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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. 'Advanced Round' means the Final Round, Semi-Final Round, Quarter-Final Round of the Competition.
- 1.2. 'Arbitral Tribunal' refers to a tribunal consisting of arbitrators judging the Oral Rounds of the Competition.
- 1.3. 'Case Study' means the official hypothetical case of the competition as released by The Moot Society pursuant to Rule 8.
- 1.4. 'Claimant' means the side that argues on behalf of the Claimant.
- 1.5. 'Clarifications' means the procedural order(s) and/or official corrections and/or any other clarifications to the case study as released by The Moot Society pursuant to Rule 8.
- 1.6. 'Competition' means the 9th National Law University Odisha Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot Competition, 2022.
- 1.7. 'Written Submission' means the written submissions of each team, submitted pursuant to these Rules.
- 1.8. 'Official Team Contact' means the individual identified by the team during the registration process for receipt of the official team correspondence.
- 1.9. 'Official Website' means the website of the competition - www.nluoimam.com.
- 1.10. 'Oral Round' means match of oral presentations between two teams, one representing claimant and the other representing respondent. A total of twenty (20) teams, with highest Written Submission scores shall be eligible to participate for the oral rounds.
- 1.11. 'Penalty' means the deductions imposed on the Written Submission scores of a participating institution, as provided for under Rule 10.3.7.
- 1.12. 'Plagiarism' means:
 - 1.12.1 Duplication of somebody else's ideas or work as represented in books, articles, internet or any other sources without giving acknowledgment.

1.12.2 Duplication of other moot Written Submissions, irrespective of whether the Written Submission is a competing Written Submission or not, and irrespective of whether there is any acknowledgment or not.

1.13. ‘Power Match-Up’ means the type of match-up used to determine the fixtures of the advanced rounds. In advanced rounds, the team with highest cumulative round points will compete against the one with the lowest cumulative round points.
Illustration: In quarter-finals and semi-finals, the highest ranked team will compete against the lowest ranked team.

1.14. ‘Preliminary Rounds’ means the oral rounds which take place before the advanced rounds for the purpose of determining which team qualifies for the advanced rounds.

1.15. ‘Rebuttals’ means the arguments presented by the Claimant in response to the Respondent’s submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the speakers.

1.16. ‘Respondent’ means the side that argues on behalf of the Respondent.

1.17. ‘Round Point System’ means the assessment criteria used to determine the winner of the oral round pursuant Rule 11.3.

1.18. ‘Rules’ means these official rules of the competition.

1.19. ‘Scouting’ means a person observing the oral rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with.

1.20. ‘Seeding Match-Up’ means the type of match-up used to determine the fixtures of the preliminary rounds. The registered teams will be seeded in the descending order of their Written Submission scores and will be divided into 4 groups of 5 participating teams each. The teams in each group will be matched up against the next seeded team in the group. The fifth seeded team in the group will be matched-up against the first seeded team in the group.

Illustration: If the preliminary rounds fixtures of twenty teams were to be decided based on their ranks, being the team number itself (team 1’s rank is 1, team 2’s rank is 2...etc.); the following will be the fixtures.

<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Team 1</i>	<i>Team 5</i>	<i>Team 9</i>	<i>Team 13</i>	<i>Team 17</i>
<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Team 2</i>	<i>Team 6</i>	<i>Team 10</i>	<i>Team 14</i>	<i>Team 18</i>
<i>Group 3</i>	<i>Team 3</i>	<i>Team 7</i>	<i>Team 11</i>	<i>Team 15</i>	<i>Team 19</i>
<i>Group 4</i>	<i>Team 4</i>	<i>Team 8</i>	<i>Team 12</i>	<i>Team 16</i>	<i>Team 20</i>

In group 1 - Team 1 vs Team 5; Team 5 vs Team 9; Team 9 vs Team 13; Team 13 vs Team 17; Team 17 vs Team 1

In group 2 – Team 2 vs Team 6; Team 6 vs Team 10; Team 10 vs Team 14; Team 14 vs Team 18; Team 18 vs Team 2.

So, on and so forth.

- 1.21. ‘Speaker’ means a participant who presents oral arguments in any given rounds.
- 1.22. ‘Sur-Rebuttals’ means the defense presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals as defined in Rule 1.15.
- 1.23. ‘Team Code’ means the code allotted to participating institutions by the moot society after completion of registration.
- 1.24. ‘The Moot Society’ or ‘TMS’ means the Moot Society of National Law University Odisha and the members therein, formed for the purposes of regulating and conducting moot activities in the University.

2. INTERPRETATION

The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the TMS shall be conclusive. The decision of the TMS regarding the application of these Rules shall be final and binding on all the participating teams of the Competition.

3. LANGUAGE

The competition shall be conducted in ENGLISH language only.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. All students registered with law schools, faculties of law and other higher educational institutions offering a law degree program or offering law as a part of its program of study are eligible to participate in the Competition. All participants must be students pursuing either undergraduate or postgraduate law course (including LL.M. programs) or its equivalent conducted by any recognized institution. No student who has been licensed to practice law is eligible to participate in the Competition.
- 4.2. Each participating institution is entitled to send only one team to the Competition, comprising of students from the Undergraduate or Post Graduate law course, or both.
- 4.3. Team members must be *bona fide* students of the institution they are representing.
- 4.4. The maximum number of teams allowed to compete in the oral rounds of the competition are twenty (20). The selection of the top twenty teams, out of all the registered teams will be based on the 'Written Submissions' submitted by the registered teams.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 5.1. A team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members.
- 5.2. There can be more than two Speakers in a team. However, in each oral round, only two members of the team shall be allowed to present the arguments.
- 5.3. Only those participants, duly registered as Speakers in the registration form, shall be allowed to present the oral arguments. Team may alter or vary the order in which the Speakers may present the oral arguments.
- 5.4. 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 prior approval of the TMS (at their discretion), if due reason is shown for the same.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1. Each team shall register for the competition by duly filing the online [registration form](#), available on the official website before **22nd January 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)**.
- 6.2. While filling the registration form, the teams have to select a team liaison. All communications concerning the competition shall be emailed to the team liaison. It is assumed that all the information communicated and materials distributed to the team liaison is communicated to the team.
- 6.3. An initial 'preliminary registration fee' of INR 1500 or USD 50 shall be remitted by all the Indian teams and overseas teams participating in the competition respectively.
- 6.4. For teams that qualify the oral rounds in accordance with Rule 10.3.9, an additional 'final registration fee' of INR 5500 will be charged for Indian Teams and USD 100 for the overseas teams. This fee shall be inclusive of accommodation on the competition days and transportation to and from the competition venue to the accommodation.
- 6.5. All the payments related to the registration fee under 6.3 and 6.4 shall be made through an online transfer (NEFT) payment to

Name of the Account Holder	Registrar, National Law University, Odisha
Name of the Bank	State Bank of India
Address of the Bank	National Law University, Cuttack. Sector-13 CDA, Cuttack-753015
Account No	33807919875
Type of Account	Saving
MICR No.	753002034
RTGS/NEFT IFSC	SBIN0017678
SWIFT Code	SBININBB768

- 6.6. A Team Code shall be assigned to each registered team by TMS after the completion of the initial registration process.
- 6.7. TMS reserves the right to debar or cancel the registration of any team.

7. NEED BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OVERSEAS TEAMS

- 7.1. Any overseas team requesting for financial assistance in the nature of subsidized registration fee must complete the following [Assistance Form](#) before **12th January 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)**.
- 7.2. TMS will consider all the applications received and decide which team(s) shall be supported. The support is available only by way of waiver of the registration fee payable, either in part or in full as may be decided by TMS.
- 7.3. The teams must demonstrate the need for financial assistance and priority will be given to teams:
- 7.3.1 Who have not previously participated, and whose school has not previously participated;
 - 7.3.2 Who have no support from their universities or no coach;
 - 7.3.3 Who come from emerging economies or jurisdictions which, in the sole discretion of TMS, are in the greatest need of such support.
- 7.4. The decision of TMS shall be final and binding on the applicant teams.

8. RELEASE OF CASE STUDY AND CLARIFICATIONS

- 8.1. The case study of the competition shall be released by **04th December 2021**.
- 8.2. All requests for clarifications to the Case Study must be e-mailed to imam@nluo.ac.in, by **31st December 2021 (11:59 P.M. IST)**.
- 8.3. All clarifications shall be released by the TMS on the official website and also via email to the participating teams.
- 8.4. No requests for clarification shall be made directly to the drafters of the Case Study. Any attempt made to approach the drafters of the Case study, for any reason whatsoever, shall lead to immediate disqualification.

9. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 9.1. Teams shall not reveal the name of their University, or their country of origin anywhere either in the Written Submission or during the Oral Rounds. The teams shall refrain from using or displaying any logo, pins, badges etc. in any manner, whatsoever, in the Written Submission or during the Oral Rounds.

- 9.2. In the Written Submissions and during the Oral Rounds, a Team shall be identified only by the Team Code that will be allotted to the team after initial registration.
- 9.3. Any material, including but not limited to the Compendium, reference materials carried by the team into the courtroom for the Oral Rounds, and presented to the Arbitral Tribunal, shall be devoid of any identification marks apart from the assigned Team Code.
- 9.4. Violation of Rule 9 at any point shall attract severe penalties which may extend to disqualification of the participating team as determined by TMS.

10. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

10.1. General Provisions

10.1.1 Each participating Team must prepare one Written Submission for the Claimant and one Written Submission for the Respondent.

10.1.2 The Written Submission must be in English, and must be printed on A4 size sheets, in black ink.

10.2. Submissions

10.2.1 The Written Submissions shall be e-mailed in MS Word format (.doc or .docx) and PDF format to imam@nluo.ac.in.

10.2.2 The soft copy of the Written Submissions must be emailed by **01th February 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)**. No Written Submissions will be accepted after **02th February 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)**.

10.2.3 'Author's Name' shall be strictly removed from the MS Word Format (.doc or .docx) and PDF Format before soft-copy submissions.

10.2.4 Teams are required to submit 7 (seven) hard copies of the Written Submission for each side during the registration on **24th March 2022**.

10.2.5 The hard copies should preferably be soft bound and must be a replica of the soft copy. Any changes in the hardcopy vis-à-vis the soft copy will entail disqualification. The decision of TMS will be final in this regard.

10.3. Structure of Written Submissions

10.3.1 The Written Submission must contain all of the following sections (in that order):

1. Cover Page;

2. Table of Contents;
 3. Table of Abbreviations;
 4. Index of Authorities;
 5. Statement of Jurisdiction;
 6. Statement of Facts;
 7. Issues Raised;
 8. Summary of Arguments;
 9. Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
 10. Prayer.
- 10.3.2 Any uniform system of citation can be followed in the Written Submission.
- 10.3.3 The Cover Page of the Written Submission for the Claimant must be Blue and the Respondent must be Red. The Cover Page of each Written Submission must contain the following information:
1. The Team code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by an “C” for the Written Submission for the Claimant, and an “R” for the Written Submission for the Respondent. For example, Team 901 would put the code “901C” in the upper right-hand corner of its Claimant Written Submission;
 2. The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
 3. The year of the Competition;
 4. The name of the case;
 5. The Title of the Written Submission (either “Written Submission for Claimant” or “Written Submission for Respondent”).
- 10.3.4 All parts of the Written Submission shall contain the following mandatory formatting specifications:
1. Font Type: Times New Roman;
 2. Font Size: 12;
 3. Line Spacing: 1.5;
 4. Margins: 1 inch on each side; and
 5. Alignment of Body Text: Justified.
- 10.3.5 Mandatory formatting specifications for footnotes include:
1. Font Type: Times New Roman;
 2. Font Size: 10;
 3. Line Spacing: 1.0;
 4. Margins: 1 inch on each side; and

5. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed.

10.3.6 Body of the Written Submission

1. The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Written Submission. The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the Written Submission in which the authority is cited.
2. The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts. Statement of Facts shall not exceed 2 pages.
3. The Summary of Pleadings should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not merely be a reproduction of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The Summary of Pleadings should not exceed 2 pages.
4. All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Written Submission.
5. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced and Prayer must not exceed 20 pages.

10.3.7 Penalties

Non-compliance with Written Submission formatting/submission rules will result in a deduction from the total allocated marks. However, no more than 20 marks shall be deducted for each Written Submission for non-compliance with procedural requirements, irrespective of the total penalties incurred.

RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
10.1.2	Use of any other ink or sheet for printing apart from black and A-4 respectively.	2 marks (one-time deduction)
10.2.1	Not submitting the soft copy of the Written Submissions in the prescribed format.	2 marks (one-time deduction)
10.2.2	Late Submission	5 marks per day till the last 'permitted' day of acceptance of late

		submissions post which no submission will be accepted.
10.2.3	Failure to remove author's name from the soft-copy of the submitted Written Submissions.	5 marks (one-time deduction)
10.2.4	Failure to submit 7 hard-copies at the time of registration on 24 th March 2022.	5 marks per copy not submitted
10.2.5	Failure to have a blue cover page for Claimant Written Submission and red cover page for Respondent Written Submission.	2 marks for each colour violation.
10.2.6	Any change in hard-copy of the Written Submissions vis-à-vis the soft copy of the same.	Disqualification from the competition.
10.3.1	Failure to include any section from (a)-(h) and (j) in the Written Submissions.	2 marks for every missing section
10.3.1	Failure to include section (i), i.e., Arguments Advanced/Pleadings in the Written Submission	Written Submission will not be considered for evaluation at all.
10.3.2	Non-compliance of a uniform style of citation for footnote.	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
10.3.3	Missing information on cover page.	2 marks for each deviation.

10.3.4	Incorrect page margin in main body of the Written Submission.	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation.
10.3.4	Incorrect font-size and/or font style, and/or line spacing in the main body of the Written Submission.	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation.
10.3.5	Incorrect font-size and/or font style, and/or line spacing in the footnotes of the Written Submission.	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation.
10.3.5	Strict prohibition of speaking footnotes or endnotes.	2 marks per speaking footnote or endnote.
10.3.6 (2)	Exceeding the page limit of the 'Statement of Facts' Section.	2 marks for each exceeded page.
10.3.6 (3)	Exceeding the page limit of the 'Summary of Pleadings' Section.	2 marks for each exceeded page.
10.3.6 (4)	Substantive legal arguments outside the 'Pleadings/Arguments Advanced' Section.	4 marks for every page on which there is a violation.
10.3.6 (5)	Exceeding the page limit of the 'Pleadings/Arguments Advanced' Section.	2 marks for each exceeded page.

10.3.8 Instances of plagiarism in the Written Submissions will attract strict penalty, including but not limited to, deduction in the marks or may even extend to disqualification from

the moot. In the event that the submissions are alleged to have been plagiarized from the Written Submissions of other participating universities, the latter team will also be liable for strict penalty, including but not limited to, deduction in the marks or may even extend to disqualification from the moot.

10.3.9 Evaluation Criteria and Qualification for Oral Rounds

A total of twenty (20) teams with the highest scores for Written Submissions will qualify for the oral rounds of the competition. The Written Submission scores will be inclusive of all penalties laid down in rule (10.3.7). All Written Submissions emailed before the last date of submission (with penalties) will be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned in Annexure A*

11. ORAL ROUNDS

11.1. General Provisions

- 11.1.1 The Competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.
- 11.1.2 Each team shall argue 4 (four) times in Preliminary Rounds – twice as Claimant and twice as Respondent. In case, a team does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled commencement of round, the other team shall make ex-parte submissions.
- 11.1.3 The Advanced Rounds shall, under normal circumstances, consist of three knock-out rounds – the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and the Final. In case, a team does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled commencement of round, the other team shall proceed to the next round.

11.2. Fixtures

- 11.2.1 In the Preliminary Rounds, Seeding Match-up system shall be used to determine the fixtures.
- 11.2.2 In the Quarter-final and Semi-final rounds, the Power Match-up system, with the help of scores, shall be used to determine the match-ups.
- 11.2.3 Determination of sides for advanced round shall be decided as per Rule 10.5.

11.3. Assessment Criteria

- 11.3.1 The scoring and tabulation for the competition shall be based on a Round Points system. The team with the higher number of Round Points wins the round.
- 11.3.2 Round point system for preliminary rounds

1. Each preliminary round will be decided on a scale of 6 Round Points, with 3 Round Points allocated to the oral rounds, and 3 Round Points allocated to the Written Submission scores.
2. Written Submissions of each team will be marked by 3 judges with each judge giving a score out of 100. Therefore, each team's Written Submission will have 3 scores: a highest score, a middle score and a lowest score.
3. In each round, the highest score of the Claimant's Written Submission will be compared with the highest score of the Respondent's Written Submission; the middle score of the Claimant's Written Submission will be compared with the middle score of the Respondent's Written Submission and the lowest score of the Claimant's Written Submission will be compared with the lowest score of the Respondent's Written Submission. If scores being compared are the same, then each team will be awarded 0.5 points for each comparison.
4. For scoring higher in each of the above comparisons made, a team will get 1 Round Point. A total of 3 Round Points can be won for the Written Submissions in each round.

Illustration: In a round between Team 1 and Team 5, if Team 1 scores more than Team 5 in all the three comparisons, then Team 1 gets 3 Round points with Team 5 getting zero Round points. If Team 1 scores higher than Team 5 only in two comparisons then Team 1 gets 2 Round Points and Team 5 gets 1 Round Point.

In the Oral Pleadings each of the 3 judges' scores out of 200 for the two teams will be compared and a round point will be awarded. A total of 3 Round Points can be won in the Oral Pleadings in each round.

Illustration: If Judge 1 in a round between Team 10 and Team 20 gives a higher number of points to Team 10– then Team 10 will get 1 Round Point. A similar comparison will be carried out for Judges 2 and 3.

- 11.3.3 For the purpose of the advanced rounds, the Written Submission points will not be taken into consideration. Each Advanced Round will be judged by three (3) Orals Judges, each of whom shall award a maximum of 2 Round Points. The team with the higher total marks on a particular Judge's score-sheet will be the winner on that Judge's score-sheet. The winning team on a particular judge's score sheet shall be awarded 2

Round Points for that judge. In case of a tie between the two Teams, each team shall be awarded 1 Round Point for the concerned Judge. Thus, every Advanced Round will have 6 Round Points allotted to the orals.

11.3.4 The round winner will be determined on the basis of the Total Round Points (out of 24). In case of a tie, the following criteria shall be used to decide the round winner:

1. Teams tied on the Total Round Points shall be separated on the basis of the win-loss record in the Preliminary Rounds;
2. If the round points and win-loss record is identical, the cumulative scores awarded for the oral rounds shall be used to break the tie.
3. If the teams have the same cumulative points, the same number of wins, and also the same cumulative oral rounds marks, then the team with the higher net Written Submission score, i.e., the score of the Written Submissions after deducting penalties, shall be ranked higher.

11.4. Top two (2) teams in each of the 4 groups in the seeding match-up will qualify for the advanced rounds of the competition. The fixtures for the advanced rounds shall be determined as per the rule mentioned in 11.2.2.

11.5. Determination of sides in the advanced rounds

If two teams in the Advanced Rounds have earlier argued against one another in the Preliminary Rounds, they will argue for the opposite party in the Advanced Round. If they did not argue against one another in the Preliminary Rounds, the determination will be by draw of lots. If two teams in the advanced rounds have in the preceding rounds argued in favour of one party, they will argue for the opposition party in the subsequent advanced round. If both teams argued for the same side in such preceding round, the decision will be determined by a draw of lots.

11.6. Time Allocation, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

11.6.1 Each Preliminary Round shall, subject to the discretion of the Judges, consist of sixty (60) minutes of argument, which shall be presented in English. The Claimant and the Respondent shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes each, subject to the discretion of the Judges. Only two members from each Team shall make oral presentations in each round.

11.6.2 Each team may allocate its thirty (30) minutes between the two speakers and the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal at their own discretion. Each Speaker must be allocated a minimum of ten minutes (10), not including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

- 11.6.3 In the Advanced Rounds, the total time permitted to each team for presenting arguments may be extended to forty-five (45) minutes at the discretion of the judges, with corresponding changes in the minimum time prescribed for each speaker. Each Speaker must be allocated a minimum of eighteen minutes (18), not including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- 11.7. Each Preliminary Round shall be judged by a bench of three judges. The Advanced Rounds may be judged by a bench of three or more judges.
- 11.8. Oral Rounds will be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned in Annexure B**.
- 11.9. The Dress Code for Oral Rounds shall be western formals.

12. AWARDS

The winner of the Final Round will be declared the “Winning Team”, while the losing finalists will be declared the “Runners-Up”. The Team with the highest total Written Submission score will be awarded the “Best Written Submission” award. The “Best Oralist” award shall be determined on the basis of the cumulative points secured by a speaker in the Preliminary Rounds. To be eligible for the “Best Oralist Award”, a speaker must have argued in both the Preliminary Rounds.

- The Winning Team (Best Team Award) shall be awarded INR 1,50,000 as prize money plus 3 Internship slots at Bose & Mitra & Co. and a trophy.
- The Runners-up Team (Second Best Team Award) shall be awarded INR 75,000 as prize money plus 3 Internship slots at Bose & Mitra & Co. and a trophy.
- Best Oralist shall be awarded INR 35,000 as prize money and a trophy.
- Best Written Submission shall be awarded INR 25,000 as prize money and a trophy.

13. SCHEDULE

Tentative Date	Event Description
04 th December 2021	Release of Case Study and commencement of Registration
31 th December 2021 (11:59 P.M. IST)	Last Date for seeking Clarifications
10 th January 2022	Release of Clarifications to the Case Study
22 nd January 2022	Last Date for Registration and Payment of the Preliminary Registration Fee
01 st February 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)	Last Date for Submission of the Electronic Copy of the Written Submissions
02 nd February 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)	Last Date for Submission of the Electronic Copy of the Written Submissions (with penalty)
22 nd February 2022	Results of Written Submission Qualifier rounds
17 th March 2022	Last Date for Payment of the Final Registration Fee
24 th – 27 th March 2022	9 th NLUO Bose & Mitra & Co. IMAM 2022

14. TRANSPORT AND ACCOMODATION

- 14.1 Teams shall have to make their own arrangements for transport from the point of arrival or departure to the Accommodation.
- 14.2 Teams shall be provided transport facilities to and from the Accommodation and the venue of the Competition on all dates of the Competition.
- 14.3 Accommodation shall be provided from 09:00 A.M., 24th March 2022 to 09:00 A.M., 28th March 2022. Teams requiring accommodation outside the prescribed dates shall have to make their own arrangements.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.1 Teams, their members, or any person associated with a team, are not permitted to be present at, or hear, a round in which that team is not participating. This rule will not apply to those teams or persons whose teams have been eliminated from the competition, and who are desirous of attending any of the Advanced Rounds thereafter. Scouting in any form in contravention of this rule shall entail disqualification of the team.
- 15.2 No audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the TMS. TMS reserves all rights of audio and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any oral round or part thereof.
- 15.3 All Participants are expected to maintain decorum during the Competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 15.4 Once the Written Submissions have been submitted for participation in the competition, copyright of those Written Submissions with respect to publishing them on the official website and college website will vest in TMS.
- 15.5 The decision of TMS as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the Competition, whether contemplated by the Rules or not, shall be final and binding.
- 15.6 TMS reserves the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as it may deem appropriate.

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Annexure A*

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORING CRITERION

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
Clarity and Organization	20
Style and Grammar	20

Annexure B**

ORAL ROUNDS SCORING CRITERION

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
Knowledge of Law	30
Knowledge of Facts	20
Question and Answers	25
Style, Poise and Demeanor	15
Organization and Time Management	10

*Rule 10.3.9 - Evaluation criteria (Written Submissions).

** Rule 11.8 - Evaluation criteria (oral rounds).