



NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION



9th To 11th October, 2026



Sector-F, Sushant Golf City Sultanpur Road, Lucknow-226030

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION



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ADMINISTRATION

- i. The Central Law College National Moot Court Competition 2026, shall be administered by Central Law College, Affiliated to University of Lucknow, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- ii. The Competition is scheduled to be held between the 9th to 11th of October, 2026 in an offline format.
- iii. The Organizing Committee, as duly authorized by the Moot Court Committee of Central Law College, shall be responsible for the conduct of the Competition.

LANGUAGE & DRESS CODE

- i. The official language of the competition will be Bilingual (Hindi & English) Up to the discretion of the Judge.
- ii. The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the competition is:
 1. Girls: White Salwar and white kurta or white shirt and black trousers, black tie along with black blazer and black shoes.
 2. Boys: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black blazer and black shoes.
- iii. Note: The participating teams shall also adhere to the above-mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the competition.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- i. The Organizing Committee will have exclusive authority to interpret the Rules in instances of interpretational conflict. Such interpretation will be performed according to appropriate procedure and be guided by interests of fairness and equity.
- ii. The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Organizing Committee shall be conclusive and the decision of the administrators regarding the application of these rules shall be final.

REGISTRATION

- i. Each team must register by filling up the registration form available at <https://forms.gle/NrRU44S5RGn4ADBq9> and paying the registration fee as provided. Each team shall complete such registration by 25th September, 2026. (23:59:59 Hours IST).

DEFINITIONS

- i. **Bench:** Refers to the members duly invited by the institute, to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively.
- ii. **Clarifications:** Means any questions, queries, or doubts sent by the registered teams to the organizer, within the given deadline.
- iii. **Competition:** Means the Central Law College National Moot Court Competition 2026.
- iv. **Speaker:** Refers to a participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.
- v. **Penalty:** Refers to the deductions imposed on the memorandum scores of a participating institution.
- vi. **Participating Team:** Means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules for registration.
- vii. **Participating Institution:** Shall be presumed to be the institution of the participating teams.
- viii. **Moot Problem:** Means a set of facts published by the institution for moot court competition.
- ix. **Rebuttals:** Refer to those arguments questions that the Petitioner may raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Mooters.
- x. **Sur-Rebuttal:** Refers to the defense presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals.
- xi. **Organizer:** Means Central Law College, AFF. University of Lucknow, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- xii. **Organizing Committee:** Means the Moot Court Committee (MCC).
- xiii. **Scouting:** Means a person observing the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with.
- xiv. **Team Code:** Refers to the code allocated to a participating institution by the organizing committee after completion of the Registration.

ELIGIBILITY

- i. The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bona-fide regularly in an undergraduate law course conducted by any recognized College/Institution/University.
- ii. A recognized College/Institution/University is entitled to send 1 or more teams to the competition.
- iii. Each team shall comprise a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. The team, which comprises of two members, both the members shall be designated as “Speakers” and one among them shall be designated as a “Researcher”. The team, which comprises of three members, two members shall be designated as “Speakers” and the third member shall be designated as a “Researcher”.
- iv. Each team shall be assigned a “Team Code” by the Moot Court Committee. The team shall use its team code for identification purposes and the names of participants, or their colleges may not appear on or within the memorials. Signature pages are prohibited.
- v. Additional member or team coach is **NOT** allowed to accompany them

MEMORIAL

- i. Each team shall prepare a Petitioner and a Respondent Memorial.
- ii. Teams are requested to submit 10 hard copies (Petitioner-5 and Respondent-5) at the venue on 7th October, 2026
- iii. One (1) soft copy (only in MS Word .doc/.docx format) must be emailed to centrallawcollegemcc@outlook.com latest by 4th October, 2026 (23:59 hours IST) with the subject “Memorials for Team Code__”. The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorials must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g.(for Team Code 13) 13P or 13R, “P” being for “Petitioner” Memorial and “R” for “Respondent” Memorial and so forth.
- iv. The Memorial for each side should be submitted as one single file and not in multiple files. Any violation of this rule shall invite penalty.
- v. Five (5) hard copies for each side of the Memorial must be submitted to the organizers by 7th October, 2026.
- vi. The hard copies must be identical to the soft copy. Violation of this rule would entail disqualification from the Competition.
- vii. The memorial must be spiral bound only.
- viii. Format of Memorials:
The Memorials shall necessarily consist of only and only the following sections:
 - a) Cover Page
 - b) Table of Contents
 - c) List of Abbreviations
 - d) Index of Authorities (with page number where the authority has been cited)

- e) Statement of Jurisdiction
 - f) Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - g) Statement of Issues
 - h) Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - i) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
 - j) Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
- ix. Each Memorial shall have the following and only the following on its cover page:
- 1. The team code on the upper right-hand corner of the cover page
 - 2. The name and place of the forum
 - 3. The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
 - 4. Name of parties and their status
 - 5. On whose behalf the memorial is filed
- x. Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 20th Edition or OSCOLA. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.
- xi. The Memorial shall be printed on A4 size paper, with the following mandatory formatting specifications:
- 1. Font Type: Times New Roman
 - 2. Font Size: 12
 - 3. 1.5 line Spacing
 - 4. Margins: 1 inch on each side.
 - 5. Alignment: Justified
- For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:
- 6. Font type: Times New Roman
 - 7. Font Size: 10
 - 8. Single Line Spacing
- xii. The following colour scheme shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorial:
Petitioner: Blue and Respondent: Red

CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

- i. Participating teams may request for clarifications to the official moot problem by sending an email to centrallawcollegemcc@outlook.com latest by 23rd Sept, 2026 (23:59 hrs IST).
- ii. A full list of clarifications shall be released on 24th Sept, 2026

PENALTIES

DEFECTS	PENALTIES
Late Submission	1 mark per memorial every 12 hours after the deadline of submission; disqualification beyond 48 hours
Wrong File Name	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one File	1 mark per Memorial
Exceeding page limits	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to include the required information on the cover page	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to include the sections in the Memorial	3 mark per Memorial
Failure to use the correct colour	2 mark per Memorial

EVALUATION

- i. Every Memorial will be marked on scale of 100.
- ii. The Memorial shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Knowledge of Facts	15 Marks
Knowledge of Law	15 Marks
Proper and Articulate Analysis	10 Marks
Depth and Use of Research	20 Marks
Organisation and Clarity	20 Marks
Evidence of Original Thought	10 Marks

Correct Format and Citation	10 Marks
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MARKING SCHEME

- Each team will get a fixed time to present its case. This includes the time for rebuttal and sub- rebuttal.
- The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team.
- The arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
- The researcher needs to be present with the speakers during all the rounds.
- Maximum scores for the court rounds will be 100 marks per speaker. The court rounds will be judged on the following parameters.

Knowledge of Law	20 marks
Application of Law to Facts	20 marks
Ability to Answer	20 marks
Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor	20 marks
Time Management	10 marks
Organization	10 marks

EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

- There shall be an exchange of Memorials between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as determined by Seeding, prior to all the rounds of the Competition.
- The teams are prohibited from making any marks or sign on the exchanged Memorials.
- The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the Exchanged Memorials.
- At the conclusion of their respective Rounds, the teams are required to return the exchanged Memorials to the Court Officials of that Court Room.

ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the Court Officials prior to the commencement of each Round. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed.
- Use of any electronic gadgets is **NOT** permitted during the course of oral proceedings.
- Teams shall not disclose, in any manner whatsoever, for the entire duration of the Rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent, even if asked by the judges.
- Teams can pass on compendium of the sources they cite in their Memorials if so permitted by the judges.

- v. Team scores **SHALL BE** disclosed at the End of the Day. Teams must not make any attempt to gather any such information, until notified by the Organizing Team.
- vi. Delay in appearance for a round exceeding five (5) minutes will render disqualification of the team for that round. In such a case, their opponent shall make their oral submissions ex-parte.

Preliminary Rounds

- i. Each team will have the opportunity to argue from both the sides.
- ii. Time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. No speaker may reserve more than fifteen (15) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.
- iii. No team shall be allowed more than 5 minutes for rebuttal or sur- rebuttal.
- iv. The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the opponent team.
- v. Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.

Quarter Final Rounds

- i. Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty (40) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- ii. The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the team.
- iii. No speaker may reserve more than twenty (20) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.
- iv. Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut, as the case may be, subject to a maximum time limit of five (5) minutes.

Semi Final Rounds

- i. Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty-five (45) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- ii. No speaker can speak for more than 25 minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.
- iii. No team shall be allowed more than 8 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

The Final Round

- i. Time limit for the oral submissions shall be sixty (60) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- ii. No speaker can speak for more than 30 minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.
- iii. No team shall be allowed more than 10 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORAL ROUNDS

- i. The Oral Rounds of the Competition shall be held over a period of three days i.e., October 9th to October 11th. The Inaugural Function and the Orientation Programme shall be held on October 9th.
- ii. The Competition shall consist of four sets of rounds: the Preliminary Rounds, the Quarter Final Rounds, the Semi Final Rounds and the Final Round.

1. Preliminary Rounds

1. The Preliminary Rounds shall be held on October 9th, 2026. In the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue twice, once as the Petitioner and once as the Respondent.
2. No team shall be provided with any information regarding the identity of their opponent team or any other team.
3. No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
4. The top 8 teams based on their win/loss ratio and Total Preliminary Score in the Preliminary Rounds, shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. Following shall be the system for determining the teams that advance to the Quarter Final Rounds:
5. If there are more than 8 teams that have a Win Loss ratio of 2:0, then out of such teams, the top 8 teams based on their Total Preliminary Score, shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.
6. If there are less than 8 teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0, then firstly, all such teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0 shall advance for the Quarter Finals Rounds. Secondly, Out of the teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 1:1, the remaining spots in the Quarter Final Rounds shall be filled, based on the Total Preliminary Score of such teams.
7. If there continues to be a tie, then the team with the higher Memorial scores shall qualify to the Quarter Final Rounds.
8. Total Preliminary Score is the total score obtained by both the speakers (including the rebuttal score) in both the Preliminary Rounds. Total Preliminary score does not include the memorial scores.
9. Win Loss Ratio is the ratio of number of Wins versus the number of Loss in the Preliminary Rounds.

2. Advanced Rounds

- 1) All the advanced rounds will be knock- out rounds.

- 2) For deciding match-ups in case of Quarter Final Rounds, the teams shall be seeded again on the basis of their Win Loss Ratio and Total Preliminary Score.
- 3) While seeding the teams for the Quarter Final Rounds, first preference shall be given to the teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0. Thereafter, the rankings shall be decided on the basis of Total Preliminary Score. If a tie still continues, then the team with higher memorial score shall be seeded higher.
- 4) For the Semi Final Rounds, seeding shall be done on the basis of the Total Score obtained by team in the Quarter Final Rounds.
- 5) The side a team will be arguing in Quarter Final Rounds will be decided by a draw of lots, with the Teams picking the lots.
- 6) Team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Final Rounds if its total oral marks are higher than that of the Opponent Team. Memorial marks will not be considered in the Quarter Final Rounds as well.
- 7) In case of a tie, the marks obtained in the Memorials will be considered. The Team with the higher score will win.
- 8) A similar procedure will be followed for Semi Final Rounds and the Final Round, except in case of a tie in the Final Round, the ratio of the judgment delivered by the Bench shall be used to declare the winner.

RESEARCHER TEST

- i. There shall be a researcher test on first day of the Competition i.e. October 9th, 2026.
- ii. The RESEARCHER or the 2nd SPEAKER, in case of team of two members, shall be allowed to give the test.
- iii. Time shall be 1 Hour.
- iv. There shall be 50 MCQ carrying 2 marks each.
- v. Questions shall be related to the facts of the moot problem and legal aspects of the same.

SCOUTING

- i. Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team is found:
 - a. Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. The oral submissions in a Round, except where the Round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; or
 - b. Reading a Memorial of a team except where: it is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or the Memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of Memorials prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.
- ii. Scouting shall lead to disqualification of team and participants from Competition.

MISCELLANEOUS

- i. Implementation and interpretation of rules regarding Moot Court practice and procedures, the final decision lies with the Organizing Team.
- ii. If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly been notified or informed.
- iii. The Organizing Team reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period of time.
- iv. The Chairperson of the Organizing Team, Central Law College shall be the final arbiter for these Rules and any such decision made by him on any issue/dispute arising in relation to the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- v. The MCC reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Rules of the Competition. Any such decision taken by the MCC shall be final and binding.
- vi. The MCC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- vii. Any audio or video recording of oral pleadings by any team is prohibited.
- viii. If a Team believes that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, within half an hour after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, register a complaint with the General Secretary of the Competition.