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5th NOVICES' INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

29th - 30th September 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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THE COMPETITION

1. The 5th edition of Novices' Intra Moot Court Competition, 2026, by Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) New Law College, Pune, aims to enhance the research, writing and advocacy skills of the budding lawyers of our institution. By participating in this competition, the participants have an opportunity to enhance their legal acumen and contribute to the growth of the legal fraternity.
2. The 5th Novices' Moot Court Competition, 2026 ["the Competition"] will be held on the 29th and 30th September 2026 at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) New Law College, Pune.
3. The draw of lots for the Preliminary Round will take place on 24th September, 2026 at Main Auditorium, Ground Floor, New Law College, Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be) University, Pune. The timing for the same will be disclosed in due course.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The Competition is open to the students of 2nd Year - 3rd Year (L.L.B) and 2nd Year - 5th Year (B.A. LL. B and B.B.A. LL. B).
2. Cross Year/Course teams are allowed for this competition.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each team shall comprise a maximum of three participants, consisting of two Speakers and one Researcher.
2. A team of two participants may also be permitted, in which case both participants shall be Speakers, with one additionally serving as the Researcher.
3. The teams are not allowed to have an Informal Researcher for the Competition.

DRESS CODE

1. The participants shall adhere to the following dress code when present in any Courtroom during the competition:
 - Girls- White kurta or white shirt, black tie and black trousers along with black coat.
 - Boys- White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat.



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REGISTRATION LINK - MOOT PROBLEM - RUBLEBOOK - MEMORIAL SUBMISSION FORM

REGISTRATION

1. The teams shall register themselves by completing and submitting the Registration Form available [here](#), no later than **11:59 PM IST on 18th September 2026**.
2. The participants are strictly prohibited from changing the composition of their teams.
3. The Registration Forms will have to be completed and submitted with all material particulars by the teams. Please note that incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted. There is NO Registration Fee for registering or participating in the competition.
4. Upon successful completion of the online registration process, each team shall be allotted a Team Code, which shall be communicated to the team by the Organising Committee via email.
5. Once the Team Codes have been allotted, teams shall be required to use the assigned code in all subsequent communications with the Organizers. No information other than the Team Code shall appear on the memorial, and all interactions with the Organizers must strictly be carried out through the designated Team Code.

MEMORIALS

1. Teams may raise grounds of challenge other than those indicated in the Statement of Facts.
2. Each team shall submit the soft copies of the Memorial for both sides, i.e., **Plaintiff / Petitioner/ Applicant/Complainant** and the **Defendant/ Respondent**, in both **PDF and Word Formats**, no later than **11:59 PM [IST] on 27th September 2026** through the designated [submission link](#).
3. The Organizers shall not bear any responsibility for the non-receipt of soft copies of the Memorials. Teams must ensure submission through the designated Google Form well within the stipulated time and confirm that the attachments are duly accessible and viewable.
4. Soft Copy of the Memorials submitted after **11:59 PM [IST] on 27th September 2026** shall attract hourly deductions, commencing at **12:59 AM [IST] on 28th September 2026**. The deduction shall be applied only once to the team's cumulative memorial score.
5. Soft Copy of the Memorials submitted after **12:00 PM [IST] on 28th September 2026** shall not be accepted, and the concerned team shall stand disqualified from the competition.
6. All memorials submitted shall strictly conform to the requirements set out below, and any failure to adhere to the same shall attract negative marking:

- The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font size of footnotes/endnotes, if any, must be size 10 with line spacing of 1.
- A uniform method of citation of authorities must be followed, i.e., Bluebook Citation 21st Edition .
- Each page of the memorial shall have a margin of minimum one inch on all sides.
- The Memorial shall consist of the following parts:
 - Cover Page - [Blue for Petitioner and Red for Respondent]
 - Table of Contents
 - Table of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts [It should not exceed one page]
 - Statement of Issues
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Arguments Advanced [It should not exceed 20 pages]
 - Prayer
 - The Cover Page MUST contain:
 - Team Code on the upper right-hand corner
 - The year of the Competition
 - The name of the Case
 - The party for which the Written Submission has been prepared.
 - Name of the forum resolving the dispute.
- There shall be a deduction of 1.0 mark for each page exceeding the total of 30-page limit, and a deduction of 0.25 marks for each ‘objective’ error, i.e., non-adherence to the rules set out hereinabove. This negative marking (along with the negative marking for delayed submission) shall be deducted once from the total memorial score obtained by a team.
- Each team shall carry “SIX” hard copies of the Memorial for both sides on 28th September 2026 and submit the same at such time and place as shall be communicated in due course.
- Any discrepancy between the Memorials submitted online and offline shall result in the immediate disqualification of the team. Furthermore, the team shall be barred from participating in any future moot court competitions organized by the institution if such discrepancy is detected.

ORAL ARGUMENTS

- The language of the Court shall be English.

- Preliminary Rounds: Each team shall be allotted **20 minutes** to present its oral arguments in the Preliminary Rounds, subject to a minimum of 8 minutes per Speaker, inclusive of pleadings. The side to be argued shall be allotted by the Organizers and disclosed on 24th September 2026.
- The highest-scoring team from each courtroom shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds. In the event of a tie, preference shall be given to the team with higher marks in the Researcher's Test; if the tie persists, the Memorial scores shall be considered. Should the tie remain unresolved, the teams shall contest again from the opposite side.
- Quarter Final Rounds: Each team shall get **30 minutes** in addition with 3 minutes of rebuttal, subject to a minimum of 13 minutes per Speaker.
- Semi Final Rounds: The top 4 scoring teams in the Quarter Final Rounds shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds. Each team shall get **40 minutes** in addition with 3 minutes of rebuttal, subject to a minimum of 18 minutes per Speaker.
- Final Round: The top 2 scoring teams in the Semi Final Rounds shall contest against each other in the Final Round. Each team shall get **50 minutes** in addition with 3 minutes of rebuttal, subject to minimum of 23 minutes per Speaker.
- The scoring criteria for the speakers shall be as follows:
 - Argumentative skills and Creativity – 20
 - Interpretation and application of Law – 10
 - Use of Authorities – 10
 - Knowledge of Facts – 10
 - Organization of Arguments – 10
 - Clarity of thoughts and expression – 10
 - Response to Judges – 10
 - Reference to Material – 10
 - Court Mannerism – 10
- Compendium: Teams may submit a Compendium of cases cited by them, limited to one from each side, consisting only of the first page of the judgment, the page containing the relevant highlighted paragraph, and the last page. Teams shall be expected to be thoroughly familiar with the cases cited in the Compendium. Submission of the Compendium, however, shall remain optional.
- An extension of time for oral arguments shall be granted solely at the discretion of the Judges.
- Prior to the commencement of oral arguments, each team shall declare the duration it seeks to reserve for rebuttal.
- If a team fails to appear within ten minutes of the scheduled commencement of a round, a walkover shall be awarded in favour of the team present.

OVER-ALL TEAM SCORING

- Memorial: 20
- Response to questions and Articulation: 20
- Reasoning in the Application of Principles: 20
- Application of Facts: 10
- Court Craft and Demeanor: 10

RESEARCHER’S TEST

- The Researcher’s Test shall be conducted offline on **28th September 2026**, and the timings shall be duly notified to the registered teams in due course.
- The Researcher’s Test shall comprise both multiple-choice and subjective questions, based on applicable law, precedents, and facts relevant to the moot proposition.
- Participation in Researcher’s Test is mandatory for all the Teams, and failure to participate may lead to strict actions taken against the team, subject to discretion of the Moot Court Society.
- The duration of the Researcher’s Test shall be one hour, and only the Researcher designated by the team in the registration form shall be permitted to write the test.
- The participants shall ensure complete integrity and shall not resort into any unfair means while writing the test. Any such attempt shall result into immediate disqualification.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Participants shall not seek or accept any assistance from Moot Court Society members or college faculty in relation to the proposition. Any violation of this rule shall result in immediate disqualification from the competition.
- Teams shall not disclose their identity at any stage of the competition, and any such disclosure shall entail disqualification.
- The Rules shall be strictly complied with, and the Organizers reserve the right to disqualify any team for deviation.

MISCELLANEOUS

- All queries/clarifications relating to the problem/marks etc., may be directed via email to **mcsnimcc2026@gmail.com** no later than **19th September 2026**.
- All Clarifications shall be released via E-mail on **20th September 2026**.
- Participants shall use only their team codes for identification purposes. No electronic device, including (but not limited to) laptops, tablet computers, mobile phones, smartwatches etc., may be used by any member of the teams during the course of the round, including when the opposite team is addressing arguments. Teams are therefore advised to ensure that the delivery of their oral arguments is not dependent on electronic devices. All participants are required to carry their college ID cards.
- The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/ grievances. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final.
- These Rules are not exhaustive and are subject to change.

The following Awards shall be conferred during the Valedictory Ceremony:

- **WINNER [TROPHY + CERTIFICATE]**
- **RUNNERS UP [TROPHY + CERTIFICATE]**
- **BEST SPEAKER [TROPHY + CERTIFICATE]**
- **BEST RESEARCHER [TROPHY + CERTIFICATE]**
- **BEST MEMORIAL [TROPHY + CERTIFICATE]**

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

- **RELEASE OF MOOT PROBLEM = 31.08.2026**
- **COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION = 31.08.2026**
- **LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR COMPETITION = 18.09.2026**
- **ALLOTMENT OF TEAM CODES = 20.09.2026**
- **LAST DATE TO SEND CLARIFICATIONS = 19.09.2026**
- **RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS = 20.09.2026**
- **SOFT COPY MEMORIAL SUBMISSION = 27.09.2026 (11:59PM IST)**
- **RESEARCHER'S TEST = 28.09.2026**
- **HARD COPY MEMORIAL SUBMISSION = 28.09.2026**
- **DRAW OF LOTS (FOR PRELIMS) = 28.09.2026**
- **PRELIMS AND QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS = 29.09.2026**
- **SEMI-FINALS, FINAL AND VALEDICTORY = 30.09.2026**

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