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Rules & Regulations

I. INTRODUCTION

1. *Short Title*

This shall be called the Rules for the MANUU Law school Moot Court Competition.

2. *General Information*

- i The Competition is being conducted by **MANUU Law school**
- ii MANUU Law School Moot Court Competition 2025 shall consist of the Preliminary Round, the Advanced Rounds (Semi-Final & Final Rounds).
- iii Preliminary Oral Round, this round will be open to all teams who have successfully registered for the Competition. The Competition shall have one Based on the merit of the score in the Preliminary Round 8 teams shall qualify for the Advanced Rounds.
- iv Advanced Oral Rounds, The Advanced Oral Rounds shall consist of Quarter-Final Round (8 teams), Semi-Final Round (4 teams), and the Final Round (2 teams).
- v The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder.
- vi Participants are required to adhere to the rules and guidelines prescribed herein.

3. *Definition*

- i “Administrator” shall mean **MANUU Law School**.
- ii “Bench” means the members duly invited to adjudicate the Oral rounds, Individually or collectively,
- iii “Clarification” means the procedural order (s) and/ or any explanation (s) published by the organizers concerning a query posed by any participating team in the competition within the given deadline.
- iv “Competition” denotes the Moot Court Competition, of MANUU Law School,
- v “Draws of Lots” means the match-up between the teams in oral rounds to determine court-room fixtures.

- vi “Identity” means any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team and the state or region where such Institution/College/University is located and includes any identification marks/seal of the Team.
- vii “Moot Proposition” means the Moot Problem of the Competition released by the Organizers.
- viii “Oral Submissions” means the oral pleadings before the Bench.
- ix “Organizers” means the Moot Court Committee of the MANUU Law School.
- x “Participating Institution /College/University” shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams.
- xi “Participating Team” means the team which is eligible to participate in the competition after completion of the registration procedure.
- xii “NOC” means No Objection Certificate issued by the University/College/Institute of the participants.
- xiii “Petitioner/ Appellant” shall include Applicant, Complainant, etc.
- xiv “Rebuttals” mean the set of arguments that the Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the orators.
- xv “Respondent” shall include Defendant, Defence, etc.
- xvi “Sur-rebuttal” means the set of arguments that the Respondent shall raise in response to the set of arguments raised by the Applicant/Appellant/Petitioner during ‘rebuttals’.

II. GENERAL RULES

1. *Date & Venue of the Competition*

The Moot Court Competition 2025 shall be held 8th to 9th March, Preliminary & Quarter Rounds (Online), and 18th March Semi-Final & Final Rounds (Offline) at MANUU Law school.

2. *Team Eligibility*

- i A 5-year integrated B.A LL. B (Hons) and LL. B (3 Years) program from the Institution/College/University recognized by the Bar Council of India or equally competent authority shall be eligible to participate in the competition.
- ii Only one team from a particular Institution/College/University can register for participation
- iii In case of any ambiguity, the Organizers reserve the right to decide
- iv Students pursuing Diploma Courses or Certificate Courses are NOT ELIGIBLE to participate in the competition.

3. *Team Composition*

- i. Each team shall comprise a maximum number of **three** members (two speakers and one researcher) or a minimum number of two members (two speakers). In the event a team consists of only 2 members, then **none** of the members shall be allowed to participate as a researcher in the Researcher's Test.
- ii. In the event any change is required in the name of a participant and/or in his/her designation as a speaker or a researcher, the same shall be communicated to the Organizers via e-mail latest by **23rd February 2025, 5:00 P.M. IST**. However, such change shall not be automatically considered on sending an email. It may be permitted or rejected by the Organizers and such decision shall be duly communicated to the participating team.

- iii. Once the competition commences on **8th March, 2025** no interchangeability amongst/between the speakers and/or researcher shall be allowed at any point in the competition unless under exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Organizers.

4. Official Language

The official language of the competition shall be **English**, for written as well as oral submissions.

5. Rules Regarding Registration

I. Registration and Payment

- i Interested teams are required to register for the Competition by completing the Registration Form. Registration shall not be accepted through any means other than the Registration Form.
- ii The teams must also mention the email ID in the Registration Form:
<https://forms.gle/8ZX4NcqhDhgrhuJV8>
- iii Prior payment of **INR 1,500** per team as Registration Fee for **Online Oral Rounds** is required to fill the Final Registration Form. Top **32** teams selected based on **first-come-first** basis will be sent the confirmation mail along with the payment link accordingly.
- iv The registration fee shall be **excluded** of accommodation and food.
- v The confirmation of Registration for the competition will be notified to the teams by the organizers after the completion and verification of all the registration formalities.
- vi Thereafter, the teams will be provided with a Team Code. At any stage of the competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team code. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time in any manner during their participation in the competition. Non –compliance with this rule shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification, as determined by the Organizers.

II. Payment of Registration Fee:

- i All the teams shall be required to make a payment of **INR 1,500** via Bank Transfer with registration form to register for the Competition.
- ii The details for the payment of Registration Fee through Bank transfer will be provided
- iii In the Registration Form, the participating team shall indicate which member shall be an official point of contact for the organizers and such person shall be responsible for all official communication between the Organizers and the participating team.
- iv The attachments of the Registration form shall contain Scanned copy or screenshot of the Receipt generated on completion of the electronic transfer of registration fee showing successful transfer in the name of the beneficiary;
- v The attachments of the Registration form shall contain Scanned copies of the bonafide Certificate issued by the Institution/College/University of the participating team with the signature of the Dean/Head of the Institution/College/University and seal of the Institution/College/University.
- vi In the event a team notifies the Organizers of its withdrawal or absence from participation in the competition, such team **SHALL NOT** be entitled to the refund of the registration fee or any amount which has been paid in the registration process.
- vii Submissions of incomplete forms and/or registration via email will not amount to successful registration and shall not be considered. In any such event, the decisions of the organizers regarding the mode of submission in such cases shall be final.

6. Allotment of Team Code

- i After successful registration, each team shall be allotted a Team Code, which shall be communicated to them via email of the Point of Contact.

- ii Teams are required to use the Team Code in their memorials and oral submissions to identify themselves.
- iii Revealing personal identification details in the written or oral submissions shall be penalised.

7. Dress Code

- i Participants shall be in advocate's attire throughout the conduct of the Competition (Inaugural Ceremony, Oral Rounds, Valedictory Ceremony and Prize Distribution) in the manner provided below:
 - a. For Men- Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers, black tie, a black blazer and black shoes); and
 - b. For Women- Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers/skirt, and black blazer, and shoes.
- ii Robes and collar bands are not permitted.

III. CLARIFICATION

- i The teams seeking clarifications regarding the moot problem shall send in their queries through this google form:
<https://forms.gle/Qjf4cWGRD4UkrHpk7>
 - a. On or before 23rd February, 2025, 11:59 P.M. IST
- ii No clarifications will be accepted after the deadline which is a firm decision of the Organizers unless they decide otherwise.
- iii The Organizers will inform the official team contact in case of any delay or change in the clarification responses.
- iv Questions concerning the moot problem will be left unanswered by any of the organizers or student volunteers.

IV. MEMORIAL AND MARKING EVALUATION

1. Strict adherence to the Rules

- i Teams are required to strictly follow the rules concerning Memorial submissions. Failure to do so will result in penalties as per the rules.

2. Memorials to be submitted from both sides

- i Each team must prepare and submit Memorials for both sides of the case.

3. General Conditions for Memorial

- i Memorials should only include the Team Code for identification. Any additional marks, symbols, or identifiers will lead to the immediate disqualification of the team.

4. Specific Guidelines for Memorial Submission

- i Memorials must be submitted in both soft copy and hard copy formats.
- ii The soft copy must be submitted in "PDF" & "Word" format. Each team should submit two separate PDF & Word files, one for each side of the argument.
- iii The file name should reflect the Team Code and the side being represented, formatted as TC (team code) A or TC (team code) R, with the Team Code in the top right corner of the cover page.
- iv Teams participating in the Sem-Final and Final round must provide Five hard copies of memorials from each side, i.e., 5 hard copies of the memorial from applicant/petitioner's side and 5 hard copies of the memorial from respondent's side, by **18th March 2025 at 8:30 A.M. IST** at the venue of the competition.

5. Guidelines for Formatting

i *Memorial Structure*

- i Cover Page: The cover must be blue for the Appellant and red for the Respondent. A penalty of 1 mark per side will be applied if the wrong cover colour is used. The cover page should include:
 - ii The Team Code in the top right corner.
 - iii The Name and Year of the competition.
 - iv The Case Title.
 - v The Side for which the Memorial is being submitted.
 - vi The Forum where the dispute is being resolved.
 - vii List of Abbreviations;
 - 1) Index of Authorities: A list of all authorities referenced in the Memorial.
 - 2) Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - 3) Statement of Facts: A brief, clear presentation of the relevant facts of the case. It should only cover the stipulated facts and reasonable inferences without introducing any argumentative statements.
 - viii Issues Raised;
 - 1) **Summary of Arguments:** This should summarize the key points of the arguments without simply listing headings or sub-headings.
 - 2) Arguments Advanced/Pleadings: Legal arguments should be confined to this section.
 - 3) Prayer: The Prayer must be limited to one page.
 - ix Paragraphs should be justified.
 - x **Basic compliance for Memorial:** 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.
 - xi **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, 21st Edition) to be strictly followed throughout the Memorial.

xii **Header and Footer:** The font used for the header/footer, if any, shall be Times New Roman, size 10 with single spacing.

ii **Team Code**

i The Team Code should be placed at the top right corner of the cover page.

iii **Margins**

i All pages of the Memorial must have 1-inch margins on all sides.

iv **Basic Memorial Specifications**

i The entire Memorial (excluding the cover page and including the preliminary pages) must follow the prescribed format.

v **Plagiarism**

i All content in the Memorial must be original and free of plagiarism.

6. Marking criteria for the Memorial(s) submitted by the Teams

SR NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Evidence of Original Thought	20
2	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
3	Proper Articulate Analysis	20
4	Structure, Language, and Grammar	15
5	Extended use of Research	15
6	Correct Format & Citation	10
	TOTAL	100

7. Compendium

- i Teams may submit, **Relevant Cases, Laws, Statutes**, and supporting evidence in the form of a compendium.
- ii Teams qualifying for Online Rounds, may submit the soft copy of their compendium in “pdf and Word” latest by 11.59 P.M. IST on 20th February, 2025 via email to Mootcourt@manuu.edu.in & hard copy by 28th February, 2025
- iii Teams qualifying for Offline Rounds, may submit 5 (five) hard copies of the ‘Compendium’ from each side along with the hard copies of the memorials on 18th March, 2025 by 8:30 A.M. IST, to this address: Dean MANUU Law School, Gachibowli, Hyderabad 500032
- iv Note, submitting a companion is optional and not mandatory for all teams and must ensure anonymity is maintained when passing any material to the bench. Any identifying marks, names or logos from the institution must be obscured.

8. Exchange of Memorials

- i Memorials will be exchanged before the preliminary round for advanced round (Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals) Memorials will be exchanged prior to the start of competition with hardcopies provided.
- ii Teams are prohibited from making remarks on or copying the opponent’s memorial, either digitally or physically.

V. ORAL SUBMISSION & MARKING EVALUATION

1. General Rules

- i Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Written Submissions
- ii The language to be used during the Oral Pleading Rounds shall only be English
- iii The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds, subject to the discretion of the judges.

- iv Participants may use their own Bare Acts, print outs and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds. The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds.
- v The Researcher shall not be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at any stage of the Competition.
- vi Teams are prohibited from communicating among themselves during the Oral Rounds in any form or manner.
- vii The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final and binding.

2. Structure of Rounds

- i The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:
 - a. Preliminary Round; and
 - b. Advanced Rounds including the Quarter-Finals; Semi-Finals; and the Final Round.
 - c. During each of the above-mentioned rounds, the order in which the teams shall
- ii present their arguments is as follows:
 - a. Appellant Speaker 1
 - b. Appellant Speaker 2
 - c. Respondent Speaker 1
 - d. Respondent Speaker 2
- iii Rebuttal: Appellant – Any one of the two Speakers; and
- iv Sur-rebuttal: Respondent – Any one of the two Speakers.

3. Time Division between Speakers

- i. Teams shall notify the Court clerks (4) of the division of time between the 2 Speakers, including time reserved for Rebuttal & Sur-rebuttal) 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the Rounds.
- ii. 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.

- iii. 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.

4. Preliminary Rounds

- i There shall be one Preliminary Round, open for all the participating teams.
- ii The selected **32** Teams shall qualify to participate in the Preliminary Oral Rounds.
- iii Each team shall argue once from either side, i.e., Appellant or Respondent, which shall be decided by way of draw of lots to be conducted by the Organizers.
- iv 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.
- v The qualification of the participating teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined based on the scores of the Preliminary Round.
- vi In the event of a tie, the scores obtained for the Memorial of each participating team shall be considered to determine the qualification of the teams to the Advanced Rounds. In the event of the tie subsisting, the Organizers shall have the authority to decide the same which shall be final and binding. Best Speaker shall be determined based on the individual score of the Speakers in the Preliminary Round.

5. Advanced Rounds

- i Every Team shall argue once in each of the Advanced Rounds.
- ii The side to be argued shall be determined on the basis of Draw of Lots after the declaration of the results of Preliminary Round.

- iii The qualification of the teams to the subsequent rounds shall be on a knock-out basis for each of the Advanced Rounds. In the event of a tie, the team with higher Memorial marks will be given a higher rank.

6. Quarter-Finals

- i Every Team shall argue once from either side in the Quarter final round
- ii The side to be argued shall be determined on the basis of Power match ups after the declaration of results of Preliminary Rounds.
- iii The qualification of Teams to subsequent rounds shall be on a knock-out basis for each of the Advanced Rounds. In the event of a tie, the Team with higher Memorial marks will be given a higher rank.
- iv Each side in quarter finals shall get a maximum 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 2 minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of 18 minutes exclusive of the time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
- v The winners of the Quarter-final round shall advance to the Semi-final round.

7. Semi-Finals

- i The top four Teams from the Quarter Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-final round. It shall be a knockout round. The Petitioner and the Respondent side shall be determined by the Organizers.
- ii Each side shall get a maximum time of 50 minutes to present their arguments, of which, no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 30 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 5 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 3 minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of 22 minutes exclusive of the time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
- iii The winner of each courtroom fixture i.e., 2 Teams from the semi-final round shall proceed to the final round.

8. *Final Rounds*

- i The top two Teams from the Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the final round. It shall be a knockout round, where the Petitioner and the Respondent side shall be determined by the Organizers.
- ii The maximum time for arguments shall be the same as in the Semi-finals.
- iii The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the winner of the Competition.

VI. DELAY IN APPEARANCE/ PRESENTATION

- i If a team scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of an Oral Round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled time of commencement of the Oral Round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions ex-parte.

VII. SCOUTING

- i Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- ii Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of another team, unless they have been officially knocked-out of the competition.
- iii Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

VIII. ACCOMODATION & FOOD

Accommodation will not be provided by the event organizers. However, if you wish to stay in the University Guest House, the accommodation will be available on 17th to 19th March only, and accommodation payment is to be made in advance, please find the details below:

1. Room Tariff and Dinning Charges:

- i ACCOMODATION:

- Double Occupancy Room: Rs. 800/- per day
- ii MEAL CHARGES (per person):
- Breakfast: Rs. 60/-
 - Lunch (Non-Veg): Rs. 200/- & Veg: Rs.175/-
 - Dinner (Non-Veg): Rs. 200/- & Veg: Rs.175/-
2. For accommodation you may contact to the Faculty Convener
3. Payment Details:
- Account Number: 187901000011247
 - Name (Account Holder): Dean MANUU Law School
 - IFSC Code: IOBA0001879
 - Bank Name: Indian Overseas Bank
 - Branch: 1879 Gachibowli

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Conduct

- i Teams are expected to maintain a respectful and professional demeanour, ensuring they do not cause any inconvenience to the Organizers, Administrators, Judges, or other participants.
- ii The Organizers have the authority to take necessary action against any team displaying unethical, unprofessional, or inappropriate behaviour.
- iii Strict compliance with the rules is mandatory. Teams deviating from these rules may be disqualified at the Organizers' discretion. Any unforeseen issues or grievances will be handled by the Organizers, whose decisions will be final. These rules are not comprehensive and may evolve.

2. Interpretation of Rules

- i Any interpretations of ambiguities, as well as decisions regarding waivers, consents, or administrative matters, rest solely with the Organizers.
- ii The Organizers hold the right to modify, alter, or remove any rules or regulations as deemed necessary at any stage of the competition.

iii All decisions made by the Organizers are final and binding on all participating teams.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

i All clarifications and queries regarding the rulebook shall be sought only via this Google form: <https://forms.gle/Qjf4cWGRD4UkrHpk7>

ii In case of clarifications regarding Rules & Regulations, contact the following persons:

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