

ASIAN LAW COLLEGE

— INTERNATIONAL —

MOOT COURT

COMPETITION - 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS



PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

RULE 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Rules shall be known as the Asian Law College International Moot Court Competition, 2026 - Rules & Regulations.
- 1.2 These Rules shall govern all aspects of the Competition, including registration, eligibility, memorial submission, oral pleadings, evaluation and participant conduct.
- 1.3 Registration for the Competition shall constitute acceptance of these Rules by every participating Team.
- 1.4 The Competition shall be conducted by the Moot Court Committee, Asian Law College.

RULE 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Competition is open to students enrolled in:
 - a Five-Year Integrated Law Programme; or
 - a Three-Year LL.B. Programme, offered by a university or institution recognised by the competent authority.
- 2.2 Students from foreign universities enrolled in recognised law programmes are also eligible to participate.
- 2.3 Each institution shall be eligible to register a maximum of one team for the Competition, subject to the availability of slots.
- 2.4 It shall be mandatory for every participating team to upload a No objection certificate (NOC) along with the registration form. If a team is unable to upload the NOC at the time of registration, the organising committee may, at its discretion, permit the team to do provisional registration. Such teams shall be granted a period of three days from the date of provisional registration to submit the requisite NOC and do the final registration.

RULE 3. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 3.1 Each Team shall consist of three (3) members only:
 - Two Speakers; and
 - One Researcher.
- 3.2 No observer or additional member shall be permitted to participate in the Competition.
- 3.3 Once registration is completed, no change in Team composition shall ordinarily be permitted except with the prior approval of the Organising Committee.

RULE 4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Registration shall be completed through the prescribed online process within the notified deadline.
- 4.2 A Team shall be deemed to be duly registered only upon receipt of registration confirmation from the Organising Committee.
- 4.3 Every registered Team shall be allotted a unique Team Code, which shall be used throughout the Competition for all official purposes.
- 4.4 Teams shall ensure that all information furnished during registration is accurate and complete.

RULE 5. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Every participant shall adhere to these Rules and all instructions issued by the Organising Committee.
- 5.2 Any act of misconduct, unfair practice or violation of these Rules may result in deduction of marks or disqualification.
- 5.3 The interpretation of these Rules and the Regulation of any matter not expressly provided herein shall rest solely with the Organising Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

PART II

COMPETITION STRUCTURE & PROCEDURE

RULE 6. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1 The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:
- Preliminary Rounds
 - Quarter-Final Round
 - Semi-Final Round
 - Final Round
- 6.2 Every Team shall participate in two Preliminary Rounds, arguing once for each side.
- 6.3 The Top Eight (8) Teams based on the cumulative Preliminary Round scores shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Round.
- 6.4 The Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall be conducted on a knockout basis, with the winners of each round advancing to the subsequent round and the losing teams being eliminated from the Competition.
- 6.5 The Organising Committee reserves the right to modify the Competition structure depending upon the number of participating Teams.

RULE 7. DRAW OF LOTS & SIDE ALLOCATION

- 7.1 The Draw of Lots shall be conducted prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- 7.2 The Draw of Lots shall determine:
- The Court Room;
 - The Opposing Team; and
 - The Side to be represented.
- 7.3 The allocation made by the Organising Committee shall be final and binding.

RULE 8. TIME ALLOCATION

- 8.1 The time allotted for each Oral Round shall be as follows:

ROUND	TIME PER TEAM
Preliminary Round	20 Minutes
Quarter-Final Round	20 Minutes
Semi-Final Round	30 Minutes
Final Round	30 Minutes

- 8.2 The allotted time shall include the main submissions, rebuttal, and sur-rebuttal.

- 8.3 No Speaker shall ordinarily plead for more than 12 minutes in the Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds and 20 minutes in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds.
- 8.4 The allocation of speaking time shall be communicated to the Bailiff / Court Master before the commencement of each Oral Round.
- 8.5 A Team may request an extension of the allotted speaking time, which shall be granted solely at the discretion of the Judges and shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

RULE 9. QUALIFICATION & TIE-BREAK

- 9.1 Teams shall be ranked on the basis of their cumulative Preliminary Round scores.
- 9.2 In the event of a tie, the team with the higher Memorial score shall be ranked higher.

RULE 10. EX PARTE PROCEEDINGS

- 10.1 A Team failing to report within **ten (10) minutes** of the scheduled commencement of a Round may be proceeded **ex parte**.
- 10.2 The attending Team shall present its submissions before the Bench and shall be evaluated on merit.

PART III

MEMORIAL RULES

RULE 11. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

- 11.1 Each Team shall prepare and submit **two Memorials** - one on behalf of the **Applicant/Petitioner** and one on behalf of the **Respondent**.
- 11.2 Memorials shall be submitted in soft copy (PDF format) and hard copy on or before the deadline notified by the Organising Committee.
- 11.3 Each Team shall submit five (5) **hard copies** of each Memorial, within the deadline, unless otherwise notified.
- 11.4 Memorials submitted after the prescribed deadline may attract penalties or be rejected at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

RULE 12. MEMORIAL FORMAT

- 12.1 All Memorials shall conform to the following specifications:

PARTICULAR	REQUIREMENT
Paper Size	A4
Font	Times New Roman
Font Size (Text)	12 pt
Font Size (Footnotes)	10 pt
Line spacing (Text)	1.5
Line Spacing (Footnotes)	1
Margins	1 inch on all sides
Citation Style	Bluebook (20 th Edition)
Maximum Length	40 Pages (Including Cover Page)

- 12.2 The cover page shall be Blue for the Applicant/Petitioner and Red for the Respondent.
- 12.3 All pages shall be consecutively numbered.

RULE 13. CONTENTS OF THE MEMORIAL

13.1 Every Memorial shall contain the following sections:

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

RULE 14. ANONYMITY

- 14.1 Memorials shall bear only the allotted Team Code.
- 14.2 The name of the Institution, Faculty Member, Coach, or any Team Member shall not appear anywhere in the Memorial.
- 14.3 Any breach of anonymity may result in deduction of marks or disqualification at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

RULE 15. EVALUATION OF MEMORIALS

15.1 Memorials shall be evaluated out of 100 Marks on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Extent and use of research	20
Legal and factual analysis	20
Clarity and organisation of the submission	20
Grammar, Style & Citation	20
Overall Presentation	20
Total	100

RULE 16. ORIGINALITY

- 16.1 Every Memorial submitted shall be the original work of the participating Team.
- 16.2 Proper citation shall be provided for all authorities relied upon.
- 16.3 Plagiarism, fabricated citations or any form of academic misconduct may result in deduction of marks or disqualification at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 16.4 The plagiarism level and AI-generated content in the submitted Memorial shall each be below 10%, as determined through the prescribed verification mechanisms.

PART IV

ORAL PLEADINGS & COURTROOM ETIQUETTE

RULE 17. ORAL PLEADINGS

- 17.1 Each Team shall be represented by two (2) Speakers during the Oral Rounds.
- 17.2 The order of appearance of the Speakers shall be determined by the Team and communicated to the Bailiff / Court Master before the commencement of the Round.
- 17.3 The Researcher shall not address the Bench except with the prior permission of the Bench.
- 17.4 Speakers shall confine their submissions to the issues arising from the Moot Proposition and shall not introduce any new facts during the Oral Rounds.

RULE 18. REBUTTAL & SUR-REBUTTAL

- 18.1 The Applicant/Petitioner may reserve a maximum of five (5) minutes for Rebuttal.
- 18.2 The Respondent may reserve a maximum of five (5) minutes for Sur-Rebuttal.
- 18.3 Rebuttal and Sur-Rebuttal shall be confined strictly to responding to the arguments advanced by the opposing Team and shall not introduce fresh arguments or authorities, except with the permission of the Bench.

RULE 19. COURTROOM ETIQUETTE

- 19.1 Participants shall conduct themselves with dignity, courtesy and professionalism throughout the Competition.
- 19.2 Speakers shall address the Bench respectfully and comply with all directions issued by the Judges and the Bailiff / Court Master.
- 19.3 Communication between the Speakers and the Researcher shall be limited to written notes during the proceedings.
- 19.4 Mobile phones and electronic communication devices shall remain switched off or on silent mode throughout the Oral Rounds.
- 19.5 Participants shall refrain from any conduct that may disrupt or prejudice the proceedings.

RULE 20. EVALUATION OF ORAL ROUNDS

- 20.1 The Oral Rounds shall be evaluated out of 100 Marks on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Knowledge of Facts & Law	20
Application of Law	20
Response to Judicial Questions	15
Advocacy & Presentation Skills	15
Courtroom Etiquette	10
Time Management	10
Logic, Persuasiveness & Organisation	10
Total	100

RULE 21. GENERAL CONDUCT

- 21.1 Scouting or observing another Team's Oral Round for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage is strictly prohibited.
- 21.2 Participants shall not communicate with coaches, faculty members or spectators during the course of an Oral Round.
- 21.3 Any attempt to influence the judges or interfere with the conduct of the Competition shall result in appropriate disciplinary action, including deduction of marks or disqualification.
- 21.4 The decision of the Bench concerning courtroom procedure and the decision of the Organising Committee concerning disciplinary matters shall be final.

PART V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

RULE 22. DRESS CODE

- 22.1 All participants shall be dressed in formal court attire during the Competition.

Gentlemen:

- White Shirt
- Black Trousers
- Black Tie
- Black Blazer/Coat
- Black Formal Shoes

Ladies:

- White Shirt/Kurta
- Black Trousers or Black Skirt
- Black Blazer/Coat
- Black Formal Shoes

- 22.2 Participants failing to comply with the prescribed dress code may not be permitted to participate in the Oral Rounds.

RULE 23. ONLINE PARTICIPATION

- 23.1 International Teams shall participate through the online platform notified by the Organising Committee.
- 23.2 Participants shall ensure a stable internet connection, functioning audio and video facilities and a quiet professional environment during the proceedings.
- 23.3 Any technical disruption attributable to a participating Team shall not ordinarily constitute grounds for rescheduling an Oral Round.

RULE 24. CLARIFICATIONS

- 24.1 Requests for clarification regarding the Moot Proposition shall be submitted only through the official email address within the prescribed timeline.
- 24.2 Clarifications issued by the Organising Committee shall form an integral part of the Moot Proposition and shall be binding on all participating Teams.

RULE 25. DISCLAIMER

25.1 The Moot Proposition has been prepared solely for academic purposes. Any resemblance to actual persons, institutions, disputes or events is purely coincidental.

RULE 26. POWERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

26.1 The Organising Committee reserves the right to interpret, amend or modify these Rules whenever necessary to ensure the fair and efficient conduct of the Competition.

26.2 Any matter not expressly provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the Organising Committee.

26.3 The decision of the Organising Committee on all matters relating to the Competition shall be final and binding.

Best Wishes

The Organising Committee extends its best wishes to all participating Teams and looks forward to welcoming you to the Asian Law College International Moot Court Competition, 2026.

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