Queries via any other mode shall not be entertained.

9.2 Not more than [three (3)] queries may be submitted per Team.

9.3 The OC may decline to answer a query, or answer that "the facts are as stated in the proposition". Such a response shall be final.

9.4 Clarifications issued by the OC form part of the Moot Proposition.

Rule 10. Amendments to the Proposition

10.1 The OC reserves the right to amend, correct or supplement the proposition at any stage before the Memorial submission deadline if it finds any error or ambiguity. All Teams shall be intimated simultaneously.

PART IV – GENERAL CONDUCT AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Rule 11. Anonymity of Teams

- 11.1 Teams shall be identified only by **Team Codes** in Memorials, during Memorial evaluation and in the Oral Rounds. Any disclosure of the name of the Institution, Participants, state or city, in the Memorial or in oral submissions, expressly or by implication, is prohibited.
- 11.2 In Oral Rounds, Teams shall not wear or carry anything indicating their Institution, such as badges, logos, ties, scarves or university-specific attire.
- 11.3 Breach of Rule 11 shall attract a penalty under Rule 32, up to disqualification.

Rule 12. Code of Conduct and Discipline

- 12.1 All Participants shall maintain the decorum, dignity and discipline of a court of law, both inside and outside the venue, including hostel, transport and accommodation.
- 12.2 Any misconduct, including ragging, harassment, discrimination, intoxication, damage to property, abusive language, or disrespect toward Judges, volunteers, staff or fellow Participants, shall invite penalties under Part IX.
- 12.3 Teams shall not approach, lobby, influence or attempt to contact any Judge, Examiner or Scrutiny Committee member regarding the Competition. Any attempt shall lead to disqualification.
- 12.4 The Competition shall be subject to the anti-ragging and sexual harassment policies of Assam University, and the Internal Complaints Committee shall have jurisdiction.

Rule 13. Faculty Advisers and Coaches

- 13.1 Faculty Advisers or Coaches may accompany Teams but shall not enter the Moot Court Hall during the Oral Rounds, other than as spectators if allowed by the OC.
- 13.2 Faculty Advisers shall not interact with Judges, Examiners or OC members in relation to scoring.

PART V – MEMORIAL ROUND

Rule 14. Memorial Submission

- 14.1 Each Team shall submit **one Memorial for the Petitioner and one for the Respondent**, i.e. two Memorials in total, to the Participant Portal (<https://aunmcc2026.ai.studio/>) on or before the date and time (IST) notified under Rule 6.4.
- 14.2 Submissions shall be in **PDF format**, named strictly as [TeamCode]_Petitioner.pdf and [Team Code]_Respondent.pdf.
- 14.3 **Five** Hard copies of each sides shall be required **only from the sixteen (16) qualified Teams** and are to be submitted at the venue at reporting (Rule 20).
- 14.4 The OC shall acknowledge receipt within [24] hours. A Team that has not received acknowledgement must inform the OC immediately.
- 14.5 The time stamp of the OC's website server shall be conclusive as to the time of submission.

Rule 15. Format of Memorials

- 15.1 **Page size:** A4. **Margins:** 1 inch on all sides.
- 15.2 **Font:** Times New Roman. **Body text:** 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing, justified. **Footnotes:** 10 pt, single spacing.
- 15.3 **Cover colour (hard copies):** Petitioner – [Blue]; Respondent – [Red].
- 15.4 **Word limit:** the body of the Memorial (Statement of Jurisdiction to Prayer, inclusive of footnotes) shall not exceed **30 Pages**.
- 15.5 **Contents (in order):**

- (i) Cover Page (Court name, Team Code, parties, case number, "Memorial for the Petitioner/Respondent"; **no** Institution name);
- (ii) Table of Contents;
- (iii) Index of Authorities;
- (iv) Statement of Jurisdiction;
- (v) Statement of Facts;
- (vi) Statement of Issues;
- (vii) Summary of Arguments;
- (viii) Arguments Advanced;
- (ix) Prayer.

15.6 Citation: Bluebook (21st ed.), Consistency is required.

15.7 Page numbering: Roman numerals for preliminary pages; Arabic numerals for the rest.

15.8 Memorials shall **not** contain any identifying mark, watermark, header, footer or metadata disclosing the Institution or Participants. Document properties (author name) must be cleared before submission.

15.9 Authorities relied upon shall be real, verifiable and correctly cited. Fabricated, altered or misattributed authorities shall be treated as a serious violation under Rule 32.

Rule 16. Plagiarism and Use of Artificial Intelligence

16.1 Memorials shall be the original work of the Team. Material taken from other sources must be properly attributed.

16.2 The OC may run a similarity check. A similarity index exceeding **15%** (excluding the proposition, authorities and citations) may lead to penalty marks or disqualification.

16.3 Copying or reuse of Memorials from earlier competitions is prohibited.

16.4 Use of generative-AI tools for drafting any part of the Memorial is permitted only for language correction and to be disclosed in a declaration. Every authority cited shall be personally verified by the Team, which remains solely responsible for its accuracy.

Rule 17. Evaluation and Marking of Memorials

17.1 Memorials shall be evaluated by at least **two (2) independent Examiners**, who shall not know the identity of the Institution.

17.2 Each Memorial (Petitioner and Respondent) shall be marked out of **100**, as follows:

S.NO.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks
1	Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction	[10]
2	Knowledge of Laws and Facts	[10]
3	Interpretation and Application of Laws to Facts	[10]
4	Use of Authorities	[10]
5	Authoritativeness and Persuasiveness	[10]
6	Organization of Arguments	[10]

7	Clarity of Thought	[10]
8	Originality and Innovation	[10]
9	Presentation Style and General Impression	[10]
10	Grammar and style of presentation	[10]
	Total	100

17.3 The Team's Memorial Score is the sum of the average scores awarded by the Examiners for the Petitioner and Respondent Memorials, expressed out of **200**.

17.4 Penalty marks under Rule 32 shall be deducted from the Memorial Score.

17.5 If the difference between two Examiners exceeds [15] marks on a Memorial, a third Examiner shall evaluate it, and the average of the two nearest scores shall be taken.

Rule 18. Selection of Top 16 Teams

18.1 The **sixteen (16) Teams with the highest Memorial Scores** shall qualify for the Oral Rounds, to be held physically at the Silchar campus of Assam University.

18.2 Tie-breaker: In case of a tie for the 16th position: (i) higher score in Knowledge and Application of Law; (ii) higher score in Use of Authorities; (iii) fewer penalty marks; (iv) draw of lots by the OC.

18.3 The result shall be announced on the Official Website on the date notified under Rule 6.4. Qualified Teams shall confirm attendance in writing within [48 hours], failing which the OC may offer the seat to the next-ranked Team.

18.4 Memorial scores are **final**. No re-evaluation shall be sought, though the OC may correct clerical or arithmetical errors under Rule 37.

18.5 Individual score sheets of Memorials shall be shared only at the discretion of the OC.

PART VI – ORAL ROUNDS

Rule 19. Format of the Competition

19.1 The Oral Rounds shall be held **physically** at the **Silchar campus of Assam University** on **27th and 28th November 2026**.

19.2 The sixteen (16) qualified Teams shall compete in the following stages:

Stage	Teams	Date
Inaugural Ceremony		27 Nov 2026 (Morning)
Octa-final Round (Round of 16)	16 Teams in 8 matches; 8 advance	27 Nov 2026 (forenoon)
Quarter-final Round	8 Teams in 4 matches; 4 advance	27 Nov 2026 (afternoon)
Semi-final Round	4 Teams in 2 matches; 2 advance	28 Nov 2026 (forenoon)
Final Round	2 Teams	28 Nov 2026 (afternoon)
Valedictory and Prize Distribution	–	28 Nov 2026 (evening)

19.3The detailed schedule shall be published by the OC and may be modified under Rule 37.

Rule 20. Reporting and Registration at Venue

20.1 Qualified Teams shall report at the Registration Desk at International Guest House, Assam University, Silchar, before 9:00 A.M. on **27th November 2026** and submit:

- (a) Five (5) hard copies of each Memorial (Petitioner and Respondent), i.e. six (10) copies;
- (b) original identity cards of each participant;
- (c) Authorisation Letter from the Institution;
- (d) signed Undertaking and Code of Conduct.

20.2A Team that fails to report within [15 Mins] of the scheduled start, without prior written permission, may be treated as having forfeited its match.

20.3Accommodation provided, shall be on the terms set out in the Brochure. The OC shall not be responsible for loss of personal belongings.

Rule 21. Draw of Lots and Allotment of Sides

21.1The pairing of Teams and the allotment of Petitioner/Respondent for the Octa-final Round shall be by **draw of lots** conducted by the OC in the presence of Team representatives online.

21.2*Alternative (OC to choose one):* Pairing in the Octa-final Round shall follow Memorial ranking (Rank 1 vs Rank 16, Rank 2 vs Rank 15, and so on), with sides decided by draw of lots.

21.3In the Quarter-finals, sides shall be allotted by draw of lots; the OC shall avoid, wherever possible, a Team arguing the same side as in the previous round.

21.4In the Semi-finals and the Final, sides shall be determined as per Rule 28.

21.5To the extent practicable, a Team shall not be pitted against a Team from the same Institution or the same State in the Quarter-final Rounds and onward.

Rule 22. Conduct of Rounds

22.1Each Octa-final and Quarter-final match shall be heard by a Bench of **two (2) Judges**; each Semi-final by **Two (2) or Three (3) Judges** and the Final by **five (5) Judges** [or as the OC decides depending upon the feasibility].

22.2In each match, the two Teams argue opposite sides as allotted.

22.3The Bench may interrupt, ask questions and seek clarifications at any time. Speakers shall respond with respect and relevance.

22.4The Presiding Judge's rulings on matters of procedure in the round are final, subject to Rule 35.

22.5The Bench may recess for deliberation. Scoring and announcement of results shall follow Rule 29.

Rule 23. Time Limits and Order of Submissions

23.1Time allotted per Team:

Round	Total per Team	Per Speaker	Rebuttal / Sur-rebuttal
Octa-final and Quarter-final	20 minutes	10 minutes each	5 min / 3 min [adjust]
Semi-final	30 minutes	12 minutes each	6 min / 4 min
Final	40 minutes	15 minutes each	10 min / 5 min

Rebuttal / sur-rebuttal time is within, and not additional to, the Team's total time unless the OC provides otherwise.

23.2Order: (i) Speaker 1 of the Petitioner; (ii) Speaker 2 of the Petitioner; (iii) Speaker 1 of the Respondent; (iv) Speaker 2 of the Respondent; (v) Rebuttal by the Petitioner; (vi) Sur-rebuttal by the Respondent.

23.3Timekeeping: The official timekeeper shall indicate time at [5] minutes, [2] minutes, and expiry. A Speaker shall conclude upon expiry, subject to the Bench's leave to complete a sentence or answer a question.

23.4Time consumed by questions from the Bench shall [not be deducted] from the Speaker's time.

23.5A Speaker shall not exceed the allotted time without leave of the Bench. The Bench may reduce marks for overshooting.

23.6Rebuttal: Rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Respondent's arguments and shall not introduce new submissions. Sur-rebuttal is limited to points raised in rebuttal. A Team reserving rebuttal time must state it at the commencement.

23.7Division of Issues: Each Team shall inform the Bench at the beginning how issues are divided between Speakers. A Speaker shall not argue the issues allotted to the other Speaker, except to answer a question from the Bench.

23.8Both Speakers must argue in every round.

Rule 24. Dress Code and Court Decorum

24.1Participants shall appear in **traditional court attire**: black coat, white shirt/blouse, black trousers/ /saree/salwar-kameez, black tie and black shoes.

24.2Participants shall not wear any marks identifying their Institution (Rule 11.2).

24.3Participants shall address the Bench as "My Lords / My Ladies", "Your Lordships / Your Ladyships" or "Hon'ble Court", and refer to the other side as "Learned Counsel".

24.4Phones, smart-watches and electronic devices shall be switched off or on silent and shall not be used during the round.

24.5Audience members shall maintain silence. Interference, recording or photography in the Moot Court Hall without permission of the OC is prohibited.

Rule 25. Materials and Aids During Oral Rounds

25.1Participants may carry into the Moot Court Hall only copies of their Memorials, case laws, statutes, books and notes in **hard copy. Laptops, tablets, mobile phones and other electronic devices are prohibited.**

25.2No Communication: During oral submissions, the Researcher may pass written notes to the Speaker but shall not speak. No communication with any person outside the Team (including spectators and coaches) is permitted.

25.3Participants shall not rely upon any material not mentioned in the Memorial without leave of the Bench. All case laws and statutes cited orally must be real and verifiable.

25.4On request of the Bench, a Speaker shall provide the citation and a copy of the relevant extract. A Speaker unable to produce an authority shall withdraw reliance on it.

25.5No PowerPoint presentations, demonstrative aids or recorded content shall be used.

Rule 26. Scoring in Oral Rounds

26.1Each Judge shall award marks to each Speaker out of **100**, based on:

S.NO	Marking Criteria	Marks
1	Knowledge of Law	[15]

2	Knowledge of Facts	[15]
3	Interpretation and Application of Law	[15]
4	Argumentative Skills, Creativity and Innovation	[15]
5	Use of Authorities	[10]
6	Response to Questions	[10]
7	Court Etiquette	[10]
8	Time Management	[10]
	Total	100

26.2 Rebuttal and sur-rebuttal shall be assessed as part of the Speaker's score.

26.3 Team Score = Speaker 1 score + Speaker 2 score. Where there are multiple Judges, the average across Judges shall be taken.

26.4 Deductions for breach of Rules (e.g. identification, unauthorised aid, new facts) shall be as per Rule 32.

26.5 Score sheets are confidential and available only to the OC.

Rule 27. Determination of Winner in a Match

27.1 The Team with the **higher aggregate score** in a match shall be declared the winner and advance.

27.2 Tie: In case of equal scores, the winner shall be the Team with (i) the higher Memorial Score; failing which (ii) the higher score for Knowledge and Application of Law in that round; failing which (iii) the decision of the Presiding Judge.

27.3 The Judges' decision is final and binding. No Team shall question or seek reasons for scoring.

Rule 28. Sides in Semi-final and Final

28.1 Sides shall be decided by draw of lots.

Rule 29. Announcement of Results

29.1 The result of each round shall be announced by the OC, not by the Judges. Judges shall not disclose scores or results to the Teams.

29.2 Teams shall not seek feedback from Judges during the Competition. Feedback, if any, shall be given after the Valedictory under the OC's supervision.

PART VII – JUDGES AND EXAMINERS

Rule 30. Panel of Judges and Examiners

30.1 Benches shall comprise sitting or retired Judges, Senior Advocates, Advocates of at least [7] years' standing, legal academicians and other eminent jurists, as appointed by the OC.

30.2 Memorials shall be evaluated by Examiners of legal expertise appointed by the OC.

30.3 Conflict of Interest: A Judge or Examiner with a conflict of interest in relation to any Team shall disclose it and recuse. The OC shall reassign the Bench.

30.4The OC may constitute, change or reconstitute a Bench at any stage, including mid-round if necessary.

30.5Judges shall maintain confidentiality of proceedings and shall not communicate with Teams about scoring.

PART VIII – AWARDS

Rule 31. Prize Pool and Awards

31.1The total **Prize Pool** of the Competition is **₹1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty-Five Thousand only)**.

31.2The following awards shall be given [the distribution below is proposed and may be revised by the OC under Rule 31.4]:

Award	Details
Winner Team	Trophy, Certificates and ₹50,000
Runner-up Team	Trophy, Certificates and ₹30,000
Best Memorial (Overall)	Trophy / Certificate and ₹15,000
Best Speaker (Overall)	Trophy / Certificate and ₹15,000
Best Researcher	Certificate and ₹15,000
Total Prize Pool	₹1,25,000
Semi-finalists	Certificates of Merit
All Participants (Oral Rounds)	Certificates of Participation
All Participants (Memorial Round)	Certificates of Participation

31.3**Best Speaker** shall be determined on the aggregate of the average scores of the Speaker in all Oral Rounds argued, subject to having argued at least [two (2)] rounds. **Best Researcher** shall be determined by the OC on the basis of **Researcher Test**.

31.4The OC may add, withdraw, merge or alter any award, and may revise the distribution of the Prize Pool (without altering the total), or decline to give any prize if no Team is found fit.

31.5Prizes are subject to deduction of applicable taxes, if any.

PART IX – VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION

Rule 32. Penalties

32.1The following penalties may be imposed by the OC (on the recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee or Bench):

Violation	Penalty
Late submission of Memorial	–[10] marks, up to [48] hours; thereafter disqualification
Exceeding the word limit	–[2] mark per page over limit, up to –[10] marks

Violation	Penalty
Format non-compliance (font, spacing, margins, cover)	–[5] marks
Disclosure of identity in Memorial	–[10] marks or disqualification
Disclosure of identity in Oral Rounds	–[10] marks per instance; repeated breach – disqualification
Exceeding time limit without leave	–[2] marks per minute, as determined by the Bench
Introduction of new facts	–[5] marks
Unauthorised electronic aid or communication	–[10] marks to disqualification
Improper attire	–[5] marks or refusal to permit to argue
Plagiarism beyond Rule 16.2	–[20] marks or disqualification

32.2 The penalties in Rule 32.1 are illustrative and not exhaustive. The OC may impose any other appropriate penalty for violations not expressly provided for.

Rule 33. Disqualification

33.1A Team may be disqualified at any stage by the OC for:

- (a) furnishing false information or forged documents;
- (b) gross plagiarism or fabrication of authorities;
- (c) attempts to influence Judges, Examiners or the OC;
- (d) gross misconduct or violation of Rule 12;
- (e) repeated breach of anonymity rules;
- (f) unauthorised communication or aid in Oral Rounds;
- (g) any act that, in the opinion of the OC, undermines the integrity of the Competition.

33.2A disqualified Team forfeits all awards, certificates and refund of fees. The opposing Team in an ongoing match shall be declared the winner by walkover.

33.3 Before disqualifying a Team, the OC shall, where practicable, give an opportunity to explain. Where the integrity of the Competition requires immediate action, the OC may act without prior notice.

Rule 34. Walkover and Forfeiture

34.1 If a Team does not appear within [15] minutes of the scheduled start of its round, the other Team shall be declared the winner by walkover. The absent Team may, at the OC's discretion, be permitted to argue for assessment for individual awards.

34.2 If both Teams in a match are absent or disqualified, the OC shall decide the advancement of Teams as it deems fit.

PART X – GRIEVANCES AND POWERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Rule 35. Grievances and Objections

35.1A Team may lodge a written grievance only on the grounds of: (a) breach of these Rules by the OC or another Team; (b) a procedural irregularity; or (c) a clerical or arithmetical error in scoring.

35.2 No grievance shall lie against the academic assessment, scoring or decision of a Judge or Examiner.

35.3 A grievance shall be submitted in writing, signed by the Team's Speakers, within [20 Minutes] of the result of the round.

35.4 The Grievance Committee shall consist of [three (3)] members: the Convenor/Chairperson, one Faculty member (not from the committee) and one external member who has no association with the aggrieved Team.

35.5 The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be **final and binding**.

Rule 36. Power to Alter Format

36.1 If fewer than 32 Teams register, or fewer than 16 Teams confirm attendance, the OC may revise the format, number of rounds and qualifying criteria, and shall notify the Teams.

36.2 The OC may increase or decrease the number of Teams, rounds or Benches for operational reasons.

Rule 37. Power to Rectify Errors and Remove Difficulties

37.1 **Rectification of Mistakes.** If any clerical, arithmetical, typographical, procedural or administrative error, omission or ambiguity is found at any stage, whether in the Rules, Moot Proposition, schedule, scoring, pairing, results or any communication, the OC shall have the power to rectify it, **suo motu or on application**, by issuing a corrigendum or notice. Such rectification shall have retrospective effect where necessary to give effect to the intent of the Rules.

37.2 **Removal of Difficulties.** If any difficulty arises in giving effect to these Rules, the OC may, by an order not inconsistent with the objects of the Competition, do anything necessary or expedient to remove the difficulty.

37.3 **Residuary Power.** In respect of any matter not provided for in these Rules, the OC shall have the power to take any decision or action it considers fair and appropriate in the interest of the Competition and the Participants.

37.4 **Power to Relax.** The OC may, for sufficient reasons recorded in writing, relax any provision of these Rules relating to time limits, format or procedure, where strict adherence would cause undue hardship and not prejudice any other Team.

37.5 **Power to Reschedule.** The OC may reschedule, postpone, extend or curtail any round, deadline or event, with due intimation to Teams, in the event of unforeseen circumstances including natural calamity, public disturbance, bandh, curfew, health emergency, technical failure or non-availability of Judges.

37.6 **Reconstitution and Rehearing.** The OC may reconstitute a Bench or direct a fresh hearing of a round where a material irregularity has occurred.

37.7 **Change of Mode.** In an emergency, the OC may conduct any part of the Competition, including Oral Rounds, in virtual or hybrid mode.

Rule 38. Substitution and Exceptional Circumstances

38.1 In case of illness, bereavement or other exceptional reason, the OC may permit substitution of a Participant, subject to proof and eligibility under Rule 4, if applied for in writing before the commencement of the Oral Rounds.

38.2 A Team reduced to two members may continue, provided both Speakers are present.

Rule 39. Interpretation

39.1 The interpretation of these Rules by the OC shall be **final and binding**.

39.2 Headings and notes are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation.

39.3 In case of conflict between the Rules and the Brochure, the Rules shall prevail. In case of conflict between the Rules and a later notice or corrigendum of the OC, the later notice shall prevail.

Rule 40. Amendment of Rules

40.1The OC may at any time amend, add to, vary or repeal any of these Rules, giving notice through the Official Website and email to all registered Teams. Amendments shall be binding from the date specified in the notice.

40.2No amendment shall materially alter the scoring criteria after the Memorial submission date, unless unavoidable.

Rule 41. Final Authority

41.1The decision of the Organising Committee, subject to Rule 35, shall be **final and binding** in all matters concerning the Competition.

PART XI – MISCELLANEOUS

Rule 42. Intellectual Property and Publicity

42.1Copyright in the Memorials remains with the Teams, but the OC and Assam University shall have a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free right to publish, display and reproduce the Memorials, with credit, for educational purposes.

42.2Participants consent to photography, audio-visual recording and live-streaming of the Competition and its use for publicity by Assam University.

Rule 43. Liability and Safety

43.1Participants attend at their own risk. Neither the OC nor Assam University shall be liable for any injury, illness, loss or damage to person or property, including during travel.

43.2Every Participant shall sign an Undertaking and Indemnity at registration.

43.3Participants shall comply with all University, local administrative and health regulations.

Rule 44. Travel, Accommodation and Hospitality

44.1Travel to and from Silchar shall be at the Team's own cost unless the Brochure provides otherwise.

44.2Accommodation and meals may be provided by the OC as per the Brochure, with separate arrangements for male and female Participants.

44.3Teams shall confirm travel and accommodation requirements by the date notified by the OC.

Rule 45. Communication

45.1All communication shall be through the Official Email [moot.court.society@aus.ac.in / aunmcc2026@aus.ac.in] and Official Website [[website](#)]. Communication through any other mode is not binding on the OC.

45.2Contact: **Mr. Kishore Kumar Jha; Student Convenor (9102534777) & Ms. Rhitoja Bhattacharjee; Student Co-Convenor (6003999180)**

Rule 46. Declaration and Acceptance

47.1By registering, every Team and Participant declares that they have read, understood and agreed to be bound by these Rules and any amendment, corrigendum or notice of the OC.

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