

1ST KSK-NALSAR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 “Advanced Round” means the Final Round, Semi-Final Rounds, and Quarter-Final Rounds of the Competition.
- 1.2 “Advancing Teams” means the teams advancing to the virtual counselling round and oral rounds of the Competition.
- 1.3 “Bench Memorandum” means the memorandum of law, issues and authorities concerning the competition problem prepared by the drafter.
- 1.4 “Claimant” means the side that argues on behalf of the Claimant at any given point in the competition.
- 1.5 “Clarifications” refer to procedural order(s) and/or any clarification(s) issued by the Organising Committee and published on the official website of the moot pursuant to Rule 9.
- 1.6 “Virtual Counselling Round” refers to the evaluation round after Memorial Qualification round.
- 1.7 “Competition” means the 1st KSK-NALSAR International Commercial Law Moot Court Competition, 2025.
- 1.8 “IST” means the Indian Standard Time.
- 1.9 “Memorial” means the written arguments submitted by each team.
- 1.10 “Memorial Qualification Round” means the round in which the memorials submitted by the teams would be evaluated. The 24 teams qualifying the memorial round will be invited to the virtual counselling round and for oral rounds on campus.
- 1.11 “Moot Proposition” means the official hypothetical Case Record of the Competition released by the Organising Committee. Clarifications, as defined under Rule 9, shall form a part of the problem.
- 1.12 “Official Website” means the website of the competition, <https://ksknalsarmoots.com/>.
- 1.13 “Oral Round” means a team’s pleadings, comprising two oralists, submitted orally in front of arbitrators, acting as adjudicators, on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.
- 1.14 “Oralist” refers to a participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.
- 1.15 “Participant” refers to any member of any team representing any institution participating in the competition.
- 1.16 “Penalty” refers to the deductions imposed on the memorial and oral scores of a participating institution.

1.17 “Plagiarism” includes:

- i. Direct or substantial duplication of any material, including but not limited to books, articles, internet sources, or other moot memorials, is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Direct duplication refers to copying someone else's work verbatim without acknowledgment.
- iii. Substantial duplication includes instances where a segment of text has been copied with minimal changes or at least seven continuous words from the original work are replicated, even with acknowledgment.

1.18 “Preliminary Rounds” means the oral rounds that take place before the advanced round to determine which teams qualify for the advanced rounds.

1.19 “Rebuttals” refer to the arguments presented by the Claimant in response to the Respondent’s submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the oralists.

1.20 “Respondent” means the side that argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the competition.

1.21 “Scouting” means a person observing the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with.

1.22 “Sur-rebuttal” refers to the defence presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals as defined in Clause 1.19.

1.23 “Team Code” refers to the code allocated to a participating institution by the Organising Committee after completion of the Registration according to Rule 7.

1.24 “Tribunal” means a collective reference to the arbitrators present at the oral round, where an “arbitrator” is an adjudicator of an oral round.

2. INTERPRETATION

The Organising Committee will have the exclusive authority to interpret the Rules in instances of interpretational conflict. Such interpretation will be guided by the interests of fairness and equity. The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Organising Committee shall be conclusive and the decision of the Organising Committee regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

3. LANGUAGE

All oral and written submissions are required to be made in English, which shall be the official language of the competition.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year) or LLM Postgraduate Degree Courses.
- 4.2 Multiple teams from one institution can participate in the competition.
- 4.3 Open or mixed teams and cross-institutional teams can also register for the competition.

5. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall comprise of the following three stages:

i. Stage I: Memorial Qualification Round - This shall be open to all teams which register for the competition. The results of this round shall be based on the evaluation of memorials and shall determine the 24 teams that will proceed to Stage II and Stage III.

ii. Stage II: Virtual Counselling Round - The teams that qualify in Stage I will be invited to participate in the Virtual Counselling Round and the oral rounds on campus. This round is an evaluation round and not an elimination round, i.e., irrespective of their performance in this round, teams shall be invited to participate in the oral rounds.

iii. Stage III: Oral Rounds - The 24 teams after Stage-I and after participating in the virtual round, shall be invited to participate in the Oral Rounds, which shall comprise of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds viz. Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals.

6. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6.1 A team can have a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. In each of the oral rounds, two members of the team will be Oralists. A maximum of two members can be registered as oralists. Only those participants registered as Oralists in the registration form shall be allowed to speak during the Oral Rounds. However, to be eligible for the award for Best Oralist, a participant must have argued at least once for the Claimant and once for the Respondent during the preliminary rounds. Additionally, for the purposes of the virtual counselling round, the qualifying teams would need to notify the names of counsels to the Organising Committee through a form circulated after Stage I.

- 6.2 Once registered, a team will not be permitted to change the composition of the team in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the Organising Committee (at their discretion), if due reason is shown for the same.
- 6.3 Any changes with respect to the contact details of the participants shall be notified to the Organising Committee with immediate effect. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition.
- 6.4 Certificates for participating team members will be prepared from the team lists submitted. The certificates for 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 spelled and presented correctly.
- 6.5 Any additional member or team coach accompanying a team will not be entitled to a certificate from the Organising Committee.

7. REGISTRATION

- 7.1 Interested teams can register for the competition by filling up the registration form. The link to the form is [here](#).
- 7.2 The teams will be required to choose a primary contact person (“POC”) when filling out the final registration form. The nominated contact person will receive all communications concerning the Competition via e-mail. It shall be the concerned person’s responsibility to convey all relevant information and distribute all relevant material to the other team members.
- 7.3 The registration fee for the competition for all teams is INR 6,500. This fee is inclusive of 2 days (7th and 8th Night) of accommodation, provided by the Organising Committee.
- 7.4 The registration fee, once paid, is non-refundable.

8. PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE

- 8.1 All the teams shall be required to make a payment of INR 6,500 via online bank transfer in order to register for the competition. Details of the same must also be attached in the registration form.
- 8.2 The account details are:

Beneficiary Name: Registrar, NALSAR

Bank Name: Indian Bank

Branch Name: Shameerpet

Account No: 418454214

IFSC Code: IDIB000S166

9. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROBLEM

- 9.1 The last date for submitting clarifications to the Moot Proposition is 10th January, 2025. All such requests must be submitted through the Google form only: [Link to the form](#).
- 9.2 The request for clarifications should be clear and related to the facts of the case and not related to the substantive arguments.
- 9.3 A team can ask a maximum number of 5 clarifications.

10. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 10.1 Teams shall not reveal the name of their institution, or country of origin, or names of the participants, anywhere either in the Memorials or during the course of the virtual counselling round or Oral Rounds. 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 during the course of the virtual counselling round or the oral arguments. *Provided that*, Oralists may refer to themselves and other oralists in the Oral Rounds by their respective names.
- 10.2 A team must be identified only by the team code that will be allotted to it after final registration.
- 10.3 Violation of Rule 10.1 and/or Rule 10.2 at any point shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Organising Committee.

11. MEMORIALS

11.1 General

- i. Each team must prepare one Claimant Memorial and one Respondent Memorial. The language of all the Memorials must be English. The cumulative Memorial

scores shall determine the qualification of the top 24 teams to the virtual counselling round.

- ii. The Bench Memorandum shall always be confidential. Any team found making use of the Bench Memorandum shall be disqualified immediately.

11.2 Submission of soft copies

- i. All teams shall send a soft copy of Memorials for each side in both MS Word and PDF formats, latest by 11:59 PM IST on **15th February 2025** to commercialmoot@nalsar.ac.in via mail with the subject “Memorials (Team Code) – 1st KSK-NALSAR International Commercial Law Moot 2025”.
- ii. 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 C for Claimant. For instance, the Claimant memorial of team code 2 should be named “2C”.
- iii. Any submission made after the said deadline, unless extended, shall be considered as late submission and penalized. A penalty of 1 point per hour on each memorial shall be imposed for any submission made post the deadline specified. Memorials submitted 12 hours beyond the specified deadline shall not be evaluated.
- iv. The memorials which are submitted for the memorial qualification round shall be considered final. Upon the conclusion of the Competition, the Organising Committee may utilise the submitted memorials for purposes they consider suitable, ensuring proper acknowledgment where applicable.

11.3 Submission of Hard copies of the memorials

- i. All teams qualifying for the oral rounds shall bring 6 hard copies of each of both sides of the Memorials.

11.4 Format of memorials

- i. Each Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components in the following order:
 - a. Cover Page;
 - b. Table of Contents;
 - c. Table of Abbreviations;
 - d. Index of Authorities;
 - e. Statement of Facts;
 - f. Issues Raised;
 - g. Summary of Arguments;

- h. Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
 - i. Prayer.
 - ii. Font and Spacing: The following font and spacing rules shall be binding on all teams:
 - a. Text font for the Arguments Advanced/Pleadings and Prayer, including that of all headings and subheadings, must be Times New Roman, size 12 with 1.5-line spacing and the text must be justified.
 - b. The text font for all footnotes must be Times New Roman, size 10 with 1.0 (single) line spacing and the text must be justified.
 - c. There must be no additional space between two footnotes. Character spacing should not be condensed in any manner.
 - d. Each page in the Memorials must have a margin of one inch or 2.54 cm on all sides.
 - iii. The Cover Page of each Memorial must contain only the following information:
 - a. The team registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by a “C” for the Claimant Memorial, or an “R” for the Respondent Memorial. For example, Team 5 would put the code “5C” in the upper right-hand corner of its Claimant Memorial;
 - b. The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
 - c. The year and name of the Competition;
 - d. The name of the Case;
 - e. The title of the Memorial (either “Memorial for Claimant” or “Memorial for Respondent”).
 - iv. The section on Arguments Advanced shall not exceed 30 pages. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 3 point for every additional page.
 - v. The memorial as a whole shall not exceed 50 pages including the cover page. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 4 points for every additional page.
 - vi. The citation format should follow the 20th edition of the Bluebook. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed.

12. JUDGING OF MEMORIALS

- 12.1 Each judge can award a maximum of two hundred (200) marks and Memorials will be judged on the following criteria:

<i>Parameters</i>	Maximum Points
<i>Knowledge of Law and Facts</i>	50 Points
<i>Proper and Articulate Analysis</i>	50 Points
<i>Extent and Use of Research</i>	40 Points
<i>Clarity and Organization</i>	40 Points
<i>Grammar and Style</i>	20 Points

12.2 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 20 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 Rule 11.2.

VIOLATION	PENALTY
Breach of memorial anonymity	Disqualification from the Competition
Missing or additional section	2 marks for every violation
Incorrect order of sections	2 marks (one-time deduction)
Incorrect font size in the main body of the Memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
Non-justified text in the main body of the Memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
Incorrect line spacing in the main body of the Memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
Incorrect page size and/or page margin in the main body of the Memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
Uniformity in footnotes	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
Missing or unnecessary information on cover page	1 mark per piece of information

Substantive legal arguments outside the arguments advanced section	2 marks for every page on which there is a violation
Exceeding the page limit of the arguments advanced section	3 marks for every page that is in excess of the prescribed page limit
Exceeding the page limit of the memorial	4 marks for every page that is in excess of the prescribed page limit
Extra information in footnotes	1 mark for each violation (1 mark will be deducted for every footnote that has extra information)
Use of endnotes	2 marks

12.3 The ‘main body of the memorial’ as mentioned shall include the header, footer, and footnotes, in addition to the main text of the memorial.

12.4 Plagiarism: In case instances of plagiarism are found to be prevalent in a certain memorial, the participating team alleged to have committed plagiarism will be served a show cause notice by the Organising Committee. Additionally, if the plagiarism exceeds 20%, there shall be a penalty of 5 marks for every subsequent 5%. If it exceeds 50%, the participating team will be disqualified.

13. VIRTUAL COUNSELLING ROUND

13.1 This round shall be conducted on the same moot proposition as the oral rounds.

13.2 This round will be an evaluation round, not an elimination round.

13.3 There shall be two rounds.

13.4 The scores of this round shall be used in case there is a tie between the teams in preliminary oral rounds, in accordance with Rule 16.3(ix)(b), and for determining the best counsel, who shall receive an award and a cash prize. To be eligible for this award, a counsel must participate in both rounds.

13.5 Each team will get a total of 25 minutes. Those 25 minutes are to be divided into two parts as follows: -

- 13.5.1 First 20 minutes are termed the “Client Consultation Period”. The participants are expected to extract the relevant information, make an outline of the problem, and make legal suggestions for its resolution.
- 13.5.2 Next 5 minutes are termed as “Post Consultation Period”. The participants may either talk to each other loud enough to be overheard by the judges or dictate a file memorandum on the interview or both. Exceeding the time limit will lead to negative marking.
- 13.6 It is at the discretion of the teams to decide, the division of their roles. The work plan is subject to judging. However, the teams may use a part of this post-interview period to explain their work plan. The judges may question the teams during this period.
- 13.7 All participants must have an internet connection sufficient to smoothly run. In case a team is not able to be present at the allotted time or has bad connectivity which results in an undue delay in the round, or results in difficulty in conducting the round, a walkover will be given to the opposing team. We highly recommend that you have an internet connection with a minimum of 20 MBPS.
- 13.8 Format of the Round:
- 13.8.1 Each team shall consist of two student participants and would be allotted a meeting room for the interview and counselling. The client will be a counsel of the GC (General Counsel) Board of a firm, also acting as the judge, and the participants will be the counsel of the clients regarding the given problem. The two participants are required to elicit all relevant information from the client by interviewing or questioning the client and then counselling the client.
- 13.8.2 All teams will be following their team codes given to them before the memorial qualification round by the organizers through e-mail to their respective e-mail Ids, the meeting link will be shared as well through the email id.
- 13.8.3 All teams will go through a 25-minute session. The first 20 minutes are devoted to consultation with the client during which lawyers are expected to elicit the relevant information, outline the problem, and propose a solution or other means of resolving the problem.
- 13.8.4 During the post-consultation period, the students may talk to each other loud enough to be overheard by the judges. The concept behind the post-consultation period is to summarize the interview, indicate the scope of the legal work to be undertaken, and state the legal issues that should be researched. An explanation of the position or attitude

taken by the students may be useful. Judges may question the teams during the post-consultation period.

13.8.5 **It is not necessary that the participants taking up the role of counsels in the round shall be the oralists in the oral rounds** on campus, i.e., a counsel in this round can become a researcher during the oral round.

13.9 Further guidelines and rules for this round shall be sent to the participants via mail or will be shared as a separate document.

14. ORAL ROUNDS

14.1 The oral pleadings shall be in English only. There will be no deviation from this language requirement.

14.2 Teams are not restricted to the arguments in their Memorials.

14.3 In the Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds, each team shall have thirty (30) minutes to present their arguments, including time for answering questions from the adjudicators and rebuttals and sur rebuttals. In the Advanced Rounds, i.e, Semi-Finals and Finals, the total time permitted to each team for presenting arguments shall be forty-five (45) minutes.

14.4 Order of Presentation:

The order of oralists in a particular round shall be as follows:

- a. Respondent Procedural Oralist will take the floor first, followed by the
- b. Claimant's Procedural Oralist (including rebuttals and surrebuttals by both parties respectively), after which the Claimant's Merits Oralist shall present its arguments followed by the
- c. Respondent's Merits Oralist (including rebuttals and surrebuttals by both parties respectively).

The above-mentioned format will be followed unless the arbitral tribunal decides otherwise.

14.5 Time Allocation:

- i. Before the start of the Oral Round, the team must inform the timekeeper of the manner in which the team wishes to divide its total time between its (i) first oralist,

- (ii) second oralist, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Claimant) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent).
- ii. For the Preliminary Rounds, each team may distribute its allocated thirty (30) as it deems fit, provided that:
 - a. No oralist is allocated less than ten (10) minutes for the presentation of the main arguments.
 - b. No more than four (4) minutes are reserved for its rebuttal/sur- rebuttal.
 - c. For instance, an acceptable allocation may be 14 minutes for each oralist's main arguments and 2 minutes for rebuttal/ sur rebuttal.
- iii. For the Advanced Rounds, each team may distribute its allocated forty-five (45) minutes as it deems fit, provided that:
 - a. No oralist is allocated less than fifteen (15) minutes or more than twenty-five (25) minutes for presentation of main arguments.
 - b. No more than five (5) minutes are reserved for its rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

14.6 Rebuttal and Sur-Rebuttal:

- i. The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal may be presented by only one Oralist of a team for all the issues or by both Oralists individually for the issues that they are presenting in the order mentioned in Rule 14.5.
- ii. The Respondent team may use the time set aside for sur-rebuttal only if the Claimant team exercises its right to rebuttal.
- iii. If a team fails to reserve time for a rebuttal or sur-rebuttal at the start of an Oral Round, then it may not request that such time be added during the course of the round.
- iv. The Claimant's rebuttal must be limited to responding to the Respondent's oral pleadings, whereas the Respondent's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Claimant's rebuttal.

14.7 Communication during Oral Rounds:

- i. During the Oral Round, oral communication is limited to the arbitral tribunal and the Oralist presenting the arguments. The team members are allowed to communicate with the Oralist presenting the arguments only through chits of paper. Any communication through words or gestures might be penalised.

14.8 Compendiums:

- i. Submitting a compendium is optional. However, if submitted, it must be in PDF format and adhere to specific guidelines.

- ii. To keep the document concise, include only the first page of the cited book, case, or resource along with the relevant pages. For instance, if referencing a specific paragraph from a case like *X v. Y*, the compendium should contain the first page of the case followed by the pages with the cited content.
- iii. Teams are responsible for organizing the compendium in a clear and accessible manner, with a mandatory index at the beginning for easy navigation. The file should be named in the format: C – Team Code – Side (e.g., the Respondent compendium for Team Code 10 should be labelled C10R). Please note that the Organising Committee is not liable for any difficulties judges may encounter in locating specific documents or pages.

15. JUDGING OF THE ORAL ROUNDS

15.1 Each Preliminary Round shall be judged by a minimum of two (2) judges.

15.2 Each oral pleading will be marked on a maximum of one hundred (100) points by each of the judges.

<i>Parameters</i>	Maximum Points
<i>Knowledge of Law and Facts</i>	20 Points
<i>Application of Law to Facts</i>	20 Points
<i>Ingenuity and Ability to Answer</i>	20 Points
<i>Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour</i>	20 Points
<i>Time Management</i>	10 Points
<i>Organization</i>	10 Points

15.3 The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

16. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

16.1 The Competition shall consist of a Memorial Qualification Round, a Virtual Counselling Round and Oral Rounds. Each team shall argue in two (2) Preliminary Rounds: once as Claimant and once as Respondent. The Advanced Rounds shall consist of three knock-out rounds – the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and the Final Round.

16.2 Memorial Qualification Round

- i. There shall be a Memorial Qualification Round subsequent to the submission of the memorials. The memorials shall be evaluated in accordance with Rule 12 of the Competition.
- ii. Top 24 teams in accordance with the Memorial scores shall be selected to participate in the Virtual Counselling Round of the Competition and will be judged as per Rule 13. Any increase in the number of Advancing Teams shall be subject to the discretion of the Organising Committee.

16.3 Preliminary Rounds:

- i. The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted on 8th March 2025. There will be two Preliminary Rounds and each team shall argue once as the Claimant and once as the Respondent. The team which argues as the Claimant in the first Preliminary Round shall argue as the Respondent in the second Preliminary Round, and vice-versa.
- ii. In the Preliminary rounds, the teams' memorial scores will be used to determine the match-ups; a power match-up system (Team 1 v Team 24, Team 2 v Team 23...) and a slide match-up system (Team 1 v Team 13, Team 2 v Team 14...) shall be used for the first and second rounds, respectively.
- iii. Each Team will be given the opposing team's Memorials on 7th March, 2025 after the completion of the Inaugural Ceremony. No team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of the opposing teams or any other team participating in the Competition.
- iv. In case any opponent team fails to appear in an Oral Round or appears after 15 minutes of the officially scheduled time for beginning the round, that round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter Team had been present and arguing.
- v. Each Preliminary Round will be adjudicated by a bench of two judges.
- vi. Each round shall have a total of 6 Round Points, allocated entirely on the basis of the cumulative Oral Scores awarded by the judges. Each judge will award a total of 3 points, distributed as follows:

- a. If the cumulative Oral Score of one team exceeds that of the other team by more than 10% of the higher score, the team with the higher score will receive 3 points, and the other team will receive 0 points.
 - b. If the difference is less than 10%, the team with the higher score will be awarded 2 points, and the other team will receive 1 point.
 - c. In case of a tie, both teams will be awarded 1.5 points each.
- vii. The total points for a round will be calculated by adding the points allocated by each judge.
- viii. See an illustration of the rule below:

Team A	Team B	Difference	Points Allocation	
			Team A	Team B
180	160	20 (more than 10%)	3 points	0 points
180	175	5 (less than 10%)	2 points	1 point
170	170	0 (tie)	1.5 points	1.5 points

- ix. The top 8 teams shall qualify to the Quarterfinals. The teams will be ranked as per the following scheme:
- a. First, on the basis of the total round points earned after the two Preliminary Rounds.
 - b. If there is a tie, the rank will be determined based on the teams' scores in the virtual counselling round.
 - c. If a tie persists after the above, it will be resolved based cumulative oral scores of the teams in the Preliminary Rounds.

16.4 Quarterfinals/Semi-Finals:

- i. The Quarterfinals will be held on 8th March, 2025 and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of teams for the Quarterfinals shall be done by power matchups, i.e. Rank 1 v. Rank 8, Rank 2 v. Rank 7 etc.
- ii. The Semi-Finals will be conducted on 9th March, 2025 and will be knockout rounds.
- iii. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be decided as follows:
 - Winner of Quarter-Final 1 v. Winner of Quarter-Final 4

– Winner of Quarter-Final 2 v. Winner of Quarter-Final 3

16.5 The Teams in Quarterfinals and Semi-Finals will be provided with a soft copy of the opposing team's Memorials prior to the Oral Round.

16.6 Final Round:

- i. The Final Round of the Competition will be held on 9th March 2025. The sides for which the teams will argue will be determined through a draw of lots.
- ii. The Teams will be provided with a soft/hard copy of the opposing Team's Memorials prior to the Oral Round. The Organising Committee reserves all the rights pertaining to that memorial.

17. RESEARCHER'S TEST

17.1 The researcher's test is conducted for the assessment of researcher from each team who is required to appear for the same. In case the team comprises of two members only, one of the two members will be required to perform the role of a researcher in the researcher's test, in addition to both of them playing the role of a speaker.

17.2 The researcher scoring the highest in the researcher's test shall be chosen as the Best Researcher.

18. PRIZES AND AWARDS

18.1 The winner of the Final Round will be declared the "Winners", while the other finalists will be declared the "Runners-Up".

18.2 The teams with the highest total Memorial score (out of 100) for each side will be awarded the "Best Memorial - Claimant" and "Best Memorial - Respondent" awards, respectively.

18.3 The Oralist with the highest average score at the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds will be judged as the "Best Oralist for the Preliminary Rounds".

18.4 The Oralist with the highest score in the Final Round will be judged as the "Best Oralist for the Final Rounds".

18.5 The average score will be calculated by dividing the total marks of each oralist by the number of times the oralist has presented oral arguments. To be eligible for the "Best Oralist Award", an oralist must have argued at least once for the Claimant and once for the Respondent in the Preliminary Rounds. The same standard shall be applied for any additional oralist awards, if instituted.

18.6 The Prize Pool:

Winner	INR 40,000
Runners Up	INR 25,000
Best Speaker	INR 15,000
Runners Up Best Speaker	INR 10,000
Best Memorandum (Claimant)	INR 10,000
Best Memorandum (Respondent)	INR 10,000
Best Counsel	INR 10,000
Best Researcher	INR 10,000

19. CONDUCTING OF ROUNDS

- 19.1 All oral rounds for the competition shall be conducted physically on the campus of NALSAR, Hyderabad from 7th to 9th March 2025. It would be mandatory for all the participating teams to attend the oral rounds in physical format only.
- 19.2 The Participants are strictly not allowed to use any electronic devices during the rounds. Any team, if found to violate this rule shall be subjected to penalty as decided by the Organising Committee, which may include disqualification as well.
- 19.3 Further details regarding the competition shall be communicated to the teams completing the final registration process within the deadline. No audio or videotaping of the oral proceedings is permitted without the permission of the organizers.
- 19.4 Dress Code: The Participants must be dressed in a formal courtroom attire. If any participant cannot access formal dress code, they may be allowed to be dressed in appropriate formal outfit which can be reasonably considered to the occasion. No marks shall be reduced for not wearing a full formal courtroom attire.

20. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

- 20.1 Accommodation and food shall be provided to all teams by the NALSAR University of Law from the night of 7th March 2025 to the morning of 9th March 2025.
- 20.2 The Travel Details Form must be duly filled and sent by the teams shortlisted after Stage-II whenever sent by the Organising Committee.

21. MISCELLANEOUS

- 21.1 All rules are subject to changes as the Organising Committee might deem fit to introduce at any stage of the competition.
- 21.2 Communication made through any channel having official nature and attribution to the organising committee shall be considered intimation. Teams are requested to be cognisant of any announcements we make, therefore.



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