



1ST KIIT INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025

A Decade of Mooting Excellence

RULEBOOK

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1. GENERAL RULES

1.1 The 1st KIIT International Moot Court Competition, 2025, A decade of mooting excellence, is to be held from **12TH TO 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025** in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

1.2 The Moot Proposition is an Arbitration centric problem.

1.3 The Organising Committee (OC) is vested with all the administrative responsibilities and shall function as the primary source for any relevant information regarding the competition to keep the participants updated.

1.4 The Competition will be conducted in conformity with the rules that are outlined below, and competitors must abide by the rules and procedures specified therein; otherwise, they risk being disqualified.

1.5 The official email for the purpose of all correspondence with respect to the 1st KIIT International Moot Court Competition, would be **kiitmoot@kls.ac.in**.

2. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, the following will be interpreted to imply hereinunder as:

2.1 “Organising Committee” - Pertains to the Moot Court Society of the KIIT School of Law, comprising its members, or any individual formally appointed by the Society for the purpose of administration and conduct of the Competition.

2.2 “Advanced Round” - Inclusive of Octa-Round, Quarter-Round, Semi-Final & Final-Round.

2.3 “Bench Memorial” - The official document prepared by the Authors/Organising Committee consisting of the Memorial of law, issues, and authorities relevant to the Moot Proposition and is considered as the benchmark for the Memorial evaluation.

2.4 “Clarifications” - Refer to the answers published by the Organising Committee[2.1] with respect to the questions raised by the participants about the Moot Proposition. Questions must be limited to the matters with significant legal context related to the Moot Problem. The deadline for seeking such clarifications shall be intimated through the Organising Committee[2.1].

2.5 “Competition” - Indicates the 1st KIIT School of Law International Moot Court Competition, 2025.

2.6 “Memorial” - A document consisting of written arguments submitted by each team in adherence to the Rules.

2.7 “Speaker” -A participant who puts forward the oral arguments in any given round.

2.8 “Official Website” -The official website of the Organising Committee.

2.9 “Oral Round” - Pleadings in the form of oral arguments delivered by a team of two speakers [2.7] in front of arbitrators who serve as adjudicators of the competition.

2.10 “National Participating Teams” -Any participating member of an institution within the territory of India.

2.11 “International Participating Teams”- Any participating member of an institution that is beyond the territory of India.

2.12 “Penalty” -The sanctions imposed upon the participating teams in case of non-conformity to the Rules of the competition.

2.13 “Plagiarism” - The Organising Committee[2.1] will seek out the participant team that is accused of plagiarism in the opinion of the memorial evaluator and if proven, the Organising Committee[2.1] will impose sanctions as deemed fit, including disqualification.

In situations where the participating team is alleged to have obtained material from another participant’s memorial, the latter shall be required to provide a justification to the Organising Committees[2.1]. If the participating team is established as a willing accomplice to the act of plagiarism, such team would also be sanctioned by the Organising Committee[2.1] as they deem fit.

The Organising Committee [2.1] provides a comprehensive list indicating plagiarism as follows:

2.13.1 Direct Duplication without Acknowledgement: This entails utilising the exact words from someone else's work (e.g., books, articles, internet sources) without proper citation;

2.13.2 Substantial Duplication without Acknowledgement: This involves employing substantial portions of other people’s writings such as books, essays, or online materials without proper acknowledgement in the form of citation;

2.13.3 Duplication of Another Moot Memorial: This incorporates both extensive and direct replication of another moot memorial that has been submitted to the competition, without proper acknowledgement or whether the memorial is a competitor’s work.

2.14 “Preliminary Rounds” - Constitutes the rounds where the oral pleadings take place prior to the advanced round[2.2], as well as to identify the qualifiers for the advanced round.

2.15 “Rebuttals” - Consists of the questions posed by the Claimant with respect to the Respondent’s submissions on the completion of the main pleadings of both parties.

- 2.16 “Claimant” - Refers to the side of the party that seeks a solution/sanction to be imposed upon the other party in the competition.
- 2.17 “Respondent” - Refers to the side that argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the competition.
- 2.18 “Scouting” - Refers to an individual who, apart from the team they are affiliated with, observes a team’s oral rounds during a competition.
- 2.19 “Sur-rebuttal” - Refers to the defence presented by the Respondent to the claimant’s Rebuttal[2.15].
- 2.20 “Team Code” - refers to the alphanumeric code which would be allotted to the participating institution by the Organising Committee[2.1] after completion of the Registration by- **05th July, 2025**.
- 2.21 “Compendium” - Means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Competition.
- 2.22 “Identity” - Refers to fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team and the state/region/country where they are located, and includes identification marks/seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented.
- 2.23 “Judge(s)” - Refers to the adjudicator(s) of the Oral Rounds.
- 2.24 “Memorial Exchange Session” - Means exchanging of the Memorials of the opponents with each other before the Oral Rounds Commence.
- 2.25 “Oral Score” - Refers to the oral pleadings before a Bench .
- 2.26 “Researcher” - Refers to the member of the team who is not a Speaker and the only member who is eligible to attempt the Researcher’s Test.
- 2.27 “Researcher’s Test” - A written MCQ test conducted during the Competition in accordance with Rule 17.
- 2.28 “Waiting room” - Means the area designated by the OC where participants shall report prior to the commencement of each Oral Round.
- 2.29 “Bailiff” - Means a court officer managing the time and maintaining the records and decorum during the proceedings.
- 2.30 IST - Indian Standard Time.

3. INTERPRETATION

- 3.1 At the advent of a conflicting interpretation, the Organising Committees[2.1] alone shall have the exclusive power to interpret the Rules.
- 3.2 Fairness and equality will serve as the guiding principles for interpretations.
- 3.3 The interpretation by the Organising Committees[2.1] will be regarded as definitive.
- 3.4 The Organising Committee’s[2.1] discretion with respect to the implementation of the Rules shall be conclusive.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION

A person may be eligible to be a Team Member if he or she:

- 4.1. Is enrolled legitimately for a 3- or 5-year degree, or for a comparable graduate program in law; and
- 4.2 Has the intention of taking part on behalf of a qualified and accredited school where they are enrolled full- or part-time as of;
- 4.3 Has not, following completion of any kind of legal degree program, either
 - 4.3.1 Engaged in the practice of law;
 - 4.3.2 Participated in or completed a program of study that awarded a D.Phil., Ph.D., or J.S.D., or a complex post-graduate legal degree;
 - 4.3.3 Participated in any activity (outside degree studies) for compensation or no compensation which might give the pupil a disproportionate advantage over other. In any category of the competition for undergraduates who are still pursuing their initial law degree; the Organising Committee's decision in any case shall be final.
- 4.4 Each institution/university/college is only permitted to allow one team to participate in the Competition.
- 4.5 Any individual not officially part of the team aiding the team will not be eligible for certification by the Organising Committee.

5. DRESS CODE

- 5.1 The participants are expected to be in Formal Attire throughout the competition.
- 5.2 Female(s): White or Black Salwar with White Kurta along with a Black Blazer and Black Shoes OR White Shirt and Black Trouser along with Black Blazer, Black tie and Black Shoes
- 5.3 Male(s): White Shirt and Black Trouser along with Black Tie, Black Blazer and Black Shoes.
- 5.4 It is to be duly noted that no team should wear their College's/ University's/ Institution's ID Card. The identity cards are to be worn by the respective participants provided by the Organising Committee.

6. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6.1 In a team, there can be a maximum of two or three members. Team Members need to be registered and meet the eligibility conditions outlined under Rule 4.

6.2 The team must contain a maximum of two oralists and one researcher. Throughout the Competition, only members shall be permitted to make significant contributions to the Team's outcome. Participating team may alter their composition by upon the discretion of the Organising Committee. i.e. the Researcher may volunteer to be the Speaker and vice-versa only through a formal request to the Organising Committee's [kiitmoot@kls.ac.in].

6.3 Any changes with the point of contact shall be immediately notified to the Organising Committee. The obligation to inform shall maintain throughout the course of the competition.

7. REGISTRATION

7.1 General rules regarding registration:

7.1.1 Each Institution is required to provisionally register by filling out the online [GOOGLE form link](#) latest by **21st June, 2025** through its designated Moot Court society.

Once the Institution has provisionally registered through the provided google form link, they will receive a confirmation email containing the final registration link, Moot proposition and the detailed event timeline;

7.1.2 Subsequently, each team can complete the final registration process by filling the final registration form by **05th July, 2025**. The participating team will be required to provide a point of contact. All necessary communication regarding the competition shall be made with the provided person of contact.

7.2 Registration Fee:

7.2.1 All teams, National or International, must pay the registration fee of INR 8,000 (National) or USD 150 (International), regardless of whether they avail accommodation or transportation provided by the Organizing Committee.

7.2.2 The registration fee is a mandatory condition for participation in the 1st KIIT International Moot Court Competition, 2025, and shall not be waived or reduced. The fee is inclusive of 3 days of accommodation, travel to and from the accommodation provided by the Organisers;

7.2.3 Payment must be completed by the deadline in Rule 7.3.1. Non-compliance will result in disqualification, as determined by the Organizing Committee, whose decision is final.

7.3 Mode of Payment:

7.3.1 The softcopy of the Demand Draft should be uploaded on the Google Form along with all the other registration details on or before **11th July, 2025**. The hard copy of the Demand Draft should be received by **29th August, 2025**.

7.3.2 Bank-to-bank transfer via UPI platform. Proof of payment shall be attached in the final registration form as a screenshot.

7.4 ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Account Name - KSOT PROJECT

Account Number- 50029573273

IFSC Code- IDIB000K717

Bank Name- INDIAN BANK

Branch Details- Campus 1, BHUBANESWAR

8. CLARIFICATIONS

8.1 Every request to seek clarifications to the moot proposition must be done by filling out the following google form, on or before **05th July, 2025**. Once the form is closed no requests for clarifications will be entertained.

8.2 The requests to seek clarifications shall be explicit and directly connected to the facts of the case. Requests for clarifications must not include substantive arguments or strategies.

8.3 All answers to the request for clarifications will be maintained in a procedural order. The deadline for the publication of the clarifications by the Organising Committee is **21st July 2025** as per the Event Timeline.

8.4 Once the clarifications are posted, they will become an integral part of the moot problem and must be adhered to by all participating teams.

8.5 The Organising Committee reserves the right to respond to or reject clarification requests.

9. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

9.1 Teams may not disclose to judges, at any point throughout the Competition, the identity of their institution, region, or country of origin, with the exception of what is allowed in (9.2).

9.2 Photographs of the Competition or Team Member(s) may be shared, alongside comments, on widely accessible forums or social media platforms, provided that:

9.2.1 The Team Code remains undisclosed;

9.2.2 Identification of the Team, if included, is limited to the institution, jurisdiction, and names of team members;

9.2.3 The posts are not intended for judges directly, nor should they be circulated among them.

9.3 The teams are only permitted to identify themselves by the alpha numeric team code that would be allotted to them upon the completion of the Registration.

9.4 Any material, including the Compendium, books, legal texts, or any other reference material, carried into the courtroom for the Oral Rounds, whether presented to the Bench or not, shall not reveal the Team's identity and will be devoid of any identification marks/seal/logo of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented. If anything on the material carried into the Oral Rounds reveals the Team's identity, the Team shall discard it to the satisfaction of the OC prior to leaving the Waiting Room[2.27]

9.5 Teams shall not, in any way, reveal their identity in the Memorials or in the course of the Oral Rounds. The Memorials shall not bear the logo, name, etc. of the Team, its members or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.

9.6 Any violation of the above-mentioned Rules of the Competition by the Teams purposefully or inadvertently, may attract disqualification of the Team from the Competition or any other penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

9.7 Any attempts by a Team or a member of the Team to contact, either directly or indirectly, the drafter of the Moot Proposition for any reason whatsoever after the release of the Moot Proposition and before the Competition closes shall lead to the disqualification of such Team from the Competition.

10. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Competition shall be English. Therefore, all Oral Rounds, including Memorials, shall be in English.

11. MEMORIALS

11.1 It is mandatory for each team to prepare Memorials for both sides, i.e., the Claimant and the Respondent of the case.

11.2 The Memorials are not allowed to reveal any information related to the Team, its members, or the College, Institution, or University that the team is representing in any way. The Memorial shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team pursuant to Rule 2.20 of the Rules. Teams are eligible to resubmit their corrected memorials without incurring any penalties, if it is within the specified deadline for the submission. Marks will be deducted on memorials that are resubmitted after the deadline.

11.3 The Organising Committee reserves the right to publish and distribute memorials submitted to and for the competition. Submission of memorials in this competition shall constitute consent to such distribution and publication.

11.4 SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPIES

11.4.1 All participating teams shall send a soft copy of memorials for each side in both Microsoft Word and PDF (.docx/.doc) formats, via google form link which will be provided, on or before **28th July 2025** (23:59 IST) . The form link will be circulated once the provisional registration is completed. The teams must comply with Rule 9.3 of the Competition; The memorials submitted via soft copy shall be subject to memorial qualification rounds, upon the discretion of the OC. The details of which shall be communicated accordingly.

11.4.2 Any submission made after **28th July 2025** (23:59 IST) will be considered late submission and shall be penalized in accordance with Rule 16 of the Rules of the Competition, unless an extension has been provided by the Organising Committee before hand;

11.4.3 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” and the Respondent memorial of team code should be named “2R”. Use of any other format shall incur a penalty as per Rule 15.

11.4.4 Where a Team makes multiple soft copy submissions, the last in time shall be considered for the purpose of Rules 11.4.2 and 11.4.3 of the Rules of the Competition;

11.4.5 It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the soft copy of the Written Submissions is compliant of the following:

11.4.6 That it can be opened and read with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document (through use of compatibility mode) or a later version, do not contain any virus, and are not password protected.

11.4.7 That they are submitted as four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Memorial for the Claimant (one each in PDF and Ms Word format) and two (2) as Memorial for the Respondent (one each in PDF and Ms Word format).

11.5 SUBMISSION OF HARD COPIES

Teams are required to submit EIGHT (8) hard copies of the Claimant and Respondent memorials each by at the following address:

The Convenor, Organising Committee, KLSMCS, KIIT School Of Law, KIIT Deemed to be University, Prasanti Vihar, Patia, Bhubaneswar- 751024 (Odisha), India
Phone No.: +91 9937348852 [Dr. Sthita Prajna Mohanty, Faculty Convenor]

11.5.1 All teams must ensure that their hard copies reach the OC by the **29th August 2025** (19:00 IST).

11.5.2 The memorials must be printed in a double-sided manner on A4 size sheets, with equal margin of at least one inch on every side.

11.5.3 The following colour schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorial:

Claimant - Blue

Respondent- Red

Both soft copies and hard copies of the Written Submissions shall comply with the above colour scheme;

11.5.4 The hard copies are mandatorily to be spiral bound. The hard copies shall be exactly similar to the soft copy. Any changes in the hard copy vis-à-vis the soft copy, irrespective of the magnitude, will entail disqualification. The decision of the Organising Committee shall be conclusive in this regard;

11.5.5 Teams are to submit a cover letter along with the hard copy of the Memorials. The cover letter should specify the Team Code assigned to such Team, details of the Team members and the College/University/Institution represented;

11.5.6 Teams are permitted to carry extra hard copies of their Memorials for their personal use. No hard copies of the Memorials submitted by a team to the OC in accordance with Rule 9.2 shall be provided to such Team for their personal use;

11.5.7 Teams may carry a compendium during oral rounds to aid arguments, provided it complies with anonymity rules under Rule 9. Compendiums must be submitted to the Bailiff before proceedings begin.

12. MEMORIAL CONTENT

The Memorial must contain the following sections in the following order:

(i) Cover Page

(ii) Table of Contents

(iii) List of Abbreviations

(iii) Index of Authorities

(iv) Statement of Jurisdiction

(v) Statement of Facts

(vi) Statement of Issues

(vii) Summary of Arguments

(viii) Arguments Advanced

(ix) Prayer

12.1 The Arguments Advanced and Prayer should not exceed the page limit of 30 pages. A violation of this rule will entail a penalty according to Rule 10 under [14.3].

12.2 Cover Page

12.2.1 the Team Code in the upper right-hand corner followed by “C” if it is a Claimant Memorial or “R” if a Respondent Memorial (e.g., Team 789 would put “TC-789C” in the top right-hand corner of the front cover of its Claimant Memorial);

12.2.2 The identity of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;

12.2.3 The name and year of the Competition;

12.2.4 The name of the case; and

12.2.5 The title of the document (i.e., “Memorial for Claimant” or “Memorial for Respondent”).

A violation of this rule will constitute a penalty under rule 8 of [14.3].

12.3 List of Abbreviations & Index of Authorities;

12.3.1 All abbreviations and acronyms used in the memorial must be included in the List of Abbreviations. If any abbreviation does not appear in the List of Abbreviations or vice versa, every instance when it is used in the Memorial shall constitute a violation of this rule;

12.3.2 This also includes commonly used abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols such as “%”, “&”, UK, SIAC, etc;

12.3.3 The List of Abbreviations and Index of Authorities must be in alphabetical order;

12.3.4 Every legal authority acknowledged throughout the Memorial must be included in the Index of Authorities, together with the page number(s) where each is referenced. If any authority cited in the Memorial is not included in the Index of Authorities or vice versa, every instance when it is used in the Memorial or the Index of Authorities, as the case may be, shall constitute a violation of rule 15.9 under [Rule 15].

12.4 Statement of Facts

The specified facts and any appropriate deductions from the Moot Problem should be the only things included in the Statement of Facts. The Statement of Facts must include only the specified facts and reasonable deductions from the Moot Problem, excluding unverified statements, misrepresentations, legal conclusions, or arguments.

12.5 Issues Raised:

12.5.1 Teams must present the legal questions the Court is being called upon to decide in the context of the case.

12.5.2 The questions must be presented as neutral questions, without stating the team's position.

12.6 Summary of Arguments:

The Summary of the Pleadings shall comprise a substantive summary of the Pleadings of the Memorial, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the Pleadings.

12.7 Arguments Advanced:

Substantive, affirmative legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Case may only be presented in the 'Arguments Advanced' section.

12.8 Footnotes & Citation:

12.8.1 Teams shall cite all authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition). Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments;

12.8.2 No Endnotes shall be allowed to be included;

12.8.3 Citations that appear in the Memorial's text or footnotes, as well as the Index of Authorities, must provide sufficient information of each authority such that a reasonable reader would recognize it in a widely accessible publication.

12.9 The Memorial shall not contain any annexure, photograph, diagrams, or other representation of like nature.

12.10 The Memorial (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:

a) Page size: A4

b) Font type: Times New Roman

c) Font size: 12

d) Line spacing: 1.5

e) Body of text: Justified

f) Margin: 1 inch on all sides

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are as follows:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 10
- c) Line spacing: 1.0
- d) Paragraph spacing: 0
- e) No additional space between 2 footnotes
- f) Body of text: Justified

13. COURTROOM USE OF COMPUTERS, CELL PHONES, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Oralists at the podium and Team Members seated at the counsel table are not permitted to use cell phones, laptops, or any other electronic device—including but not limited to those with internet or data capabilities, instant messaging features, or both—for any purpose during an in-person moot. As soon as the bailiff enters the courtroom, all such devices must be turned off and stored out of sight (e.g., in bags) until the end of the in-person Moot. If a team breaches this rule, they could be penalized no less than six oral round points. The Organising Committee will settle on a penalty based on the severity of the contravention.

14. JUDGING OF MEMORIALS

14.1 GENERAL:

14.1.1 Every registered team will be required to submit a soft copy of their memorials which will subsequently be evaluated by an independent bench of judges;

14.1.2 Every memorial shall be graded out of 100 marks by each Judge. The Judges will award marks on the basis of the criteria established in Rule 14.2 and Rule 14.3 (the basis for negative marking). The marks granted by each judge shall be added and the team can score a maximum mark of 200. Eg. Respondent Memorial of each team shall receive their marks out of 200 and the same methodology shall apply for the Claimant Memorial.

14.2 A team's total Memorial score shall be the sum of marks awarded for the Claimant memorial and marks awarded for the Respondent memorial (out of 400).

14.3 The memorial will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- A. CORRECT PRIMARY AND ALTERNATIVE SUBMISSION- 10 marks
- B. IDENTIFICATION OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES – 20 marks
- C. QUALITY AND EXTENT OF RESEARCH- 20 marks
- D. APPRECIATION AND APPLICATION OF FACTS- 10 marks
- E. LOGICAL STRUCTURE AND CLARITY OF THOUGHT- 10 marks

F. INGENUITY- 20 marks

G. OVERALL IMPRESSION : FORMATTING, CITATION ETC. – 10 marks.

Deduction of memorial marks based on this criteria [14.3] would be separate from the penalties incurred under rule 15.

15. MEMORIAL PENALTIES (OBJECTIVE DEDUCTIONS)

Non-compliance with any of the rules regarding formatting and submission requirements shall lead to the following penalties, mentioned in the table below. These deductions will take place from the marks awarded by the Judges. The maximum number of marks that can be deducted from the memorial of each side is 15 marks. The penalty for delayed submission is mentioned in Rule 16.

RULE	VIOLATION	PENALTY
15.1	Breach of memorial anonymity	Disqualification from the Competition
15.2	Missing or additional section	2 marks for every violation
15.3	Incorrect order of sections	2 marks (one time deduction)
15.4	Incorrect font style in the main body of the memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
15.5	Incorrect line spacing in the main body of the memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
15.6	Incorrect font style in the main body of the memorial	1 mark for every page on which there is a violation
15.7	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
15.8	Missing or unnecessary information on coverpage	1 mark per piece of information
15.9	Substantive legal arguments outside the arguments advanced section (This is inclusive of mentioning all the authorities used in the Index of Authorities)	3 marks for every page that is in excess of the prescribed page limit

15.10	Exceeding the page limit of the arguments advanced and prayer section	3 marks for every page that is in excess of the prescribed page limit
15.11	Extra information in footnotes or lack of uniformity in footnotes	1 mark for each violation (1 mark will be deducted for every footnote violation)
15.12	Use of endnotes	3 marks

16. PENALTIES FOR LATE SUBMISSION

In case of a delay in soft submission of the memorials, the Organising Committee shall deduct 1 mark for each hour of delay. Further, any submission of memorials made after 12 hours the prescribed deadline shall not be accepted. Such decisions are entirely at the discretion of the Organising Committee, whose decision shall be final.

The memorial would be liable for a deduction even if the delay was not of an entire hour. Eg. A memorial submitted 5 minutes after the deadline will face the 1mark penalty.

Hard copies of the memorial must be submitted before the commencement of the competition, the contrary will lead to a disqualification.

16.1 PLAGIARISM

Instances of plagiarism will incur penalties as deemed fit by the Organising Committee, whose decision is final. [with reference to Rule 2.13]

17.RESEARCHER'S TEST

17.1 A researcher's test will be conducted on **12/09/2025**. One member of each team has to mandatorily participate in this test.

17.2 The test will be in the form of multiple choice questions. And the teams will be marked out of 20.

17.3 There will be no negative marking in the researcher's test.

17.4 Absence of team representation in the researchers' test will be grounds for disqualification.

18. ORAL ROUNDS

All teams, upon the submission of the memorials, shall automatically qualify for the oral rounds. Before the commencement of the rounds the team shall inform the Bailiff of the time division, along with time allocated for rebuttals and their team code.

18.1 The breadth of the Memorials that a team submits need not constitute the extent of the team's oral arguments.

18.2 The scope of the Claimant's rebuttal is limited to the arguments put forth by the Respondents in their oral pleadings. Subsequently, the scope of the sur-rebuttals shall be limited to the content of the Rebuttals put forth by the Claimant.

18.3 Judges must enforce limits on rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, as well as potential infractions of this regulation when judging an oralist's performance and mark them accordingly. Exceeding the scope of Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal may impact judges' scoring at their discretion.

18.3.1 The oral pleadings will only be made in English. No deviation of this requirement shall be allowed.

18.3.2 In the duration of the oral rounds, use of any electronic devices is strictly prohibited.

18.3.3 Teams during their oral arguments need not restrict themselves to the contents mentioned in their memorials. The team may place arguments beyond the scope of their initial submission in order to justify their stance.

19. REBUTTAL AND SUR-REBUTTAL

19.1 The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal may be presented by only one speaker of a team for all the issues or by both speakers individually for the issues presented by them.

19.2 The Respondent team may use the time set aside for sur-rebuttal only if the Claimant team exercises its right to rebuttal.

19.3 It is the responsibility of the team to reserve time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. If they fail to do so, they will not be allowed to reserve the time at a later opportunity during the oral rounds.

19.4 The content of the rebuttals and sur-rebuttals shall be limited to the arguments put forth by the Respondent and Claimant respectively.

20. TIME ALLOTMENT

20.1 PRELIMINARY ROUND

The maximum time limit exercised by each side is 20 minutes. The maximum time exercised by one speaker cannot exceed the time limit of 15 minutes. This time shall include the time allocated for rebuttals and answering questions. The minimum speaking time per speaker shall not be less than 5 minutes.

20.2 OCTA ROUNDS

The maximum time limit exercised by each side is 20 minutes. The maximum time exercised by one speaker cannot exceed the time limit of 15 minutes. This time shall include the time allocated for rebuttals and answering questions. The minimum speaking time per speaker shall not be less than 5 minutes. The final decision regarding the conduct of an octa-final round shall rest at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee and will be determined based on number of participating teams.

20.3 QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

The maximum time limit exercised by each side is 30 minutes. The maximum time exercised by one speaker cannot exceed the time limit of 20 minutes. This time shall include the time allocated for rebuttals and answering questions. The minimum speaking time per speaker shall not be less than 10 minutes.

20.4 SEMI FINAL ROUNDS

The maximum time limit exercised by each side is 40 minutes. The maximum time exercised by one speaker cannot exceed the time limit of 25 minutes. This time shall include the time allocated for rebuttals and answering questions. The minimum speaking time per speaker shall not be less than 15 minutes.

20.5 FINAL ROUNDS

The maximum time limit exercised by each side is 45 minutes. The maximum time exercised by one speaker cannot exceed the time limit of 25 minutes. This time shall include the time allocated for rebuttals and answering questions. The minimum speaking time per speaker shall not be less than 20 minutes.

21. EXTENSION OF TIME AT JUDGE'S DISCRETION

Judges may, at their discretion, extend the allotted time limits for the Teams' oral arguments, and oralists who have been asked to expand upon the arguments by the judges may, in this instance, go beyond the individual time limit.

22. EX PARTE PROCEDURE

If a team fails to appear for a scheduled Moot, for example, the Organising Committee may, after a 30-minute delay, permit the oral rounds to proceed ex parte. The present Team delivers its testimony in an ex parte proceeding.

23. ORAL COMMUNICATION IN THE COURTROOM

23.1 The team's speakers are only permitted to speak with the judge within the designated period of time. In order to maintain the orderly conduct of the Moot, the judges may, when necessary, speak with an oralist directly, any Team Member at the counsel table of either Team, and any other person in the courtroom.

23.2 Without authorization from the Organising Committee, no correspondence may take place between any individual seated at the counsel table or between any judge and an oralist at the podium.

24. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

At the counsel table, team members may only communicate via written correspondence. During the Moot, Team Members at the Counsel Table are not permitted to correspond in writing with judges, the oralist, or observers (including Team Members and Team Advisors sat in the audience). No other individual may correspond with them either.

25. JUDGING OF ORAL ROUNDS

25.1 Each preliminary round and the octa-final round shall be adjudged by a division bench and each advanced round shall be judged by a bench comprising three (3) judges. With the final rounds being adjudged by a bench comprising of 5-7 judges.

25.2 Oral pleadings of the team will be marked on a maximum of one hundred (100) points by each of the judges (each judge will maintain a separate score sheet). 25.3 The criteria for the marking the oral pleadings are-

Recognition of issues: complete and correct recognition and weighing of issues	10
Identification of legal principles	15
Use of authorities	15
Appreciation and application of facts	15
Clarity, logic and structure of presentation	10
Response to questions	15
Ability to communicate with judges	10
Overall presentation, poise and demeanour	10

26. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

Each team shall argue in two (2) Preliminary Rounds: once as Claimant and once as Respondent. The Advanced Rounds shall, unless otherwise specified, consist of three knock-out rounds – the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and the Final Round.

26.1 Preliminary Rounds:

- a) The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted on **13th September, 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.
- b) The pairing of teams for the Preliminary Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots by the Organising Committee. No two teams shall argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- c) The Teams in both the Preliminary Rounds will be provided with the hardcopy of the opposing Team's Memorial prior to the Oral Round in the Memorial Exchange Session. All the hard copies of Memorials must be returned to the OC in their original condition after the Oral Rounds.
- d) The memorial marks will be added to the oral scores of each team to determine the qualification of that team into the next round.

26.2 Octa Final Rounds

The top 16 teams shall qualify to the Octa-finals which is to be held on **13th September, 2025**. The teams will be ranked as per the following scheme:

- a) The Teams in Octa-Final Rounds will be provided with the hardcopy of the opposing Team's Memorial prior to the Oral Round in the Memorial Exchange Session. All the hard copies of Memorials must be returned to the OC in their original conditions after the Oral Rounds.
- b) First, on the basis of the total marks scored after the oral submission of the Preliminary Rounds. If there persists a tie in the total scores of each round, the rank will be determined on the basis of the number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds.
- c) If a tie persists, the rank will be determined on the basis of the total marks in the oral submission earned in the Preliminary Rounds.
- d) If a tie persists, the rank will be determined on the basis of the cumulative oral scores of the teams in the Preliminary Rounds.
- e) If a tie persists after the above, it will be resolved on the basis of the Memorial scores of the teams.

26.3 Quarter final/ Semi Rounds

The top 8 highest scoring teams in each pairing shall proceed to the Quarter-final round. This shall be a knockout round.

a) The Quarter-final Rounds will be held on **13th September, 2025** and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for the Quarter-Finals shall be done by draw of lots.

Qualifying Teams shall pick the lots in the order of their ranks determined. The pairing of the teams for the Quarter-finals shall be done by power seeding, i.e., Rank 1 vs. Rank 8, Rank 2 v. Rank 7 etc. The sides for all the advanced rounds shall be determined through a chit-system- where the highest ranking team shall pick a chit at random;

b) Which would contain the name of the side and automatically the opposing team will receive the other side.

c) The Teams in Quarter-Final Rounds will be provided with the hardcopy of the opposing Team's Memorial prior to the Oral Round in the Memorial Exchange Session. All the hard copies of Memorials must be returned to the OC in their original conditions after the Oral Rounds.

d) Team will be credited with a win if the cumulative Oral Score of the Team in that match is higher than the cumulative Oral Score of the opposing Team in that match.

e) A tie will be resolved on adding the Memorial Scores to the cumulative Oral Scores of the Quarter Finals.

f) If a tie still persists, then Researchers' Test scores would also be added to it.

26.4 Semi-Final Rounds

The Semi-Final Rounds will be conducted on **14th September, 2025** and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be done by draw of lots.

The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be decided as follows:

Winner of QF 1 v. Winner of QF 4

Winner of QF 2 v. Winner of QF 3

a) Rules of the quarter final and octa final rounds of the Rules of the Competition will apply mutatis mutandis to determine the winner of the Semi-Finals.

b) For Semi-final Rounds, Teams shall be provided with a hard copy of the opposing Team's Memorial in the Memorial Exchange Session. All the hard copies of Memorials must be returned to the OC in their original conditions after the Oral Rounds.

26.5 Final Round

The winning team in each of the two Semi-final matches, advances to the Final Round. The Final Round of the Competition will be held on **14th September, 2025**.

- a) The Rules of the Competition with respect to draw of lots and memorial exchange will apply mutatis mutandis to determine the winners of the Semi-Finals.
- b) A team will be credited with a win if the cumulative oral score of the team in the final round is higher than the cumulative oral score of the opposing team in that round.
- c) In case a tie persists, it can be resolved by considering the Memorials scores of the teams. However, the Organising Committee reserve the right to declare joint winners, if in the case of even numbered panel, the judges of the final round are unable to reach a consensus with regards to deciding the winner. The Teams will be provided with a soft/hard copy of the opposing Team's Memorials prior to the Oral Round. The Organising Committee reserve all the rights pertaining to that memorial.

27. PRIZES AND AWARDS

AWARDS

27.1 Winner of the Final Round will be declared as the WINNERS of the 1st KIIT international moot court competition, 2025

27.2 The other finalists of the competition will be declared as the "1st Runners-up" and "2nd Runners-up".

27.3 The teams with the highest total Memorial score (out of 100) will be awarded the "Best Memorial Award."

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

27.5 The Researcher who scores the highest in their researcher's test shall be entitled to the "Best Researcher" award.

PRIZES

27.1.1 Winner of the Final Round will be entitled to a prize money of Rs. 2,00,000/-.

27.2.2 1st Runners up will be entitled to a prize money of Rs. 1,00,000/-.

27.2.3 2nd Runners up will be entitled to a prize money of Rs. 75,000/-.

27.2.4 The Best Speaker will be entitled to a prize money of Rs. 30,000/-.

27.2.5 The team with the Best Memorial will be entitled to a prize money of Rs. 30,000/-.

27.2.6 The Best Researcher will be entitled to a prize money of Rs. 30,000/-.

Note:

1. Each team must independently research and write their memorials without any outside aid and guidance from persons who are not officially a part of the team.
2. Teams are prohibited from taking advice or assistance from any member of another team.
3. Teams cannot seek or accept advice from any Coaches or Faculty Advisors who are also helping other teams participating in the present Moot Court Competition.
4. The Bench Memorial must remain confidential at all times.
5. Any team found in possession of or using the bench memorial shall be immediately disqualified from the competition.
6. Teams must ensure the originality of their submitted memorials.

*These guidelines are formulated to ensure a fair competition by laying great emphasis on the importance of independent research and writing while allowing for limited and general guidance from faculty advisors, students and Organising Committees.

*Any alteration in the above mentioned guidelines shall be duly notified to the teams through the designated point of contact that has been provided by the teams while filling out the registration form.

*The Organising Committee reserve the right to make any such alteration to the rules herein, as deemed necessary.

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