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**MAIMS 7th NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026
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MAIMS 7th NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES, 2026**1. DEFINITIONS**

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

- 1.1 “Competition” means the 7th MAIMS National Moot Court Competition.
- 1.2 “Organising Committee” or “OC” means the MAIMS Moot Court Society, responsible for the administration and execution of the Competition.
- 1.3 “Team Code” or “TC” means the unique identification code allotted to a registered team to preserve its anonymity throughout the Competition.
- 1.4 “Registration Fees” means the mandatory monetary payment required from a participating team to officially participate the competition.
- 1.5 “Primary Contact Person” or “PCP” means the team member designated as responsible for all official communication with the OC.
- 1.6 “Bench” means the panel of judges evaluating any oral round of the Competition.
- 1.7 “Speaker” means a team member designated to present oral arguments before the Bench.
- 1.8 “Researcher” means the team member designated to assist the Speakers with legal research and compilation of the Compendium.
- 1.9 “Preliminary Rounds” means the initial phase of the oral pleadings. Every participating team usually argues in at least two preliminary rounds, representing both the Petitioner/Appellant and the Respondent. Teams are scored based on these performances to determine who advances to advanced rounds.
- 1.10 “Advanced Rounds” means, collectively, the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds of the Competition
- 1.11 “Memorial” means the written submissions prepared and submitted by a team on behalf of both the Petitioner and the Respondent.
- 1.12 “Compendium” means the compiled folder of case laws, statutory materials, and evidentiary documents relied upon by a team during its submissions.
- 1.13 “Soft Copy” means electronic versions of competition documents, most commonly the written legal briefs i.e. the Memorials and the compiled folder of the case laws or other documents i.e. the Compendium.
- 1.14 “Rebuttal” or “Sur-Rebuttal” mean the arguments advanced by the Petitioner and the Respondent respectively, in response to points raised by the opposing side during oral rounds.
- 1.15 “Score” means the marks awarded to a team under the criteria specified in these Rules, whether in respect of the Memorial or the Oral Rounds or the Researcher’s Test.
- 1.16 “Plagiarism” means the direct or any substantial duplication of the work represented as one’s own work without acknowledgement.
- 1.17 “Clarifications” means the answer to requests for any kind of information with respect to the Moot Proposition.
- 1.18 “Penalties” mean point(s) deducted for violation of any Rule by the Participants, pursuant to Rule 7 i.e. the List of Penalties.
- 1.19 “Scouting” means any person observing the Oral pleadings of a Team other than the Team such person is associated with.

2. GENERAL RULES

Art.1. These rules shall be called the 'MAIMS 7th National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2026' ("The Rules").

2.1. DATE AND VENUE OF THE COMPETITION

Art.2. The MAIMS 7th National Moot Court Competition, 2026 ("Competition") shall be held on **30th-31st October & 20th-21st November, 2026**, on the campus of **Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110086**.

2.2. LANGUAGE

Art.3. All oral and written submissions are required to be made in **English/Legalese**, which shall be the official language of the Competition.

2.3. TEAM ELIGIBILITY AND COMPOSITION

Art.4. All the students who are duly enrolled and pursuing a full time **three-year [LL.B.]** programme or **five-year** (integrated) LL.B. (Hons.) programme from any institution/university recognized by the Bar Council of India or any other equivalent competent authority shall be eligible to participate in the Competition.

Art.5. Each team shall consist of **three** members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. In a team consisting of three members, **two** members shall be designated as '**Speakers**' and the **third** member shall be designated as '**Researcher**.'

Art.5(A) The composition of a team as declared at the time of registration shall remain fixed and shall not be altered after the receipt of the registration form by the OC.

Art.5(B) Where a team member becomes unavailable on account of a genuine emergency arising after the receipt of the registration form under Art.5(A), the following procedure shall apply:

- (i). Where the team intimates the OC, in writing and with supporting documentation, before the commencement of the first scheduled Oral Round, the team may, with the prior written permission of the OC, bring in a new team member in place of the unavailable member. The incoming member shall assume the same designation i.e. the Speaker or the Researcher as the member being replaced, and no other.
- (ii). Where the unavailability arises on the day of the Round in which the team is scheduled to appear, or where the team is unable to arrange a replacement despite prior intimation, the team may, with the prior permission of the OC, continue to participate with its remaining two members, subject to the following:
 - (a) Where the unavailable member is a Speaker, the remaining Speaker may act as proxy and undertake the absent Speaker's role in addition to their own, provided that the team shall intimate the Court Masters of such absence and the proxy arrangement prior to the commencement of the Round. No individual score shall be credited in respect of the absent Speaker, whether for the purposes of Art.82 or otherwise, the proxy Speaker having acted only for purposes of representation

- (b) Where the unavailable member is the Researcher, no proxy shall be permitted for the Researcher's role, and the team shall continue to participate without a Researcher for that Round, subject to Art.5(B).
- (iii). Notwithstanding anything contained in this Rule, the designation of a team member as Speaker or Researcher shall at all times remain fixed. A Speaker shall not, under any circumstances, assume the role of the Researcher, nor shall the Researcher, under any circumstances, assume the role of a Speaker i.e. whether by way of proxy under sub-clause (ii) or otherwise. The restriction on the Researcher addressing the Court under Art.53 continues to apply notwithstanding this Rule.

Art.5(C) All questions arising under this Rule, including whether the unavailability is genuine, whether a replacement or proxy shall be permitted, and any other incidental matter, shall be decided at the sole discretion of the OC, whose decision shall be final and binding.

2.4. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Art.6. All the participating teams are required to confirm their participation by filling the attached Registration Form by or before **11:59 PM, 10th September 2026**.

Art.7. The teams are required to choose one 'Primary Contact Person' ("PCP") from the team itself, while filling the registration form. All kinds of communication concerning the Competition shall be established, via mail, with the aforesaid PCP, only. The aforesaid PCP shall be responsible for conveying all the information concerning the Competition to the team.

Art.7A. The Organising Committee (OC) shall not be held liable or responsible for any loss of opportunity, disadvantage, or disqualification faced by a team arising from the failure of the Primary Contact Person (PCP) or any team member to share official communications, guidelines, or updates with the rest of the team members. It is the sole responsibility of the team to maintain active internal coordination

Art.8. Every team which has successfully completed the registration requisites as per the rules, shall be allotted a unique **Team Code ("TC")** after the closure of the registration for the Competition. Once the TCs are allotted, every team is strictly required to use the same only, and no other identity mark (e.g., name, name/logo of institution, etc.), for any further communication with the **Organising Committee, MAIMS Moot Court Society ("OC")** during the entire course of the Competition.

Art.9. Participants shall duly receive an approval mail, signifying the acceptance of their request for participation in the Competition by **15th September 2026**.

Art.10. Payment Structure: The teams participating in the Competition shall be required to pay a sum of **INR 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** as registration fees for the aforesaid Competition. The registration fee **does not** include accommodation.

Art.11. Teams registering under the "Early Bird Registration" window shall be entitled to a discounted Registration Fee of **INR 4,500/- (Rupees Four Thousand Five Hundred Only)**, provided that the registration form is duly submitted, and the requisite fee is paid, by or before **20th August, 2026**. Registrations received after the aforesaid date shall not be eligible for the Early Bird Registration Fee and shall be subject to the standard Registration Fee as specified under Art.10.

2.5 ACCOMMODATION

Art.12. Participants availing accommodation shall comply with such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the OC in this regard. Teams wishing to avail of accommodation must intimate the OC by or before **11:59 PM, 03rd November 2026**. The Registration Fee does not include accommodation. Teams opting for accommodation shall be required to pay a sum of **INR 3500/- (Rupees Thirty-Five Hundred Only)** per team, as accommodation charges, over and above the Registration Fees. Details regarding the mode of payment shall be communicated to the PCPs in due course.

Art.12A. Rooms shall be allotted strictly on the basis of gender, with participants of the same gender only being accommodated together, irrespective of team affiliation. The allotment of rooms shall be at the sole discretion of the OC, owing to the hotel norms and participants' safety.

Art.12B. Participants, availing accommodation, shall comply with the rules and norms of the hotel/accommodation venue, including check-in/check-out timings and visitor policies, failing which they shall be liable to disciplinary action under Art.100. The OC shall not be liable for any loss, theft, or untoward incident arising from a participant's own negligence or misconduct.

Art.13. Payment Details for Registration Fees (For NEFT/IMPS Transfer):

Account Holder	MAIMS Cultural Society (MACS)
Account No.	604202010000826
IFSC	UBIN0560421
Branch	Union Bank of India, Sector-22, Rohini, New Delhi-110086.

Art.13A. The teams registering for the Competition are compulsorily required to upload the UTR/Ref. No. of the transaction and screenshot of the payment for a successful registration.

Art.14. The last date for Payment of Registration Fees is **11:59 PM, 10th September 2026**.

Art.14A. All fees payable under these Rules including, without limitation, the Registration Fee, the Early Bird Registration Fee, and the Accommodation Fee; shall, once paid, **be non-refundable under all circumstances**.

2.6. DRESS CODE

Art.15. Participants shall be appropriately attired during all the rounds of the Competition. **Robes and collar bands** are strictly prohibited.

Art.16. The Dress Code for the Inaugural Ceremony, Oral Rounds (Online and Offline) and Valedictory Ceremony:

- a) For Ladies: Courtroom Formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants/black formal skirt and a black blazer) or black and white Indian Formals; and
- b) For Gentlemen: Courtroom Formals (White formal shirt with formal black pants and a black blazer with black tie).

2.7. CLARIFICATIONS

Art.17. Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought via mailing at **mootcourtsociety@maims.ac.in** by or before **11:59 PM, 20th September 2026**. Clarification requests sent after the aforesaid date **shall not** be entertained.

Art.18. All clarifications shall be released by **23rd September 2026** and shall be released for the perusal of all the teams, via mail.

Art.19. The clarifications shall be restricted to Moot Proposition and the Rules.

3. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Art.20. In case of any delay or change in the responses to the clarifications, the OC shall intimate about the same to the respective PCPs of all the teams, via mail.

Art.21. No clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition or the Rules shall be addressed by any member of the OC, personally.

Art.22. All the rules mentioned in this chapter regarding written submissions/memorials have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same shall attract penalties as provided under the Rules.

Art.23. Each team must prepare written submission/memorials for both sides of the Moot Proposition.

3.1. SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF MEMORIALS

Art.24. All the teams are required to submit the soft copies of the memorials from each side at **mootcourtsociety@maims.ac.in** in both ".pdf" as well as a ".doc" format, by or before **11:59 PM, 10th October 2026**. The subject of the mail should read as "**Memorials (Team Code) – MAIMS 7th NMCC'26**".

Art.25. Memorial Submission from both sides must be sent in a **single mail** subject to Art.41.

Art.26. A penalty of **1 mark** shall be levied in case the memorials are submitted in any other format or as multiple files by the team.

Art.27. Memorials submitted 12 hours beyond the deadline specified shall not be subjected for evaluation.

Art.28. A penalty of **1 mark per hour per side** shall be levied in case of delay in the submission of the memorials.

3.2. SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF MEMORIALS

Art.29. The teams qualifying for the Offline Oral Rounds would be required to submit **6 hard copies** of their Memorials from each side (Spiral Bound) to the OC, by or before **08:15 AM, 20th November, 2026**, before the commencement of the process of Draw of Lots for the Quarter Final Round.

Art.29(A). The hard copy of each Memorial must be identical to its corresponding soft copy. Minor corrections of typographical, grammatical, or formatting errors, which do not alter the

substantive content, arguments, or citations, shall be permitted. Any other discrepancy between the two versions shall be treated as a violation of the Rules.

Art.29(B). In the event of such a violation, the OC shall, at its discretion, either reject the Memorial or grant the team a reasonable opportunity to submit an identical copy within a specified time. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the team, as the OC may deem fit.

Art.29(C). The OC shall not be responsible for arranging the revised hard copy. However, the team shall, upon payment of the requisite fee, be provided a hard copy of the corresponding soft copy, printed by the OC on the spot.

3.3. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

Art.30. The memorials must not contain any form of identity mark, apart from the TC. If any such identity mark (e.g., name, name/logo of institution, etc.), which has the effect of disclosing the identity of the team is found on the memorials of any team, then it shall result in **immediate disqualification** of such team.

3.4. GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING

Art.31. Structure of memorials: The memorials must contain the following contents:

a) Cover Page: The Cover Page must be BLUE for the Petitioner side and RED for the Respondent side. A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case any team uses the wrong cover page in their memorial. The Cover Page of the Memorial 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 Memorial has been prepared.
- v) The 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 Submission.

e) Statement of Jurisdiction: Statement of Jurisdiction shall not exceed 1 page. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each exceeded page.]

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: Issues Raised shall not exceed 1 page. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each exceeded page.]

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:

i) All oral arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the memorial submission. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 2 marks.]

ii) The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced must not exceed 24 pages. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 2 marks per exceeded page.]

j) Prayer: Prayer shall not exceed 1 page.

Art.32. 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-20, the team must write "**TC-20 P**" in the case of memorial for Petitioner and "**TC-20 R**" in the case of memorial for Respondent. [Note: Non-compliance of this article shall lead to penalty of 2 marks per page.]

Art.33. Margin: The memorial submission must maintain an equal margin of **1 inch** on all sides. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 2 marks for each side of the memorial.]

Art.34. Font, size and line spacing: 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 3 marks for each side of the memorial.]

Art.35. 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. Substantive/Speaking footnotes are strictly prohibited. [Note: Non-compliance of this article shall lead to penalty of 2 marks per page.]

Art.36. Header and Footer: The font used for the header/footer, if any, shall be Times New Roman, size 10 and Line spacing: 1.0.

Art.37. Page Limit: The maximum page limit for the Memorial Submission, shall be adhered with the specific limits mentioned below:

- i. Statement of facts not more than 2 pages.
- ii. Statement of jurisdiction not more than 1 page.
- iii. Issues not more than 1 page.
- iv. Summary of arguments not more than 2 pages.
- v. Pleadings/arguments advanced not more than 24 pages.

vi. Prayer not more than 1 page.

3.5. MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS

Art.38. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of **100 marks** and the parameters laid down as under:

SL. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1	Evidence of Original Thought	20
2	Knowledge of Law & Facts	20
3	Proper & Articulate Analysis	20
4	Structure, Language, Grammar, Format & Citation	20
5	Extent & Use of Research	20
	Total	100

3.6. COMPENDIUM

Art.39. 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 in the form of a "**Compendium**".

Art.40. Submission of Compendium is at the discretion of the teams, the same is not compulsory to be submitted by all the participating teams.

Art.41. Teams participating in the Online Preliminary Rounds, may submit the soft copy of their Compendium along with their memorials from each side at **mootcourtsociety@mains.ac.in** in both ".pdf" as well as a ".doc" format, by or before **11:59 PM, 10th October 2026**. The Compendium and the Memorials must be submitted in a Single Mail.

Art.42. Teams qualifying for the Offline Oral Rounds, may submit **2 hard copies** of the Compendium from each side along with the hard copies of the memorials as per **Art. 29**, only.

Art.43. The teams are themselves in charge of creating a coherent and accessible compendium folder.

Art.44. The following is the format that the teams must use to name their files: "**C-Team Code-Side**". For example, the Petitioner compendium of team code 20 should be named as 'C-20P'.

Art.45. The OC bears no responsibility of any issue/inconvenience caused to the Judges/Bench in finding a relevant document or page.

Art.46. Participants shall ensure that the anonymity of the team/participant is not violated while passing any document/material to the Bench. If any identity mark (e.g., name, name/logo of institution, etc.) is present on any such document/material, participants must ensure that the same is rendered unrecognizable.

3.7. DRAW OF LOTS

Art.47. The process of Draw of Lots for the **Online Preliminary Rounds** shall be initiated at **07:00 PM, 26th October 2026**.

Art.48. The process of Draw of Lots for the **Offline Quarter Final Round** shall be initiated at **08:30 AM, 20th November 2026**. Information regarding the Draw of Lots for the subsequent Offline Oral Rounds shall be notified further, during the course of the rounds.

3.8. MEMORIAL EXCHANGE

Art.49. The memorial exchange for both Online as well as Offline Oral Rounds shall take place immediately after the completion of the process of Draw of Lots for each round.

4. ORAL ROUNDS

4.1. GENERAL PROCEDURE

Art.50. The Orals Rounds shall take place in the following manner:

- a) The Online Oral Rounds consisting of the Preliminary Rounds I and II shall take place on 31st October 2026.
- b) The Offline Oral Rounds consisting of the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds shall take place on **20th and 21st November 2026**.

Art.51. Teams are not permitted to raise **issues and/or arguments** in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the memorials.

Art.52. Participants may use their own **Bare Acts, print outs and commentaries** provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.

Art.52A. Participants are strictly prohibited from using laptops, tablets, smartwatches, or mobile phones or any other electronic devices inside the courtroom for presenting arguments or retrieving research material during the Offline Oral Rounds.

Art.52B. Participants shall only be permitted to refer to the printed materials including Memorials, Compendiums, Commentaries, and Bare Acts during the rounds. Unauthorised use of electronic devices shall result in an immediate penalty of marks from the Score.

Art.53. The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may, however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at the discretion of the Judges. Such notes shall be passed through the court masters present in the court room.

Art.54. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be **final and binding**.

4.2. STRUCTURE OF THE ROUNDS

Art.55. The competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- a) Online Oral Rounds
 - i) Preliminary Round I
 - ii) Preliminary Round II
- b) Offline Oral Rounds
 - i) Quarter-Final Round

ii) Semi-Final Round

iii) Final Round

Art.56. During each of the above-mentioned rounds, the order in which the teams shall present their arguments is as follows:

1. Petitioner Speaker 1;
2. Petitioner Speaker 2;
3. Respondent Speaker 1;
4. Respondent Speaker 2;
5. Rebuttal: Petitioner - Any one of the two Speakers;
6. Sur-rebuttal: Respondent - Any one of the two Speakers.

[Note: Sur-sur rebuttal shall be permitted only at the discretion of the Bench.]

4.3. TIME DIVISION BETWEEN SPEAKERS

Art.57. Teams shall notify the Court Masters about the division of time between the Speakers (including time reserved for Rebuttal & Sur-rebuttal) **10 minutes** prior to the commencement of the Oral Rounds.

Art.58. 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.

Art.59. 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**.

Art.60. The **final authority** regarding the time structure and the right to rebut or sur-rebut shall rest with the **Judges**.

4.4. THE ONLINE ORAL ROUNDS: PRELIMINARY ROUND I AND II

Art.61. The **Preliminary Round I and II** shall be held on **31st October 2026** in **online mode**.

Art.62. The fixtures for the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined by the **Draw of Lots**.

Art.63. 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.

Art.64. The **top 8 teams** securing the highest aggregate score for both Preliminary Rounds combined, shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Round. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of:

- a) Total Score of Speaker 1 (Preliminary Round I + II); and
- b) Total Score of Speaker 2 (Preliminary Round I + II)

4.5. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR QUARTER FINAL ROUND

Art.65. If the total scores of both the teams are tied, then the team with the greater net score of memorials, i.e., the score of the memorials after charging penalties, shall win the round.

Art.66. The top 8 teams qualifying for the Quarter-Final Round shall be determined on the basis of the highest aggregate scores obtained across both Preliminary Rounds. If there is a tie in aggregate scores, Art. 65 shall apply.

4.6. THE OFFLINE ROUNDS: QUARTER FINAL, SEMI FINAL AND FINAL ROUNDS

4.6.1. THE QUARTER FINAL ROUND

Art.67. The Offline Oral Rounds shall be held between **20th-21st November 2026**, on the campus of **Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110086**. The Quarter Final Round shall be held on **20th November 2026**. The Top-8 teams that proceed to the Quarter Final Round, as determined by the procedure established under Art.65 and Art.66. of the Rules, shall each argue only once, for the side allotted to them by the Draw of Lots.

Art.68. The fixtures for the Quarter Final Round shall be decided by the **Draw of Lots**.

Art.69. **Top-4 teams** out of the 8 teams participating in the Quarter Final Round shall qualify for the Semi Final Round on a knock-out basis, i.e., the winner of each Quarter Final Round shall qualify for the Semi Final Round.

Art.70. The knockout shall be decided based on scores obtained during the oral rounds only, but in case of a tie, Art.65. shall apply.

Art.71. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the same as in the Preliminary Rounds.

4.6.2. THE SEMI FINAL ROUND

Art.72. The Semi-Final Round shall be held on **20th November 2026** in offline mode on the campus of **Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110086**.

Art.73. The Top-4 teams out of the 8 teams participating in the Quarter Final Round that proceed to the Semi Final Round, shall each argue only once, for the side allotted to them by the **Draw of Lots**.

Art.74. **Top-2 teams** out of the 4 teams participating in the Semi Final Round shall qualify for the Final Round on a knock-out basis, i.e., the winner of each Semi Final Round shall qualify for the Final Round.

Art.75. The knockout shall be decided based on scores obtained during the oral rounds only, but in case of a tie, Art.65. shall apply.

Art.76. 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 **4 minutes** and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is **1 minute**. Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of **20 minutes** exclusive of time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttal.

4.6.3. THE FINAL ROUND

Art.77. The Final Round shall be held on **21st November 2026** in offline mode on the campus of **Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110086**.

Art.78. The Top-2 teams out of the 4 teams participating in the Semi Final Round that proceed to the Final Round, shall each argue only once, for the side allotted to them by the **Draw of Lots**.

Art.79. The **"Winner/Best Team"** and **"Runner-Up"** out of the 2 teams participating in the Final Round shall be decided on a knock-out basis. The knockout shall be decided based on scores obtained during the oral rounds only, but in case of a tie, Art. 65 shall apply.

Art.80. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the same as in the Semi-Finals Rounds.

4.7. MARKING CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS

SL. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1	Knowledge & Application of Law and Facts	20
2	Ingenuity & ability to answer questions	20
3	Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanour	20
4	Organisation & Flow of Arguments	20
5	Reference to Memorial	20
	Total	100

Art.81. The **"Winner/Best Team"** shall be the team winning the Final Round, while the other team shall be the **"Runner-Up"**.

Art.82. The **"Best Speaker"** shall be determined on the basis of the highest individual aggregate score of the speakers taken only from the Online Oral Rounds, i.e. Preliminary Round I and II. The Individual Aggregate Score of the speaker shall be determined as the sum of the following:

- a) Score of Speaker in Preliminary Round I; and
- b) Score of Speaker in Preliminary Round II

Art.82A. In the event of a tie in the Individual Aggregate Score of two or more speakers for the purposes of determining the "Best Speaker", the speaker whose team has secured the higher net score in the Memorials shall be awarded the "Best Speaker" title.

Art.83. The **"Best Memorial"** shall be determined on the basis of the highest aggregate score of the memorials from both sides submitted during the Online Oral Rounds.

Art.84. The "**Best Researcher**" shall be determined on the basis of the highest aggregate score in the Researcher's Test.

4.8. DELAY IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION

Art.85. If a team scheduled to take part in a Round does not appear within **10 minutes** of the scheduled time, the other team present shall be allowed to submit 'ex-parte'. Additionally, the team delaying in appearing beyond the aforesaid time cap shall be levied with a penalty of **3 marks**, in furtherance of such delay.

4.9. ONLINE PLATFORM RULES

Art.86. The participants must ensure that they have a **stable internet connection** with good camera, audio and microphone facilities. The use of a 'desktop' or 'laptop' is advised.

Art. 86(A). In the event of an internet disruption or technical issue during the Online Oral Rounds, the affected speaker must immediately notify the Court Master and the OC coordinator via phone call or WhatsApp.

Art. 86(B). Where a team fails to re-join or resolve the connectivity issue within the maximum time of 5 minutes, as determined by the Bench, the Bench may proceed with the evaluation based on the submissions made up to that point, or allow the opposing team to argue ex-parte under Art.85, depending on the severity of the disruption and at the discretion of the OC

Art.87. The participants shall be permitted to use the **screen share** feature for making their submissions, only.

Art.88. Participants shall be required to use the latest version of Google Chrome, Firefox, or any other equivalent and appropriate internet browser.

Art.89. At the time when one participant is submitting his/her arguments, other participants shall be required to keep their microphones on mute.

5. RESEARCHER'S TEST

Art.90. The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on **31st October 2026** at **08:00 A.M.** in online mode.

Art.91. The link, timings, durations and other instructions shall be notified to the teams well in advance of the date of the test.

Art.92. Only the **Researcher** is allowed to attempt the test.

Art.93. The test shall be conducted by way of an **online form**, and the use of a 'desktop' or 'laptop' is advised. It is a mandatory requirement to maintain a good and stable internet connection; it cannot be later used as an excuse by the participant for non-submission of the Researcher's Test.

Art.94. In case of any internet or other technical issue faced by the Researcher, he/she is required to inform the OC with a screenshot of the issues concerned via mail and/or WhatsApp with their team code mentioned, immediately. Any **delayed** notice of such an incident shall not be entertained, and the OC shall not be responsible for the non-submission of the Test in such case.

Art.95. The Researcher's Test shall consist of **50 objective-type** questions with maximum marks of **100** and maximum time of **60 minutes**. Each correct answer shall amount to **2 marks**. Each wrong answer shall lead to a deduction of **0.25 marks**.

Art.96. It is mandatory for each participating team to attempt the Researcher's Test. If any team fails to appear for the Test, the same shall be awarded zero marks for the same.

Art.97. The score of the Researcher shall be computed as the total of the Score in the Researcher's Test.

Art.98. The "**Best Researcher**" shall be determined as per the procedure established under Art.84. of the Rules. [Note: In case two or more Researchers score the same aggregate score in the Researcher's test, a higher rank will be awarded to the Researcher scoring greater marks in the memorials from each side.]

6. PLAGIARISM AND AI POLICY

Art.99. Every Memorial submitted by a participating team shall be the product of that team's own independent research, analysis, and drafting, prepared solely for the purposes of the Competition, and shall conform to accepted standards of academic and professional integrity in legal writing.

Art.99(A). The following thresholds shall apply:

- i) AI-generated content shall not **exceed 15%**; and
- ii) The plagiarism similarity index shall not **exceed 15%**.

Art.99(B). Every team shall, along with its Memorial, submit a valid plagiarism and AI-content detection report generated through **Turnitin or DrillBit**, in a format acceptable to the OC, demonstrating compliance with the thresholds prescribed under Art.99(A).

Art.99(C). Exceeding either threshold prescribed under Art.99(A) shall constitute a violation of these Rules and shall render the concerned team liable to disqualification.

Art.99(D). The OC reserves the right to seek clarifications, carry out further verification, or take any other reasonable steps to ensure compliance with this Rule. Any attempt to manipulate, conceal, or circumvent the assessment process shall be liable to disqualification or such other action as the OC may deem fit.

7. LIST OF PENALTIES

S.NO.	VIOLATION	PENALTY
1	Delay in Memorial Submission	1 Mark per hour per side
2	Delay in Memorial Submission beyond 12 hours of the deadline	Memorial not evaluated
3	Submitting Memorials in an incorrect format or as multiple files	1 Mark (flat)
4	Compendium submitted after the specified deadline, or at any subsequent stage	Not accepted
5	Revealing Team/Institutional Identity in Memorials	Immediate Disqualification
6	Exceeding Page Limits (Statement of Jurisdiction, Statement of Facts, Issues Raised, Summary of Arguments)	1 Mark per exceeded page
7	Oral arguments not confined to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial	2 Marks (flat)
8	Exceeding the Page Limit for Pleadings/Arguments Advanced (24 pages)	2 Marks per exceeded page
9	Incorrect Cover Page Colour (Blue for Petitioner / Red for Respondent)	1 Mark per side
10	Incorrect Team Code format on the Cover Page	2 Marks per page
11	Non-compliance with Margin specifications	2 Marks per side
12	Non-compliance with Font, Size, and Line Spacing	3 Marks per side
13	Non-uniform Citations / Substantive (Speaking) Footnotes	2 Marks per page

8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 GENERAL ETIQUETTES

Art.99. Participants are required to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the OC, the Judges of the Competition, or any of the other participants.

Art.100. The OC reserves the right to undertake appropriate disciplinary action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct. The decision of the OC, whatsoever, in such case shall be **final and binding**.

8.2 INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Art.101. All interpretations as well as any waivers, consents, or other decisions related to the administration of the competition are at the complete discretion of the OC.

Art.102. Any decision made by the OC shall be **final and binding** upon all the participating teams.

8.3 SCORECARD DISCLOSURE

Art.103. Scorecards, including marks awarded for the Memorial and each Oral Round, shall not be disclosed to participants during the pendency of the Competition and shall only be released after 30 days of its conclusion, following the Valedictory Ceremony.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Any queries (other than the Moot Proposition, or the Rules) may be directed to the following persons:

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10. PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

EVENTS	DATE
Release of Brochure	31st July 2026
Release and Commencement of Registrations	1st August 2026
Closing of Early Bird Registrations	20th August 2026
Closing of Registrations	10th September 2026
Last Date for Payment of the Registration Fee	10th September 2026
Confirmation of Registration and Team Code Allotment	15th September 2026
Last Date of seeking Clarifications	20th September 2026
Release of Clarifications	23rd September 2026
Last Date of Memorial and Compendium Submission	10th October 2026
Draw of Lots for Preliminary Rounds	26th October 2026
Inaugural Ceremony	30th October 2026
Researcher's Test (Online)	31st October 2026
Preliminary Round I (Online)	31st October 2026
Preliminary Round II (Online)	31st October 2026
Quarter Final Round (Offline)	20th November 2026
Semi Final Round (Offline)	20th November 2026
Final Round (Offline)	21st November 2026
Valedictory Ceremony	21st November 2026

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