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MEMORIAL MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION 2026

**RULE BOOK**

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# 1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

## 1.1 About ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad

- The ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad is a premier destination for students aspiring to build a distinguished career in law. It is a constituent unit of the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (A Deemed-to-be University) established under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, located in the lush green environment of the historical city of Hyderabad.
- Its programmes are recognized by the Bar Council of India and it provides a unique blend of theory and practice, encompassing law, management, humanities and technology. The Law School offers the following programmes: B.A. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., and B.A.J. LL.B. - Journalism.

## 1.2 Administration

- The **Shri N J Yyaswy Memorial 11th Moot Court Competition, 2026** shall be administered by the ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, India, Deemed to be University.
- The competition is scheduled to be organized from **4th - 6th September, 2026**. The competition shall be conducted in an offline format for all participating teams.

## 1.3 Language

The language of the Competition shall be English. All oral and written submissions are required to be made in English only.

## 1.4 Structure of the Competition

The Competition shall comprise a total of two stages, which are as follows:

- Memorial Submission - In this stage, the registered teams shall submit their memorials as instructed. This includes submission of Soft-Copy and Hard-Copy of the memorials as per the instructions given.
- Oral Rounds - Teams which have complied with Stage I shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds, which shall also include the Researcher's Test.

## 1.5 Interpretation of the Rules

The Organizing Institution/Organizers have the final authority to interpret and amend the provisions contained in the Rulebook. The Organizers reserve the right to make changes as deemed necessary. Any changes made shall be communicated to the participating teams through the official email ID.

## 2. PARTICIPATION, ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

### 2.1 Eligibility

- The Competition is open for registration to all students pursuing either a 3-year or 5-year Bachelor of Law (LL.B.) programme, or an international equivalent, from an institute recognized by their respective country.
- Only one team can register from a particular University/College/Law School for participation in the Competition.
- A team shall not be permitted to have members from more than one University/College/Law School.
- Teams which have completed the registration process shall receive MANUPATRA subscription for the duration of the competition, for the purpose of Research.

### 2.2 Team Composition

- Each Team shall comprise **three members**, wherein two shall perform the role of a speaker and one member shall be the researcher in the Researcher's Test.
- The substitution of any Team Member(s) shall not be permitted after the registration deadline except under exceptional circumstances, and only with the prior written permission of the Organizers.

### 2.3 Registration

- Teams shall register by completing the registration process, which includes making payment and submission of the Final Registration Form no later than 30th June 2026 (Early Bird) / 6th August 2026 (Regular) (11:59 P.M. IST).
- Upon successful completion of the Registration Form, the teams shall receive an email from the Organizers within 05 (five) working days informing them of their successful registration. (Note: Incomplete registration forms shall not be accepted).
- The **Early-bird Registration Fee** for registration and participation in the competition is **INR 2850/-** (without Accommodation) and **INR 2850+5000/-** (with Accommodation).
- The **Regular Registration Fee** for registration and participation in the competition is **INR 3450/-** (without Accommodation) and **INR 3450+5000/-** (with Accommodation).
- The payment for registration shall be done through the online-payment link provided in the brochure, via online transfer. Details of the same must also be attached in the Final Registration Form.

## 2.4 Important Links

- Brochure, Rulebook, Proposition – [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JEW\\_MmIEWA5O9W7xxqFdQXXO31GL6Phu](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JEW_MmIEWA5O9W7xxqFdQXXO31GL6Phu)
- Registration Link – <https://forms.gle/SPCTr5bCjWqGjeyL6>
- Payment Link – <https://www.ifheindia.org/IFHEConference/mcc-2026.aspx>
- Memorial Submission Link – <https://forms.gle/16EJw6S9XXB8VhF28>
- Clarification Form Link – <https://forms.gle/zdmVSdipUhQHPxeI9>
- The teams which have successfully registered shall be provided with a Team Code and the Moot Problem via the email informing the team of their successful registration. The email will be sent on the email address provided by the teams in the contact details forming part of the Registration Form.
- Once the teams have been provided the Team Code, the said code will have to be mentioned by the teams in all future communication(s) with the Organizers.

## 2.5 Clarifications

- Teams can seek clarification with respect to Moot Proposition by **9th August 2026**.
- All teams shall receive the list of clarifications provided for the Moot Proposition by **15th August 2026**.
- To seek clarifications, teams may contact the Organizers via Clarification Link only. No Clarification sought through e-mail is considered.



# 3. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION

## 3.1 Memorial Submission

- Teams may raise issues or grounds of challenge other than those indicated in the Statement of Facts, if any.
- Each team shall submit their Memorial (Soft Copy) for the Appellants/Petitioners/Plaintiffs and the Respondent/Defendant in PDF format and the Word file **both** for the Moot Problem on or before 23rd August 2026 (11:59 P.M. IST) via the Google form circulated. Please find the link to the Google form [HERE](#).
- **FILE NAME** - Each memorial submitted (Soft Copy) shall be named with the allocated team code followed by the first letter of the side whose arguments are presented in the memorial, i.e., 'A' for The Appellants/ 'P' for The Petitioners or Plaintiffs and 'R' for Respondents/'D' for Defendants.

For example, the Petitioners' memorial of team code 25 shall be named as **25P** AND  
the Respondents' memorial of team code 25 shall be named as **25R**

- For each wrongly named file, 1 mark will be deducted for each file.
- Teams are requested to ensure that soft copies are submitted well in time and that the attachments can be viewed by contacting the Organizers.
- Each team shall submit a total of four (4) hard copies of each side of the memorial for Moot Problem at the registration desk during the offline-registration period at the ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad on 4th September 2026.
- Memorials submitted after **11:59 PM [IST] on 23rd August 2026** will incur a deduction of 1 point for each day of delay. Such deductions shall be made from the cumulative memorial score only.
- Memorials submitted after **11:59 PM [IST] on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2026** shall not be evaluated or accepted, and the team shall stand disqualified.

### 3.2 Memorial Format

All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements and a team will attract **negative** marking (0.25 mark for each violation) for failure to comply with the limitations described below:

1. All Memorials must be submitted in PDF format and Word File (Soft Copy) in the prescribed format.
2. All Memorials must be submitted (hard copies) at the registration desk as prescribed. The hard copies shall be the original copies of the soft copy, and any changes/alterations made shall lead to disqualification.
3. The font style of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5-line spacing. Footnotes, shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, with single (1) line spacing. Footnotes shall follow the format of the '**21st Edition of Harvard Bluebook Citation Style**' throughout the Memorial. No End Notes are allowed.
4. Each page must have a margin of one inch on all sides. Content of the memorials can be typed on both sides of the page. The memorial shall be paginated with page numbers in the footer on right hand corner.
5. The Memorial should not exceed 30 typed pages (not including the Cover Page), exceeding the page limit leads to penalty of 1 mark per page and shall consist of the following parts:
  - (i) Cover Page,
  - (ii) Table of Contents,
  - (iii) List of Abbreviations,
  - (iv) Index of Authorities,
  - (v) Statement of Jurisdiction,
  - (vi) Statement of Facts (not exceeding one page),
  - (vii) Issues Raised,
  - (viii) Summary of Arguments,
  - (ix) Arguments Advanced,
  - (x) Prayer (not exceeding one page).
6. The **Cover Page** MUST contain the following:
  - (a) Team Code in the upper-right-hand corner;
  - (b) The edition and year of the competition;
  - (c) The name of the case;
  - (d) The relevant legal provision under which it is filed;
  - (e) The parties on whose behalf the Written Submission has been submitted;
  - (f) Name of the Court/forum resolving/addressing the dispute/matter.

### 3.3 Similarity and AI-Generated Content Policy

- A Similarity Index of up to 25% (for arguments advanced only) shall be permissible. Similarity Index exceeding 25% but not exceeding 30% shall attract a deduction of one (1) mark for every percentage point beyond the permissible limit of 25%, where Similarity Index exceeds 30%, such team shall stand disqualified from the Memorial Evaluation Stage.
- The use of any Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (including but not limited to ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Claude, Copilot, or any other generative AI platform) for drafting, generating, or substantially paraphrasing the content of the memorial is strictly prohibited. The permissible AI-generated content threshold is 0% (zero percent). In the event that AI-generated content is detected in a memorial, the following penalties shall apply:
  1. Where AI-generated content is detected between 0.01% and 10%, the team shall incur a deduction of 5 points from their total memorial score;
  2. Where AI-generated content exceeds 10%, the memorial shall be disqualified from the memorial evaluation stage and the team shall be ineligible to participate in the Oral Rounds.

### 3.4 Compendium

- a. Compendium compilation is not compulsory. It is purely at the discretion of the team. Teams may directly submit their compendium at the time of their presentation via Court Officer.
- b. The Compendium, if submitted, must be properly paginated and shall contain a Cover Page in the same format as the Memorial Cover Page, containing all prescribed information, including: (a) Team Code in the upper-right-hand corner; (b) The edition and year of the Competition; (c) The name of the Case; (d) The parties for which the Compendium has been submitted; (e) Name of the Court/forum resolving/addressing the dispute/matter.

### 3.5 Memorial Evaluation

- Each Memorial shall be evaluated out of 100 points by the judges. The criteria for evaluation of the memorials shall be as follows:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS
Knowledge of Facts & Law	25 points
Extent & Use of Research	25 points
Proper & Articulate Analysis	10 points
Clarity & Organization	10 points
Correct Format & Citation	20 points
Grammar & Style	10 points

### **3.6 TIE-BREAKER CRITERIA**

#### **a. Tie-Breaking Criteria for Best Memorial Award**

In the event that two or more teams secure the same aggregate score for the Best Memorial Award, the tie shall be resolved in the following order:

- a. The team securing the higher score under the Knowledge of Facts & Law criterion shall be ranked higher.
- b. If the tie persists, the team securing the higher score under the Extent & Use of Research criterion shall be ranked higher.
- c. If the tie still persists, the team securing the higher score under the Proper & Articulate Analysis criterion shall be ranked higher.
- d. If the tie remains unresolved, the team securing the higher score under the Clarity & Organization criterion shall be ranked higher.
- e. If the tie still persists, the team securing the higher score under the Correct Format & Citation criterion shall be ranked higher.
- f. If the tie remains unresolved thereafter, the team securing the higher score under the Grammar & Style criterion shall be ranked higher.
- g. If the tie continues after applying the above criteria, the memorials shall be re-evaluated by a panel constituted by the Organizing Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

#### **b. Tie-Breaking Criteria for Best Speaker Award**

The Best Speaker Award shall be awarded to the speaker securing the highest cumulative individual speaker score in the Preliminary Rounds. In the event of a tie between two or more participants in the individual Speaker scores, the marks obtained in the Memorial Evaluation shall be considered for determining the higher rank. The participant/team securing higher Memorial marks shall be ranked above the other participant/team.

#### **c. Tie-Breaking Criteria for Best Researcher Award**

In the event of a tie between two or more participants in the Researchers' Test, the marks obtained in the Memorial Evaluation shall be considered for determining the higher rank. The participant/team securing higher Memorial marks shall be ranked above the other participant/team.

## 4. ORAL ROUNDS AND PROCEDURES

### 4.1 General Rules

4.1.1. The Oral Rounds shall be conducted in offline mode and shall comprise the following stages:

- a. Preliminary Round 1 and Preliminary Round 2
- b. Quarter-Final Round
- c. Quarter-Final Round
- d. Semi-Final Round
- e. Final Round

4.1.2. The official language of the Competition shall be English.

4.1.3. Teams shall be identified solely by their allotted Team Code throughout the Competition, contrary of which leads to disqualification.

4.1.4. It shall be mandatory for the Researcher to be present during all Oral Rounds.

### 4.2 Preliminary Rounds

4.2.1. Each team shall participate in two Preliminary Rounds.

4.2.2. Each team shall argue once for the Appellant/Petitioner/Plaintiff side and once for the Respondent side.

4.2.3. The top eight (8) teams, based on aggregate scores obtained in the Preliminary Rounds, shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Round.

4.2.4. In the event of a tie in aggregate scores, the teams shall be ranked according to their Memorial Scores.

4.2.5. Each team shall be allotted a total of thirty (30) minutes to present its case. This time shall include rebuttal, where applicable. Each Speaker shall be allotted a minimum of twelve (12) minutes.

### 4.3 Quarter-Final Round

4.3.1. The Quarter-Final Round shall be conducted on a knockout basis.

4.3.2. The eight (8) qualifying teams shall compete in the Quarter-Final Round

4.3.3. The winning teams shall advance to the Semi-Final Round.

4.3.4. Each team shall be allotted a total of thirty (30) minutes to present its case. This time shall include rebuttal, where applicable. Each Speaker shall be allotted a minimum of twelve (12) minutes.

## 4.4 Semi-Final Round

4.4.1. The Semi-Final Round shall be conducted on a knockout basis.

4.4.2. The four (4) qualifying teams shall compete in the Semi-Final Round.

4.4.3. Each team shall be allotted a total of forty-five (45) minutes to present its case. This time shall include rebuttal, where applicable. Each Speaker shall be allotted a minimum of twenty (20) minutes.

4.4.4. The winning teams shall advance to the Final Round.

## 4.5 Final Round

4.5.1. The two teams qualifying from the Semi-Final Round shall compete in the Final Round.

4.5.2. Each team shall be allotted a total of forty-five (45) minutes to present its case. This time shall include rebuttal, where applicable. Each Speaker shall be allotted a minimum of twenty (20) minutes.

4.5.3. The winning team shall be declared the WINNERS of the Competition.

## 4.6 ORAL SUBMISSIONS - General Rules

a. The time division between speakers shall be communicated to the Court Officer prior to the commencement of each Round. Once communicated, it shall not be altered.

b. Rebuttals shall be permitted only to the Appellant/Petitioner/Plaintiff. The Respondent side may present a sur-rebuttal only with the prior permission of the Bench.

c. Rebuttal time shall form part of the total time allotted to the team.

d. The Appellant/Petitioner/Plaintiff shall indicate the time reserved for rebuttal before commencing oral submissions.

e. Electronic devices shall not be permitted inside the Courtroom during the Oral Rounds.

f. **Penalty** - Any Speaker exceeding the allotted speaking time without the permission of the Bench shall be subject to a deduction of one (1) mark for every minute of delay from the concerned Oral Round score.

g. It shall be mandatory for the researcher to attend all oral rounds.

h. **Anonymity** - Teams shall not disclose the name of their institution or any identifying details during the Competition. Teams shall identify themselves only through their allotted Team Code. Any breach of anonymity may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

i. **Non-Appearence and Walkovers** - A team failing to appear within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled commencement of a Round shall be liable for a walkover. Prior to declaring a walkover, the Organizing Committee shall issue two (2) warnings to the absent team through its registered contact details at intervals of five (5) minutes. If the team remains absent, the Round shall proceed ex parte and the present team shall be permitted to argue its case before the Bench.

#### 4.7 Overall Scoring

- In the Oral Rounds, each Speaker shall be assessed independently by each judge on a scale of 100 points and the criteria for evaluation shall be as follows:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS
Oral Submissions	20 points
Substance in Arguments	40 points
Skills of Advocacy	20 points
Response to Questions and Articulation	10 points
General Impression, Court Mannerisms, etc.	10 points

#### 4.8 Dress Code

The participating team shall be appropriately attired throughout the conduct of the Competition. The dress code shall strictly be:

- For Gentlemen: Formals – white formal shirt, black formal trousers, and a black blazer with a tie.
- For Ladies: Formals – white formal shirt, black formal trousers, and a black blazer; OR Indian Formals – white design free kurta, black salwar, black dupatta, and a black blazer.
- Black Blazer is MANDATORY.
- Presence of Robes and collar bands in the attire detailed above is strictly prohibited.

#### 4.9 Scouting

- Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the Organizers immediately, without disturbing the round in progress.
- Any team found scouting shall be disqualified immediately.
- Participating students shall be allowed to observe the Final Round as per the instructions provided by the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

## 5. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- It is mandatory for each researcher of the participating teams to take the Researcher's Test.
- The speaker is not eligible to participate in the test.
- The score in the Researcher's Test shall be used to adjudicate the 'Best Researcher' award.
- The Researcher's Test shall be conducted offline during the course of the Competition on 4th September 2026, and the exact time for the test shall be conveyed via an official email.
- The Researcher cannot communicate with their team members or anyone else during test.
- The Researcher shall not be allowed to use any written material or electronic devices during the test.
- Contravention of these rules, will lead to disqualification.
- The duration of the Researcher's Test shall be one (1) hour. The Researcher's Test shall carry a total of 100 marks and shall consist of 50 multiple-choice questions carrying 2 marks each. There shall be no negative marking.
- The Researcher's Test shall assess the participants on the following areas:
  - a. Research Methodology;
  - b. Knowledge of Law, including the Moot Proposition and other laws; and
  - c. Knowledge of Moot Court Practices and Procedures.

## 6. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION

- Accommodation shall be provided only to those teams who have opted and made payment for accommodation.
- Organizers will provide accommodation from the morning of 4th September, 2026 to evening of 6th September 2026.
- Food shall be provided to all teams for the aforementioned duration, and shall be strictly limited to 03 members per team.
- Teams are responsible for reaching the venue of the competition at the designated time for their active participation and registration.

## 7. MISCELLANEOUS

1. All queries relating to the problem/marking/etc. may be directed via email to **mootcourt@ifheindia.org**
2. Participants shall only use their Team Code number for identification purposes.
3. Any reference to the identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial, may lead to disqualification of the team.
4. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The Organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organizers shall resolve any contingencies that may arise and shall be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final and binding. These Rules are not exhaustive.
5. The Organizers reserve the right to modify/change/amend these rules at any point of time either before, during, or after the competition
6. The Organizers shall have the copyright in the Written Submissions. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss caused to any person or institution by virtue of any content in the written submissions.
7. The right of audio and video taping, including any other form of such reproduction, or any part thereof, of the oral submissions in all rounds of the competition shall vest with the Organizers
8. The teams shall follow all rules and regulations of the Organizer's Institution, including the Code of Conduct.
9. Any misconduct in the form of discrimination, harassment, etc. (verbal/written/physical) which shows aversion or hostility towards any individual/participant/organising committee may lead to disqualification. ANY KIND OF PROVOKING/MISBEHAVIOUR/MOCKERY towards the opponent team during the oral rounds is strictly prohibited and it leads to DISQUALIFICATION of the team.
10. The Organizers reserve the right to take prudent action against any member partaking in prohibited conduct or violation of the rules, which includes imposition of penalties, and in severe cases, disqualification or blacklisting from future editions of the Competition.

## 8. OFFICIAL TIMELINE

EVENT	DATE
Registrations Open & Release of Moot Proposition	17th June 2026
Last Date for Early Bird Registration	30th June 2026
Last Date for Final Registration	06th August 2026
Last Date for Seeking Clarifications on Proposition	09th August 2026
Release of Clarifications on Moot Proposition	15th August 2026
Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	23rd August 2026
Inaugural Ceremony, Registration & Researcher's Test	4th September 2026
Preliminary Rounds 1, 2 & Quarter-Finals	5th September 2026
Semi-Finals, Final Round & Valedictory Ceremony	6th September 2026



# 9. AWARDS

## **WINNER**

The winning team shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and a cash prize of  
INR 1,00,000/-

## **1ST RUNNER-UP**

The first runners-up team shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and a cash  
prize of  
INR 50,000/-

## **2ND RUNNER-UP**

The second runners-up team shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and a cash prize of  
INR 20,000/-

## **BEST MEMORIAL**

The team with the Best Memorial shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and a  
cash prize of  
INR 10,000/-

## **BEST SPEAKER**

The Best Speaker shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and a cash prize of  
INR 10,000/-

## **BEST RESEARCHER**

The Best Researcher shall receive a trophy, certificate of merit and a cash prize of  
INR 10,000/-

**ALL PARTICIPANTS SHALL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION/MERIT.**

## 10. CONTACT DETAILS

**FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE COMPETITION MAY BE SOUGHT FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.**

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