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DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. “Administrator(s)” means the, members or any person/persons formally appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition by DYPLC Moot Court Committee.
- 1.2. “Advanced offline Round” means 16 teams qualifying from Preliminary (Online) Rounds
- 1.3. “Bench Memorandum” means the memorandum of law, issues and authorities concerning the competition problem prepared by the Authors/organizing committee.
- 1.4. “Clarifications” refer to procedural order(s) and/or any clarification(s) issued by the organizing committee.
- 1.5. “Competition” means the 4th DYPLC Moot Court Competition, 2025.
- 1.6. “IST” means Indian Standard Time.
- 1.7. “Memorial” means the written pleadings submitted by each team, in accordance with the mentioned Rules herein.
- 1.8. “Speaker” refers to a participant who presents oral arguments in any round.
- 1.9. “Oral Round” means a team’s pleadings submitted orally in front of panel of judges, acting as adjudicators, on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party. A team’s oral pleadings can only be submitted by a maximum of two speakers.
- 1.10. “Participant” refers to member of an institution participating in the competition.
- 1.11. “Penalty” refers to the sanctions imposed on participating teams for non-compliance with the provisions of the Rules.
- 1.12. “Rebuttals” refer to the arguments presented by the Petitioner in response to the Respondent’s submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the speakers.

1.13. "Petitioner" means the side that argues on behalf of the Petitioner at any given point in the competition.

1.14. Respondent" means the side that argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the competition.

1.15. "Scouting" means a person observing the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with.

1.16. "Surrebuttal" refers to the defense presented by the Respondent only to the rebuttals as defined in clause 1.14.

1.17. "Team Code" refers to the code allocated to a participating institution by the administrator after completion of the Registration.

INTERPRETATION

- 2.1. The administrators will have exclusive authority to interpret the Rules in instances of interpretational conflict. Such interpretation will be performed according to appropriate procedure and be guided by interests of fairness and equity. The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the administrators shall be conclusive and the decision of the administrators regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

VENUE & DATE

- 2.2. Preliminary round - **18th March, 2025**
- **(Online Mode, Platform-Zoom Cloud Meeting)**
- 2.3. Advance offline round - **28th March, 2025**, at Dr. D.Y. Patil Law College, Pimpri, behind PCMC PGI Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital, Pune, Maharashtra 411018.

DRESS CODE

Dress code shall be, Advocate's Attire during the rounds of the competition, i.e.:

- Gentlemen - Black trousers and White shirt, Plain Black Blazer (without College/University logo), Black Tie.
- Ladies - Black trousers, White Shirt, White Kurta and Black Churidar pants, Plain Black Blazer, white or Black saree and black jacket (without College/University logo).
- The participating teams shall also adhere to the above-mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition. Robes and neck bands are not permitted.
- NOTE: Any identification that might disclose the identity of the institution is strictly prohibited and may result in immediate disqualification at the discretion of the Moot Court Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

3.1. The Competition is open to all students enrolled in a 5 year law course and 3 years law course conducted by any institution recognised by UGC/BCI.

3.2. A recognized institution/University shall be entitled to send a maximum of two teams to the moot competition.

TEAM COMPOSITION

4.1. A team can have exactly three members only. In each of the oral rounds, only two members of the team will be speakers. Other members of the team shall not aid them during the presentation of arguments in any way whatsoever.

4.2. However, to be eligible for the award for Best Individual Speaker, a participant must have argued at least once for the Petitioner and once for the Respondent during the preliminary rounds. The average score per argument will be calculated and the award will be determined on that basis.

4.3. Once registered, a team will not be permitted to vary the composition of the team in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the administrators (at their discretion), if due reason is shown for the same.

4.4. Any changes with respect to the contact details shall be notified to the organizing committee with immediate effect (within 24 hours). This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the competition and the adverse consequences resulting from a failure to report new contact details shall be borne by the teams alone.

4.5. Certificates for participating team members will be prepared from the team details submitted during final registration. The certificates of participation will show the names of the team members exactly as they have been submitted. It is therefore incumbent on teams to ensure that names are spelt and presented correctly.

REGISTRATION

The procedure for registration for the competition, is as follows:

5.1. Interested teams are required to register themselves to participate in the Competition by filling the registration form through this Link:-

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10DCrFCPwpPYocIBwrrp6UXGg3lFmJPp4i>

5.2. The window for online registrations opens from **12th February 2025**. Each team shall register for the competition by filling the online final registration form before **13th March, 2025 (by 11:59 PM)**, subject to extensions officially announced on the website or via email by the Administrators only. The teams are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form at the earliest possible.

5.3. No temporary registration requests shall be entertained.

5.4. Participants will receive approval as acceptance of their request for participation within 48- 72 hours of registration or earlier.

5.5. Participants will receive a unique team code post registration confirmation. During the competition the participants shall be referred by the team code only. Team code will be communicated separately by email to all registered participants only, once the registration deadline expires.

5.6. **REGISTRATION PROCESS:**

- The participants are requested to upload the registration form and a No Objection Certificate from their respective institution. The Registration Form and NOC has to be duly signed and sealed by your university/ college/ moot committee.
- In case of non-submission of NOC, teams have to submit a scanned copy of the approval letter signed and sealed from either HOD/ Principal/Administrator/ Moot court Head/ Registrar/ Dean/ Principal/ Director/Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor with their ID cards all attached together in a single PDF. Teams have to submit the approval letter in PDF format on mcc.law@dypvp.edu.in.
- Registration without the scanned copy of the approval letter / an email communication from the college/institution/university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.

- **Registration Fees for online round - ₹2,000/-**
- **Registration Fees for Advance Offline Rounds - ₹2500/-**
- **Registration Fees for Advance Offline Rounds including accommodation - ₹4000/-**
- **Deadline for the online Registration and Payment- 13th March 2025.
(11:59P.M. IST)**

5.7. Once a team is registered after filling in the registration form, a team code shall be assigned to it by the administrators. This team code will serve as their unique identifier both for Memorials and at the oral rounds. This code shall be communicated over mail by the organizing committee.

5.8. The organizing committee reserves the absolute discretion to refuse or cancel the registration of any team in case of violation of any rule mentioned.

5.9. In any case the refund for the registration will not be allowed.

**SCAN THIS QR CODE
FOR REGISTRATION**



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IMPORTANT DATES

S. No.	Events	Dates
1.	Publication of Moot Proposal	12th February, 2025
2.	Last date of Payment and online registration	12th March, 2025
3.	Issuance of Team Code	13th March, 2025
4.	Last date to seek Clarification	14th March, 2025
5.	Release of Clarification	15th March, 2025
6.	Submission of written memorial (Soft Copy)	16th March, 2025
7.	Inaugural Ceremony	16th March, 2025
8.	Researcher's Test	17th March, 2025
9.	Memorial Exchange/Draw of Slots	17th March, 2025
10.	Preliminary Round (Online)	18th March, 2025
11.	Submission of written memorial (Hard Copy)	28th March, 2025
13.	Advanced Rounds (Offline)	28th March, 2025
14.	Valedictory	28th March, 2025

CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROBLEM

7.1. All requests for clarifications with regard to the problem must be submitted to mcc.law@dypvp.edu.in. The last date for accepting responses to the form shall be 14th March 2025.

7.2. The request for clarifications should be clear and related to the facts of the case and not related to the substantive arguments.

7.3. The clarification as and when issued become a part of the Moot problem. These changes shall be compiled and communicated duly by the administrators to the participating teams.

ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

8.1. Teams must not reveal the name of their institution, or names of the participants, anywhere in the memorials or in the course of the oral arguments.

8.2. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc. in the memorials or during the course of the oral arguments. Provided that speakers may refer to themselves and other speakers in an oral round Speaker 1 or Speaker 2.

8.3. A team must be identified only by the team code that will be allotted to it after registration as per Rules.

8.4. Violation of Rules at any point will lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the organizing committee.

MEMORIALS

9.1. General

9.1.1. Each participating team must prepare memorials from both sides i.e., one Petitioner Memorial and one Respondent Memorial.

9.2. Submission guidelines

9.2.1. Submission of soft copies

- All teams shall send a soft copy of memorials for each side in both **Microsoft Word** and **PDF** formats, via form, on or before 16th March 2025. Any submission made after the deadline will be considered late submission and penalized according to the rules of the Competition.
- Each Memorial should be contained in a single file with the name of the file being the allocated team code followed by the first letter of the party whose arguments are presented in that memorial, i.e., an R for Respondent and P for Petitioner.
- The email ID for the submission of these memorials shall be mcc.law@dypvp.edu.in

9.2.2. Submission of Hard Copies

- Teams are required to submit **six hard copies of the Petitioner and six hard copies of the Respondent** memorials each when they arrive for the competition. The memorials must be printed double side on A4 size sheets, with equal margin of one inch on all sides.
- The Cover Page must be printed Blue for Petitioner memorial, and Red for Respondent memorial. The hard copies shall be spiral bound only.
- The hard copies must be exactly similar and same as the soft copy submitted through email. Any changes in the hard copy vis-à-vis the soft copy, irrespective of the magnitude, will entail penalty or disqualification. The decision of the organizing committee will be final in this regard.

9.3. Memorial Structure

9.3.1. Format of Memorial

Each Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components in this particular order:

- Cover Page;
- Table of Contents;
- Table of Abbreviations;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Statement of Facts;
- Issues Raised;
- Summary of Arguments;
- Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
- Prayer.

9.3.2. Content Specification in Memorial

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Language | - English |
| • Font and Size (Body) | - Times New Roman, 12 pts |
| • Line Spacing (Body) | - 1.5 Lines |
| • Font And Size (Footnotes) | - Times New Roman, 10 pts |
| • Line Spacing (Footnotes) | - Single Line |
| • Page Margins | - 1 inch On all sides |
| • Page Limit of Memorial | - 32 Pages maximum |
| • Paper Specification | - White A4 Size Paper |
| • Body Of the Memorial | - Justified |
| • Citations | - Bluebook 21st Edition |

NOTE : All the pages of the memorial, except the cover page should be numbered, The page numbering should be on the top right corner of each page.

9.4. Penalties Of Memorial

Non- compliance of the rules mentioned in memorials guidelines shall attract penalties. The teams are advised not to reveal their personal identities or the identity of their institution anywhere in the memorials. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including deduction of marks or disqualification from the competition. The decision of the organizing committee shall be final in this regard.

JUDGING OF MEMORIALS

10.1. General

10.1.1. Each Memorial will be assessed individually and independently.

10.1.2. Every memorial will be marked on a maximum of one hundred (100) marks by each judge on the basis of criteria mentioned in rule. Negative marks will be awarded in the manner detailed in the rule.

10.1.3. A team's total Memorial score shall be the sum of marks awarded for the Petitioner memorial and marks awarded for the Respondent memorial.

10.2. Memorial Scoring

Each memorial will be evaluated on a scale of maximum of one fifty (50) marks.

10.3. Memorial Penalties (Objective Deductions)

Non-compliance with rules concerning formatting and submission of memorials provided in these Rules will result in a deduction from the allocated marks.

Irrespective of the actual total penalties incurred, no more than 15 marks can be deducted for each memorial for non compliance with procedural requirements.

Penalties for late submission of memorials shall be applicable separately as per Rules.

RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
10.3.1.	Breach of memorial anonymity	Disqualification from the Moot
10.3.2.	Missing or additional section in format of Memorial	2 marks for each violation
10.3.3.	Incorrect order of format of Memorial	2 marks
10.3.4.	Incorrect font size/style	1 mark for every page
10.3.5.	Incorrect line spacing	1 mark for every page
10.3.6.	Incorrect page size or page margin	1 mark for every page
10.3.7.	Discrepancy on cover page	1 marks for each violation
10.3.8.	Exceeding the page limit	3 marks for every excess page
10.3.9.	Use of endnotes	3 marks

10.4. Penalties for Late Submission

For every hour of delay in memorial submission from the prescribed time of submission, one mark shall be deducted. Any memorial submitted 12 hours after the time prescribed above will not be accepted and the team will not be allowed to participate except at the discretion of the administrators. The decision of the organizing committee shall be final in this regard.

Note: The above deduction would apply even if the delay were not of a complete hour. Hence, for example, a Memorial submitted at 12:01 am would still be subject to a deduction of 1 mark.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

11.1. General Guidelines for Oral submissions:

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

11.2. Policy for Preliminary (Online) Rounds

- The Oral Rounds for the competition will take place virtually via ZOOM platform.
- It would be the responsibility of every team to ensure a stable internet connection. The audio and video of every member of the team should be clear. Every team must ensure a proper background. The Moot Court Committee will under no circumstances be obligated to provide the participants with any such facility.
- All participants should mandatorily join with their laptops or desktops and in no circumstance join with any other device or join in a single device as of the other team member.
- The link or the ID and password for the room on ZOOM will be conveyed to the participating teams before the oral rounds.
- Each participating member of every team is advised to install the ZOOM platform on their devices well in time.
- Each team is required to join the room at least ten minutes before the scheduled time as notified by the organizing committee before commencement of the oral rounds.
- The participants' camera and microphone shall be firmly positioned throughout the oral rounds so as to show speakers and to ensure their voices are clearly audible.
- All participants must keep their cameras on at all times during the rounds.

- At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader in anyway, he/she or the entire team to which such participant belongs may be disqualified upon the discretion of the bench.
- Each participant is responsible for finding a suitable venue and background to participate. The venue must be a quiet location and one which has adequate and reliable internet connectivity and has a desk and chairs for the oralist. Locations in open spaces or hallways or cyber cafes or similar areas are NOT permitted.
- Teams shall not use phones, internet or any other devices during the rounds for anything, except participating in the rounds.
- Strict adherence to the dress code is required. The teams are required to be properly attired for the rounds. The participants are required to wear black trousers/skirts and a white shirt, black blazers, and a black necktie.
- Participants are cautioned to ensure that all equipment has a power supply sufficient to last for at least two hours without interruption.
- In case of a loss in internet connection, each team will be given a reasonable amount of time to reconnect. If the problem still persists the decision made by the organizing committee shall be final and binding.
- In the event where one or both of the speaker could not join due to connectivity issue, the team may be disqualified from the competition and at no circumstances can other member of the team be allowed to switch roles.
- Where a team does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time for the round, the round shall proceed as ex-parte.
- If a team wishes to refer to any compiled Research Material (Compendium) such material shall be emailed to mcc.law@dypvp.edu.in for further which instructions would be provided during Orientation.
- Participants will not be allowed to use the feature of personal chat on WebEx to communicate with their team members or members of the opposing team.

- Participants are expected to cooperate with the Committee and the judges, in case anyone faces any issue.
- The organizers shall take best available measures to resolve or mitigate any connectivity issues that may arise. However, in cases where that is not possible, the organizer cannot be held responsible for such unforeseen circumstances which includes (but are not limited to) - Software failure and connectivity issues. The decision of the organizing committee in consultation with the judges shall be final and binding.

11.3. Preliminary Rounds (Online):

- Each team shall argue once from both sides, i.e., Petitioner and Respondent, order of which shall be decided by way of draw of lots which is to be conducted by the Organizing Committee.
- No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds nor will they argue before the same panel of judges.
- Draw of Lots: The fixtures/match-up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the draw of lots.
- Each side shall get a maximum time of 25 minutes to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Bench for more than 15 minutes.
- The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 2 minutes and 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.

11.4. Scoring in the preliminary Rounds:

- The aggregate score of a Team shall be computed as the total of - Oral Score of Speaker-1, Oral Score of Speaker-2 and the score of the Memorial.
- The aggregate score of the team in their preliminary round one shall be considered, the team with a higher score will be allotted a higher rank.
- If the tie subsists, the team with higher memorial score will be a higher rank.

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

11.5. Advance Offline Rounds (Offline):

- The top sixteen teams from the Preliminary Round shall qualify for the Advance Offline Rounds.
- Each team shall get a maximum time of 25 minutes to present their argument of which no council shall be permitted to address the bench more than 15 minutes including the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- Not more than 3 minutes is to be reserved rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. however it is mandatory to reserve at least 2 minutes for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

11.6. Semi-Finals (Offline):

- The top four Teams from the Advanced Offline Round shall qualify for the Semi final round. It shall be a knock out round. The side of pleadings and the opponent shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.
- Each side shall get a maximum time of 40 minutes to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 23 minutes. The time limit is inclusive for the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively.
- The maximum time for Rebuttal is 3 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 2 minutes. The winner of each courtroom fixture i.e., 2 Teams from the semi-final round shall proceed to the final round.

11.7. Final Round (Offline):

- The top two Teams from the Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the final round.
- Each team shall get a maximum time of 45 minutes to present their argument of which no council shall be permitted to address the bench more than 25 minutes including the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- No more than 5 minutes is to be reserved rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. however it is mandatory to reserve at least 2 minutes for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the winner of the Competition.

MISCELLANEOUS

12.1. Anonymity:

- Student counsel may introduce her/himself to the court in the usual manner as Speaker 1, Speaker 2 or Researcher. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the Valedictory.
- Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, ties, patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

12.2. Disclaimer:

If there is any situation, not covered by the Rules, the decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding. At no instance the Moot Proposition maker should be contacted by any participating team, such an action can cause penalties or disqualification

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