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OFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND RULES OF THE COMPETITION

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OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

20 April 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST)	Last day for provisional registration
15 July 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST)	Last day for registration and completion of all formalities related to registration
20 July 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST)	Last day to apply for clarifications regarding the Moot Problem
25 July 2017	Dispatch of Team Codes to participating teams
31 July 2017	Clarifications, if any, to be published on the Official Website
16 August 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST)	Last day for submitting the soft copy of the Written Submission
22 August 2017 (05:00 P.M. IST)	Last day for submitting the hard copy of the Written Submission
8 September 2017	Inaugural Function, Orientation of Participants and Researchers' Test
9 September 2017	Preliminary Rounds
10 September 2017	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals and Valedictory Ceremony

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **“Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner”** means that side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.2. **“Bench”** refers to the judges of an Oral Pleading Session collectively.
- 1.3. **“Clarifications”** refer to the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Problem issued pursuant to Rule 3 of the Rules of the Competition. They shall form part of the Moot Problem.
- 1.4. **“Competition”** means the 3rd GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law, 2017.
- 1.5. **“IST”** means Indian Standard Time.
- 1.6. **“Official Website”** means the website of the Competition (<http://www.gnlu.ac.in/gmsil/index.html>).
- 1.7. **“Oral Pleading Session”** means the oral pleadings before a Bench as explained in Rule 7 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.8. **“Oral Score”** means the score given by a judge in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.9. **“Orator”** means one of the two designated speakers in a Team.
- 1.10. **“Organizing Committee” or “OC”** means the committee, including any other persons specifically authorized in this respect, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and all events leading to the Competition.
- 1.11. **“Rebuttals”** refer to the set of arguments/ challenges that the Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators.
- 1.12. **“Researcher”** means that member of the Team who is not an Orator.
- 1.13. **“Researchers’ Test”** means a written test conducted during the Competition in accordance with Rule 8.7 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.14. **“Respondent/ Defendant”** means that side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Respondent/ Defendant at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.15. **“Scouting”** means any person observing the Oral Pleading Session of a Team other than the Team such person is associated with.
- 1.16. **“Sur-rebuttals”** refer to the defense presented by the Respondent/ Defendant in response to the Rebuttals.

- 1.17. **“Team”** means the registered representatives of any University/ College/ Institution participating in the Competition and shall include only those members as specified in Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.18. **“Team Code”** means the code assigned to a Team through a draw of lots.
- 1.19. **“Written Submission”** means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per Rule 6 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.20. **“Written Submission Score”** means the score determined in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Competition.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 2.1. The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate LL.B. degree programme or its equivalent conducted by any recognized Institution/ College/ University in India. Students enrolled in postgraduate or diploma programmes are not eligible to participate.
- 2.2. A recognized Institution/ College/ University shall be entitled to send only one Team to the Competition.
- 2.3. Each Team shall comprise of three members. Two members of the Team shall be designated as Orators and the third member shall be designated as a Researcher.
- 2.4. Any additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team shall not be recognized and will not be entitled to a certificate from the OC. Such persons may be provided accommodation facilities, subject to availability.

3. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

- 3.1. Teams may seek Clarifications via e-mail to gnlumsil@gnlu.ac.in, latest by 20 July 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 3.2. All Clarifications shall be posted on the Official Website by 31 July 2017.

4. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 4.1. Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code assigned to them in accordance with Rule 5.4 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 4.2. Teams shall not, in any way, reveal the identity of the Team, its members or the Institution/ College/ University represented, in the Written Submissions or in the course of the Oral Pleadings Session. The Written Submissions shall not bear the logo, name, etc. of the Team, its members or the Institution/ College/ University represented by the Team.

- 4.3. Any material, including the Compendium, carried into the courtroom for the Oral Pleading Session, whether presented to the Bench or not, shall be devoid of any identification marks/ seal of the Team or the Institution/ College/ University represented. If any such mark/ seal exists, the Team shall render the same unrecognizable to the satisfaction of the OC.
- 4.4. Any violation of Rules 4.2 or 4.3 of the Rules of the Competition may attract disqualification of the Team from the Competition or any other penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. General Rules

- 5.1.1. Each Team must register by filling up the registration form available on the Official Website and paying the registration fee as provided in Rule 5.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 5.1.2. Each Team shall complete such registration on or before 15 July 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 5.1.3. Each Team is required to send a bona-fide letter issued by the appropriate authority of their Institution/ College/ University along with the duly filled registration form.
- 5.1.4. A copy of the duly filled registration form and the bona-fide letter should be emailed to gnlumsil@gnlu.ac.in.

5.2. Registration Fee

- 5.2.1. The registration fee is INR 3,000 per Team.
- 5.2.2. Teams are required to pay the registration fee through a demand draft drawn in favour of “Gujarat National Law University” payable at “Ahmedabad”. A copy of the Bank Receipt/ Transaction ID should be emailed to gnlumsil@gnlu.ac.in.
- 5.3. Teams which have registered for the Competition in accordance with Rule 5.1 of the Rules of the Competition may withdraw from the Competition after informing the OC of such withdrawal on or before 15 August 2017. If a Team gives notice of withdrawal on or before 15 August 2017, then the registration fee paid, if any, will be refunded to the Team, after deducting transaction costs. In case a Team fails to give notice within the stipulated time, such Team would not be entitled to any refund.
- 5.4. Once a Team registers by completing the formalities given in Rules 5.1 and 5.2 of the Rules of the Competition, a Team Code shall be assigned to it on 25 July 2017.
- 5.5. A Team that has registered pursuant to Rules 5.1 and 5.2 of the Rules of the Competition may change its composition only after informing the OC of such change. Any changes in

the contact details of Team members must be notified to the OC with immediate effect. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition, unless such a Team withdraws or is disqualified from the Competition.

6. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

6.1. Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both sides, i.e., the Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner and the Respondent/ Defendant of the case.

6.2. A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team pursuant to Rule 5.4 of the Rules of the Competition. The Written Submissions shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/ College/ University represented by the Team.

6.3. A 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. Issues Raised
- g. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
- h. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
- i. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

6.4. The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information:

- a. The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner in accordance with Rule 6.11.3 of the Rules of the Competition
- b. The year of the Competition
- c. The name of the case
- d. The case number
- e. The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared
- f. Name of the forum resolving the dispute

6.5. List of Abbreviations and Index of Authorities

6.5.1. The List of Abbreviations shall include all abbreviations and acronyms (such as “SEBI”, “SC”, etc.) used in the Written Submission, but shall not include commonly used symbols (such as “%”, “&”, etc.). If any abbreviation does not appear in the List of Abbreviations, every instance when it is used in the Written Submission shall constitute a violation of this rule.

6.5.2. All authorities cited in the Written Submission must be included in the Index of Authorities and vice versa. If any authority cited in the Written Submission is not included in the Index of Authorities or vice versa, every instance when it is used in the Written Submission or the Index of Authorities, as the case may be, shall constitute a violation of this rule.

6.5.3. The List of Abbreviations and Index of Authorities must be in alphabetical order.

6.6. Footnotes and Citations

6.6.1. Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes following the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition). A few sample citations have been provided in **Annexure I** for reference.

6.6.2. While citing the legal resources mentioned in this rule, the citation format (including punctuations, capitalizations, etc.) recommended in this rule is to be followed instead of the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition).

i) RBI / SEBI / IRDA or similar regulatory body Circulars/ Notifications not published in the Gazette of India

<Subject/ Title of the Circular/ Notification>, RBI Notification No. <Notification/ Circular number> (<date of the notification in ‘Abbreviated Month DD, YYYY’ format>), <web address/ URL>.

Example:

Standardisation of Interest Rate Swap Contracts, RBI Notification No. RBI/2012-13/396 (Jan. 28, 2013), <http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=7828&Mode=0>.

ii) Unpublished SAT decisions

<Case name>, SAT Appeal No. <SAT appeal number along with year> (<date of decision in ‘Abbreviated Month DD, YYYY’ format>), <web address/ URL>, ¶ <specific paragraph being referred to>.

Note:

- a. Opposing parties in the case name must be separated by “v.”.
- b. The SAT decisions which are published in law reports or journals can be cited in the same manner as the other cases published in such law reports or journals.

Example:

Chandrakant Bhogilal Shah v. SEBI, SAT Appeal No. 24 of 2015 (Apr. 7, 2015), http://www.sebi.gov.in/cms/sebi_data/attachdocs/1428392854223.pdf, ¶ 2.

iii) SEBI Orders

SEBI Order <title of the order>, <order number>, <web address/ URL>, ¶ <specific paragraph being referred to>.

Example:

SEBI Order In the Matter of Onelife Capital Advisors Ltd., WTM/RKA/EFD/42/2015, http://www.sebi.gov.in/cms/sebi_data/attachdocs/1431517750581.pdf, ¶ 15.

iv) SEBI Adjudicating Officers' Orders

Adjudication Order <title of the order>, <order number>, <web address/ URL>, ¶ <specific paragraph being referred to>.

Example:

Adjudication Order In the Matter of M/s. JK Jute Mills Company Limited, AO/VKV/34/2015, http://www.sebi.gov.in/cms/sebi_data/attachdocs/1430902990619.pdf, ¶ 11.

v) Indian Statutes

<Short Title of the Act>, § <specific section being referred to>, No. <Act number>, Acts of Parliament, <year of the Act> (<country abbreviation>).

Example:

Banking Regulation Act, 1949, § 3, No. 10, Acts of Parliament, 1949 (India).

Note: While citing a State legislation, in place of 'Acts of Parliament', use 'Acts of <relevant State> State Legislature'. Eg: Maharashtra Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1953, § 5, No. 40, Acts of Maharashtra State Legislature, 1953 (India).

vi) Law Commission of India Reports

<Report number> LAW COMMISSION OF INDIA REPORT, <Title/ Subject of the Report>, <specific page number being referred to> (<year of publication of Report>), <web address/ URL>.

Example:

181st LAW COMMISSION OF INDIA REPORT, *Amendment to Section 106 of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882*, 8 (2002), <http://lawcommissionofindia.nic.in/reports/181rpt.pdf>.

6.6.3. While citing any legal resource, which is neither specified in Rule 6.6.2 of the Rules of the Competition nor specifically provided for in the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition), but found online, cite it as an internet resource as per the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition).

6.6.4. Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments.

Example:

Acceptable footnote: A v. B, AIR 2015 SC 50, 12-23 [hereinafter A].

Unacceptable footnote: A v. B, AIR 2015 SC 50, 12-23 [hereinafter A] (holding that the basic structure of the Constitution cannot be amended).

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

6.8. The Written Submission (*including the preliminary pages*) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:

- a. Paper size: A4
- b. Font type: Times New Roman
- c. Font size: 12
- d. Line spacing: 1.5
- e. Body of text: Justified
- f. Margin of 1 inch on each side of each page
- g. No borders

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a. Font type: Times New Roman
- b. Font size: 10
- c. Line spacing: 1
- d. Paragraph spacing: 0
- e. No additional space between 2 footnotes
- f. Body of text: Justified

6.9. Presentation of the Written Submission

6.9.1. The Written Submission shall be spiral bound only.

6.9.2. The following colour schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Written Submission:

Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner – *Blue*

Respondent/ Defendant – *Red*

6.9.3. Both the soft copies and the hard copies of the Written Submissions shall comply with the colour scheme prescribed under Rule 6.9.2. of the Rules of the Competition.

- 6.10. Each Team shall send a soft copy of the Written Submission for each side in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/ .doc) format, via electronic mail, on or before 16 August 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST) to gnlumsil@gnlu.ac.in, and shall comply with Rule 6.11 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 6.10.1. Any soft copy submission made after 16 August 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST) will be considered a late submission and shall be penalized with 1 mark for each day of delay till 21 August 2017 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 6.10.2. Any soft copy submission after 21 August 2017 (after 11:59 P.M. IST) shall not be accepted and the Team will not be allowed to participate in the Competition, except at the discretion of the OC. The decision of the OC shall be final in this regard.
- 6.10.3. Where a Team makes multiple soft copy submissions, the last in time shall be considered for the purpose of Rules 6.10.1 and 6.10.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 6.11. It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the electronic copies of the Written Submissions:
- 6.11.1. can be opened and read with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document or a later version and do not contain any virus;
- 6.11.2. are submitted as four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Written Submission for the Petitioner/ Applicant/ Appellant (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word format) and two (2) as Written Submission for the Respondent/ Defendant (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word format); and
- 6.11.3. are named according to the Team Code and the side for which the Written Submission is prepared. (For instance, Team 01 will name its Written Submission for the Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner as 01A and Written Submission for the Respondent/ Defendant as 01R.) Use of any other format (example “Team 01A” or “Team 01R”) will be penalized.
- 6.12. Eight (08) hard copies of the Written Submissions for each side (08 for the Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner and 08 for the Respondent/ Defendant) should reach the OC by 22 August 2017 (05.00 P.M. IST) at the following address:
- The Convener, Organizing Committee, GNLUMSIL,
Gujarat National Law University,
Attalika Avenue, Knowledge Corridor, Koba,
Gandhinagar – 382007 (Gujarat), India**
- 6.12.1. Each Team shall send a cover letter clearly specifying the Team Code assigned to such Team and details of the Team members and the Institution/ College/ University represented, along with the Written Submissions.

- 6.12.2. Any hard copy submission that reaches the OC after 22 August 2017 (after 5:00 P.M. IST) will be considered a late submission and shall be penalized with 1 mark for each day of delay till the day such hard copy submission reaches the OC.
- 6.12.3. Delay caused by courier services shall not be considered by the OC in determining the penalty under Rule 6.12.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 6.13. Teams are required to send the soft copies and hard copies of the Written Submissions well in time, taking all contingencies into account.
- 6.14. The hard copies of the Written Submissions must be exactly the same as the soft copies of the Written Submissions sent by the Team. Any violation of this rule shall attract penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.
- 6.15. Teams may carry hard copies of their Written Submissions for their personal use. No hard copies of Written Submissions submitted by a Team to the OC in accordance with Rule 6.12 of the Rules of the Competition shall be provided to such Team for their personal use.
- 6.16. Any Written Submission violating any of the specifications enumerated from Rule 6.2 to Rule 6.9 and in Rule 6.11 of the Rules of the Competition will be penalized according to the scheme provided below:

S. NO.	SCHEME OF DEDUCTION	MARKS DEDUCTED
1.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.2	0.5 marks for every disclosure
2.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.3	1 mark for every head omitted; 1 mark for every page in excess of page limit as applicable
3.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.4	0.50 marks for every violation
4.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.5.1, 6.5.2 or 6.5.3	1 mark for every 10 violations up to a maximum deduction of 5 marks
5.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.6.1, 6.6.2 and 6.6.3	1 mark for every 10 violations up to a maximum deduction of 5 marks
6.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.6.4	0.5 marks per violation

7.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.7	0.5 marks for each violation
8.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.8	0.5 marks per violation for every page containing such violation
9.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.9.1	2 marks per side (Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner and Respondent/ Defendant)
10.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.9.2	1 mark
11.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.11	0.5 marks for every violation
MAXIMUM DEDUCTION		15 marks

6.17. Any Written Submission violating the specifications enumerated under Rule 6.10 and Rule 6.12 of the Rules of the Competition will be penalized according to the scheme provided below:

S. NO.	SCHEME OF DEDUCTION	MARKS DEDUCTED
1.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.10	1 mark for every day of delay
2.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.12	1 mark for every day of delay; 1 mark for every missing copy
MAXIMUM DEDUCTION		10 marks

6.18. Deductions made under Rule 6.17 of the Rules of the Competition shall be over and above the maximum deduction of 15 marks prescribed under Rule 6.16 of the Rules of the Competition.

6.19. Any decision of the OC regarding the deductions shall be final and not open to challenge.

7. ORAL PLEADING SESSIONS

7.1. The order in which Teams shall submit their oral pleadings throughout the Competition shall be:

Orator 1 for Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner

Orator 2 for Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner

Orator 1 for Respondent/ Defendant

Orator 2 for Respondent/ Defendant

7.2. No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to address the Bench.

7.3. The Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be, shall be presented by only one Orator of the Team. The Rebuttals of the Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner shall be limited to responding to the oral pleadings of the Respondent/ Defendant. The Sur-rebuttals of the Respondent/ Defendant shall be limited to responding to the Rebuttals of the Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner.

7.4. Before the Oral Pleading Session of a Team begins, 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 Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed. Any extension of time will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the Bench and is strongly discouraged.

7.5. The dress code for the Competition shall be as per the applicable Bar Council of India Rules for advocates. However, robes and collars shall not be worn.

7.6. Any compendium of legal or technical authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Oral Pleading Session (“**Compendium**”) shall be submitted to the courtroom manager/ timekeeper prior to such Oral Pleading Session. The courtroom manager/ timekeeper shall provide such Compendium to the Bench only if such Compendium complies with Rule 4 of the Rules of the Competition and at the discretion of the Bench.

7.7. Any further legal or technical authorities not included in the Compendium may be passed only at the discretion of the Bench, provided that such authorities were submitted to the courtroom manager/ timekeeper prior to the Oral Pleading Session for verification of compliance with Rule 4 of the Rules of the Competition.

7.8. No photographs, graphs, diagrams or any other representation of like nature prepared by the Team can be passed to the Bench, under any circumstances whatsoever.

7.9. Team members may pass research material, other written materials or notes to the Orator who may be speaking, in a discreet manner.

7.10. Any Team which violates any of the Rules with respect to the Oral Pleading Sessions may be penalized. The decision of the Bench shall be final in this regard.

7.11. Teams shall not be permitted to use any electronic devices, like laptops, projectors, video cameras, mobile phones, etc. during the Oral Pleading Sessions.

7.12. An additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team shall be permitted to view the rounds of only that Team such person is associated with.

7.13. Any form of Scouting during the Competition is strictly prohibited and shall entail disqualification of the Team. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

7.14. Preliminary Rounds/ Quarter Finals

7.14.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 60 minutes (*including Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals*) wherein each Team will be allotted 30 minutes (*including Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be*). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.

7.14.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 15 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be.

7.14.3. No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be.

7.15. Semi Finals

7.15.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 80 minutes (*including Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals*) wherein each Team will be allotted 40 minutes (*including Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be*). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.

7.15.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 20 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be.

7.15.3. No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be.

7.16. Finals

7.16.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 90 minutes (*including Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals*) wherein each Team will be allotted 45 minutes (*including Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be*). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.

7.16.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 25 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be.

7.16.3. No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals or Sur-rebuttals, as the case may be.

8. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 8.1. The Competition shall be conducted over a period of three days from 8 September 2017 to 10 September 2017. The inaugural function and orientation of participants will be held on 8 September 2017.
- 8.2. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 8.7 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 8.3. The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions:
 - a. The Preliminary Rounds;
 - b. The Quarter Finals;
 - c. The Semi-Finals; and
 - d. The Final Round

8.4. Preliminary Rounds

- 8.4.1. The Preliminary Rounds will be held on 9 September 2017. There will be two Preliminary Rounds and each Team shall argue once as the Applicant/ Appellant/ Petitioner and once as the Respondent/ Defendant.
- 8.4.2. The pairing of Teams for the Preliminary Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots by the OC. No two Teams shall argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 8.4.3. Each Team will be provided with a hard copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session. These must be returned to the OC in their original condition after the Oral Pleading Session.
- 8.4.4. Each round shall be decided through the allocation of a total of 9 round points, with 6 points being awarded on the basis of the Oral Scores of the Teams and 3 points being awarded on the basis of the Written Submission Scores of the Teams.
- 8.4.5. If the difference between the Written Submission Scores of the two Teams (determined in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Competition) is more than 5% of the higher score, then the team with the higher Written Submission Scores will be awarded 3 points. If the difference is less than 5% 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, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each.
- 8.4.6. A Bench of 2 judges will judge each round in the Preliminary Rounds. For each judge, if the cumulative Oral Score (determined in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition) of one Team exceeds the cumulative Oral Score of the other Team by 5% of the higher cumulative Oral Score, then the Team with the higher cumulative Oral Score will be awarded 3 points. If such difference is less

than 5%, 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, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that judge. Hence, a total of 3 points per judge will be allocated for the Oral Pleading Sessions.

Example:

In a round between Team A and Team B, Judge 1 gives a cumulative Oral Score of 170 marks to Team A and 165 marks to Team B. The difference is 5 marks. Since this difference is less than 5% of 170 (which is 8.5), for Judge 1, Team A will be awarded 2 points and Team B will be awarded 1 point. In the same round, Judge 2 gives a cumulative Oral Score of 160 marks to Team A and 150 marks to Team B. Here, the difference of 10 marks is more than 5% of 160 (which is 8) and hence, Team A will be awarded 3 points and Team B will not be awarded any points. If the Written Submission Score of Team A is 75 and the Written Submission Score of Team B is 80, the difference is of 5 marks which is more than 5% of 80 (which is 4) and hence, Team B will be awarded 3 points and Team A will not be awarded any points. The total round points for that round are therefore:

Team A: 2 (Judge 1) + 3 (Judge 2) + 0 (Written Submission) = 5 points

Team B: 1 (Judge 1) + 0 (Judge 2) + 3 (Written Submission) = 4 points

8.4.7. The Team with the higher cumulative round points determined in accordance with Rules 8.4.5 and 8.4.6 of the Rules of the Competition will be adjudged as the winner of that particular round. Hence, in the example above, Team A will be adjudged the winner.

8.4.8. The top 8 Teams will qualify to the Quarter Finals. The Teams will be ranked as per the following scheme:

- a. Firstly, on the basis of the total round points earned after the two Preliminary Rounds.
- b. If there is a tie in the total round points, the rank will be determined on the basis of the number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds.
- c. If a tie persists, the rank will be determined on the basis of the total round points earned in the Oral Phases in the Preliminary Rounds.
- d. If a tie persists after the above, it will be resolved on the basis of the Written Submission Scores of the Teams.

8.5. Quarter Finals/ Semi-Finals

8.5.1. The Quarter Finals will be held on 10 September 2017 and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for the Quarter Finals shall be done by a draw of lots.

Qualifying Teams shall pick the lots in the order of their ranks determined in accordance with Rule 8.4.8 of the Rules of the Competition.

- 8.5.2. A Team will be credited with a win if the cumulative Oral Score of the Team in that match, calculated in accordance with Rule 10.1 of the Rules of the Competition, is higher than the cumulative Oral Score of the opposing Team in that match.
- 8.5.3. A tie will be resolved on the basis of the Written Submission Scores of the Teams. In case the tie persists, it will be resolved by the toss of a coin.
- 8.5.4. The Semi-Finals will be conducted on 10 September 2017 and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be done by a draw of lots.
- 8.5.5. Rules 8.5.2 and 8.5.3 of the Rules of the Competition will apply *mutatis mutandis* to determine the winner of the Semi-Finals.
- 8.5.6. The Teams in Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals will be provided with a hard copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session. These must be returned to the OC in their original condition after the Oral Pleading Session.

8.6. Finals

- 8.6.1. The Finals of the Competition will be held on 10 September 2017. The sides for which the Teams will argue will be determined through a draw of lots.
- 8.6.2. For each judge on the Bench, 1 point will be awarded to the Team which is given the higher cumulative Oral Score by that particular judge. On this basis, the total points awarded to each Team by the Bench shall be calculated.
- 8.6.3. The winner of the Competition shall be determined on the basis of the highest total points determined in accordance with Rule 8.6.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 8.6.4. A tie will be resolved by considering the cumulative Oral Score awarded by the Bench to each Team in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition. In case a tie persists, it will be resolved by considering the Written Submission Scores of the Teams.
- 8.6.5. The Teams will be provided with a hard copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session. These must be returned to the OC in their original condition after the Oral Pleading Session.

8.7. Researchers' Test

- 8.7.1. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on 8 September 2017.
- 8.7.2. Participation in the Researchers' Test is *mandatory* for all Teams and failure to participate may result in disqualification, subject to the discretion of the OC.

- 8.7.3. In a Team, only the Researcher, as designated under Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition, shall write the test and such Researcher shall not be allowed to address the Bench during the Oral Pleading Sessions.
- 8.7.4. The duration of the Researchers' Test shall be 1 hour and it shall be in the Multiple Choice Question Format.
- 8.7.5. Researchers' Test shall test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Moot Problem and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Moot Problem.
- 8.7.6. Researchers' Test shall not be an open-book test i.e. no notes, bare acts, books or any other material or electronic aid shall be permitted during the Researchers' Test.

9. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION

9.1. Written Submissions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks as per the following criteria:

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Interpretation of law and Application to facts	10
3.	Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Authoritativeness and Persuasiveness	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thought	10
8.	Originality and Innovation	10
9.	Presentation Style	10
10.	General Impression	10
TOTAL		100

9.2. The total marks for the Written Submissions shall be calculated by deducting marks for violations, in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of the Competition, from the total marks obtained by the team under Rule 9.1 of the Rules of the Competition.

10. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ORAL PLEADING SESSIONS

10.1. The Oral Pleading Sessions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks per judge as per the following criteria:

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
3.	Interpretation and Application of Law	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Response to Questions	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thought and Expression	10
8.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10
9.	Reference to Written Submissions in the course of Oral Pleadings	10
10.	Court Mannerisms	10
TOTAL		100

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

10.3. To ensure uniformity, each Judge 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 50,000.

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

11.3. The Team with the Best Written Submissions shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000.

11.4. The Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of INR 5,000. To determine the Best Orator, the Oral Score awarded to each Orator in the Preliminary Rounds, in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition, shall be considered.

- 11.5. The Best Orator in the Finals shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of INR 5,000.
- 11.6. The Best Researcher shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of INR 5,000. The Best Researcher shall be determined as per the Researcher's Test conducted in accordance with Rule 8.7 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 11.7. All members of each Team shall be awarded Certificates of Participation and all the winners of the awards specified in Rules 11.1 to 11.6 of the Rules of the Competition shall be awarded Merit Certificates. Semi-Finalist Teams shall also be awarded Merit Certificates.
- 11.8. The OC reserves the right to make any changes to the above-mentioned rules.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.1. Accommodation shall be provided to the participants only during the days of the Competition. Teams which intend to arrive prior to or leave after the specified dates are required to make their own arrangements.
- 12.2. The OC reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the Rules of the Competition. The OC shall communicate any changes made in the Rules of the Competition to the Teams.
- 12.3. The OC reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Rules of the Competition. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding.
- 12.4. The OC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- 12.5. The copyright in the Written Submissions of Teams shall vest with Gujarat National Law University ("GNLU"). GNLU 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.
- 12.6. No audio recording or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the OC, the Bench before which the team is scheduled to present and the opposing Team. The OC reserves all rights to audio recording and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction of any oral round or part thereof.
- 12.7. If a Team believes that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, within half an hour after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, register a complaint with the Student Convener of the Competition.
- 12.8. Team(s) shall not approach the Bench with any complaints, under any circumstances whatsoever.

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ANNEXURE I

i) Indian Cases

If the reporter adopts a fixed format of citation, use the same format and indicate the country abbreviation, if not evident from the context. For example:

- ADM, Jabalpur v. Shivkant Shukla, AIR 1976 SC 1207 (India).
- Charan Lal Sahu v. Union Carbide, (1989) 1 SCC 674 (India).

Where a reporter does not adopt a fixed citation format, use the following citation format:

<Case name>, (<year of reporter>) <volume number> <reporter abbreviation> <first page> (<year of decision if different from the year of reporter>) (<country abbreviation >).

ii) The Constitution of India

INDIA CONST. art. <specific Article being referred to>, § <specific clause of the Article being referred to, if any>, cl. <specific sub-clause of the clause being referred to, if any>, *amended by* <Short Title of the relevant Constitutional Amendment, if any>.

Example:

- INDIA CONST. art. 1, § 3, cl. (c).
- INDIA CONST. art. 269, *amended by* The Constitution (Eightieth Amendment) Act, 2000.

iii) Notifications and Regulations published in the Gazette of India

<Title/ Subject of the Notification/ Regulations>, Gazette of India, pt. <specific Part of the Gazette of India in which the notification/ regulation is published> sec. <specific Section of the Part in which the notification/ regulation is published> (<date of decision in ‘Abbreviated Month DD, YYYY’ format>).

Example:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Gazette of India, pt. III sec. 4 (Sept. 2, 2015).