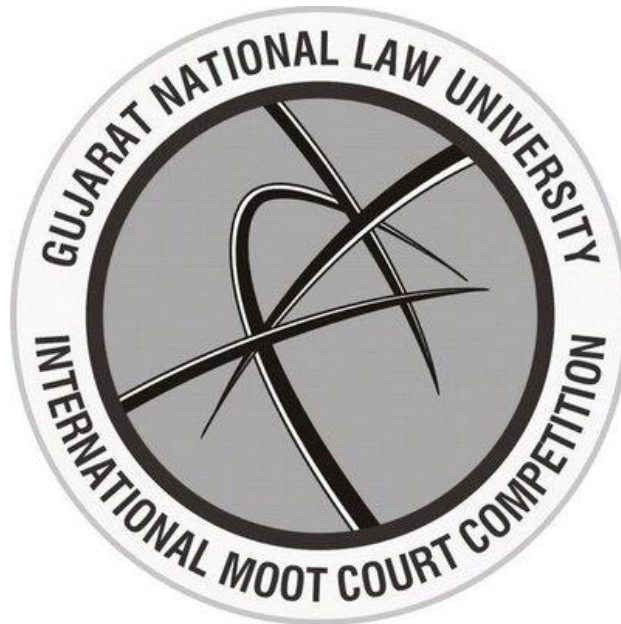




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13TH GNLU INTERNATIONAL
MOOT COURT COMPETITION,
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OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

First week of December, 2021	Release of Moot Problem
15 January 2022	Last date to apply for clarifications to the Moot Problem
1 February 2022	Clarifications, if any, to be published on the Official Website
1 March 2022	Last date to complete all registration formalities
8 March 2022	Dispatch of Team Codes to participating teams
16 March 2022	Last date for submitting the soft copy of the Written Submission
6 April 2022	Inaugural Function, Orientation of Participants, and Researchers' Test
7 – 8 April 2022	Preliminary Rounds
9 April 2022	Quarter-Final and Semi-Final Rounds
10 April 2022	Final Round and Valedictory Ceremony

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These are the rules for the 13th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2022.
2. The 13th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2022 [Competition] shall be held virtually from 6 to 10 April, 2022 by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.
3. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
4. The Organising Committee [OC] shall function as the point of contact, and any changes in the Rules of the Competition shall be notified by email to all participating teams.
5. The official email for all correspondence with respect to the Competition is gimc@gnlu.ac.in.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **“Bluebook”** means the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th Edition).
- 1.2. **“Clarifications”** refer to the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Problem issued pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of the Competition. They shall form part of the Moot Problem.
- 1.3. **“Competition”** means the 13th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2022.
- 1.4. **“Complainant”** means that Team which argues on behalf of the complainant at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.5. **“Compendium”** means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Oral Pleading Session.
- 1.6. **“Developing Countries or Economies”** for the purpose of the Rules of the Competition shall mean all those countries, excluding India, identified as such by the United Nations Development Programme. ([Developing regions | Human Development Reports \(undp.org\)](#))
- 1.7. **“Identity”** means any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team and the state or region where such Institution/College/University is located, and includes any identification marks/seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented.
- 1.8. **“INR”** means Indian Rupee.

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- 1.9. **“IST”** means Indian Standard Time.
- 1.10. **“Least Developed Countries”** for the purpose of the Rules of the Competition shall mean all those countries identified as such by the United Nations as of 24 November 2021. ([ldc list.pdf \(un.org\)](#))
- 1.11. **“Official Website”** means the website of the Competition. (<https://gnlu.ac.in/GIMC/Home>)
- 1.12. **“Oral Pleading Session”** means the oral pleadings before a Panel as explained in Rule 8 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.13. **“Oral Score”** means the score given by a Panellist in accordance with Rule 9.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.14. **“Orator”** means one of the two designated speakers in a Team.
- 1.15. **“Organising Committee”** or **“OC”** 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.
- 1.16. **“Panel”** refers to the Panellists in an Oral Pleading Session collectively.
- 1.17. **“Panellist”** means an adjudicator of an Oral Pleading Session.
- 1.18. **“Rebuttals”** refer to the set of arguments/challenges that the Complainant shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators.
- 1.19. **“Reply to Rebuttals”** means the defence presented by the Respondent in response to the Rebuttals.
- 1.20. **“Researcher”** means that member of a Team who is not an Orator.
- 1.21. **“Researchers’ Test”** means a written test conducted during the Competition in accordance with Rule 7.8 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.22. **“Respondent”** means that Team which argues on behalf of the respondent at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.23. **“Scouting”** means any person observing the Oral Pleading Session of a Team other than the Team such person is associated with.
- 1.24. **“Team”** means the registered representatives of any Institution/College/University participating in the Competition and shall include only those members as specified in Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.25. **“Team Code”** means the code allotted to a Team through a draw of lots by the OC.

- 1.26. **“Virtual Platform”** means any online platform which is determined by the OC for the conduct of Oral Pleading Sessions in the Competition.
- 1.27. **“Waiting Area”** means the area designated by the OC on the Virtual Platform wherein team members are required to wait for their Oral Pleading Sessions to start.
- 1.28. **“Written Submission”** means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per Rule 6 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.29. **“Written Submission Score”** means the score determined in accordance with Rule 9.1 of the Rules of the Competition.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- 2.1. The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate/postgraduate law course or its equivalent conducted by any recognized Institution/College/University.
- 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 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, two members 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 will not be entitled to a certificate from the OC.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. General Rules

- 3.1.1. Each Team must register by filling up the Google Form [GIMC 2022 | Registration](#) and by paying the registration fees as provided in Rule 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 3.1.2. Each Team shall complete such registration on or before 1 March 2022 (11:59 PM IST).

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- 3.1.3. Each Team is required to upload a copy of a bona-fide letter issued by the appropriate authority of their Institution/College/University as a part of the Registration Form.
- 3.1.4. Once a Team registers by completing the formalities given in Rule 3 of the Rules of the Competition, a code [hereinafter “**Team Code**”] shall be assigned to the Team by 8 March 2022.
- 3.1.5. A Team that has registered pursuant to Rule 3 of the Rules of the Competition may change its composition only after informing the Organising Committee of such change filling the Google Form [GIMC 2022 | Change in Team Composition](#). The Google Form should be filled by the member of a Team who will remain part of the Team even after the change in the Team composition. After filling the Google Form, an email is to be sent to gimc@gnlu.ac.in with the subject “Change in Team Composition [Name of Institution/College/University]” informing the OC that there is a change in the Team composition. The change in the Team composition will be approved by the OC and a reply will be sent to the remaining and/or new members of the Team. Changes to the team composition may not be made later than 4 April 2022.
- 3.1.6. Any changes in the contact details of Team members must be notified to the OC at the earliest. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition, unless such a Team withdraws or is disqualified from the Competition.

3.2. **Registration Fee**

- 3.2.1. The registration fee is INR 2,000/- per Team for Indian Teams, Teams for Least Developed Countries and Teams from Developing Countries/Economies. Teams from Least Developed Countries or Developing Countries/Economies may pay in INR or its equivalent amount in US Dollars.
- 3.2.2. All other Teams shall pay US \$100 as registration fees.

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3.2.3. Teams which have registered for the Competition in Accordance to Rules 3 of the Rules of the Competition may withdraw from the Competition after informing the OC of such withdrawal on or before 14 March 2022. If a Team gives notice of withdrawal on or before 14 March 2022, 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 shall not be entitled to any refund.

3.2.4. Teams from Least Developed Countries and Developing Countries/Economies are eligible to apply for waiver of registration fee. All formalities related to application for waiver must be completed by 1 March 2022 (11:59 PM IST). The decision of the OC shall be final in this regard.

3.3. Mode of Payment

3.3.1. Indian teams shall make payment by Online Transfer. The procedure for the same has been provided in **Annexure I**.

3.3.2. Foreign teams may make payment by Bank Transfer. The procedure for the same has been provided in **Annexure I**.

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 3.1.4 of the Rules of the Competition.

4.2. Teams shall not, in any way, reveal their identity in the Written Submissions or in the course of the Oral Pleading 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, books, legal texts, or any other reference material, carried during the Oral Pleading Session, whether presented to the Bench or not subject to Rule 8.8, shall not reveal the Team's identity and will be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented. If anything on the material carried during the Oral Pleading Session

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reveals the Team's identity, the Team shall render the same unrecognizable to the satisfaction of the OC prior to joining the Oral Pleading Session.

- 4.4. Any violation of Rules 4.1, 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.
- 4.5. Any attempts by a Team or a member of the Team to contact, either directly or indirectly, the drafter of the Moot Problem for any reason whatsoever after the release of the Moot Problem and before the Competition closes shall lead to the disqualification of such Team from the Competition.

5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

- 5.1. Teams may seek Clarifications via email to gimc@gnlu.ac.in, latest by 15 January 2022 (11:59 PM IST).
- 5.2. All Clarifications shall be posted on the Official Website by 1 February 2022. This date is subject to change.

6. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

- 6.1. Each Team is required to prepare Written Submission for both sides, i.e. the Complainant and the Respondent of the case.
- 6.2. A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team pursuant to Rule 3.1.4 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) Measures at Issue

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- g) Summary of Pleadings (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - h) Legal Pleadings (not exceeding 25 pages)
 - i) Request for Findings (not exceeding 1 page)
- 6.4. A Written Submission should not exceed the maximum limit of 45 (forty-five) pages in length, including the Legal Pleadings and Cover Page.
- 6.5. 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 3.1.4 of the Rules of the Competition
 - b. The name and year of the Competition
 - c. The name of the case
 - d. The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared
 - e. Name of the forum resolving the dispute
- 6.6. **List of Abbreviations and Index of Authorities**
- 6.6.1. The List of Abbreviations shall include all abbreviations and acronyms (such as “WTO”, “USA”, etc.) used in the Written Submission, but shall not include the following symbols: “%”, “&”, “\$”, “¶” and “€”. If any abbreviation does not appear in the List of Abbreviations or vice versa, every instance when it is used in the Written Submission shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- 6.6.2. 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.
- 6.6.3. The List of Abbreviations and Index of authorities must be in alphabetical order.
- 6.7. **Footnotes and Citations**
- 6.7.1. Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes following the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition).
- 6.7.2. Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments.

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Example: *Acceptable footnote*: Panel Report, *United States – Sections 301-310 of the Trade Act of 1974*, WTO Doc. WT/DS152/R (adopted Jan. 25, 2000) [hereinafter Section 301 Panel Report].

Unacceptable footnote: Panel Report, *United States – Sections 301-310 of the Trade Act of 1974*, WTO Doc. WT/DS152/R (adopted Jan. 25, 2000) [Hereinafter Section 301 Panel Report] (holding that quantitative restrictions are against GATT).

- 6.8. The Written Submission shall not contain any annexure, photograph, diagrams, or other representation of like nature.
- 6.9. The Written Submission (*including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page*) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:
- a. Page Size: A4
 - b. Font Type: Times New Roman
 - c. Font Size: 12
 - d. Line Spacing: 1.5
 - e. Body of Text: Justified
 - f. Margin: 1 inch on all sides
 - g. No borders

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a. Font Type: Times New Roman
- b. Font Size: 10
- c. Line Spacing: 1.0
- d. Paragraph Spacing: 0
- e. No additional space between 2 footnotes
- f. Body of Text: Justified

6.10. Presentation of the Written Submission

6.10.1. The Written Submission must be submitted only in soft copy.

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

Complainant – *Blue (in any shade)*

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Respondent – *Red (in any shade)*

- 6.10.3. The soft copies of the Written Submission shall comply with the colour scheme prescribed under Rule 6.10.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 6.11. Each Team shall send a soft copy of the Written Submission for each side in PDF and Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) formats, via email, on or before 16 March 2022 (11:59 PM IST) to gimc@gnlu.ac.in and shall comply with Rule 6.11 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 6.11.1. Any soft copy submission made after 16 March 2022 (11:59 PM IST) will be considered a late submission and shall be penalized with 1 mark for each day of delay till 23 March 2022 (11:59 PM IST).
- 6.11.2. Any soft copy submission after 23 March 2022 (after 11:59 PM 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.
- 6.11.3. Where a Team makes multiple soft copy submissions, the last in time shall be considered for the purpose of Rules 6.11.1 and 6.11.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 6.11.4. Teams are required to send the soft copies of the Written Submissions well in time, taking all contingencies into account. Equipment failure, computer disk failure, internet connectivity issues, etc. shall not be considered as grounds for condoning late submission of Written Submissions in determining any penalty imposed.
- 6.12. It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the soft copy of the Written Submissions are compliant of the following:
- 6.12.1. That is can be opened and read with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document (through use of compatibility mode) or a later version, do not contain any virus, and are not password protected;
- 6.12.2. That they are submitted as 4 (four) separate file attachments: 2 (two) as Written Submission for the Complainant (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word format) and 2 (two) as Written Submission for the Respondent (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word format); and

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6.12.3. The files are named according to the Team Code and the side for which the Written Submission is prepared. The Team Code on the upper right-hand corner of the cover page is to follow the same format (for instance, Team 01 will name its Written Submission for the Complainant as 01C and the Written Submission for the respondent as 01R). Use of any other format (example “Team 01C” or “Team 01R”) will be penalized.

6.13. Any Written Submission violating any of the specifications enumerated from Rule 6.2 to Rule 6.10 and in 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 6.2	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 Rule 6.4	1 mark for every page exceeded
4.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.5	0.5 marks for every violation
5.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.6.1, 6.6.2, or 6.6.3	1 mark for every 10 violations up to a maximum deduction of 5 marks
6.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.7.1	1 mark for every 10 violations up to a maximum deduction of 5 marks
7.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.7.2	0.5 marks per violation
8.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.8	0.5 marks per violation
9.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.9	0.5 marks per violation for every page containing such violation up

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		to a maximum deduction of 5 marks
10.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.10.2	1 mark per side [Complainant and Respondent]
11.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.12.1 or 6.12.3	0.5 marks for every violation
MAXIMUM DEDUCTION		15 marks

6.14. Any Written Submission violating the specifications enumerated under Rule 6.11 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 6.11	1 mark for every day of delay
2.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.12.2	1 mark for every missing copy
MAXIMUM DEDUCTION		10 marks

6.15. Deductions made under Rule 6.14 of the Rules of the Competition shall be over and above the maximum deduction of 15 marks prescribed under Rule 6.13 of the Rules of the Competition.

6.16. Any decision of the OC regarding the deductions shall be final.

7. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

7.1. The Competition shall be conducted over a period of five days from 6 – 10 April 2022. The Inaugural Ceremony, Orientation of Participants and Researchers' Test shall be conducted on 6 April 2022.

7.2. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7.8 of the Rule of the Competition.

7.3. The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions:

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- a. The Preliminary Rounds;
 - b. The Quarter-Final Rounds;
 - c. The Semi-Final Rounds; and
 - d. The Final Round.
- 7.4. The Teams participating in a Round will be provided with a soft copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session.
- 7.5. **Preliminary Rounds**
- 7.5.1. The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted over two days – 7 and 8 April 2022. There will be two Preliminary Rounds and each Team shall argue once as the Complainant and once as the Respondent. The Team which argues as the Complainant on the first day shall argue as the Respondent on the second day, and vice-versa.
- 7.5.2. The pairing of Teams for the Preliminary Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots by the OC. No two Teams shall argue each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 7.5.3. Each Team will be sent the opposing Team's Written Submission via email prior to the Oral Pleading Session. No Team shall be provided any information regarding the identity of the opposing Teams or any other Team participating in the Competition.
- 7.5.4. 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.
- 7.5.5. If the difference between the Written Submission Scores of the two Teams (determined in accordance with Rule 9.1 of the Rules of the Competition) is more than 7% of the higher score, then the team with the higher Written Submission Scores 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, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each.

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7.5.6. A Panel of 2 Panellists will judge each rounds in the Preliminary Rounds. For each Panellist, if the cumulative Oral Score (determined in accordance with Rule 9.2 of the Rules of the Competition) of one Team exceeds the cumulative Oral Score of the other Team by 7% 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 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, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that Panellist. Hence, a total of 3 points per Panellist will be allocated for the Oral Pleading Session.

Example:

In a round between Team A and Team B, Panellist 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 7% of 170 (which is 11.9), for Panellist 1, Team A will be awarded 2 points and Team B will be awarded 1 point. In the same round, Panellist 2 gives a cumulative Oral Score of 160 marks to Team A and 175 marks to Team B. Here, the difference of 15 marks is more than 7% of 175 (which is 12.25) and hence, Team A will be awarded 0 points and Team B will be awarded 3 points. If the Written Submission Score of Team A is 75 and the Written Submission Score of Team B is 75, there exists a tie and hence, the 3 points will be split equally. Team A will be awarded 1.5 points and Team B will be awarded 1.5 points. The total round points for that round are therefore:

Team A: 2 (Panellist 1) + 0 (Panellist 2) + 1.5 (Written Submission) = 3.5 points

Team B: 1 (Panellist 1) + 3 (Panellist 2) + 1.5 (Written Submission) = 5.5 points

7.5.7. The Team with the higher cumulative round points determined in accordance with Rules 7.5.5 and 7.5.6 of the Rules of the Competition will be adjudged as the winner of that particular round.

Example: Team B will be adjudged the winner in the above example.

7.5.8. 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 Pleading Sessions 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.

7.6. Quarter-Final/Semi Final Rounds

7.6.1. The Quarter-Final Rounds will be held on 9 April 2022 and will be knockout rounds. Amongst the top 8 qualifying Teams, the pairing of Teams for the Quarter Finals shall be done in the following manner:

Team ranked 1 v. Team ranked 8 (Quarter Final 1)

Team ranked 2 v. Team ranked 7 (Quarter Final 2)

Team ranked 3 v. Team ranked 6 (Quarter Final 3)

Team ranked 4 v. Team ranked 5 (Quarter Final 4)

The side (Complainant/Respondent) of the qualifying teams will be decided by draw of lots.

7.6.2. A Team will be credited with a win if the cumulative Oral Score of the Team in that match, calculated in accordance with Rule 9.2 of the Rules of the Competition is higher than the cumulative Oral Score of the opposing Team in that match.

7.6.3. 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 toss of a coin.

7.6.4. The Semi-Final Rounds will be conducted on 9 April 2022 and will be knockout rounds. Amongst the Teams qualifying the Quarter Final rounds, the pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be in the following manner:

Team that wins Quarter Final 1 v. Team that wins Quarter Final 4 (Semi Final 1)

Team that wins Quarter Final 2 v. Team that wins Quarter Final 3 (Semi Final 2)

The side (Complainant/Respondent) of the qualifying Teams will be decided by draw of lots.

7.6.5. Rules 7.6.2 and 7.6.3 of the Rules of the Competition will apply *mutatis mutandis* to determine the winner of the Semi-Finals.

7.6.6. The Teams in Quarter-Finals Rounds and Semi-Finals Rounds will be provided with a soft copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session.

7.7. Final Round

7.7.1. The Final Rounds of the Competition will be held on 10 April 2022. The final round will be conducted between the Teams that win the Semi-Final 1 and Semi-Final 2. The sides for which the Teams will argue will be determined through a draw of lots.

7.7.2. For each Panellist on the Panel, one (1) point will be awarded to the Team which is given higher cumulative Oral Score by that Particular Panellist. On this basis, the total points awarded to each Team by the Panel shall be calculated.

7.7.3. The winner of the Competition shall be determined on the basis of the highest total points determined in accordance with Rule 7.7.2 of Rules of the Competition. In case a tie persists, it will be resolved by considering the Written Submission Scores of the Teams.

7.7.4. The Teams will be provided with a soft copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session.

7.8. Researchers' Test

7.8.1. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on 6 April 2022.

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- 7.8.2. 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 Panel during the Oral Pleading Sessions.
- 7.8.3. The 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.
- 7.8.4. No notes, legal texts, books or any other reference material or electronic aid shall be permitted during the Researchers' Test.

8. ORAL PLEADING SESSIONS

- 8.1. Teams shall submit their oral pleadings throughout the Competition in the following order:

Orator 1 for Complainant

Orator 2 for Complainant

Orator 1 for Respondent

Orator 2 for Respondent

- 8.2. No Researcher of any Team shall be permitted to address the Panel.
- 8.3. The Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, shall be presented by only one Orator of the Team. The Rebuttals of the Complainant shall be limited to responding to the Oral Pleadings of the Respondent. The Reply to Rebuttals of the Respondent shall be limited to responding to the rebuttals of the Complainant. There will be no sur-rebuttals allowed.
- 8.4. Before the Oral Pleading Session of a Team begins, the Orators of the Team shall inform the OC regarding the following:
- Order of speaking of the Orators.
 - The Orator delivering the Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.
 - Time reserved by each speaker for Oral Pleadings, as well as for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, in accordance with Rule 8.12 of the Rules of the Competition.

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Once the Team has communicated these details to the OC, these details cannot be changed for the Session in question. Extensions of time may be granted only in extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the Panel, and is strongly discouraged.

- 8.5. Teams shall not reveal their identity (including names of the participants) throughout the duration of the Oral Pleading Sessions.
- 8.6. In case any opponent Team fails to appear in an Oral Pleading Session, the round shall be conducted *ex-parte* and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulted Team had been present and arguing.
- 8.7. The dress code for the Competition shall be business formals.
- 8.8. No Compendiums shall be allowed. Teams will not be allowed to submit any material to the Judges in their courtroom by any means. Only in extraordinary circumstances where the Judge asks for such material to be sent to them, Teams will be required to send such material to an email ID provided by the OC, and subsequently, after the material is vetted, the OC has the discretion to forward the same to the Judge concerned.
- 8.9. Any Team which violates any of the Rules with respect to the Oral Pleading Sessions may be penalized. The decision of the Panel shall be final in this regard.
- 8.10. An additional member or Team Coach shall not be permitted to view the rounds of any Team.
- 8.11. 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.
- 8.12. Teams shall reserve at least 1 minute for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, for all Oral Pleading Sessions throughout the duration of the Competition. No Team shall, however, reserve more than 5 minutes for the same.
- 8.13. The allocation of time between the Orators of a Team, as well as time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, is to be in whole minutes only.
- 8.14. **Preliminary Rounds**
 - 8.14.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 60 (sixty) minutes wherein each Team will be allocated 30 (thirty) minutes (including Rebuttals or Reply

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to Rebuttals, as the case may be). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.

8.14.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 15 (fifteen) minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.

8.15. Quarter-Final/Semi-Final Rounds

8.15.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 80 (eighty) minutes wherein each Team will be allocated 40 (forty) minutes (including Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.

8.15.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 20 (twenty) minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.

8.16. Final Round

8.16.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 90 (ninety) minutes wherein each Team will be allocated 45 (forty-five) minutes (including Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.

8.16.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 25 (twenty-five) minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.

9. EVALUATION CRITERIA

9.1. Evaluation Criteria for Written Submissions

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

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction	10
2.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	15

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3.	Interpretation and Application of Law to Facts	10
4.	Use of Authorities	15
5.	Authoritativeness and Persuasiveness	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thought	10
8.	Originality and Innovation	10
9.	Presentation Style and General Impression	10
TOTAL		100

9.1.2. 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 9.1.1 of the Rules of the Competition.

9.2. Evaluation Criteria for Oral Pleading Sessions

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

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	15
3.	Interpretation and Application of Law	15
4.	Use of Authorities	10

5.	Organization of Arguments	10
6.	Response to Questions	10
7.	Clarity of Thought and Expression	10
8.	Argumentative Skills, Creativity and Innovation	10
9.	Court Mannerisms	10
TOTAL		100

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

9.2.3. To ensure uniformity, each Panellist will be briefed in advance regarding the marking criteria.

10. PRIZES AND AWARDS

10.1. Prizes and awards shall adhere to the following scheme:

S. NO.	CITATION	PRIZES AND AWARDS
1.	Winning Team	Merit Certificate + Cash Prize
2.	Runners-Up Team	Merit Certificate + Cash Prize
3.	Best Written Submissions	Merit Certificate + Cash Prize
4.	2 nd Best Written Submissions	Merit Certificate
5.	Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds	Merit Certificate + Cash Prize

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6.	2 nd Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds	Merit Certificate
7.	Best Orator in the Final Rounds	Merit Certificate + Cash Prize
8.	Best Researcher	Merit Certificate + Cash Prize
9.	2 nd Best Researcher	Merit Certificate

10.2. The Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds and 2nd Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds awards shall be determined as per the Oral Score awarded to each Orator in the Preliminary Rounds in accordance with Rule 9.2 of the Rules of the Competition.

10.3. The Best Researcher and 2nd Best Researcher awards shall be determined as per the Researchers' Test conducted in accordance with Rule 7.8 of the Rules of the Competition.

10.4. All members of each Team shall be awarded Certificates of Participation. Semi-Finalist and Quarter-Finalist Teams shall also be awarded Merit Certificates.

10.5. The OC reserves the right to make any changes to the above-mentioned rules.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11.1. 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.

11.2. 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.

11.3. The OC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.

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- 11.4. If any one member of a Team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
- 11.5. 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.
- 11.6. No audio or video recording of Oral Pleading Session is permitted without the permission of the OC, the Panel 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 round or part thereof.
- 11.7. If a Team believes that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, at the earliest register a complaint with the Student Convenors of the Competition.
- 11.8. Team(s) shall not approach the Panel with any complaints, under any circumstances whatsoever.

12. ACCESSIBILITY

- 12.1. The GIMC OC is committed to ensuring the highest degree of accessibility for all Teams participating in the Competition.
- 12.2. All our documents are capable of being read by screen-readers. However, if any of our documents are inaccessible to any Team member, Teams are requested to contact us on gimc@gnlu.ac.in to receive more accessible materials in a screen-reader compatible format.
- 12.3. In a situation where the Virtual Platform chosen is inaccessible to any Team member, a more accessible Virtual Platform will be chosen for the Team concerned. Any accessibility concerns related to the Virtual Platform chosen will be dealt with in the Technological Guidelines released by the OC.
- 12.4. In case any Team member of a Team is hearing or speech impaired, the same Team member will be permitted to have their own interpreter present at the time of Oral

Pleading Session in the Competition. Such an interpreter need not be a Team member. However, the same must be notified to the OC before the dates of the Competition.

13. EQUITY POLICY

- 13.1. Two Equity Officers will be appointed to deal with issues relating to sexual harassment during the conduct of the Competition.
- 13.2. These Officers will be introduced to participating Teams at the Inauguration of the Competition.
- 13.3. The Equity Policy to be followed during the Competition will be shared with all registered participants of the Competition.

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ANNEXURE I

MODE OF PAYMENT

1. Procedure for Payment of Registration Fee for Teams from India.

ONLINE PAYMENT

Teams from India shall make payment using the Online Payment on the following link:
<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>.

Teams are instructed to mention the full name of their Institution/College/University in the column provided for Remarks while making the payment.

Teams are required to download the receipt of the payment and upload the same to the Google form.

Kindly find below the procedure for online payment:

- Accept the Terms and Conditions and select 'Proceed'.
- Select 'Gujarat' in the State of Institution.
- Select 'Educational Institutions' in the Type of Institution.
- Select 'Gujarat National Law University' from the List of Educational Institutions.
- Select 'GNLU International Moot Court Competition' in the Payment Category.
- Enter details and submit.
- Once payment is successful, generate receipt of the transaction and download the same.

2. Procedure for Payment of Registration Fee for Teams from Outside India.

Teams from Outside India shall make payment through bank transfer. All transfer fees must be paid by the transferor in US \$ only. The transfer must indicate the name of your University as the transferor for your University to be given credit for having paid the registration fee. The Bank details are as follows:

1. Name of Beneficiary

Gujarat National Law University

2. Address of Beneficiary

Attalika Avenue, Knowledge Corridor, Koba, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India – 382426

3. Name of the Bank

HDFC Bank Ltd.

4. Bank Branch (Full Address)

G – 2, Ground Floor, Super Mall – II, Infocity, Gandhinagar – 382009

5. Bank Account Number

24971450000146

6. Beneficiary Bank's SWIFT Code

HDFCINBB

Note: A copy of the Bank Receipt/Transaction ID should be emailed to gimc@gnlu.ac.in