



LEX GAZETTE  
ACADEMY

# GUIDELINES

2<sup>ND</sup>

JUDEXIS

MOOT COURT

COMPETITION



## **1. Definitions & Interpretation**

- 1.1 The definitions provided herein shall govern the interpretation of these Rules. In case of any ambiguity, the interpretation adopted by the Organising Committee shall prevail and shall be final and binding on all participating teams.
- 1.2 **“Bench”** means the panel of judges duly constituted by the Organising Committee to adjudicate any round of the Competition. The number and composition of the Bench may vary across rounds at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 1.3 **“Clarifications”** mean written queries raised by registered teams in relation to the Moot Proposition or Rules, communicated within the prescribed timeline, and responded to by the Organising Committee.
- 1.4 **“Penalty”** means any deduction of marks, warning, or disciplinary measure imposed for violation of these Rules.
- 1.5 **“Participating Team”** means a team that has successfully completed registration in accordance with the Registration Rules and is eligible to participate in the Competition.
- 1.6 **“Rejoinder”** refers to the final submissions made by the Petitioner after completion of the Respondent’s oral pleadings.
- 1.7 **“Sur-Rejoinder”** refers to the response of the Respondent to the Rejoinder, subject to the express permission of the Bench.
- 1.8 **“Court Room”** refers to the designated virtual platform where oral rounds of the Competition are conducted.
- 1.9 **“Scouting”** means observing, recording, or collecting information from the oral rounds of any team other than one’s own team, whether directly or indirectly.

## **2. Dress Code**

- All participants shall appear in formal professional attire during all oral rounds.
- Male Participants: White shirt, black trousers, black tie, black coat.
- Female Participants: White salwar-kurta, or white shirt and black trousers with black tie, black coat.
- The prescribed dress code shall be strictly followed to maintain decorum and the dignity of court proceedings simulated in the Competition.
- Non-compliance with the dress code may result in imposition of penalties, deduction of marks, or disqualification, as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee.



### **3. Memorial Submission**

- All memorials shall strictly comply with the Rules and formatting guidelines prescribed in this Rulebook.
- Each participating team shall prepare and submit two memorials—one for the Petitioner and one for the Respondent.
- Memorial cover colours shall be Blue for Petitioner and Red for Respondent, to ensure uniformity and anonymity.
- Memorials shall be submitted only in soft copy format in both .pdf versions.
- The last date and time for submission of memorials shall be 11:59:59 PM, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
- Late submissions shall attract a penalty of five (5) marks per day. No memorial shall be accepted after 11:59:59 PM, 2 May 2026, under any circumstances.
- Memorials shall be submitted exclusively via Google Form (Provide After Registration). Any other mode of submission shall be invalid.
- Case Compendium (Optional): Teams may submit an optional Case Compendium containing only the authorities cited in the memorials. The Case Compendium shall not form part of the evaluation and shall carry no marks. The Case Compendium shall not be used to introduce new arguments or materials.

### **4. Memorial Contents**

- Each memorial shall mandatorily include: Cover Page; Table of Contents; List of Abbreviations; Index of Authorities; Statement of Jurisdiction; Statement of Facts; Issues Raised; Summary of Arguments; Arguments Advanced; and Prayer.
- Omission of any mandatory component may attract penalties or rejection of the memorial at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

### **5. Memorial Length & Formatting**

- The total length of the memorial shall not exceed thirty-five (35) pages, inclusive of all sections.
- The “Arguments Advanced” section shall not exceed twenty-five (20) pages.
- Memorials shall be typed on A4-size paper with page numbers at the bottom of each page.
- Font, spacing, margins, and citation format shall strictly comply with the Bluebook (20th Edition).
- Deviation from formatting rules may attract penalties.



## **6. Rounds of the Competition & Oral Pleadings**

### **6.1 Preliminary Rounds**

- The Preliminary Stage shall consist of two rounds: Preliminary Round 1 and Preliminary Round 2.
- Each team shall argue both sides (Petitioner and Respondent) across the two preliminary rounds.
- Each team shall be allotted a total of 20 minutes, inclusive of Rejoinder and Sur-Rejoinder (if permitted).
- No speaker shall speak for more than 12 minutes, subject to the team's overall time limit.
- Extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Bench.
- The top 8 teams winning both preliminary rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.
- In case fewer than 8 teams win both rounds, remaining slots shall be filled by the highest scoring teams.
- In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial score shall qualify.

### **6.2 Quarter Final Rounds**

- Quarter Finals shall consist of one round.
- Each team shall be allotted 30 minutes in total.
- No speaker shall speak for more than 18 minutes.
- Extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Bench.
- Winning teams shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

### **6.3 Semi-Final Rounds**

- Each team shall be allotted 35 minutes in total.
- No speaker shall speak for more than 20 minutes.
- Time extension may be granted at the discretion of the Bench.
- Winning teams shall qualify for the Final Round.

### **6.4 Final Round**

- Each team shall be allotted 40 minutes in total.
- No speaker shall speak for more than 25 minutes.
- Time extension may be granted at the discretion of the Bench.



- The team securing the highest aggregate score in the Final Round shall be declared the Winner of the 2nd Judexis Moot Court Competition, 2026.

## **7. General Code of Conduct (Virtual Platform)**

- The Competition shall be conducted on a virtual platform (Google Meet or any other platform as decided by the Organising Committee). The details and access credentials of the virtual platform shall be communicated to all participating teams at least one week prior to the Competition.
- All participating teams shall ensure access to a stable internet connection along with adequate audio and video facilities for the smooth conduct of the oral rounds.
- In the event that any participant is disconnected due to technical or connectivity issues, the Bench may grant a reasonable time to the concerned participant/team to rejoin, subject to the discretion of the Bench and feasibility of proceedings.
- Participants shall ensure that no background disturbance disrupts the proceedings. Teams are advised to be seated in a quiet and disturbance-free environment throughout the oral rounds.
- Any form of misconduct, indiscipline, inappropriate behaviour, or violation of these Rules shall attract strict action, including immediate disqualification, as deemed fit by the Organising Committee.
- In case of a tie in any round, the team securing higher marks in the memorials shall be declared the winner of that round.
- The decision of the Bench with respect to oral rounds shall be final and binding.
- Teams shall not disclose their identity in any form during the Competition, except through the Team Code allotted to them.
- Written Submissions (Memorials) shall not reveal the identity of the team and shall not bear the name, logo, motto, or any identifying mark of the institution represented.
- Scouting is strictly prohibited. Any team found indulging in scouting shall be liable to instant disqualification.
- Any violation of the Rules may attract severe penalties, including disqualification, as determined by the Organising Committee.



## **8. Ethics & Complaints Oversight Committee (ECOC)**

### **8.1 Constitution:**

An Ethics & Complaints Oversight Committee (ECOC) shall be constituted for the Competition to ensure fairness, ethical conduct, and effective redressal of grievances. The ECOC shall comprise the following members:

- The Administrative Head (Chairperson)
- The Head of Events & Programmes (Member)
- Three (3) Independent Members, who shall be academicians not below the rank of Assistant Professor from any recognized college or university

### **8.2 Jurisdiction & Powers:**

The ECOC shall have the authority to receive, examine, and adjudicate complaints relating to discrepancies, misconduct, unethical practices, or violations of the Rules at any stage of the Competition. The Committee may seek clarifications, call for explanations, and recommend appropriate action, including warnings, penalties, disqualification, or other disciplinary measures, in accordance with the Rulebook.

### **8.3 Reporting Mechanism:**

Any Participating Team or participant who becomes aware of any discrepancy, unfair practice, misconduct, or breach of the Rules shall report the matter exclusively to the Ethics & Complaints Oversight Committee through the Organising Committee using the officially designated communication channels.

- Complaints must be submitted within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the concerned round.
- The complaint shall clearly state the nature of the allegation along with any supporting material or evidence, where available.
- Direct approaches to the Bench/Judges are strictly prohibited.

### **8.4 Finality of Decision:**

The findings and recommendations of the ECOC, as approved by the Organising Committee, shall be final and binding on all participating teams. No further correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.

### **8.5 Who May Report & How to Report (ECOC – Reporting Procedure)**

- **Who May Report:**

Any Participating Team, individual participant who observes or is directly affected by any discrepancy, misconduct, unethical practice, or violation of the Rules at any stage of the Competition may submit a complaint.



- **How to Report:**

All complaints and grievances shall be submitted only in writing to the Ethics & Complaints Oversight Committee (ECOC) through the Organising Committee at the official email address: **adminoffice@lexgazette.com**

- **Time Limit:**

The complaint must be submitted within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the concerned round. Complaints received beyond the stipulated timeline may not be entertained.

- **Contents of Complaint:**

Each complaint shall clearly mention:

- Team Code / Name of the Complainant
- Round and stage of the Competition
- Brief description of the alleged discrepancy or misconduct
- Supporting details/evidence, if any

- **Restrictions:**

Under no circumstances shall any participant or team approach the Bench/Judges directly with any complaint or grievance. All communications shall be routed only through the Organising Committee and the ECOC.

- **Finality:**

The decision of the ECOC, as approved by the Organising Committee, shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

## **9. Miscellaneous**

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, alter, or repeal any of the Rules of the Competition at any stage, if deemed necessary.
- The allocation of sides (Petitioner/Complainant and Respondent) for all rounds of the Competition shall be determined purely on a random basis through a draw of lots or an equivalent randomisation method conducted by the Organising Committee.
- The competition shall be organized and conducted in the English Language.
- Any changes or modifications in the Rules shall be duly communicated to all participating teams by the Organising Committee.



# **MARKING CRITERIA**



### **Marking Criteria for Memorials (Written Submissions)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1.	Knowledge and Understanding of Law & Issues	20
2.	Identification and Framing of Issues	10
3.	Depth of Research & Use of Authorities	15
4.	Quality of Legal Reasoning & Application of Law	20
5.	Clarity, Structure & Coherence of Arguments	10
6.	Originality, Analysis & Innovation	10
7.	Presentation, Formatting & Adherence to Rules	10
8.	Language, Grammar & Citation Style (Bluebook Compliance)	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>100 Marks</b>

- Each memorial (Petitioner and Respondent) shall be evaluated independently and shall carry a maximum of 100 marks each.
- Accordingly, the total memorial score for each team shall be out of 200 marks (100 marks for the Petitioner Memorial + 100 marks for the Respondent Memorial).
- Any penalties imposed for late submission, formatting violations, anonymity breach, or other non-compliance shall be deducted from the respective memorial score.
- The Case Compendium, if submitted, is for the convenience of the Bench only and shall not form part of the evaluation. **No additional marks shall be awarded for the submission of a Case Compendium.**



### Marking Criteria for Oral Rounds

S. No.	Evaluation Criteria	Marks
1.	Application of Law to Facts	20
2.	Use of Authorities & Case Law	10
3.	Responsiveness to Judges' Questions	20
4.	Style, Clarity & Structure of Presentation	20
5.	Court Mannerisms, Demeanour & Professionalism	20
6.	Effectiveness & Precision of Prayer	10
Total		100 Marks

- In the Preliminary Stage, each team shall participate in two rounds (Preliminary Round 1 and Preliminary Round 2). The scores obtained by a team in both rounds shall be aggregated (added together) to determine the team's cumulative preliminary score, on the basis of which the final results of the Preliminary Stage shall be prepared and teams shall qualify for the Quarter Finals in accordance with the Rules.
- In the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals, and Final Round, the result shall be determined on the basis of the scores obtained in that particular round alone. The team securing the higher score in the respective round shall be declared the winner of that round and shall qualify for the next stage.
- In the event of a tie in scores in any round, the team having secured the higher memorial (written submission) score shall qualify for the next round. If the tie persists, the decision of the Bench/Organising Committee shall be final and binding.



## **Researcher Test (Online Assessment)**

### **Mode & Duration:**

An online Researcher Test shall be conducted as part of the Competition. The test shall consist of 50 objective-type questions to be completed within a duration of 30 minutes.

### **Marking Scheme:**

- +1 mark shall be awarded for each correct answer.
- -0.50 marks shall be deducted for each incorrect answer.
- No negative marking shall apply for unattempted questions.