

## **Selection of Student Project Implementation committee and Mentors for Project granted to CJR Cell, USLLS**

The Criminal Justice Research Cell at the University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, invites applications for various positions in the Project Implementation Committee of the 2nd edition of the Prof. Christof Heyns India School Moot Court Competition, 2024. The project of conducting moot court competition for The Moot Court Competition is being organized in collaboration with the University of Pretoria, South Africa; Kathmandu School of Law; and the Global Campus of Human Rights.

**This round of inductions is solely for the implementation of the project granted to the undersigned by University of pretoria, South Africa, Kathmandu School of Law and Global Campus of Human rights. and is different from the student body of the Criminal Justice Research Cell or Moot Court Society of USLLS (For CJR Cell and Moot Court Society there would be separate inductions and separate calls for applications).**

The deadline to apply for the below mentioned positions is 17th July 2024, and the interviews for the same will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> July 2024. Interested students can apply by filling out the form linked below. For any queries or clarifications, please contact the undersigned Project Director.

### **NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR STUDENT IMPLEMENTATION HEADS –**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF TEAMS:**

1. **Public Relations Team:** This team will serve as a channel of facilitation and communication between the participating teams and the project implementation committee. It will ensure the smooth and timely transmission of updates to the participating teams.
2. **Social Media Team:** This team will manage the social media presence of the CJR Cell during the event and post updates about the cell's operations to organize the event on various social media platforms, including LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and the Cell's exclusive website. The team will also undertake promotional and publication endeavors for the Cell.
3. **Logistics Team:** This team will manage on-ground logistics and ensure the availability of resources for the smooth conduct of the event.
4. **Internal Operations Team:** This team will manage all internal operations related to the organization of the event and coordinate with all other committees to ensure the efficient management of resources and the smooth conduct of the event.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS:**

1. Student Project Convenor- Number of post- 01
2. Student Project Co-Convenor- Number of post -03
3. Project Social Media Head- Number of Post -01.

4. Project Logistics Head- Number of Post -01.

5. Project Public Relations Head- Number of Post -01.

6. Project Internal Operations Head- Number of Post -01.

7. Mentors for school teams.

8. Super Mentors- For overall supervision of progress of school teams.

Note: Further inductions for Student Implementation Coordinators in each team and the project volunteers will be notified closer to the dates of the event. The eligibility for the Student Implementation Coordinators will be 1st and 2nd-year students.

**ELIGIBILITY:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th-year students from USLLS, GGSIPU for all the positions as well as mentors.

For the post of Super mentors only 5<sup>th</sup> Year LL.B. students are eligible.

**FORM LINK:** <https://forms.gle/aQY3Zddr82hfxVco9>

The position holders will not be entitled to any remuneration in cash or kind. Mentors and super mentors will be given the prize money in different heads on a sole basis and sharing basis with their school team members under different heads.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Prof. Christof Heyns India School Moot Court Competition, 2024

### MOOT COURT PROPOSITION

1. In the heart of South Asia lay the vibrant democratic country of Anania, a land known for its rich cultural heritage, sprawling landscapes, and industrious people. Anania is a developing country having obtained its independence in 1947 after being a British colony for more than 200 years. In recent years, Anania had been grappling with an invisible enemy – the relentless grip of climate change, which had manifested most starkly through the scourge of heatwaves.
2. The summer of 2024 was unlike any Anania had ever experienced. As the mercury soared to unprecedented levels of 48 Degree Celsius on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 in the capital city of Nandora, it became a furnace. Streets that were once bustling with life now lay deserted during the peak afternoon hours. The shimmering heatwaves rising from the asphalt seemed to distort reality itself.
3. Dr. Arun, a dedicated meteorologist at the Ananian Climate Institute, observed the data of daily temperatures of more than 46 Degree Celsius from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 with growing concern. "The frequency and intensity of these heatwaves have increased dramatically," he noted. "This is not just a phase; it's a symptom of a much larger problem."
4. In the bustling neighborhood of Rajpur in Nandora, 70-year-old Meena Devi struggled to cope with the oppressive heat. Her small, single-room home offered little respite. Like many others, she didn't have the luxury of air conditioning. The local clinic was overwhelmed with cases of heatstroke and dehydration. Dr. Priya, the head physician, worked tirelessly, often staying late into the night. "We've never seen anything like this," she said, taking to a reporter on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024, wiping sweat from her brow. "Our most vulnerable populations are at serious risk."
5. Anania's fertile plains, once the pride of the nation, were now under threat. In the village of Bhavapur, in Nandora, farmer Rajesh stared despondently at his parched fields. The wheat crop, which should have been green and thriving, was stunted and brown. "We rely on this harvest to feed our families and sustain our community," he explained. "But the heat is destroying everything."
6. Government officials, recognizing the looming agricultural crisis, dispatched teams to distribute drought-resistant seeds and educate farmers on new irrigation techniques. However, the changes were slow to take effect, and many farmers faced financial ruin.
7. The heatwave also wreaked havoc on Anania's water resources. Rivers and reservoirs were drying up at an alarming rate. Nandorian residents lined up for hours at community water taps, hoping to fill their containers before the supply ran out. Sanjay, a young engineer working with the Ananian Water Authority, was tasked with finding solutions. Speaking to a reporter of Times of Anania on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 he said "We're trying to implement water rationing and conservation measures," he explained. "But the situation is dire. We need long-term solutions, not just quick fixes."

8. The power grid in Anania was under immense pressure. As temperatures rose, so did the demand for electricity. Blackouts became a common occurrence, adding to the population's woes. Rina, a software developer working from home, found it increasingly difficult to meet her deadlines. Speaking to a reporter of Times of Anania on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 she said "Every day, the power goes out for hours," she said. "It's affecting my work and my health."
9. Anania had not officially recognized these natural phenomena as national disasters, under its Disaster Management Act. The Disaster Management Act defines a disaster as a "catastrophe, mishap, calamity or grave occurrence" arising from "natural or man-made causes" that results in substantial loss of life, destruction of property, or damage to the environment. It must also be of such nature which is "beyond the coping capacity" of the community. If such an event happens, then the provisions of the DM Act can be invoked. The provisions allow states to draw money from the two funds that have been set up under this law — the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) at the national level and the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) at the state level. The state's first utilise the funds available in the SDRF, and only if the magnitude of the disaster is unmanageable with the SDRF, states seek the money from the NDRF.
10. However, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued guidelines for preparing and managing heatwave conditions. These guidelines help state governments develop Heat Action Plans (HAPs).
11. In response to the escalating threat of heatwaves exacerbated by climate change, Anania already has a Heat Action Plan since March 2020 to safeguard its citizens and mitigate the impacts of extreme heat. Central to this plan is the establishment of an early warning system, developed in collaboration with the Ananian Meteorological Department. This system provides timely heat alerts, allowing residents and emergency services to prepare adequately for impending heatwaves. Regular weather updates and heat advisories are disseminated through multiple channels, including television, radio, and mobile apps, ensuring widespread awareness and preparedness.
12. Public awareness and community outreach form the backbone of Anania's Heat Action Plan. The government has launched comprehensive educational campaigns aimed at informing citizens about heat-related health risks and preventive measures. Anania's Heat Action Plan incorporates a tiered alert system with orange and red alerts signifying varying degrees of heat severity. The orange alert, a crucial part of this system, is issued when temperatures are expected to rise significantly, typically between 41°C to 43°C. When an orange alert is activated, the government initiates widespread public health campaigns, urging citizens to stay hydrated, avoid outdoor activities during peak heat hours.
13. The red alert in Anania represents the highest level of heat emergency, triggered when temperatures soar above 43°C. This alert indicates a critical risk to health and safety, necessitating immediate and extensive protective measures. During a red alert, the government mobilizes all resources to mitigate the impact of the extreme heat. This includes distributing water and rehydration salts, and ensuring a stable supply of electricity and water to cope with the increased demand for cooling and hydration. Public advisories emphasize the importance of staying indoors, minimizing physical exertion, and being vigilant for signs of heat-related illnesses such as heatstroke and dehydration.

14. Both orange and red alerts are disseminated through a network of communication channels, including radio, television, and mobile notifications, to ensure that the information reaches all citizens promptly. The alert system is complemented by a coordinated response from health services, municipal bodies, and disaster management agencies, ensuring a comprehensive approach to managing the impacts of extreme heat. By implementing this robust Heat Action Plan, Anania aims to protect its population from the severe consequences of heatwaves, fostering a more resilient society capable of adapting to the challenges posed by climate change.
15. In May 2024, to further bolster its defenses against extreme heat, Anania is planning to invest in long-term infrastructural improvements and urban planning initiatives. This includes the promotion of heat-resilient building designs with improved insulation and ventilation, as well as the expansion of green spaces and tree cover to combat the urban heat island effect. The government is also encouraging the adoption of cool roofs and reflective pavements to reduce heat absorption. These efforts are complemented by enhanced water management systems to ensure a reliable supply during heatwaves. By integrating these strategies, Anania aims to create a more resilient and sustainable environment, capable of withstanding the growing challenges posed by climate change.
16. However, the above measures are not being adequately implanted and Anania's government refuses to recognise Heatwaves as a notified disaster under the Disaster Management Act. The decision stemmed from a complex web of reasons intricately woven into the fabric of Anania's bureaucratic landscape. At the forefront were administrative challenges that seemed insurmountable. Defining heatwaves in legal terms proved elusive, as officials grappled with the nuances of categorizing an environmental hazard as severe and pervasive as heatwaves. Discussions within government departments often led to debates over whether heatwaves should fall under existing disaster management frameworks or necessitate entirely new protocols.
17. Resource allocation posed another formidable barrier. Anania, like many developing nations, faced competing priorities for its limited funds. The government juggled investments between infrastructure development, healthcare, and disaster preparedness for more visibly acute crises such as floods and earthquakes. The immediate and dramatic impact of these disasters often overshadowed the slower, yet equally damaging effects of prolonged heatwaves on public health, agriculture, and urban infrastructure.
18. On 18.12.2015, a bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha as a solution to avoid and overcome deaths resulting from extreme weather events including heat waves. The bill was titled, "The Prevention of Deaths Due to Heat and Cold Waves Bill, 2015". The bill provided for the prevention of human deaths caused by heat stroke during summer and chilling cold during winter seasons by declaring heatwave and coldwave as national calamity and for making provisions for advance preparedness to face these natural calamities immediately on predictions of meteorological department making provision for providing woolens, setting up night shelters, community bonfires etc. during winters and for drinking water, ORS packets, Mango panna, cooling space and shades at conspicuous places, free ration and other needs for the poor homeless workers and daily wage earners during summer and for payment of compensation to the kins of those losing lives in heat or cold wave, as the case may be, by the Central and the State Governments and for matters

connected therewith and incidental thereto. However, the bill has not become a law till now.

19. It is widely reported in national daily newspapers that due to no government directives to the contrary to employers, workers are forced to travel and work during orange and red alerts and it is not possible to stay indoors due to work including having to participate in outdoor activities, despite knowing about the advisories. It is also widely reported that due to water scarcity resulting from the heat wave, many individuals do not even have access to adequate drinking water for their needs. More than 87 deaths have also been reported related to heat related illnesses in Nandora in June 2024.
20. Desh First, a prominent non-governmental organization in Anania, has been at the forefront of efforts to secure official recognition for heatwaves as natural disasters. Recognizing the long-term health and economic impacts of extreme heat, Desh First has lobbied for the inclusion of heatwaves in disaster management protocols. The NGO argues that such recognition would facilitate better preparedness and resource allocation, enabling the mobilization of national funds through the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). By highlighting the need for dedicated cooling centers, public health initiatives, and resilient agricultural practices, Desh First aims to mitigate the adverse effects of heatwaves on vulnerable populations and bolster community resilience.
21. Desh First filed a public interest litigation before the High Court of Nandora under Art 226 of the Constitution of Anania seeking recognition of heatwaves as natural disasters. Vide its judgement and order dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, the HC of Nandora held as under:
  - a. State inaction in addressing heatwaves as a notified disaster under the Disaster Management Act amounts to violation of right to life under Article 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of Anania.
  - b. The Government is directed to bring suitable legislation to save human and living beings from the impact of climate change and to declare heatwaves as a notified disaster under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
22. Aggrieved by the decision of the High Court of Nandora, the Central Government of Anania on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 filed a Special Leave Petition against the judgement and order dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 passed by the High Court of Nandora in the case of Desh First vs. Union of Anania. The matter is now listed before the Supreme Court of Anania. The issues arising before the Supreme Court of Anania are:
  - a. Whether the SLP is maintainable?
  - b. Whether State inaction in addressing heatwaves as a notified disaster under the Disaster Management Act amounts to violation of right to life under Article 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of Anania?
  - c. Whether the High Court could issue directions to Government to bring suitable legislation to save human and living beings from the impact of climate change and to declare heatwaves as a notified disaster under the Disaster Management Act, 2005?

Note:

1. The laws of Anania are *Pari Materia* to the laws of India.
2. Anania is a member of the United Nations and is a signatory to all relevant human rights and environmental law treaties and conventions.
3. No new issues may be raised by the parties.

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## 1) SHORT TITLE

The rules shall be called **2<sup>nd</sup> Prof. Christof Heyns India School Moot Court Competition Rules, 2024.**

## 2) INTERPRETATION CLAUSE

Unless expressly stated otherwise, the terms contained herein shall mean as hereunder, all throughout this Rulebook–

1. “**Administrator**” shall mean the University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU.
2. “**Authorities**” shall mean the references mentioned or relied upon in the Memorial. This includes the judgements, articles, books, journals and alike.
3. “**Bench**” shall mean the members duly invited to adjudge the oral arguments of the Teams, individually or collectively.
4. “**Clarifications**” shall mean an explanation published by the Host University to the Moot Problem, with regards to a query posed by any participating team of the Competition within the given deadline.
5. “**Compendium**” shall mean a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a participating team seeks to rely upon during the oral rounds. This includes law, section and the cases that the Teams refer to while advancing their arguments.
6. “**Competition**” means the **Prof. Christof Heyns India School Moot Court Competition.**
7. “**Courtrooms**” means the class-rooms allotted by the OC for the conduct of Oral Rounds/Pleading in the Competition.
8. “**Last Date**” to submit any document pertaining to the Competition shall mean 11:59 PM on the date so provided.
9. “**Moot Proposition**” or “**Moot Problem**” shall mean the Proposition released by the Organizers, containing the facts and circumstances, on the date specified and shall include any subsequent “**clarification(s)**” as and when released by the Organizers.
10. “**Oral Rounds**” means the oral pleadings/arguments before a Bench.

11. “**Oral Score**” means the score given by a Bench after listening to the Oral Rounds.
12. “**Organising Committee**” or “**OC**” means the Project Implementation Committee inclusive of any other authorized persons, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and of all events leading to the Competition.
13. “**Rebuttals**” refer to the set of arguments/challenges that the Petitioner shall raise at the end of the main pleadings/arguments of all the Orators/Speakers.
14. “**Researcher**” shall mean the non-speaking participant of each team.
15. “**Researchers’ Test**” means a written test conducted during the Competition wherein the Researcher of each team sits for an exam which is based on the Moot Proposition.
16. “**Rules**” means the official competition rules and any applicable supplements to the rules published by the Organising Committee.
17. “**Scouting**” shall mean that participants must only attend rounds in which their team is pleading; they cannot watch the proceedings of other teams. Upon the commencement of the Oral Rounds, participants will not be allowed to interact with the public before they enter their Courtroom and shall be seated in a separate room assigned to them by the Administrators.
18. “**Speaker(s)**” shall mean counsel and co-counsel of each team.
19. “**Sur-Rebuttals**” means the arguments presented by the Respondent in response to the Rebuttals.
20. “**Team**” shall mean the three members comprising the Counsel (Speaker 1), Co-Counsel (Speaker 2) and the Researcher.
21. “**Memorial**” means the memorandum of Memorial submitted by any Team. This includes the facts of the case, the arguments made by the teams and the legal authorities complementing the arguments.
22. “**Score**” means the score determined on the basis of the Memorial.

### 3) GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMPETITION

#### 3.1. Date and Venue of the Competition

The University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi, is hosting the **2nd Prof. Christof Heyns India School Moot Court**

**Competition, 2024** (offline). The ultimate objective of this competition is to provide the participating teams with valuable experience in the exercise of mootng with supplemental development of skills such as legal research, writing, and critical thinking. Furthermore, exemplary arrangements shall also be made for appropriate training and mentoring, along with constant complementary supervision by mentors from our University, appointed to train the students in the art of mootng. Additionally, the panel of judges for all rounds shall be composed of notable personalities in the arena of law. The **2nd Prof. Christof Heyns India School Moot Court Competition, 2024** is scheduled to be held in **offline mode** at the campus of the **University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi-NCR**, from **28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**.

### **3.2. Eligibility and Team Composition**

1. The competition shall be open to all bona fide students of classes XI and XII from all streams studying in the schools of Delhi-NCR.
2. Each participating team shall mandatorily have three members, with two members designated as “Speakers” who will be delivering the oral arguments during the oral rounds, and the third member designated as “Researcher” who will be assisting the speakers and will also be appearing for a researcher’s test.
3. Only the speakers shall be allowed to make oral submissions and shall be eligible for the award of “Best Speaker.”
4. No changes in the team composition shall be permitted once the final registration is confirmed by the organizers. However, the organizers may permit a change, after a request made by the participating team, before the commencement of the competition. This change would be allowed only in extreme circumstances, based on a review of individual cases.

### **3.3. Medium of Communication**

The competition and the related communications shall be in the English language.

### **3.4. Team Registration**

1. Registration for the competition will open on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2024. A total of 80 slots are available for the moot, meaning that registration for the moot shall take place on a first-come-

first-served basis. Each School can send a maximum of 2 teams which may be increased at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2. The interested teams are requested to get their schools provisionally registered through the provisional registration link.

3. After the provisional registration, participants are requested to follow the procedure hereunder enunciated, for final registration. The final registration is mandatory, and failing to do so shall render the team "not registered." All teams will be allotted a mentor after the provisional registration who will guide them throughout the competition.

4. The participating teams/institutions must fill out the final registration form by July 31, 2023.

5. The link to the Provisional registration form:

<https://forms.gle/UFd8MAZnWiRYJSXt7>

7. The participating teams (excluding Government Schools) are required to pay INR 1,500/- as registration fees at the time of registration.

Note: Non-payment of the registration fees will result in the cancellation of the registration of the participating team. In such a scenario, the newly available slot will be given to the next team in line.

8. Last Date to make the requisite payment of the registration fees is 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 and the same shall be accepted by way of NEFT to the Bank Account of GGSIPU, Dwarka. After the completion of the payment, the team must fill out the attached form and upload the details of the transaction like the reference number and payment screenshot as asked in the form.

Form Link for uploading payment details - <https://forms.gle/Cuk7susF8KDvmSbi6>

9. Each team that has completed the registration requirements under the rules shall be allotted a unique team code. Once the code is allotted, every team must use this team code for any further communication(s) with the organizers during the entire course of the competition.

### **3.5. Dress Code for the Competition (for both, mentors and participants)**

1. The dress code for the competition will be strictly formal.

- a) **Gentlemen**- Black trousers, white shirt and/or plain black blazer (without school logo), black tie.
- b) **Ladies**- Black trousers, white shirt, white kurta, black churidar pants, and/or plain black blazer (without school logo).

### **3.6. Clarifications**

Any clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition shall be cleared by sending an e-mail to [usllscjrcell@gmail.com](mailto:usllscjrcell@gmail.com) on or before 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. Clarification requests sent after this date will not be entertained.

### **4) INFORMATION REGARDING MEMORIAL**

1. All guidelines provided below must be rigorously adhered to.
2. Each Team shall prepare Memorials from one side, either the Petitioner or Respondent as allotted through the draw of lots.
3. The soft copy (only in pdf format) of the Memorial must be emailed to **usllscjrcell@gmail.com** and the subject of the mail should be on the following lines: “Memorial- Team Code \_\_\_”.
  - a) The file name of the electronic copies of the Memorial must contain only the Team Code and the side being represented in the following format:  
e.g. (for Team Code 10) 10P or 10R, ‘P’ being for ‘Petitioner’ Memorial and ‘R’ for ‘Respondent’ Memorial and so forth.
  - b) The Memorial should not contain the names of the participating members and their respective schools.
4. Once the Memorial has been submitted no further requests for resubmission will be entertained.
5. The last date to submit the Memorial shall be **22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 (23:59 hours IST)**.
6. The teams must carry two copies of the Memorial and submit at the time of draw of lots.
7. The hard copies of the Memorial must be an exact replica of the soft copies submitted to the Organizers failing which the team will be disqualified.

#### **4.1. General Requirements in the Memorial**

1. Apart from the Team Code, the Memorial must not include any other kind of identification.
2. The Cover Page must have the following colour scheme:
  - Memorial for Petitioner - Blue;
  - Memorial for Respondent - Red.

#### **4.2. Essential Elements of the Memorial**

1. The Memorial must contain the following:

- a) Cover Page
- b) Memo of Parties
- c) Table of Contents;
- d) List of Abbreviations.
- e) Index of Authorities: This must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the Memorial in which the authority is cited. This includes relevant case laws, articles, research papers, journals, and so forth.
- f) Issues Raised.
- g) Summary of Arguments: This shall contain a summary of the substance of the arguments and should not merely be a reproduction of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The Summary of Arguments shall not exceed 2 pages.
- h) Pleadings/Arguments Advanced:  
All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial. The Arguments Advanced must be entailed in a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 pages.
- i) Prayer.

2. The Cover Page of each memorial must contain:

- a) Team Code in the upper right-hand corner. For instance, if the Team Code of the Participating Team is 01; the Memorial Code on behalf of Petitioner would be “TC-01-P”, and for the Respondent would be “TC-01-R”;
- b) Name of the Competition.
- c) Year of the Competition.
- d) Name of the Case [Name of the Parties];
- e) Party for which the Memorial has been prepared;
- f) Name of the Court adjudicating the dispute;
- g) Jurisdiction under which the Court is approached.

### **4.3. Formatting of the Memorials**

The Memorial should be drafted on a standard A4 size page, with the following mandatory formatting specifications:

- a. Font Type: Times New Roman

- b. Font Size: 12
- c. Line Spacing: 1.5
- d. Margins: 1 inch on each side

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a. Font type: Times New Roman
- b. Font Size: 12
- c. Line Spacing: 1.5

#### **4.4. Mode of Citation**

**The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition)** should be followed in the Memorial throughout.

#### **5) RESEARCHER'S TEST**

1. Prior to the Oral Rounds, the Researcher's test will be conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The test shall be conducted in a written format.
2. Only the researcher of each team will be allowed to attempt the test. No other member of the team will be allowed to take the test and the same would lead to grounds for disqualification.
3. The test shall be based on the facts and basic legal aspects involved in the given moot proposition.
4. The researcher shall mention only the 'Team Code' on the procedure test question paper at the specified point.
5. The duration of the researcher's test will be 40 minutes.
6. The researcher's test shall consist of 20 objective-type MCQ questions carrying 1 mark each. Wrong answers will not be marked negatively.
7. Some questions of the test will be designated as tie-breaker questions and maybe used to break the tie.
8. No additional material, such as the bare text of acts, Memorials, etc., apart from stationery, may be brought by the participant to the test, and no such material shall be provided by the organizers.



## **6) ORAL ROUNDS**

### **6.1. General Information**

#### **6.1.1 Number of Rounds**

- Preliminary Rounds
- Quarter Finals [Top 16 teams]
- Semi Finals [Top 4 teams]
- Finals [Top 2 teams]

### **6.2. Common Round-Wise information**

1. During each of the abovementioned rounds, the order in which the teams shall present their arguments as follows:
  - Petitioner Speaker 1;
  - Petitioner Speaker 2;
  - Respondent Speaker 1;
  - Respondent Speaker 2;
  - Rebuttal: Petitioner- Any one of the two Speakers;
  - Sur-rebuttal: Respondent- Any one of the two Speakers.
  - Sur-rebuttal may be permitted only at the discretion of the Judges.
2. The Best Speaker Award shall be determined based on the individual aggregate score of the speakers taken only from the Preliminary Round.
3. The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds.
4. Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Memorial.
5. Participants may use their own bare acts, print-outs and commentaries.
6. Mentors are allowed to pass chits and help their mentee teams throughout the entirety of the Oral Rounds, just like the researcher and other speaker (who is not presenting arguments at a given specific time).
7. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final and binding.

## 7) SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

### DAY 1: 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Reporting Time for Participants	8:00 A.M.
Researchers Test	9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
Prelim Round for Batch 1 Teams	10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
Prelim Round for Batch 2 Teams	11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Lunch	1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Declaration of Results for Preliminary Rounds and Memorial Exchange for the Quarter Final Rounds	2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Quarter-Final Rounds	3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Declaration of Results for the Quarter-Final Rounds + Memorial Exchange for the Semi-Final Rounds	5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

### DAY 2: 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Reporting Time for the Teams	9:00 A.M.
Semi-Final Rounds	10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Declaration of Results for the Semi-Final Rounds and Memorial Exchange for the Final Rounds	12:30 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Lunch	1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Final Rounds	2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Valedictory Ceremony, Award Distribution and Inaugural Ceremony of the Criminal Justice Research Blog	4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

## **8) THE PARAMETERS FOR JUDGING & MAXIMUM SCORE**

### **8.1. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

1. The Preliminary Round will be of 30 minutes per team, followed by 5 minutes for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
2. The speakers have the discretion to divide the time of 30 minutes amongst themselves.
3. The Memorials shall entail a maximum score of 30 marks.
4. The Oral Rounds shall also entail a maximum score of 50 marks.
5. The Researcher's Test would be scored on a scale of 20 Marks.
6. The tie-breaker in between two teams having obtained the same score would be judged on the basis of the following hierarchy ;
  - Marks obtained in the Memorial
  - Marks obtained in the Oral Arguments
  - Researcher's test
  - Draw of lots
7. The judging criteria shall be as follows;

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Criteria (Oral Arguments)</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1.	Knowledge of Facts	5
2.	Application of Legal principles	10
3.	Depth of Research	10
4.	Articulation of issues	10
5.	Questioning and Rebuttals	5
6.	Time Management	5
7.	Court Etiquettes	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Criteria (Moot Memorial)</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1.	Knowledge of Facts	5
2.	Application of Legal Principles	10
3.	Depth of Research	5
4.	Structure, Language and Grammar	5
5.	Formatting and Citation	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

## **8.2. QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS**

1. The Quarter Final Rounds will be of 30 minutes per team, followed by 5 minutes for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
2. The speakers have the discretion to divide the time of 30 minutes amongst themselves.
3. The sixteen highest scoring teams (eight for petitioner and eight for respondent) would make it to Quarter-finals and would compete in subsequent rounds.
4. The tie-breaker in case teams score the same shall be in the order of
  - Marks obtained in the Memorial
  - Researcher's test
  - Draw of Lots

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1.	Knowledge of Facts	10
2.	Application of Legal principles	20
3.	Depth of Research	20
4.	Articulation of issues	15
5.	Questioning and Rebuttals	15
6.	Time Management	10
7.	Court Etiquettes	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## **8.3. SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS**

1. The Semi-Final Rounds will be of 30 minutes per team, followed by 5 minutes for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.

2. The speakers have the discretion to divide the time of 30 minutes amongst themselves.
3. The four highest scoring teams (two for petitioner and two for respondent) would make it to Semi-finals and would compete in the subsequent rounds.
4. The tie-breaker in case teams score the same shall be in the same order as that of the quarter final rounds.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1.	Knowledge of Facts	10
2.	Application of Legal principles	20
3.	Depth of Research	20
4.	Articulation of issues	15
5.	Questioning and Rebuttals	15
6.	Time Management	10
7.	Court Etiquettes	10
8.	Memorial	30
9.	Researcher's Test	20
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>

#### **8.4. FINAL ROUND**

1. The Final Round will be of 40 minutes per team, followed by 5 minutes for rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
2. The speakers have the discretion to divide the time of 40 minutes amongst themselves.
3. The two highest scoring teams (one for petitioner and one for respondent) would make it to the finals and the team with the highest score shall be adjudged the winner of the competition.
4. The tie breaker in case teams score the same shall be in the same order as that of the Semi-final rounds.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1.	Knowledge of Facts	10
2.	Application of Legal principles	20

3.	Depth of Research	20
4.	Articulation of issues	15
5.	Questioning and Rebuttals	15
6.	Time Management	10
7.	Court Etiquettes	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

### 9) ANONYMITY

1. The participating teams shall be allotted team codes upon registration.
2. It is prohibited to disclose identities or the names of their respective schools by the student counsels during the oral rounds. The teams must use the team code allotted.
3. It is also prohibited to disclose identities anywhere in the memorials. The teams must use the allotted team codes.
4. Non-compliance with rule 2. and 3. shall lead to immediate disqualification of the team.
5. The decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final in this regard.

### 10) SCOUTING

1. The participants shall have deemed to engage in scouting when any speaker, researcher or a person affiliated with a team is found :-
  - Witnessing, overhearing or observing the oral submissions in a round except where the round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated to is participating in;
  - Reading a memorial of a team except where it is of the team he/she is competing against and the memorial has been obtained during the time of exchange of memorials.

### 11) DELAY IN APPEARANCE

1. If a team scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of a round does not appear for ten (10) minutes after the scheduled commencement of such a round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions ex-parte.

2. The criteria of rebuttals shall not be considered for evaluation in such cases, in place of which, an average for the same would be given on the basis of the marks scored by such team on the other criteria.

## **12) PRIZE & AWARDS**

Mementos/Gift Hampers and trophies shall be provided to the Winners of the following categories:-

1. Best Team
2. Runner up Team
3. Best Researcher
4. Best Memorial
5. Best Speaker Male
6. Best Speaker Female
7. Best Mentor

## **13) MISCELLANEOUS**

### **13.1 General etiquette**

1. Participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Organizers, the Judges of the Competition or any of the other participants.
2. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, or immoral conduct.
3. Facilities such as photocopying, library usage, internet connectivity, etc. may be provided subject to the convenience of the Organizers and will be informed to the teams closer to the commencement of the Competition. Irrespective, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for the same.
4. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss of belongings of the team during the Competition.
5. Participants are expected to maintain discipline while on campus. The participants shall not stray around once they report to the College for participation in the Competition.

### **13.2. Finality of Rule-Making, Interpretation, and Decision**

1. The Project Implementation Committee / Organizing Committee holds the discretion and authority to amend any of the rules or regulations given in this rulebook or notify new rules and regulations for the conduct of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prof. Christof Heyns India School Moot Court Competition, 2024.
2. All interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents or other decisions in the administration of the Competition are at the complete discretion of the Organizers.
3. Any decision made by the Organizers shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

### **14) FOR GENERAL QUERIES, CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **14.1. Contact Details**

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