



AMITY LAW SCHOOL, NOIDA

AMITY UNIVERSITY UTTAR PRADESH

16th AMITY INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT

COMPETITION 2026

THEME:

Regulating Artificial Intelligence in International Law

- Drones, UAVs and Machines and the Case

Concerning State Sponsored Warfare.

RULEBOOK

08th-10th October, 2026

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I. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

- I.1. '*Competition*' shall refer to Amity International Moot Court Competition, 2026.
- I.2. '*Competition Rules*' shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as amended from time to time.
- I.3. '*Grievance Committee*' shall refer to a committee comprising of the Faculty Coordinators and the Organising Committee.
- I.4. '*IST*' shall refer to Indian Standard Time.
- I.5. '*INR*' shall refer to Indian Rupee.
- I.6. '*Knock-out round*' shall refer to the Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Final rounds of the Competition.
- I.7. '*Memorial*' shall refer to the Memorial of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the Competition Rules.
- I.8. '*Organizing Committee*' (hereinafter to be referred as O.C.) shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition including any other authorized persons, and of all events leading up to the Competition.
- I.9. '*Official Email*' shall refer to the official email id of the Amity International Moot Court Competition, i.e., 16amityinternationalmoot@gmail.com.
- I.10. '*Proposition*' shall refer to the facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications and corrections.

II. GENERAL RULES

a) Eligibility

II.a.1. All recognized law schools, universities, and institutions in India or abroad with minimum three year of LL.B. courses shall be eligible to participate.

II.a.2. Each participating team shall not comprise of more than three members and not less than two members. A three-member team shall have two (2) members that are designated as Speakers and one (1) member as Researcher.

II.a.3. No faculty member, coach, or a designated observer will be allowed to accompany the team.

b) Clarifications to the Problem

II.b.1. Teams may request for clarifications till 11th September, 2026 via e-mail to 16amityinternationalmoot@gmail.com.

II.b.2. A general clarification shall be released by 15th September 2026.

c) Registration

II.c.1. The teams/institutions are required to provisionally register themselves for the competition via the link provided in the brochure.

II.c.2. The final registration link and payment details shall be sent to the teams/ institutions provisionally registered on the registered mail IDs.

II.c.3. The Last date of Registration shall be **25th September, 2026**.

With Accommodation	₹8,500*
Without Accommodation	₹7,000*

**inclusive of GST*

d) Memorial

- II.d.1. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare a memorial each on behalf of the Prosecutor/Applicant and on behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.
- II.d.2. Each team must upload its memorial latest by **2nd October, 2026, 23:59 hours IST** through <https://forms.gle/j7A6D4kRatqKcnkR8>. Please note that **NO HARD COPIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED**. The teams must submit both the Microsoft Word version and the PDF file of the memorials on the given link for their successful submission.
- II.d.3. If the team wishes to submit a compendium, then the same may also be done via the link. **NO HARD COPIES OF THE COMPENDIUM ARE TO BE SUBMITTED.**
- *Submission of Compendium is not mandatory**
- II.d.4. Any memorial submitted after the deadline shall be subject to penalty for late submission.
- II.d.5. The Memorial must contain the following parts only:
- i. Cover Page
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. Index of Authorities
 - iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - v. Questions Presented
 - vi. Statement of Facts
 - vii. Summary of Pleadings; and
 - viii. Pleadings (including Conclusion/Prayer for Relief).
- II.d.6. The Memorial **must not have more than 10% plagiarism**, and **any use of AI used in the memorial is strictly prohibited**. Non-adherence to the above would lead to deduction of marks.

A. Cover Page

The front cover of each Memorial must have the following information:

- i. The Team Code on the upper right-hand corner followed by 'P'/'A' for Memorial on behalf of the Prosecutor and 'D'/'R' for Memorial on behalf of the Defendant (e.g., Team allotted code number 23 shall write '23P' on the top right-hand corner of the front cover of its Memorial for the Prosecutor).
- ii. The name of the court.
- iii. The year of the Competition (the year during which the relevant Round takes place, for instance, *The Amity International Moot Court Competition 2026*).
- iv. The name of the case; and
- v. The title of the document (i.e., 'Memorial on behalf of the Prosecutor' or 'Memorial on behalf of the Defendant').

B. Index of Authorities

The Index of Authorities must list all legal authorities cited in any part of the Memorial and must indicate the page number(s) of the Memorial on which each authority is cited.

C. Citation

Footnotes must be used to identify the source of statements or propositions made in the pleadings of the Memorial. Endnotes are not permitted. The use of footnotes must be restricted to pleadings only. Participants are expected to follow Bluebook style of citation, 21st edition. Font size should be restricted to 10, Times New Roman, with single spacing.

D. Length

The limitation on length must be kept in check based on the following stipulations:

- i. The statement of facts, including section headings must be *no longer than 2 pages*.
- ii. The summary of pleadings may not be longer than 2 pages.
- iii. The total length of the Pleadings, including the section headings, Conclusion/prayer for relief, and any associated footnotes, must be no longer than 30 pages.
- iv. A Written Submission should not exceed the maximum limit of 45 (forty-five) pages in length, including the Legal Pleadings and Cover Page.

E. Presentation of the Memorial

The following colour schemes shall be followed for the Memorials:

- Prosecutor/Applicant—BLUE
- Defendant/Respondent- RED

THE MEMORIAL SHALL BE EXCHANGED ON 7TH OCTOBER, 2026, THROUGH ONLINE MODE.

F. Scoring of the Memorial

Following would be the criteria for judging the Memorial:

S. No.	PARAMETERS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2.	Interpretation of Law and its Application to Facts	20
3.	Extent and use of research	20
4.	Clarity and Organization	20

5.	Adherence to the norms regarding Style, Grammar and Citation of Sources	20
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G. FORMATTING SPECIFICATIONS

1. For Main Text:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 12
- c) Line spacing: 1.5
- d) Body of text: Justified

2. For Heading

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 14

3. For Cover Page

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 16

4. For Footnotes

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 10
- c) Line Spacing: 1

H. PROCEDURE FOR ORAL ROUNDS

II.h.1. Oral presentations during the round must be made by two (2) members. Each Team must indicate to the bailiff, prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, however it wishes to allocate its given time for each round among (a) its first speaker, (b) its second speaker.

II.h.2. Time allocated for but not used by one speaker may not be used by another speaker, or in the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

II.h.3. Judges may, at their discretion, extend total oral argument time of the team up to 10 minutes beyond the given time slot for such team in any round. Speakers asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, argue for more than their individual limit for each round.

II.h.4. The order of the pleadings in each Oral Round at all levels of the Competition is:

Prosecutor 1 --> Prosecutor 2 --> Defendant 1 --> Defendant 2 --> Rebuttal (Prosecutor 1 or 2) --> Sur-rebuttal (Defendant 1 or 2). Once a speaker has completed his or her main pleading, that speaker may not make any additional arguments except for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. This applies irrespective of whether or not the pleading Team uses all the time it has allocated for the main pleading. Further, any time that is not used in the main pleading may not be used to extend the time allocated to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

A. Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal

Each Team may reserve up to five minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. As a courtesy to the judges, Teams should announce whether they intend to reserve time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal at the beginning of their oral arguments, and how much time they intend to reserve. Failure to announce will not waive the right to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. The rebuttal or sur-rebuttal must be delivered by one of the two speakers participating in the oral round, which needs to be indicated prior to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. A rebuttal shall immediately follow the pleading of the Defendant 2, and the sur-rebuttal shall immediately follow the rebuttal. Teams may waive their rebuttal or sur-rebuttal through an express declaration.

B. Scope of Pleadings

A team's oral pleadings are not in any way limited to the scope of the Team's Memorial. The scope of the Prosecutor's rebuttal is limited to responding to the Defendant's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Defendant's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Prosecutor's rebuttal. If the Prosecutor waives off its right to rebut, Defendant may not appear for sur-rebuttal.

C. Scoring of the Speakers

The criterion for scoring of the Speakers has been given herein below:

S. No.	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of law	20
2.	Application of law to facts	20
3.	Ingenuity & ability to answer questions	20
4.	Style, poise, courtesy, demeanour	15
5.	Time management	10
6.	Co-ordination & teamwork	10
7.	Adequacy of the Prayer	05
TOTAL		100

D. Court Room Communication

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be permitted amongst the team members through electronic means.

E. Scouting

No participant shall be allowed to observe any rounds except for the Final Rounds.

Teams 'shall not reveal identity' in any form, except the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition. Names of participants, nation, or name of college of the Teams concerned must not appear on or within the Memorial.

A team which commits scouting in any form shall be disqualified from the competition.

F. Team Code

The participating teams shall be allotted a 'Team Code' after the final registration.

III. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall consist of:

- i. Researcher Test
- ii. The Preliminary Round
- iii. The Quarter Finals
- iv. The Semi Finals and

v. The Final.

The side on which the Team will be arguing will be decided by a draw of lots.

***The Researcher's Test shall be held on the first day of the Competition, i.e., 8th October, 2026. ***

a) Preliminary Round

The Preliminary Rounds will be held on **08th October, 2026**. In the preliminary rounds, each Team shall argue only once, either as the Prosecutor or as the Defendant. No team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of their opponent teams or any other team under any circumstances. Oral session of the preliminary round of competition consists of **fifty (50) minutes** of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted **twenty-five (25) minutes**. A maximum of **five minutes** may be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The team may **not allocate more than fifteen (15) minutes**, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal to either speaker.

There would only be a **single Preliminary Round**, i.e., each team would get only one round to represent either the Prosecutor or the Defendant.

b) Quarter Finals

The Quarter-final round of the competition consists of **fifty (50) minutes** of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted **twenty-five (25) minutes**. A maximum of **five minutes** shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The team **may not allocate more than fifteen 15 minutes**, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal to either speaker.

c) Semi Finals

The semi-final round of competition consists of **eighty (80) minutes** of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted **forty (40) minutes**. A maximum of **five minutes** shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The team **may not allocate more than 25 minutes**, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal to either speaker.

d) Final Rounds

The Final Round of competition consists of one hundred (100) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted fifty (50) minutes. A

maximum of five minutes shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The team may not allocate more than 35 minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal to either speaker.

IV. PENALTIES

S. No.	PARTICULARS	QUANTUM OF PENALTY
1.	Delay in submission of Memorial	1 point per day
2.	Resubmission of Memorial	5 points
3.	Formatting violations including:	1 point per type of violation, up to a Maximum of 5 points
	Use of incorrect font	
	Use of incorrect font-size	
	Use of improper line spacing	
	Use of improper block quote	
	Use of endnotes	
4.	Failure to include all parts of Memorial or failure to include necessary and correct information on Memorial cover page.	2 points for each part
5.	Excessive length: (Above 45 pages)	2 points (one-time penalty)
6.	Breach of Anonymity of Teams	2 points (one-time penalty)

**Kindly note that resubmission of the memorials shall be allowed only at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.*

V. AWARDS

V.1 LIST OF PRIZES

V.1.1 Trophy, cash prize, merit certificate and other prizes for the **‘Winning Team’** and **‘Runners-Up Team’**.

V.1.2 Memento, merit certificate, and other prizes for the **‘Best Memorial’**, **‘Best Speaker’** and the **‘Best Researcher’**.

V.13 ‘**Semi-Finalists**’ shall be awarded with merit certificate and mementos.

V.14 ‘**Quarterfinalists**’ shall be awarded with merit certificate,

V.15 All participants will receive certificates of participation in the valedictory ceremony.

V.2 SPECIAL PERKS:

V21 All participants will receive **one-month access to the SCC Online Web Edition, worth Rs. 3,100/-**.

V22 The Winning Team will receive **one-year free subscriptions** to SCC Online Web Edition, each **worth Rs. 1,00,500/- to all the three team members**.

VI. ACCOMODATION

VI.1 The accommodation would be arranged by the host institution.

VI.2 The accommodation would **only be provided for the days of the Competition, i.e., 08th-10th October 2026** and no such arrangement can be made for any team if they wish to arrive early.

VI.3 No pickup and drop off facility will be provided by the institution. The participants are requested to arrange their own transportation for the same.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VII.1. The O.C. reserves the right to interpret, amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage. The O.C. shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.

VII.2. If a team believes that violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) within **an hour** after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint with the Grievance Committee which will be constituted specifically for such purpose or mail it to the official email id. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.

VII.3. The teams are mandatorily required to carry their electronic devices for the purposes of conducting the oral rounds. Usage of mobile phones will be strictly

prohibited when the rounds are in session and the same shall be switched off and submitted to the Bailiff. **The Organising Committee shall not be responsible for providing the teams with any electronic devices.**

VII.4. The decision of the Director, Amity Law School, Noida, shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

THE TEAMS ARE SUPPOSED TO REFER TO THE DOCUMENTS ON COMPUTERS ONLY (WHICH SHOULD BE DOWNLOADED AND SAVED BEFORE THE ROUNDS) BUT CAN USE HARD COPIES OF THE BARE ACTS AND BOOKS, IF NEED BE, ALTHOUGH THE SAME IS NOT ENCOURAGED.

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