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OFFICIAL SCHEDULE¹

September 07, 2016 (11:59 PM IST)	Last day for Provisional Registration
September 25, 2016 (11:59 PM IST)	Last day to complete all formalities related to registration
October 10, 2016	Dispatch of Team Codes
October 17, 2016 (11:59 PM IST)	Last day to apply for clarifications regarding the Moot Problem
October 31, 2016	Clarifications, if any, to be posted on the Official Website
January 08, 2017 (11:59 PM IST)	Last day for submitting the soft copy of the Written Submission
January 13, 2017 (5:00 PM IST)	Last day for submitting the hard copy of the Written Submission
February 01 – 05, 2017	9 th GNLU International Moot Court Competition
February 01, 2017	Inaugural Function, Orientation of Participants and Researchers' Test
February 02 - 03, 2017	Preliminary Rounds
February 04, 2017	Quarter-Final and Semi-Final Rounds
February 05, 2017	Final Rounds and Valedictory Ceremony

¹Dates mentioned in the Schedule are subject to change in light of any unforeseen circumstances.



**RULES OF THE 9THGNLU INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION, 2017**

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. “**Case Clarification & Correction**” (hereinafter referred to as “**Clarifications**”) means the official clarifications and corrections as published on the Official Website of the Competition, pursuant to Rule 3.
- 1.2. “**Compendium**” means a compilation of cases and other materials referred to in, or supporting, the Written Submission, submitted by a Team as per Rule 7.7.
- 1.3. “**Competition Case**” (hereinafter referred to as “**the Case**”) means the compendium of facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with Clarifications.
- 1.4. “**Competition Rules**” means the official rules of the Competition as amended from time to time.
- 1.5. “**Competition**” means the 9th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2017.
- 1.6. “**Complainant**” means that side of the Team which argues on behalf of the complainant at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.7. “**Developing Countries or Economies**” for the purpose of these Competition Rules shall mean all those countries, excluding India, falling under such classification as specified according to the latest norms of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- 1.8. “**IST**” means Indian Standard Time.
- 1.9. “**Least Developed Countries**” for the purpose of these Competition Rules shall mean all those countries according to the latest norms of the United Nations.
- 1.10. “**Member**” means any individual representative of a College / Institution / University participating in the Competition.
- 1.11. “**Official Website**” shall mean the official website of the 9th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2017 (<http://www.gnlu.ac.in/GIMC/index.php>).
- 1.12. “**Oral Rounds**” means the pleadings before a Panel as explained in Rule 7.
- 1.13. “**Orator**” means one of the two designated speakers in a Team.
- 1.14. “**Organizing Committee**” (hereinafter referred to as “**O.C.**”) means the committee, including any other authorized persons, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and of all events leading to the Competition.



- 1.15. “**Panelist**” means an adjudicator of an Oral Round. Collectively, Panelists would be referred to as the “**Panel.**”
- 1.16. “**Participant**” means any member of the Team.
- 1.17. “**Rebuttals**” refer to the set of arguments/questions that the Complainant may raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators. This shall be replied to in an appropriate manner by the Respondent.
- 1.18. “**Researcher**” means that Member of a Team who is not an Orator.
- 1.19. “**Researchers’ Test**” means a written test conducted during the Competition in accordance with Rule 8.5.
- 1.20. “**Respondent**” means that side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Respondent, at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.21. “**Scouting**” means any person observing the Oral Rounds of a Team other than the Teamsuch person is associated with.
- 1.22. “**Team**” means the registered representatives of any College / Institution / University participating in the Competition and does not include a team participating as an observer.
- 1.23. “**Team Code**” means the code allotted to a Team through a draw of lots.
- 1.24. “**Written Submission**” means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per Rule 6 of the Competition Rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. The Competition is open to all students, enrolled *bona-fide* on a regular basis in an Undergraduate/Post Graduate law course (including LLM programmes) or its equivalent conducted by any recognized College/ Institution /University.
- 2.2. A Recognized College/ Institution /University shall be entitled to send only one Team to the Competition.
- 2.3. The Team shall comprise of a minimum of two Members and a maximum of three Members. In a Team comprising of two Members, both the Members shall be designated as Orators. In a Team comprising of three Members, the third Member of the team shall be designated as Researcher.



- 2.4. Any additional Member of any Team shall not be recognized and will not be entitled to a certificate from the O.C.

3. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE CASE

- 3.1. Teams may request for Clarifications via e-mail to gimc@gnlu.ac.in, latest by October 17, 2016 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 3.2. All Clarifications shall be posted on the Official Website by October 31, 2016.

4. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 4.1. Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition.
- 4.2. The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the Team in any form and should not bear the logo, name etc. of the College/ Institution/University represented.
- 4.3. Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team. If any such mark/seal exists, it must be rendered unrecognizable.
- 4.4. Any violation of Rule 4.2 and/or 4.3 shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the O.C. The decision of the O.C. in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. General Rules

- 5.1.1 Each Team shall complete the registration within the stipulated time. The registration is a two-step process comprising of filling up of the registration form and payment of the registration fee as provided in Rule 5.2.
- 5.1.2 Registration will be open till September 25, 2016 (11.59 P.M. IST). The registration form can be downloaded from the official website of the Competition.
- 5.1.3 The Teams are required to send a *bona-fide* letter issued by the appropriate authority of their College/ Institution/University along with the duly filled registration form.



5.2. Registration Fee

- 5.2.1 The Registration Fee is INR 4,000/- for Indian Teams, Least Developed Countries or Developing Countries/ Economies. Teams from Least Developed Countries or Developing Countries/Economies may pay in INR or its equivalent amount in US Dollars or Euro.
- 5.2.2 All other Teams shall pay US \$ 200 or its equivalent excluding service charge (if any) in Euro as registration fee.

5.3. Payment of Registration Fee

- 5.3.1 Indian Teams must make payment by Demand Draft. The procedure for the same has been provided in the Annexure to the Competition Rules.
- 5.3.2 Payment by all other Teams must be made by Bank Transfer. The procedure for the same has been provided in the Annexure to the Competition Rules.
- 5.4. Teams from Least Developed Countries or Developing Countries, excluding India, are eligible to apply for waiver. All the formalities concerning the registration process and waiver application should be completed by September 25, 2016 (11.59 P.M. IST). The decision of the O.C. shall be final in this regard.
- 5.5. Teams who have registered for the Competition in pursuance of Rule 5.1 of the Competition Rules may withdraw from the Competition after informing the O.C. of such withdrawal. Such withdrawal must be communicated to the O.C. in writing or via email on or before the last date for the soft copy submission of the Written Submissions, i.e. on or before January 08, 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 5.6. Once the Team is registered after completing the formalities given in Rule 5.1, a Team Code shall be assigned to it by October 10, 2016.
- 5.7. A Team that has registered pursuant to Rules 5.1 and 5.2 may change its composition only after informing the O.C. of such change. Any changes with respect to the contact details shall be notified to the O.C. with immediate effect. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition.



6. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

- 6.1. Each Team is required to prepare a Written Submission for both sides, the Complainant and the Respondent of the Case.
- 6.2. Each Team is expected to research for additional material on its own. The Teams may, under no circumstance, take advice or assistance of any kind pertaining to the Case from any other Team in the Competition.
- 6.3. The Written Submission shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its Members, or the College/ Institution/University represented by the Team. The Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned by the O.C. as per Rule 4.1. The Teams shall send a cover letter containing details of the Team, its Members and of the College/ Institution/University being represented by the Team, along with the Written Submission.
- 6.4. All Teams shall send a soft copy of the Written Submission for each side in Adobe PDF format and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc), via electronic mail, on or before January 08, 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST) to gimc@gnlu.ac.in, and shall comply with Rule 6.5 of the Competition Rules.
 - 6.4.1 Any submission made after January 08, 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST) will be considered to be a late submission and shall be penalized in accordance with Rule 6.21.
 - 6.4.2 Any soft copy submission after January 10, 2017 (after 11:59 P.M. IST) shall not be accepted and the Team will not be allowed to participate, except at the discretion of the O.C. The decision of the O.C. shall be final in this regard.
- 6.5. It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the electronic copies of the Written Submissions:
 - 6.5.1 can be opened and read with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document or higher and do not contain any virus;
 - 6.5.2 are submitted as four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Written Submission for the Complainant (one each in Adobe Acrobat Reader and Microsoft Word) and two (2) as Written Submission for the Respondent (one each in Adobe Acrobat Reader and Microsoft Word);



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- 6.5.3 indicate only the Team Code, name of the Case, year of the Competition, name of the forum of the dispute and the Party for which the Written Submission is prepared, on the Cover Page; and
- 6.5.4 are named according to the Team Code and the party for which the Written Submission is prepared. (For instance, Team 01 will name its Written Submission for the Complainant as 01C and Written Submission for the Respondent as 01R.)
- 6.6. Ten(10) hard copies of the Written Submissions for each side (10 for the Complainant and 10 for the Respondent) should reach the O.C. by January 13, 2017 (05.00 P.M. IST) at the following address:
- The Convenor,
Organizing Committee, GIMC,
Gujarat National Law University,
Attalika Avenue, Knowledge Corridor, Koba
Gandhinagar - 382007 (Gujarat)**
- 6.7. No delays caused by the courier companies shall be considered. Teams are advised to send the soft copies and hard copies well in time taking into account all contingencies.
- 6.8. The hard copies must be the exact print-outs of the soft copy or else it will entail disqualification of the Team from the Competition. The decision of the O.C. in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.
- 6.9. The Teams are required to carry hard copies of their Written Submission for their personal use, which are separate from the copies already submitted in accordance with Rule 6.6.
- 6.10. Each Team shall be provided with the soft copy of the Written Submission of the Opponent Team on January 20, 2017.
- 6.11. The Written Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:
- a) Cover Page
 - b) Table of Contents
 - c) List of Abbreviations
 - d) Index of Authorities



- e) Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - f) Measures at Issue
 - g) Summary - a bullet point summary of the Legal Pleadings (not exceeding 3 pages)
 - h) Legal Pleadings (not exceeding 25 pages)
 - i) Request for Findings (not exceeding 1 page)
- 6.12. The Written Submission should not exceed the maximum limit of 45 (Forty-Five) pages in length, including the Legal Pleadings.
- 6.13. The Cover Page of each Written Submission must contain the following information:
- a) The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner in accordance with Rule 6.5.4
 - b) The year of the Competition
 - c) The name of the Case
 - d) The party for which the Written Submission has been prepared
 - e) Name of the forum resolving the dispute
- 6.14. **General Formatting Rules**
- 6.14.1. All abbreviations used in the Written Submission must be included in the List of Abbreviations. This will include commonly used abbreviations, acronyms and marks such as “%”, “&”, USA, WTO, etc. If any abbreviation does not appear in the abbreviation list, every instance when it is used in the Written Submission shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- 6.14.2. All authorities cited must be in the Index of Authorities. If any authority cited in the Arguments Advanced is not included in the Index of Authorities, every instance when it is used in the Written Submission shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- 6.14.3. The Index of Authorities and List of Abbreviations must be in alphabetical order.
- 6.15. Teams shall cite authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes following the Bluebook Method of Citation (19th edition).
- 6.16. The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages) shall be typed on A4-sized paper, with the following mandatory specifications:



- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 12
- c) Line spacing: 1.5
- d) Body of text: Justified

For Footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

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

6.17. The Written Submission must-

- 6.17.1. not contain any borders (including the preliminary pages).
- 6.17.2. must have a margin of 1 inch on each side of every page (including the preliminary pages).

6.18. The Written Submission shall not contain any annexure, photographs, graphs, diagrams or any other representation of like nature.

6.19. Footnotes should be limited only to citations and must not contain extra information or arguments.

Eg. Acceptable footnote: Panel Report, *United States—Sections 301–310 of the Trade Act of 1974*, WT/DS152/R (Dec. 22, 1999) [hereinafter Section 301 Panel Report].

The following is an unacceptable footnote: Panel Report, *United States—Sections 301–310 of the Trade Act of 1974*, WT/DS152/R (Dec. 22, 1999) [hereinafter Section 301 Panel Report] (holding that quantitative restrictions are against GATT).

6.20. Presentation of the Written Submission

- 6.20.1. The Written Submission shall be spiral bound only.
- 6.20.2. The following colour schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Written Submission:
 - a) Complainant - **BLUE**



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b) Respondent- **RED**

6.21. Any Written Submission violating any of the above mentioned specifications will be penalized according to the scheme as provided below:

SL. NO	SCHEME OF DEDUCTION	MARKS DEDUCTED
1.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.3	0.5 mark for every disclosure per page.
2.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.4.1	1 mark for every day of delay till January 10, 2017 (IST 11:59 P.M. IST)
3.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.5	0.5 marks for every violation.
4.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.6	1 mark for every day of delay; 1 mark for every missing copy.
5.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.11	1 mark for every headomitted; 1 mark for every 20 words in excess of the word limit or every page in excess of page limit as applicable.
6.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.12	1 mark for every page exceeded.
7.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.13	0.5 marks for every violation.
8.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.14.1, 6.14.2 or 6.14.3	1 mark for every 5 violations upto a maximum deduction of 5 marks.



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SL. NO	SCHEME OF DEDUCTION	MARKS DEDUCTED
9.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.15	1 mark for every 5 violations up to a maximum deduction of 5 marks.
10.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.16	0.5 marks per violation for every page containing such violation.
11.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.17 or 6.18	0.5 marks for each violation.
12.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.19	0.5 marks for every page containing such violation.
13.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.20.1	2 marks per side (Claimant/Respondent).
14.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.20.2	1 mark
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE DEDUCTION		15 marks

6.22. The Written Submission shall be formatted as per the specifications given under Rule 6. Non-compliance will lead to strict deduction in marks in accordance to the negative marking scheme given under Rule 6.21.

6.23. Any decision of the O.C. regarding the deductions shall be final and not open to challenge.

7. ORAL ROUNDS

7.1. Any form of Scouting during the Competition is strictly prohibited and shall entail disqualification of the Team. The decision of the O.C. in this regard shall be final.



- 7.2. The proceedings and method of presentation of oral arguments shall be, to the extent possible, in alignment with the procedure adopted by the WTO Dispute Settlement Body.
- 7.3. The order in which Teams shall submit their Oral Pleadings throughout the Competition shall be:
Orator 1 for Complainant
Orator 2 for Complainant
Orator 1 for Respondent
Orator 2 for Respondent
Rebuttals shall be done by either one or both Orators of the Team.
- 7.4. In case any Opponent Team fails to appear in an Oral Round, the round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter Team had been present and arguing.
- 7.5. Before the start of the Oral Round of any Team, the Orators of the Team shall inform the Timekeeper regarding the order of speaking as well as allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for Rebuttal. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed. If an Orator speaks for more than the time reserved for him/her, the extra time used by such Orator shall be deducted from the time allotted to the second Orator of that Team. If the second Orator exceeds the time allotted to him/her, such time exceeded shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals.
- 7.6. The dress code for the Competition as well as any official functions in the duration of the Competition shall be professional business attire.
- 7.7. A Compendium may be submitted to the manager/timekeeper prior to the Oral Round which will be submitted to the Panel at their discretion. Any further material may be passed at the discretion of the Panel. Team members can pass research materials to the Orators in a discreet manner. Such Compendium and the other research material must not contain any identifying mark/seal of the Team, its Members or of the College/Institution /University being represented by the Team. Any material with an identification mark shall not be allowed inside the venue of the Oral Rounds.



7.8. Any Team which violates any of the Competition Rules may be penalized. The decision of the Panel shall be final in this regard.

7.9. During the Oral Rounds teams would not be allowed to use any electronic devices, like laptops, LCD projectors, video camera, mobile phones etc.

7.10. Preliminary Rounds/Quarter Finals

7.10.1. Each Oral Round will be for a period of 60 minutes, (inclusive of Rebuttals) wherein each Team will be allotted 30 minutes including the time for Rebuttals. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.

7.10.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 15 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals.

7.10.3. No team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.

7.10.4. No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to address the Panel but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner, subject to the discretion of the Panel.

7.11. Semi Finals

7.11.1. Each Oral Round will be for a period of 80 minutes, (including Rebuttals), wherein each Team will be allowed 40 minutes. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.

7.11.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 20 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals.

7.11.3. No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.

7.11.4. No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to address the Panel but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner, subject to the discretion of the Panel.

7.12. Finals

7.12.1. Each Oral Round will be for a period of 90 minutes (including Rebuttals) wherein each Team will be allowed 45 minutes. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.



7.12.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 20 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals.

7.12.3. No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.

7.12.4. No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to address the Panel but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner, subject to the discretion of the Panel.

8. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

8.1. The Competition shall be held over a period of five days from February 1, 2017 to February 5, 2017. The inaugural function and the orientation of Participants along with the Researchers' Test will be held on February 1, 2017.

8.2. The Competition shall consist of 4 Rounds:

1. The Preliminary Rounds;
2. The Quarter Final Rounds;
3. The Semi Final Rounds; and
4. The Final Round.

A Researchers' Test shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 8.4.

8.3. Preliminary Rounds

8.3.1. The preliminary rounds will be held from February 2-3, 2017. In the preliminary rounds, each Team shall argue once as a Complainant and once as a Respondent. The preliminary rounds shall be conducted in two days. The Team which argues for the Complainant on the first day shall argue for the Respondent on the second day, and vice-versa.

8.3.2. The draw of lots for determining opponent Teams shall be conducted after the expiration of registration date, i.e. after September 25, 2016. All Teams will be sent the opponent Team's Written Submission for the preliminary rounds via electronic mail by January 20, 2017. No Team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of their opponent Teams or any other Team.

8.3.3. No two Teams will argue against each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.



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- 8.3.4. Each round shall be decided on the basis of allocation of a total of 9 round points with 6 points for the Oral Pleadings and 3 points for the Written Submissions Scores.
- 8.3.5. If the difference between the Written Submission scores of the two Teams, as decided in accordance with Rule 9, is more than 7% of the higher score, then the Team with the higher score in Written Submissions will be awarded 3 points. If the difference is less than 7% of such higher score, then 2 points will be awarded to the Team with the higher score and 1 point will be awarded to the other Team. In case of a tie, both Teams will be awarded 1.5 points.
- 8.3.6. Each Preliminary Round will be judged by a Panel of 2 Panelists. For each Panelist, if the total oral score (determined in accordance with Rule 10) of one Team exceeds the oral score of the other Team by 7% of the higher score, then the Team with the higher score will be awarded 3 points. If the difference is less than 7% then the Team with the higher score will be awarded 2 points and the other Team will be awarded 1 point. In case of a tie, both Teams will be awarded 1.5 points for that Panelist. Hence a total of 3 points per Panelist will be allocated for the Oral Pleading Sessions.

Eg.: In a round between Team A and Team B, Panelist 1 gives a total of 170 marks to the Orators from Team A and gives 160 marks to Team B. The difference is of 10 marks which is less than 7% of 170 (which is 11.9) and hence for that Panelist, Team A will be awarded 2 points and Team B will be awarded 1 point. In the same round, Panelist 2 gives a total score of 160 to Team A and gives a score of 145 to Team B. Here, the difference of 15 marks is more than 7% of 160 (which is 11.2) and hence, Team A will be awarded 3 points and Team B will not be awarded any points. If the score of Team A for Written Submission is 75 and the score of Team B is 80, the difference is of 5 marks which is less than 7% of 80 (which is 5.6) and hence Team B will be awarded 2 points and Team A will be given 1 point. The total Round points for that round are therefore:

Team A: 2 (*Panelist 1*) + 3 (*Panelist 2*) + 1 (*Written Submission*) = 6 points.

Team B: 1 (*Panelist 1*) + 0 (*Panelist 2*) + 2 (*Written Submission*) = 3 points.



- 8.3.7. The Team with the higher cumulative round points determined in Rules 8.3.5 and 8.3.6 above will be adjudged as the winner of that particular round. Hence, in the example above, Team A will be adjudged the winner.
- 8.3.8. The top 8 Teams will qualify to the Quarter Finals. The Teams will be ranked as per the following:
- Firstly, on the basis of the total round points earned after the two Preliminary Rounds.
 - If there is a tie in the total round points, the rank will be determined on the number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - If a tie persists, it will be determined on the basis of the total round points earned in the Oral Phases in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - If a tie persists after the above, it will be resolved on the basis of the Written Submission Scores of the Teams.

8.4. Quarter Finals/Semi Finals/Finals

- 8.4.1. The Quarter Finals will be held on February 4, 2017. The Quarter Finals will be knock-out rounds. A Team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Finals if their total marks, as calculated in accordance with Rule 10.1, are higher than its opponent Team's.
- 8.4.2. A tie will be resolved on the basis of the scores for the Written Submissions of the Teams. In case, the tie persists the team with highest individual score will proceed to the next round.
- 8.4.3. The side on which a Team will be arguing will be decided by a draw of lots with the Team picking the lots. The matchups for the quarters will be based on the ranking in the Preliminary Rounds and shall be as follows:
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| QF I | Rank 1 v. Rank 8 |
| QF II | Rank 2 v. Rank 7 |
| QF III | Rank 3 v. Rank 6 |
| QF IV | Rank 4 v. Rank 5 |



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- 8.4.4. The Teams will be provided with a hard copy of their opponent's Written Submission prior to the Oral Rounds. They are required to return the same after their rounds.
- 8.4.5. The Semi Finals will be conducted on February 5, 2017. The Semi Finals will be knock-out rounds. Rules 8.4.1-8.4.4 above will apply *mutatis mutandis* to determine the winner of each of the Semi-Final Round.
- 8.4.6. The side for which the Teams will be arguing will be determined through draw of lots. The matchup for the Semi Finals will be as follows:
Winner of QF 1 v. Winner of QF 4
Winner of QF 2 v. Winner of QF 3
- 8.4.7. The Finals of the 9th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2017 will be held on February 5, 2017.

8.5. Researchers' Test

- 8.5.1. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on February 1, 2017.
- 8.5.2. Participation in the Researchers' Test is mandatory for all Teams and failure to participate may result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the O.C.
- 8.5.3. In case of Teams with three Members, only the designated Researcher shall write the test and such Researcher shall not be allowed to address the Panel during the Oral Rounds. A Team that is found to violate this rule may be disqualified from the Competition.
- 8.5.4. In case of Teams with only two Members, either of those Members may write the test. However, in such a situation the name of the person writing the test must be disclosed to the O.C. during the Registration.
- 8.5.5. The duration of the Researchers' Test shall be 1 hour and it shall be in the Multiple Choice Question Format.
- 8.5.6. Researchers' Test shall test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Case and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the moot problem.



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8.5.7. Researchers' Test shall be a closed book test i.e. no notes, bare texts, books or any other material or electronic aid shall be permitted during the Researchers' Test.

9. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Every Written Submission will be marked on scale of 100 and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

SL. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of Law & Facts	20
2.	Application of Law to Facts	20
3.	Use of Authority/ precedents/	20
4.	Presentation Style	10
5.	Organization of Arguments and Clarity of Thought	20
6.	Originality and Innovation	10

10. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS

10.1. The Oral Rounds would be marked on scale of 100 per Panelist and would be evaluated on the following grounds:



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SL. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of Law & Facts	10
2.	Use of Facts in Arguments	10
3.	Interpretation of Law and its Application to Facts	20
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Response to Questions	10
6.	Organization of Arguments and clarity of thought	20
7.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10
8.	Court Mannerisms	10

10.2. The decision of the Panel regarding the allocation of marks shall be final.

10.3. To ensure uniformity, each Panelist will be briefed in advance regarding the marking criteria.

11. PRIZES AND AWARDS

11.1. The Winning Team shall be awarded a Trophy and a cash prize of INR 40,000.

11.2. The Runners Up Team shall be awarded a cash prize of INR 25,000.

11.3. The Best Written Submission award carries a cash prize of INR9,000 and a Black's Law Dictionary to each Member of the team.

11.4. The Best Orator in the preliminary rounds shall be awarded a cash prize of INR 5,000 and a Merit Certificate. To determine the Best Orator, the marks awarded to each Orator in the preliminary rounds shall be considered.



- 11.5. The Best Orator in the final round shall be awarded a cash prize of INR 5,000 and a Merit Certificate.
- 11.6. The Best Researcher, adjudged on the basis of the Researchers' Test shall be awarded a cash prize of INR 5,000 and a Merit Certificate. All Members of each Team shall be awarded Certificates of Participation and all the winners of the awards specified in Rules 11.1 to 11.3 shall be awarded Merit Certificates.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.1. Accommodation shall be provided only to the participants during the days of the Competition. Teams who intend to arrive prior to or leave after the specified dates may be provided accommodation subject to availability and upon payment of requisite charges.
- 12.2. The O.C. reserves the right to modify any of the Competition Rules at any point of time. The O.C. shall communicate any changes made in the Competition Rules to the Teams.
- 12.3. The Copyright in the Written Submission of the Teams shall vest with Gujarat National Law University. Gujarat National Law University shall not be responsible for any liability accrued to any person or for any loss caused to any person because of the content of the Written Submissions.
- 12.4. No audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the O.C., the Panel before which the team is scheduled to present and the opposing team. The O.C. reserves all rights to audio and videotape, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any Oral Round or part thereof.
- 12.5. If a Team believes that violation of the Competition Rules has taken place at any stage of the Competition, the Team(s) within half an hour after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint with the Student Convener. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Panel with any complaints.
- 12.6. The O.C. reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the O.C. shall be final and binding.



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- 12.7. The O.C. reserves the right to interpret any of the Competition Rules. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- 12.8. In these Competition Rules, unless the context of these Competition Rules otherwise requires words using the singular or plural number also include the plural or singular number respectively.





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