



**'AEQUITAS' THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

MAHARAJA SURAJMAL INSTITUTE

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RULE BOOK

2nd - 4th November 2026
&
13th - 14th November 2026

KNOWLEDGE PARTNER

MEDIA PARTNER



TIMES



RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEFINITIONS

- “*Advanced Rounds*” shall refer to the Semi-Final and Final Rounds, which shall be in the offline format.
- “*Clarifications*” shall refer to the requests for information with respect to the Moot Proposition, submitted to the Organising Committee.
- “*Compendium*” shall mean a compilation of judgments, authorities and other relevant resources relied upon in support of the oral and written submissions of a party.
- “*Competition*” refers to the “**1st All India Maharaja Surajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026**”, organised by Maharaja Surajmal Institute (MSI), Janakpuri, New Delhi.
- “*Organising Committee*” shall refer to the Committee constituted by the Aequitas Moot Court Society, MSI, for conducting the **1st All India Maharaja Surajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026**.
- “*Plagiarism*” shall mean the direct or substantial reproduction of another person’s work, ideas or content and presenting the same as one’s own without due acknowledgement or attribution.
- “*Preliminary Round*” shall mean the round conducted to determine the teams qualifying for the Quarter-Final and Advanced Rounds of the Competition.





- “*Proof of Enrollment*” shall mean a valid Identity Card issued by the concerned Institute, College or University to the participants.
- “*Registration Fees*” shall refer to the one-time amount payable by all teams participating in the Competition.
- “*Registration Form*” shall refer to the Google Form through which the participants will register for the **1st All India Maharaja Surajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026**. It can be accessed via the link provided in the Brochure and Rule Book.
- “*Soft Copies*” of a document shall include the document in both PDF and Word format.
- “*Scouting*” refers to observing another Team’s round for the purpose of obtaining information about its arguments, submissions or strategy.

ELIGIBILITY

- All Institutes, Colleges and Universities imparting legal education through 3-year or 5-year LL.B. programmes and recognised by the Bar Council of India shall be eligible to participate in the Competition.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with these rules, and the Organising Committee shall be the final authority for their implementation and interpretation.

STRUCTURE

- The Competition will be structured as per the following format:
 - (a) Researcher Test.....(Online)
 - (b) Preliminary Round.....(Online)
 - (c) Quarter-Final Round.....(Online)
 - (d) Semi-Final Round.....(Offline)
 - (e) Final Round.....(Offline)



TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team shall comprise three members: two members shall serve as Speaker 1 and Speaker 2, respectively, and the third member shall serve as the Researcher, whose presence shall be mandatory throughout the Competition.
- No additional members shall be permitted.
- No substitution of any team member shall be permitted after the Registration Deadline passes, except in exceptional circumstances and with the prior approval of the Organising Committee.

CLARIFICATIONS

- Clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition shall be sought via the registered email of the Aequitas Moot Court Society, i.e. mcs.msilaw@msijanakpuri.com.
- Any clarification released by the Organising Committee shall form an integral part of the Moot Problem. Requests for Clarifications shall be clear, specific and limited to the facts of the case.
- The deadline for sending Clarifications is 19th October, 2026 (11:59 PM IST). No request for Clarifications will be accepted after the deadline.
- The Clarifications will be released on 20th October, 2026 via the email of Aequitas Moot Court Society, MSI and will be uploaded on [Google Drive](#).





DRESS CODE

- The dress code for participants during the online as well as offline Moot Court Competition shall be formal wear consisting of:
 - For Men (Western Formals): White Shirt, Black trousers, Black Blazer and Black Formal Shoes.
 - For Ladies (Western Formals and Indian Formals): White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Blazer, Black Formal Shoes, or White Kurta and Black Churidar.
- Failure to follow the dress code shall entail disqualification, subject to the discretion of the Judges and Organising Committee.

PAGE LIMIT

- The Statement of Facts, Statement of Jurisdiction, Issues Framed, Summary of Arguments, Arguments Advanced and Prayer should not exceed 35 pages excluding the Cover Page, Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations and Index of Authorities.





MEMORIAL RULES

- The Memorial shall contain the following components in the order set out below:
 - Cover Page
 - Table of Contents
 - List of Abbreviations
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Issues
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Arguments Advanced
 - Prayer
- The Organising Committee shall reserve the right to disqualify a team, at any stage of the Competition, if the Memorial or any other part thereof is found to be plagiarised.

CITATION FORMAT

- The standard citation of Indian Law Institute (ILI) should be followed for footnoting.

FORMATTING RULES

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: Main Text – 12; Footnotes – 10
- Line Spacing: Main Text – 1.5; Footnotes – 1.0
- Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Citation Style: ILI





LANGUAGE

- Memorials must be drafted and submitted in English only.

SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL

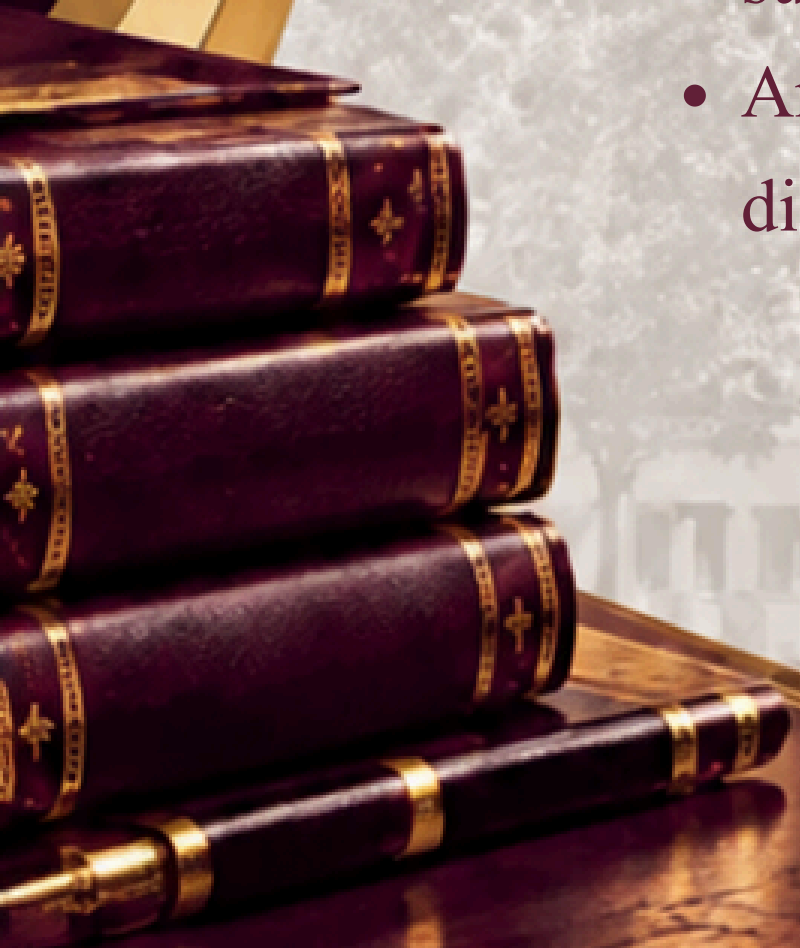
- Each team shall submit the memorial in both PDF and Word format on or before 25th October 2026 by 11:59 PM IST.
- For submission of the Memorial, participants shall send an email to mcs.msilaw@msijanakpuri.com with the subject “Submission of Memorial”.
- Late submissions will be subject to the prescribed penalties.
- The soft copies of the Memorial must be named according to the team code, example - “TC1/Appellant”.
- Once the soft copy of the Memorial has been submitted, no revisions, supplements or additions shall be permitted.
- The Participants must bring 3 hard-bound copies of Memorials for each side for the Advanced Rounds.

PLAGIARISM AND AI DETECTION

- Plagiarism and AI-generated content must not exceed 10% in the Memorial, as evaluated by the software selected by the Organising Committee. The decision of the Organising Committee in this regard shall be final and binding.

IDENTIFICATION MARK

- No identifying mark, including the name of the college or the names of the participants, shall be included in the Memorial or any other submitted document.
- Any team found to have violated this rule shall be disqualified at the discretion of the Organising Committee.





COVER PAGE

The Cover Page of each Memorial must have the following information:

- The Cover Page for the Appellants shall be Blue, while that for the Respondents shall be Red.
- It shall include the headings, namely:-
 - The Name of the Court.
 - The Name of the Competition.
 - The Name of the Case.
 - The Name of the Parties.
 - Team Code to be indicated at the top right corner in bold, which shall be intimated to the respective teams via email.
 - The title of the Document (i.e., “Memorial for Appellant” or “Memorial for Respondent”) to be mentioned towards the end of the page.

PENALTIES

- 0.5 marks shall be deducted for each of the said violations, unless specified:
 - Incorrect, incomplete or absent Team Code, including incorrect side designation.
 - Incorrect or incomplete forum name, forum place or case title on the Cover Page.
 - Incorrect or incomplete representation of party details on the Cover Page.
 - Incorrect or absent jurisdiction on the Cover Page or Statement of Jurisdiction.
 - Failure to mention the party details on the Cover Page.



- Absence of page numbers in the Table of Contents.
- Incorrect font or font size, where the violation occurs at more than one place, 0.75 marks shall be deducted.
- Incorrect line spacing, where the violation occurs at more than one place, 0.75 marks shall be deducted.
- Incorrect page margins.
- Incorrect or absent page numbering in the Memorial.
- Incorrect sequence/order of sections in the Memorial.
- Presence of blank pages in the Memorial.
- Incorrect or incomplete footnotes/citations.
- A delay of up to 24 hours shall attract the penalty prescribed by the Organising Committee.
- A delay beyond 24 hours shall attract a deduction of 1 mark for each additional day.

Note: The Organising Committee reserves the right to determine the applicability of penalties based on the circumstances of each case

RESEARCHER'S TEST

- The Researcher's Test will be conducted on 2nd November 2026, in MCQ format before the Preliminary Round.
- The duration of the Researcher's Test will be 30 minutes.
- During the test, the camera and microphone (mic) of the participants shall remain switched on, and failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- No extra time will be provided to the participants joining late.
- No marks shall be awarded or deducted for an unattempted question.





- The Researcher's Test will be conducted via Google Form, strictly adhering to the schedule that will be provided to the registered teams prior to the Preliminary Round.
- Each question will be of 2 marks, and 0.25 will be deducted for every wrong answer. Further, there will be a total of 50 questions.
- Any technical glitch shall be immediately reported to the Organising Committee without any unjustified delay.
- The decision of the Organising Committee in case of any technical glitch or unwanted situation will be final.

SCC ONLINE WORKSHOP

- An SCC Workshop shall be conducted online on 2nd November 2026, after the Researchers' Test, for all participating teams. Attendance of all members of each team is mandatory. Failure of any team member to attend the workshop shall result in the disqualification of the entire team.
- The details regarding the time and joining link shall be communicated to the participating teams via email.

RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS

- Before each Oral Round, the Speakers shall inform the Court Masters of their respective Court about time allocation, including the time reserved for rebuttal. The declared allocation shall remain unchanged.
- The opposing sides shall be determined by a draw of lots for all the rounds. The Appellant shall present its arguments first, followed by the Respondent. The language of the competition shall be English.



- Rebuttal and Sur-Rebuttal shall be permitted at the discretion of the Judges. The Rebuttal shall be limited to the time mentioned in each round, given below, for the Appellant, while the duration of the Sur-Rebuttal shall be determined by the Judges.
- Any excess time used by one speaker shall be deducted from the time allotted to the other speaker.
- In case a team fails to appear in the first 10 minutes of any Oral Round, the round may be conducted ex-parte.
- Teams shall identify themselves only by their designated Team Code and shall not disclose their Institution, College and University during the Oral Rounds.
- Memorials shall be exchanged between competing teams as per the schedule and procedure notified by the Organising Committee.
- In the case of ex-parte proceedings, for Rebuttal, the presiding Judges will ask questions that will become the basis of evaluation.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- The Preliminary Round will be conducted on 3rd November 2026, in online mode.
- Each team shall be given 15 minutes to present its oral arguments in the Preliminary Round (*This shall include the pleadings of both speakers and any rebuttal time, if applicable*).
- Each Speaker is required to present the oral arguments for a minimum of 5 minutes for the Preliminary Round.
- Rebuttal shall be permitted to the team appearing as Appellant, provided the time for Rebuttal is adjusted within the total time granted to them for presenting oral arguments. The maximum time given for Rebuttal will be only 2 minutes.
- The team wishing to rebut shall have to inform the Court Masters before the commencement of the round.



- The top 8 teams from the Preliminary Round will proceed to the Quarter-Final Round, using the Oral Rounds marking criteria.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

- Quarter-Final Round will be conducted on 4th November 2026, in online mode.
- Each team shall be given 30 minutes in the Quarter-Final Round. (*This shall include the pleadings of both speakers and any Rebuttal time, if applicable*).
- Each Speaker is required to present the oral arguments for a minimum of 12 minutes for the Quarter-Final Round.
- Rebuttal shall be permitted to the team appearing as Appellant, provided the time for Rebuttal is adjusted within the total time granted to them for presenting oral arguments. The maximum time given for Rebuttal will be only 5 minutes.
- The team wishing to rebut shall have to inform the Court Masters before the commencement of the round. A Sur-Rebuttal may be allowed at the discretion of the Judges.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- The Semi-Final Round shall be conducted offline on 13th November 2026, featuring the top 4 teams from the Quarter-Final Round.
- Each team shall be given 45 minutes in the Semi-Final Round. (*This shall include the pleadings of both speakers and any Rebuttal time, if applicable*).
- Each Speaker is required to present the oral arguments for a minimum of 15 minutes for the Semi-Final Round.
- Rebuttal shall be permitted to the team appearing as Appellant, provided the time for Rebuttal is adjusted within the total time granted to them for presenting oral arguments. The maximum time given for Rebuttal will be only 5 minutes.



- The team wishing to rebut shall have to inform the Court Masters before the commencement of the round. A Sur-Rebuttal may be allowed at the discretion of the Judges.
- The Winning Team from each courtroom, as determined by the cumulative scores of the Judges, will advance to the Final Round.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

- If two or more teams have the same cumulative score in the Semi-Final Round, their Researcher Test scores shall be added to their respective cumulative scores to determine the result.
- The team with the higher combined score shall advance to the Final Round.
- If the tie persists, the Judges shall vote to determine the Winner.
- The Researcher's Test scores shall be used only for the purpose of tie-breaking.

Note: This rule shall apply in every Oral Round where there is a need for Tie-Breaking Procedure.

FINAL ROUND

- Final Round will be conducted on 14th November 2026, in offline mode.
- The team securing the highest scores from Judges will be declared as the winner of the Final Round. Each team shall be allotted 45 minutes to present its case.
- This shall include the submissions of both Speakers from the Team and the time reserved for Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal. No Speaker may reserve more than 25 minutes for his/her individual oral submission. No Team shall be allowed to reserve more than 10 minutes for Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal. A Sur-Rebuttal may be allowed at the discretion of the Judges.



CODE OF CONDUCT

- Participants will be disqualified from the competition if they are found misbehaving or causing any nuisance, making abusive statements or showing disrespect towards Judges, co-participants or members of the host Institution. Scouting would also lead to disqualification of a team if brought to the notice of the organisers immediately, without disturbing the round in progress.
- The use of mobile phones, laptops or any other electronic devices shall be prohibited in the courtroom and during the Advanced Rounds. Any team found violating this rule shall be disqualified.

COMPENDIUM

- Participants may email their compendiums, if any, to mcs.msilaw@msijanakupuri.com with the title "Compendium", at least 2 days before the Oral Rounds, i.e., 1st November, 2026.
- Compendiums must not contain any marks or identification elements that may disclose the identity of the team members or their Institution.
- The Participants must bring 2 physical copies of the Compendium for the Advanced Rounds.

REGISTRATION RULES

- The registration fee shall be ₹2000/- per team, which is non-refundable under any circumstances.
- Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/oVPvu1JqsUMp5dXM7>

TIMING OF THE EVENT

- The event shall strictly follow the time limits specified in the Brochure.
- Any changes will be subject to the discretion of the Organising Committee.



EVALUATION CRITERIA

MEMORIAL

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOCATED
1.	EVIDENCE OF ORIGINAL THOUGHT	20
2.	KNOWLEDGE OF LAW AND FACTS	20
3.	PROPER AND ARTICULATE ANALYSIS	20
4.	STRUCTURE, LANGUAGE, GRAMMAR, FORMAT AND CITATION	20
5.	EXTENT AND USE OF RESEARCH	20
	TOTAL	100

**THIS EVALUATION CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO
SELECT THE BEST MEMORIAL**





ORAL ROUNDS

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOCATED
1.	KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION OF LAW AND FACTS	20
2.	INGENUITY AND ABILITY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS	20
3.	STYLE, POISE, COURTESY AND DEMEANOUR	20
4.	ORGANISATION AND FLOW OF ARGUMENTS	20
5.	REBUTTAL	20
	TOTAL	100

**THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA SHALL APPLY
TO THE OVERALL EVALUATION**





MISCELLANEOUS

- The decision of the Organising Committee regarding the results of the Competition shall be final and binding.
- All participants shall maintain proper decorum throughout the Competition.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action against any unethical or unprofessional conduct.
- The decision of the Organising Committee regarding the interpretation of the Rules or any matter relating to the Competition shall be final.
- These rules are not exhaustive. Any violation shall result in disqualification or a penalty at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- The date of the Competition may be rescheduled due to technical failure, internet disruption, government restrictions, unforeseen institutional circumstances or unavailability of Judges. The decision of the Organising Committee in this regard shall be final.

QUERIES & COMMUNICATION

Any queries or clarifications related to the Moot Proposition, Registration, Payment or Participation shall be addressed to:

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