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OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

01 st January, 2024 (11:59 p.m. IST)	Last day to apply for clarifications to the Moot Problem
03 rd January, 2024	Last date for provisional registration
8 th January, 2024	Clarifications, if any, to be published on the Official Website
20 th January, 2024	Last date for completion of registration formalities
26 th January, 2024	Dispatch of Team Codes to participating teams
7 th February, 2024 (11:59 p.m. IST)	Last date for submitting the soft copy of the Written Submissions
12 th February, 2024 (07:00 p.m. IST)	Last date for submitting the hard copy of the Written Submissions
15 th February, 2024	Inaugural Function, Orientation of Participants, and Researchers' Test
16 th – 17 th February, 2024	Preliminary Rounds
18 th February, 2024	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals, and Valedictory Ceremony

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These are the rules for the 15th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2024.
2. The 15th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2024 shall be held from 15 to 18 February, 2024 at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.
3. The Organizing 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.
4. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
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 15th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2024.
- 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. (hdr.undp.org/en/content/developing-regions).
- 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. **“IST”** means Indian Standard Time.

- 1.9. **“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 March 2019. (www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/publication/ldc_list.pdf)
- 1.10. **“Official Website”** means the website of the Competition <https://gnlu.ac.in/GIMC/Home>.
- 1.11. **“Oral Pleading Session”** means the oral pleadings before a Panel as explained in Rule 8 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.12. **“Oral Score”** means the score given by a Panelist in accordance with Rule 9.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.13. **“Orator”** means any one of the two designated speakers in a Team.
- 1.14. **“Organizing 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.
- 1.15. **“Panel”** refers to the Panelists in an Oral Pleading Session collectively.
- 1.16. **“Panelist”** means an adjudicator of an Oral Pleading Session.
- 1.17. **“Rebuttals”** refer to the set of arguments/challenges that the Complainant shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators.
- 1.18. **“Reply to Rebuttals”** means the defense presented by the Respondent in response to the Rebuttals.
- 1.19. **“Researcher”** means that member of a Team who is not an Orator.
- 1.20. **“Researchers’ Test”** means a written test conducted during the Competition in accordance with Rule 7.8 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.21. **“Respondent”** means that Team which argues on behalf of the respondent at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.22. **“Scouting”** means any person observing the Oral Pleading Session of a Team other than the Team such person is associated with.
- 1.23. **“Team”** means the registered representatives of any College/Institution/University participating in the Competition and shall include only those members as specified in Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.24. **“Team Code”** means the code allotted to a Team through a draw of lots.
- 1.25. **“Waiting Area”** means the area designated by the OC where participants shall report prior to the commencement of each Oral Pleading Session.

- 1.26. **“Written Submission”** means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per Rule 6 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.27. **“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 College/ Institution/ University.
- 2.2. A recognized College/Institution/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 Registration Form available in **Annexure II** of these Rules as well as on the Official Website and by paying the registration fee as provided in Rule 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 3.1.2. Each Team shall complete such registration on or before 3rd January 2024 (11:59 p.m. IST).
- 3.1.3. Each Team is required to send a bona-fide letter issued by the appropriate authority of their College/Institution/University/ along with the duly filled Registration Form.
- 3.1.4. A scanned copy of the duly filled Registration Form and the bona fide letter should be uploaded on the Google form [GIMC 2024 | Registrations](#)
- 3.1.5. In the event that the team is unable to fill the Google form provided above, they shall notify the details required for the same, by email to gimc@gnlu.ac.in.

- 3.1.6. All foreign teams shall be issued an Invitation Letter by the Organizing Committee to facilitate the process of obtaining a visa. All foreign teams are required to fill the following Google Form by 15 January, 2024 in pursuance of the same: [GIMC 2024 Visa Letter](#)
- 3.1.7. Once a Team registers by completing the formalities given in Rules 3.1 – 3.3 of the Rules of the Competition, a code (hereinafter “**Team Code**”) shall be assigned to the Team by 1st February, 2024.
- 3.1.8. A Team that has registered pursuant to Rules 3.1 – 3.3 of the Rules of the Competition may change its composition only after informing the Organizing Committee of such change by way of filling and emailing the Change in Team Composition Form available in **Annexure III** of these Rules to gimc@gnlu.ac.in. Changes to the team composition may not be made later than 5 February 2024.
- 3.1.9. 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 5,000/- per Team for Indian Teams, teams from 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 or Euros.
- 3.2.2. All other Teams shall pay US \$200 or its equivalent excluding service charge (if any) in Euros as registration fee.
- 3.2.3. Teams which have registered for the Competition in accordance with Rules 3.1 – 3.3 of the Rules of the Competition may withdraw from the Competition after informing the OC of such withdrawal on or before 5 February, 2024. If a Team gives notice of withdrawal on or before 5 February, 2024, 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 01st January, 2024 (11:59 p.m. IST). The decision of the OC shall be final in this regard.

3.3. **Mode of Payment**

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

3.3.2. Foreign teams may make payment by Bank Transfer only. 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 3.1.7 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 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, books, legal texts, or any other reference material, carried into the courtroom for the Oral Pleading Session, whether presented to the Bench or not, 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 into the courtroom reveals the Team's Identity, the Team shall render the same unrecognizable to the satisfaction of the OC prior to leaving the Waiting Area.

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 e-mail to gimc@gnlu.ac.in, latest by 01st January, 2024 (11:59 p.m. IST).

5.2. All Clarifications shall be posted on the Official Website by 8th January, 2024.

6. **WRITTEN SUBMISSION**

6.1. Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions 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 3.1.7 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 College /Institution/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
 - g. Summary of Pleadings (not exceeding 3 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 6.11.3 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 (21st edition).

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

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 shall be **spiral bound only**.

6.10.2. The hard copy of Written Submission **shall be printed on both sides**.

6.10.3. The following color schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Written Submission:

Complainant – *Blue*

Respondent – *Red*

6.10.4. Both the soft copies and the hard copies of the Written Submissions shall comply with the color scheme prescribed under Rule 6.10.3 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 (.docx/.doc) formats, via e-mail, on or before 07 February, 2024 (11:59 p.m. 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 07 February, 2024 (11:59 p.m. IST) will be considered a late submission and shall be penalized with 1 mark for each day of delay till 12th February, 2024 (11:59 p.m. IST).

6.11.2. Any soft copy submission after 12th February, 2024 (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.

6.11.3. 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.

6.12. It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the soft copy of the Written Submissions is compliant of the following:

6.12.1. That it 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 four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Written Submission for the Complainant (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word format) and two (2) as Written Submission for the Respondent (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word format); and

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 Written Submission for the Respondent as 01R.) Use of any other format (example “Team 01C” or “Team 01R”) will be penalized.

6.13. All Teams are required to submit Five (05) hard copies of the Written Submissions for each side (05 for the Complainant and 05 for the Respondent) at the following address:

The Convenor, Organizing Committee, GIMC, Gujarat National Law University, Attalika Avenue, Knowledge Corridor, Koba (Sub P.O.), Gandhinagar – 382426 (Gujarat), India Phone No.: +91 81286 50806 / +91 7019953894 / +91 7907498059 / +91 9910902358.

- a. All Indian Teams should ensure that their hard copies reach the OC by 12th February, 2024 (07:00 p.m. IST).
- b. All Foreign Teams should ensure that their hard copies reach the OC by 10th February, 2024 (07:00 p.m. IST).
- c. The teams are required to submit a cover letter along with the hard copy of the Written Submissions. The cover letter should specify the Team Code assigned to such Team, details of the Team members and the College/Institution/University represented.
- d. Teams are required to send the soft copies and hard copies of the Written Submissions well in time, taking all contingencies into account. Equipment failure, computer disk failure, internet connectivity issues, courier service delays, etc. shall not be considered as grounds for condoning late submission of Written Submissions in determining any penalty imposed.

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 6.13 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 6.10 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
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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 upto a maximum deduction of 5 marks
10.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.10.1 and 6.10.2	2 marks per side for each for each rule [Complainant and Respondent]
11.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.10.3	1 mark per side [Complainant and Respondent]
12.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.12	0.5 marks for every violation
MAXIMUM DEDUCTION		15 marks

6.17. Any Written Submission violating the specifications enumerated under Rule 6.11 and Rule 6.13 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 6.13	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.

7. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

7.1. The Competition shall be conducted over a period of five days from 15 – 18 February, 2024. The Inaugural Ceremony, Orientation of Participants and Researchers' Test shall be conducted on 15 February, 2024.

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

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

- 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 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, if the copy provided is a hard copy.

7.5. Preliminary Rounds

7.5.1. The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted over two days – 16 and 17 February, 2024. 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 against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 7.5.3. Each Team will be sent the opposing Team's Written Submission via e-mail 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.
- 7.5.6. A Panel of 2 Panelists will judge each round in the Preliminary Rounds. For each Panelist, 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 Panelist. Hence, a total of 3 points per Panelist will be allocated for the Oral Pleading Session.

Example:

In a round between Team A and Team B, Panelist 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 Panelist 1, Team A will be awarded 2 points and Team B will be awarded 1 point. In the same round, Panelist 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 160 (which is 11.2) 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 (Panelist 1) + 0 (Panelist 2) + 1.5 (Written Submission) = 3.5 points

Team B: 1 (Panelist 1) + 3 (Panelist 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. Hence, in the example above, Team B will be adjudged the winner.

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 18 February, 2024 and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for the Quarter-Finals shall be done by draw of lots. Qualifying Teams shall pick the lots in the order of their ranks determined in accordance with Rule 7.5.8 of the Rules of the Competition.

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 the toss of a coin.

7.6.4. The Semi-Final Rounds will be conducted on 18 February, 2024 and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be done 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-Final Rounds will be provided with a soft copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session. For Semi- final Rounds, Teams shall be provided with a hard copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission.

7.7. **Final Round**

7.7.1. The Final Rounds of the Competition will be held on 18 February, 2024. The sides for which the Teams will argue will be determined through a draw of lots.

7.7.2. For each Panelist on the Panel, 1 (one) point will be awarded to the Team which is given the higher cumulative Oral Score by that particular Panelist. 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 the Rules of the Competition.

7.7.4. A tie will be resolved by considering the cumulative Oral Score awarded by the Panel to each Team in accordance with Rule 9.2 of the Rules of the Competition. In case a tie persists, it will be resolved by considering the Written Submission Scores of the Teams.

7.7.5. 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.

7.8. **Researchers' Test**

7.8.1. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on 15 February, 2024.

7.8.2. In case of Teams with three members, 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. In case of Teams with two members, either of the members may write the test. However, in such a situation the name of the person writing the test must be disclosed to the OC at the time of registration.

7.8.4. The duration of the Researchers' Test shall be 1 hour and it shall be in the Multiple Choice Question Format.

7.8.5. 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.

7.8.6. 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.

8.4. Before the Oral Pleading Session of a Team begins, the Orators of the Team shall inform the courtroom officer regarding the following, after which this information shall not be amended:

a. Order of speaking of the Orators.

b. The Orator delivering the Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.

c. 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 8.16.

d. Extensions of time may be granted only in extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the Bench, 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 defaulter Team had been present and arguing.

8.7. The dress code for the Competition shall be business formals.

8.8. Any Compendium that the Team seeks to rely on shall be submitted to the courtroom manager/courtroom officer prior to any Oral Pleading Session. Such Compendium must be spiral bound, and must contain a cover page specifying the Team Code. Further, the Compendium must comply with Rule 4 of the Rules of the Competition. The courtroom manager/courtroom officer shall provide such Compendium to the Panel.

- 8.9. Any further legal or technical authorities not included in the Compendium may be passed only at the discretion of the Panel, provided that such authorities were submitted to the courtroom manager/courtroom officer prior to the Oral Pleading Session for verification of compliance with Rule 4 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 8.10. No photographs, graphs, diagrams, tables or any other representation of like nature prepared by the Team can be passed to the Panel, under any circumstances whatsoever.
- 8.11. Team members may pass research material, other written materials or notes to the Orator who may be speaking, in a discreet manner.
- 8.12. 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.
- 8.13. Teams shall not be permitted to use any electronic devices, like laptops, projectors, video cameras, mobile phones, etc. during the Oral Pleading Sessions.
- 8.14. 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. Such additional member or Team Coach shall not be permitted to use any electronic devices, like laptops, projectors, video cameras, mobile phones, etc. during the Oral Pleading Sessions.
- 8.15. 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.
- 8.16. 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.
- 8.17. 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.
- 8.18. **Preliminary Rounds**
- 8.18.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 60 minutes wherein each Team will be allotted 30 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.
- 8.18.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 15 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.
- 8.19. **Quarter-Final/Semi-Final Rounds**
- 8.19.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 80 minutes wherein each Team will be allotted 40 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.

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

8.20. Final Round

8.20.1. Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 90 minutes wherein each Team will be allotted 45 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.

8.20.2. No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 25 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
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 Panelist 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 Panelist 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	Trophy + INR 50,000 (cash prize)
2.	Runners-Up Team	Trophy + INR 25,000 (cash prize)
3.	Best Written Submissions	Trophy + INR 10,000 (cash prize)
4.	2 nd Best Written Submissions	Trophy
5.	Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds	Trophy + INR 10,000 (cash prize)
6.	2 nd Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds	Trophy
7.	Best Orator in the Final Rounds	Trophy + INR 10,000 (cash prize)
8.	Best Researcher	Trophy + INR 10,000 (cash prize)
9.	2 nd Best Researcher	Trophy

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 Researcher's 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 and all the winners of the awards specified in Rule 10.1 of the Rules of the Competition shall be awarded Merit Certificates. 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. ACCOMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

11.1 Accommodation shall be provided to the participants only on 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.

- 11.2 Any additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team may be provided accommodation facilities, subject to availability and additional charges.
- 11.3 Teams shall be responsible for their transportation to and from the airport / railway station / bus station to the accommodation. They will be received by the OC at their respective places of accommodation.
- 11.4 The OC will be responsible for transportation from the accommodation to the Competition venue.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. The OC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- 12.4. 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.
- 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. Any audio or video recording of oral pleadings by any team is prohibited.
- 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 Convenors of the Competition.
- 12.8. Team(s) shall not approach the Panel with any complaints, under any circumstances whatsoever.

CONTACT DETAILS

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ANNEXURE I MODE OF PAYMENT

1. Procedure for payment of Registration Fee for teams from India.

DEMAND DRAFT

Teams from India have to make the payment of the registration fee through a demand draft. The demand draft should be remitted in favour of “**Gujarat National Law University**” payable at “**Ahmedabad**”.

ONLINE PAYMENT

Teams from India may also make payment using the online payment on the following link:

<https://gnlu.servergi.com:8071/SIMWEBGNLU/Utilities/opendataform>

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:

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

2. Procedure for payment of Registration 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 \$ or Euro 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.

USD and EUR

S. No.	Particulars	
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 - 382 009
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

ANNEXURE II REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please fill out all the sections of the Registration Form for participation in the 15th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2024. All fields are mandatory. ([GIMC 2024 | Registrations](#))
2. The registration fee shall be payable in accordance with Rules 3.2 – 3.3 and **Annexure I** of the Rules of the Competition. Once the registration fee is paid, refund, if any, shall take place only in accordance with Rule 3.2.3 of the Rules of the Competition.
3. Upon receipt of the duly filled-in Registration Form as per the rules below, and the registration fee from a Team, the Organizing Committee shall assign a Team Code to such a Team pursuant to Rule 3.1.7 of the Rules of the Competition. The Team Code will be communicated to the Team's Official Team Contact Person.
4. All foreign teams are required to fill the following Google Form for the purpose of issuance of an Invitation Letter which might be required for processing Visa by 15 January, 2024: [GIMC 2024 | Visa Letter](#)

Indian Teams:

5. Teams that choose to pay the Registration Fee by way of online transfer in accordance with Rule 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition will be required to submit a duly signed and scanned copy of the Registration Form, along with the proof of payment. The same should be e-mailed to the Organizing Committee no later than 20 January, 2024. Registration Forms received after this deadline will not be considered for participation in the Competition.

The Registration Form and the proof of payment must be e-mailed to gimc@gnlu.ac.in with the subject "Registration on behalf of [Name of the University/College/Institution]."

6. Teams that choose to pay the Registration Fee by way of a Demand Draft in accordance with Rule 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition will be required to post their duly filled and signed Registration Form along with the Demand Draft. Further, Teams will also be required to email a scanned copy of the Demand Draft and the filled Registration Form to the Organizing Committee. The Demand Draft and the Registration Form should reach the Organizing Committee via post and e-mail no later than 20 January, 2024.

The Registration Form and the scanned Demand Draft must be e-mailed to gimc@gnlu.ac.in with the subject "Registration on behalf of [Name of the University/College/Institution]."

The Registration Form and the proof of payment must be addressed to the following:

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Gujarat National Law University Attalika Avenue,
Knowledge Corridor, Koba,
Gandhinagar – 382426 (Gujarat), India.
Tel.: +91 +91 81286 50806 / +91 79841 72932
Fax: +91 7878186624

Foreign Teams:

7. Teams are requested pay the Registration Fee by way of Bank Transfer in accordance with Rule 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition. These teams will be required to submit a proof of payment in the form of the receipt generated along with the Registration Form. The same should be e-mailed to the Organizing Committee no later than 20 January 2024. Registration Forms received after this deadline will not be considered for participation in the Competition.

The Registration Form and the proof of payment must be e-mailed to gimc@gnlu.ac.in with the subject “Registration on behalf of [Name of the University/College/Institution].”

REGISTRATION FORM

A. University Information

<u>University/College/Institution Information</u>	
Name of Institution/College/University: _____	
Address: _____	
Postal Code: _____	
City: _____	Country: _____

B. Participant Information: Each team shall consist of three members. A bonafide letter issued by the appropriate authority of the participating Institution/College/University must be sent along with this Registration Form.

<u>B1. Team Member 1 - Official Contact Person</u>	
Full Name: _____	Sex: _____
Mobile Number: _____	E-mail: _____
Current degree: _____	
Nationality: _____	Position (Orator/Researcher): _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____
<u>B2. Team Member 2</u>	
Full Name: _____	Sex: _____
Mobile Number: _____	E-mail: _____
Current degree: _____	

Nationality: _____	Position (Orator/Researcher): _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____

<u>B3. Team Member 3</u>	
Full Name: _____	Sex: _____
Mobile Number: _____	E-mail: _____
Current degree: _____	
Nationality: _____	Position(Orator/Researcher): _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____

C. Photographs of Team Members

Team Member 1 Name _____	Team Member 2 Name _____	Team Member 3 Name _____

D. Mode of Payment:

Please indicate the mode of payment below. The deadline for payment of the registration fee is 20 January 2024.

D1. Demand Draft (Only for Indian Teams)

Demand Draft of **INR 5,000/-** in favour of “**Gujarat National Law University**”, payable at “**Ahmedabad**” enclosed:

Details of Demand Draft

Bank DD Number: _____

Bank Name: _____

Date of Issue: _____

D2. Online Payment (Only for Indian Teams)

The online payment can be made using the link:

<https://gnlu.servergi.com:8071/SIMWEBGNLU/Utilities/opendataform>

Please attach a soft copy of the proof of payment along with this form. Please note that registration shall not be complete till the proof of payment is received by the Organizing Committee.

Details of Payment

Date of Payment: _____

Bank Receipt/Transaction ID/SBCollect Reference No.: _____

D3. Bank Transfer (Only for Foreign Teams)

The registration fee payable by teams representing countries mentioned in Rule 3.2.1 of the Rules of the Competition shall be INR 5,000/-or its equivalent in US\$ or Euro.

The registration fee payable by teams representing countries mentioned in Rule 3.2.2 of the Rules of the Competition shall be US \$200 or its equivalent in Euro.

Details of Bank Transfer

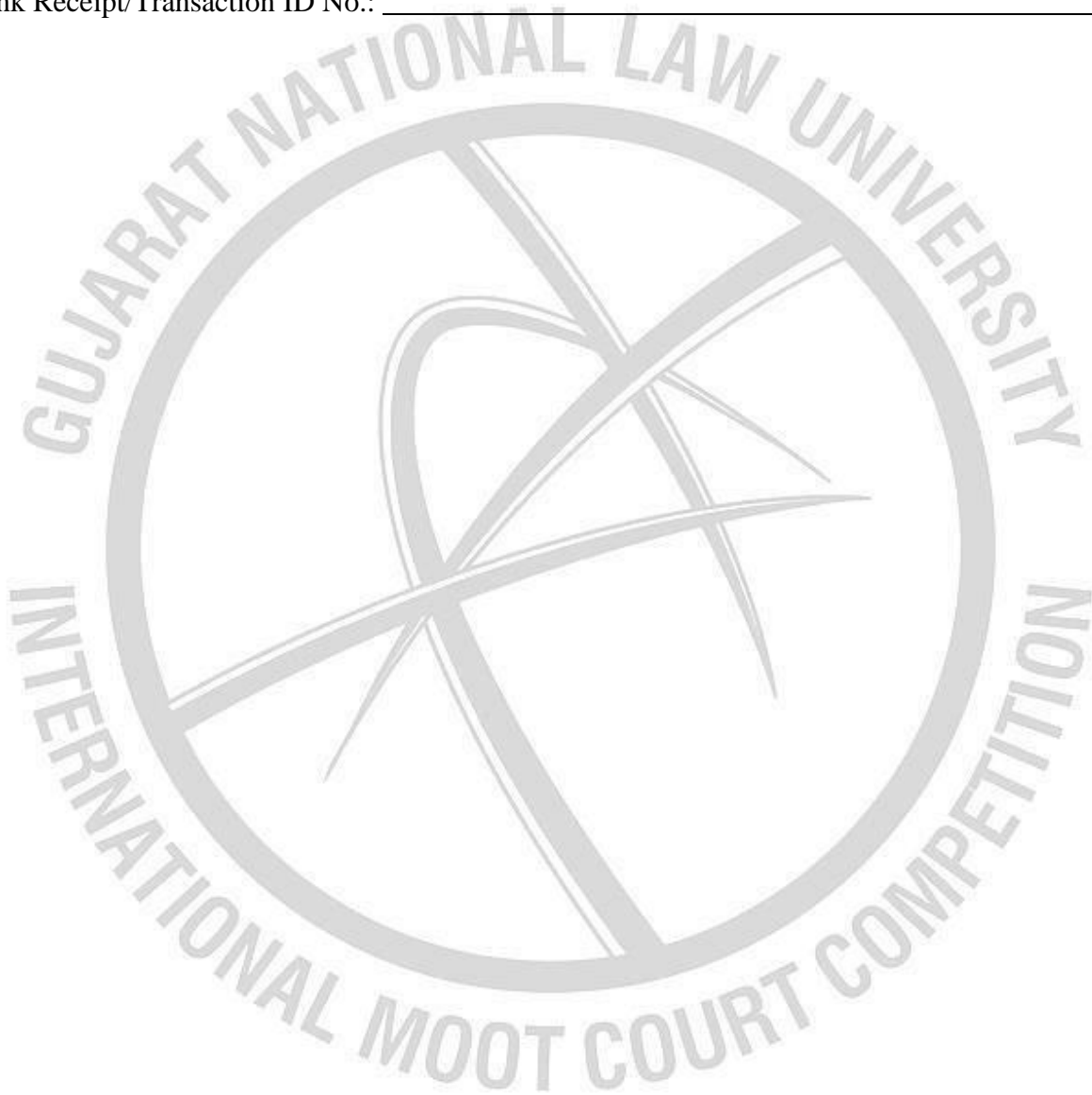
Name of the Country: _____

Details of the Bank through which Money has been transferred: _____

Currency in which registration fee has been remitted: _____

Date of Transfer of registration fee: _____

Bank Receipt/Transaction ID No.: _____



ANNEXURE III CHANGE IN TEAM COMPOSITION FORM

Pursuant to Rule 3.1.8, please fill out all the sections of the Change in Team Composition Form for any changes in the Team Composition. Kindly affix a passport size photograph of the new member of the team. All fields are mandatory.

The Change in Team Composition Form must be emailed to gimc@gnlu.ac.in with the subject “Change in Team Composition of [Name of the College/Institution/ University]”

A. Name of College/Institution/ University: _____

B. Full Name of Team Member being replaced: _____
Position (Oralist/ Researcher): _____

C. New Team Member's Information:

Full Name: _____ Sex: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____

Current degree: _____

Position (Oralist/ Researcher): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____