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1. DEFINITIONS

1. **“Moot Court Competition”** or **“Competition”** shall mean **“2nd VoxAnatolis Moot Court Competition, 2020”** to be held on **6-8th March 2020**.
2. **“Core Committee”** shall mean all the members of the Moot Court Committee, Student Bar Council 2020 of NLUJAA. By the power vested in the Moot Court Committee, the Moot Court Competition is being conducted under the aegis of the institution administration and the Student Bar Council.
3. **“Organizing Committee”** shall consist of all the students of NLUJAA who have been selected to organize the event.
4. **“Researcher”** shall mean the non-speaking participant of each team.
5. **“Rules”** means the official competition rules and any applicable supplements to the rules published by the organizing committee.
6. **“Speaker(s)”** shall mean counsel and co-counsel of each team.
7. **“Team”** shall mean the three members, comprising of counsel, co-counsel, and researcher.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The Moot Court Competition is open to all students enrolled in a fulltime Undergraduate Law course provided by a recognised College/ Institution/University in India.
- 2.2. Each College/Institution/University shall be represented by only one team in the competition.

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- 2.3. Each team shall comprise of a maximum of three members; counsel, co-counsel and researcher (hereinafter, “designated category of participant”). A team comprising of two members would also be eligible to participate in the said competition provided that the two participating members fulfil the role of counsel and co-counsel. The requirement of having two speakers in the competition is a must; any team not fulfilling these criteria will be ineligible to participate in the said competition. In case of a two member team one of the members can take the researcher’s test.
- 2.4. A maximum of 30 teams will be allowed to participate in the competition. Slots for participation will be filled on a first come first serve basis only.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1. Institutions should provisionally register themselves by sending an email to **voxanatolis@gmail.com** on or before **6th February , 2020 (23:59 hours IST)** with **“Participation”** as the subject. Upon receiving the email, the Organising Committee will send a confirmation mail. The teams may further complete the registration by making a payment of **INR 3500/-** only in the form of a **demand draft** drawn in favour of **“The Registrar, NLUJAA, Assam”**, payable at Guwahati. Registration shall be successful upon submission of soft copy of the dully filled registration form along with a scanned copy of the demand draft.
- 3.2. Teams that have completed registration in accordance with the above shall be assigned a team code. All correspondence to the organising committee shall specify only the team code.
- 3.3. No alteration in the team composition shall be permitted after the receipt of the registration form, except at the sole discretion of the organizing committee.

4. ANONYMITY

- 4.1. Participating teams must strictly maintain anonymity of their institution during the competition.

- 4.2. Each team will be provided with a team code, which shall be used throughout the competition, until the declaration of results.
- 4.3. Each team member must at all rounds of the competition represent themselves only by stating their team code, and designated category of participant. The name of institution of the team shall not be stated at any round.
- 4.4. Violation of the above rule may result in immediate disqualification of the team.

5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

- 5.1. Clarifications and doubts will only be entertained through emails sent to voxanatolis@gmail.com with “clarification” as the subject, till 18th February, 2020 (23:59 hours IST).
- 5.2. The list of all the clarifications shall be released on 20th February, 2020 .

6. RULES RELATING TO MEMORANDUM SUBMISSION

6.1. SUBMISSIONS OF MEMORANDUM

- 6.1.1. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute. All memorials must be in English. The memorial marks will be used in order to determine a tie breaker.
- 6.1.2. The soft copy of the Memorials/Written Submissions for both the Petitioner and the Respondent in PDF and Word Document format should be mailed to voxanatolis@gmail.com on or before **11:59PM March 1st, 2020**, with the subject as “TC-<team number> Memorial Softcopy”. Submissions after the speculated time will be penalized in accordance to **Rule 6.6.4**.
- 6.1.3. Once the soft copies of the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed. **Five (5) Hardcopies** of each side of the Memorials will have to be submitted on **6th March, 2020, at the venue of the competition**.

6.1.4. Only the team code should be specified on the memorandum. Any reference to the participating institution/college/university shall result in **immediate disqualification (not even in compendiums produced for reference)** . For example, if the assigned team code is 20, the team shall title the petitioner and respondent memorandums as “20P” and “20R” respectively. The soft copy should be compatible with at least Microsoft Word 2007.

6.1.5. Participants are advised to carry additional copies of their memorandum for their own use. Copies submitted to the organizing committee shall be used for the evaluation of the memorandum, for the exchange of memorandum and for the Judges Bench for each of the Oral Rounds.

6.1.6. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to use the memorandum submitted by the participating teams, as it deems appropriate. The memorandum submitted shall not be returned to the participants.

6.2. SUBMISSIONS OF MEMORANDUM

6.3. The memorials have to be on A 4 size paper printed. Use of recycled paper is encouraged.

6.4. The Contents of the written submission must consist of:

- The Table Of Contents
- The Index of Abbreviations
- The Index Of Authorities
- The Statement Of Jurisdiction
- The Statement Of Facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- The Statement Of Issues

- The Summary Of Arguments
- The Arguments Advanced
- The Prayer

6.4.1. The font shall be in Times New Roman size 12, 1.5 spaced and justified.

6.4.2. Footnotes should be size 10 single spaced in Times New Roman, line spacing 1.0; paragraph spacing: None.

6.4.3. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.

6.4.4. The memorials should be soft bound. Any other form of binding shall not be accepted.

6.4.5. The memorials should not be covered with a plastic cover or be spiral bound or combed bound. Use of butter paper, plastic sheets, spiral binding, cello tape etc. is strictly prohibited.

6.4.6. The page numbering should be on the bottom and center of each page (Page numbering is not required on the Cover Page).

6.4.7. Identity of the team shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification.

6.4.8. The Table of Abbreviations shall include all the abbreviations, acronyms, and marks being used throughout the memorial in alphabetic order.

6.4.9. The Statement of Facts shall be in the most concise manner stipulating the facts and legitimate references drawn from the proposition.

6.4.10. The Issues Raised should present the legal questions to the Court in regards to the dispute in hand. The questions have to be presented in a neutral manner and sub-questions which arise out of the questions do not have to be stated within the said but in the substantive portion of the memorial.

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6.4.11. The Summary of Arguments will provide for a concise and brief of the affirmative legal argument being contended within the memorial.

6.4.12. The Arguments Advanced provides for the substantive portion of the memorial where the questions of law are provided thorough affirmative legal argument and legal interpretations.

6.4.13. Footnotes are to consist of citations and referred material. No legal arguments or Endnotes are permissible within the Footnotes. The method of citation has to be consistent throughout the memorial.

6.4.14. The Citation Format being followed for the competition will be Harvard Bluebook 20th Edition.

6.4.15. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the organizers.

6.5. COVER PAGE

6.5.1. The Petitioner will have a Light Blue color cover page and the Defendant will have a Light Red color page.

6.5.2. The team code has to be provided on the top right corner of the memorial cover page.

6.5.3. The title cause shall be state on the memorial cover page

6.5.4. Identify brief as Petitioners / Applicant & / Respondents as is applicable

6.5.5. Name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted have to be stated

6.5.6. The name and year of the competition have to be stated.

6.5.7. Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalized.

6.6. CRITERIA FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF THE MEMORIALS

6.6.1. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.

6.6.2. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:

- Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
- Logical progression of ideas
- Effective use of headings to outline arguments
- Understanding essential legal issues presented
- Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
- Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
- Forceful and persuasive presentation
- Integration of facts into legal argument
- Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
- Discussion of viable alternative arguments
- Understanding and analysis of authority
- Proper use of citations and citation form
- Effective use of authority to support arguments
- Ability to distinguish adverse cases

6.6.3. The following shall be the judging criteria:

KNOWLEDGE OF LAW AND FACTS:	:20 Marks
PROPER AND ARTICULATE ANALYSIS:	:15 Marks
DEPTH AND USE OF RESEARCH:	:15 Marks

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ORGANIZATION AND PRESENTATION:	:15 Marks
GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE:	:10 Marks
NOVELTY OF ARGUMENTS:	:15 Marks
CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND ORIGINALITY:	:10 Marks

6.6.4. Penalties shall be attracted in the following manner

LATE SUBMISSION SOFT COPY	2 Points per Day per Memorandum
LATE SUBMISSION HARD COPY	Disqualification
ANY VIOLATION OF ANY RULE OR SUB-RULE UNDER RULE 6	1 Mark Per Violation
VARIATION IN CONTENT BETWEEN SOFT COPY AND HARD COPY	0.5 Mark per Variation

7. RULES RELATING TO ORAL ROUNDS

7.1. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds

- Preliminary Round
- Quarter Finals Round
- Semi-Finals Round
- Finals Round

7.2. Each round will include Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal time. All pleadings will be done in English without deviation.

7.3. Each round shall conform to the pattern mentioned below for the pleading of oral arguments:

7.3.1. Petitioner Speaker 1

7.3.2. Petitioner Speaker 2

7.3.3. Respondent Speaker 1

7.3.4. Respondent Speaker 2

7.3.5. Rebuttal Petitioner

7.3.6. Sur-Rebuttal (Upon discretion of the bench in the round).

7.4. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.

7.5. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the round.

7.6. If the Counsel 1 exceeds his /her reserved time, the additional timetaken shall be deducted from the time reserved by Counsel 2. Similarly, if Counsel 2 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals/Sur-rebuttals as the case may be.

7.7. The finality of the decision as to the time structure and the right to Rebut or Sur-rebut shall vest with the judges.

7.8. The teams are not permitted to raise issues in the oral rounds that have not been submitted in their Memorandum. Cases that not have been mentioned in the memorandum can't be used in oral arguments but for the discretion of the judges.

7.9. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.

- 7.10. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals. The researcher shall not be permitted to address the court during the oral rounds.

8. COMPENDIUM

- 8.1.1. The teams may submit a separate Compendium of not more than 50 pages (printed on both sides), which will carry all the annexure and case laws that have been referred to in the memorial.
- 8.1.2. The Compendium will have a white cover.
- 8.1.3. The teams will retain them and may be submit to the judges during the rounds through the court assistants for reference. Any identifying marks/seal of the college shall attract severe penalties including disqualification.
- 8.1.4. All relevant case laws and statutory material to be passed on to the Judges during the oral rounds may be submitted in the form of a Compendium 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the rounds to the bench clerks.
- 8.1.5. Participants are also permitted to pass on relevant material to the judges, at their discretion, any time after the commencement of the rounds and before its completion.
- 8.1.6. The compendium or other relevant materials shall be returned to the participants after the completion of each round.

9. GENERAL ETIQUETTES

- 9.1. Participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the organizing committee, the judges of the competition or any of the other participants.

- 9.2. The organizing committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.
- 9.3. Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification.
- 9.4. Teams found scouting shall be disqualified immediately. Any team can submit a written complaint regarding a case of scouting to the organizing committee. In case of any default the organizers' decision will be final.

10. RULES RELATING TO SCORING OF ORAL ROUNDS

- 10.1. The parameters for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0 – 100 points, the rubric for marking will be done by the judges keeping in mind the points of:
- a. Knowledge of facts
 - b. Logic and reasoning
 - c. Organisation and clarity
 - d. Persuasiveness
 - e. Deference to the court
 - f. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
 - g. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
 - h. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted
 - i. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of national law
 - j. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law).

10.2. CRITERIA FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF THE ORAL ROUNDS

IDENTIFICATION OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES	:15 Marks
USE OF AUTHORITIES	:15 Marks
APPRECIATION AND APPLICATION OF FACTS	:15 Marks
CLARITY, LOGIC AND STRUCTURE OF PRESENTATION	:20 Marks
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS	:15 Marks
ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH JUDGES	:10 Marks
OVERALL PRESENTATION, POISE AND DEMEANOR	:10 Marks

11. RULES RELATING TO RESEARCHER'S TEST

- 11.1.** The researcher's test will be based on 40 Multiple Choice Questions (1 Mark Each) and 2 Subjective Questions (5 Marks Each) related to the subject matter of the Moot Problem.
- 11.2.** Amongst the 40 Multiple Choice Questions and 2 Subjective Questions, four questions will be star questions carrying equal weightage in marks.
- 11.3.** In the scenario where there is a tie amongst the score of two or more researchers, the researcher getting the greater amount of star questions correct will supersede.
- 11.4.** If the above condition is not able to break the tie, then the researcher who answered the most amounts of questions in chronology will be declared as winner of the tie. In other words, the researcher which first gets a question wrong from the chronology will have lost the tie.
- 11.5.** The Researcher with the greatest score shall receive the Best Researcher title.

12. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

12.1. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- 12.1.1. Every team shall argue twice in the Preliminary Rounds. Once for the Petitioner and once for the Respondent.
- 12.1.2. No team shall argue against another team more than once in the competition.
- 12.1.3. The pairing of teams will be done through a draw of lots as mentioned in the schedule.
- 12.1.4. Each side shall get a maximum time of 25 minutes to present their arguments of which no counsel shall be permitted to address the bench for more than 15 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for rebuttal is 2 minutes and the maximum time for sur-rebuttal is 1 minute.
- 12.1.5. The Preliminary Round will be adjudged upon the basis of both the oral rounds and winner will be declared upon the cumulative oral marks of both the speakers.
- 12.1.6. The **Top Eight (8)** teams from the preliminary rounds shall advance to the Quarter-Finals.
- 12.1.7. If a tie exists upon the oral marks of the teams, then the memorials will be used to break the tie. In a further scenario, where the memorial marks are the same, the researcher test marks will be used to break the tie. Memorial Marks will only be used for the tie breaker.
- 12.1.8. Teams which have won both their rounds (secured a greater speaker total to their opposing counsels) will be given preference in breaking through. In the scenario where less than 8 teams have won two rounds then the teams with the highest accumulative speaker scores will be given preference. In the scenario of more than 8 teams winning both their rounds than the top 8 teams, based on highest cumulative score, amongst them will be given preference.

12.2. QUARTER- FINALS

12.2.1. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be 30 minutes.

12.2.2. **Four (4) teams** from the quarter-finals shall advance to the Semifinals on knock- out basis.

12.2.3. In the case of a tie **Rule 12.1.7** will also be applicable in the Quarter-finals to break the tie.

12.3. SEMI-FINALS

12.3.1. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be 40 minutes, of which no speaker shall be permitted to speak for more than 25 minutes. The maximum time for rebuttal is 2 minutes and the maximum time for Sur- rebuttal is 1 minute. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal respectively.

12.3.2. Two (2) teams from the semi-finals shall advance to Finals on knockoutbasis.

12.4. FINALS

12.4.1. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be 45 minutes, of which no speaker shall be permitted to speak for more than 25 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 3 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 2 minutes.

13. INTERPRETATION OF RULES & REGULATIONS

13.1. All interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents or other decisions in the administration of the competition are at the complete discretion of the organizing committee.

13.2. Any decision made by the organizing committee shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

14. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

14.1. Accommodation shall be provided to the designated category of Participants of each team from 12 PM, 6th March to 12 PM, 9th March . For accommodation prior or after the date, the teams will have to pay the charges of room.

14.2. Accommodation shall be provided on sharing basis and no independent accommodation is available.

14.3. No transport shall be provided from the airport/ railway station to the accommodation on arrival and departure.

15. All facilities shall be provided only to the registered members of a team and no additional members, parents, observers, coaches or faculty advisors shall be accommodated at any cost.

16. PRIZES AND AWARDS

16.1. The team with the highest accumulative speaker score in the Final Round will be declared as the “Winning Team” and receive a Trophy and Cash Prize of INR 40,000/-, along with SCC Online entitlements.

16.2. The team Runners-up Team who qualified to the Final Round shall receive a Trophy and Cash Prize of INR 30,000/-, along with SCC Online entitlements.

- 16.3. The speaker with the highest individual oral round score in the Preliminary Round will be declared as the “Best Speaker” and receive a Trophy and a Cash Prize of INR 10,000/-.
- 16.4. The researcher with the highest researcher test score will be declared as the “Best Researcher” and receive a Trophy and a Cash Prize of INR 10,000/-.
- 16.5. The team with the highest marks attained on their written submissions will be declared as the “Best Memorial” and receive a Trophy and Cash Prize of INR 10,000/-.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

- 17.1. The organizers reserve the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules of the moot competition. Changes in the rules, if any, shall be communicated to the participants in a timely manner.
- 17.2. The organizers reserve the right to take decisions on any subject not mentioned in the rules, including disqualification for non-abiding of the rules thereof.
- 17.3. In case of any discrepancies or doubts regarding the rules, the decision of the organizers shall be final and binding.
- 17.4. **NON- COMPLIANCE OF THE RULES MENTIONED IN ABOVE CLAUSES SHALL ATTRACT SEVERE PENALTIES TO THE DISCRETION OF THE ORGANIZERS.**

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