

RULES AND REGULATION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Title – The Title of the competition shall be “Adv. T.P Aravindakshan Memorial All India Moot Court Competition 2023”.
- 1.2 Short title – These rules may be called “Adv. T.P Aravindakshan Memorial All India Moot Court Competition Rules and Procedures 2023”.
- 1.3 Definitions – In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. “Competition” refers to the Adv. T.P Aravindakshan Memorial All India Moot Court Competition 2023 at Government Law College Kozhikode.
 - b. “Organizing Committee (OC)” refers to the body of students, faculties, staff and alumni of the institution which includes any other person appointed by the Institute for the administration and functioning of the competition.
 - c. “Clarifications” refers to the queries arising out of the moot court proposition issued by the organizing committee that would only be accepted and reverted to in the timeline prescribed.
 - d. “Judge” refers to the professionals selected by the OC to evaluate and score the performance of the participants during a moot court session in accordance with the judging criteria.
 - e. “Team” refers to the mooting pair (the speakers) and researcher representing the respective institution.
 - f. “Parties” refers to the parties to the dispute as identified as Petitioners and Respondents in the moot proposition.

- g. "Memorial" refers to the written arguments submitted, on behalf of both the Parties by the team in accordance with the rules for the same.
- h. "Rounds" refers to the different levels of the competition. The respective rounds will be Preliminary Round, Quarter Final Round, Semi Final Round and Final Round.
- i. "Team Code" refers to the code assigned to each participating teams by the organizing committee for the sake of the competition.
- j. "Penalty" refers to points deducted from the teams for violation of the rules prescribed.

1.4 Interpretation - The Organizing Committee shall reserve the right to interpret the rules as it may deem fit in the interests of the participants and the organizers to maintain fairness and equality in the Competition. The interpretation placed upon these Rules and Procedure shall be conclusive and the decision of the Organizing Committee regarding the application of the Rules & procedure shall be final. Any such decision shall be binding on all the stakeholders and participants.

2. DATE AND VENUE

2.1. The competition will be conducted in **OFFLINE MODE** from **18th August 2023 to 20th August 2023**, at the **Government Law College Kozhikode**.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The Competition is open to all regular students in Universities, Colleges and Institutions in India imparting Legal education leading to an

undergraduate degree in Law (5 year integrated LLB/3 Year LLB) recognized by the Bar Council of India.

- 3.2 Each Law School/Law College/University Department/Institution shall be represented by only one Team at the Competition.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1 The team shall include a maximum of three members and minimum of two (Two speakers and one researcher or one speaker and one being speaker and researcher simultaneously).
- 4.2 At the time of online registration, the details of Team composition should be provided.
- 4.3 Only those members of the Team who are designated as speakers will be permitted to present oral arguments before the Judges in the Competition.
- 4.4 Team that has registered may change its composition only after informing the OC of such change by e-mail the details of the change in team composition.
- 4.5 Any change in the contact details of the team members should 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.
- 4.6 Team Coach or any other additional student accompanying a Team shall not be permitted to sit with or assist the Team during the Rounds.
- 4.7 The Researcher may be permitted to argue as Speaker in case of illness or any unforeseen contingency, but the permission of the OC in such a case shall be mandatory.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Each team shall register for **Adv. T.P Aravindakshan Memorial All India Moot Court Competition 2023** through this link: [Register Here](#)
- 5.2 During the provisional registration, the participants are expected to pay the full fee.
- 5.3 After the provisional registration, there will be a memorial evaluation after which **18 teams** will be selected for the competition.
- 5.4 Those teams which do not make it to the competition will be notified and the refund of the full amount will be issued. **The participants are to note that, if there are any withdrawals from the competition at any stage, rather than getting eliminated after the memorial submission, they will not be issued any kind of refund. No refund shall be issued to the participants if they withdraw from the competition at any stage unless on the grounds of elimination.**
- 5.5 The last date for the provisional registration along with fee payment is **10th July 2023**.
- 5.6 Registration after the given deadline shall not be accepted under any circumstances.
- 5.7 After the deadline for the provisional registration expires, the organizers shall respond to each provisionally registered team, with a unique team code, which shall be used to identify the teams during the competition.
- 5.8 The teams qualifying the Memorial Selection Round should proceed to complete the final confirmation.
- 5.9 The final confirmation form will be sent to the selected teams on the day of announcing the result of the Memorial selection (**30th July 2023**).
- 5.10 Registration fee for the competition is **INR 5000/-** (including

accommodation and transport facilities)Registration fee without accommodation and transport is **INR 3000/-**

5.11 Selected Teams should complete the final confirmation form with photos of team members and signature of the Head of the Institution (along with Seal of Institution) and a scanned copy of the same (The Registration form for each participant in the team should be filled separately and it should be signed by the Head of Institution) along with the payment receipt should be sent to mcs glck@gmail.com with the subject, **'Registration for Adv. T. P Aravindakshan Memorial All India Moot Court Competition 2023'** on or before **10th July 2023**. It is mandatory to bring the hard copy of the same.

5.12 The following are the details of the bank account for payment of the registration fee

Account Number: 0839101041699

IFSC: CNRB0000839

BANK NAME: CANARA BANK, VELLIMADUKUNNU

6. COMPETITION BASICS

6.1 The language of the competition shall be English.

6.2 Participating Teams shall not, in any manner, disclose any fact during the Competition pertaining to the identity of the Team, its participants or the College/Institution/University represented by them.

6.3 Each Team will be provided with a Team Code, which shall be used throughout the competition, until the declaration of results.

6.4 Any material, including books, notes, etc., carried into the courtroom for

the Oral Rounds, whether presented to the Judges or not, shall be devoid of any identification marks/ seal of the Team or College/Institution/ University represented. If any such mark/seal exists, the Team shall render the same unrecognizable to the satisfaction of the OC.

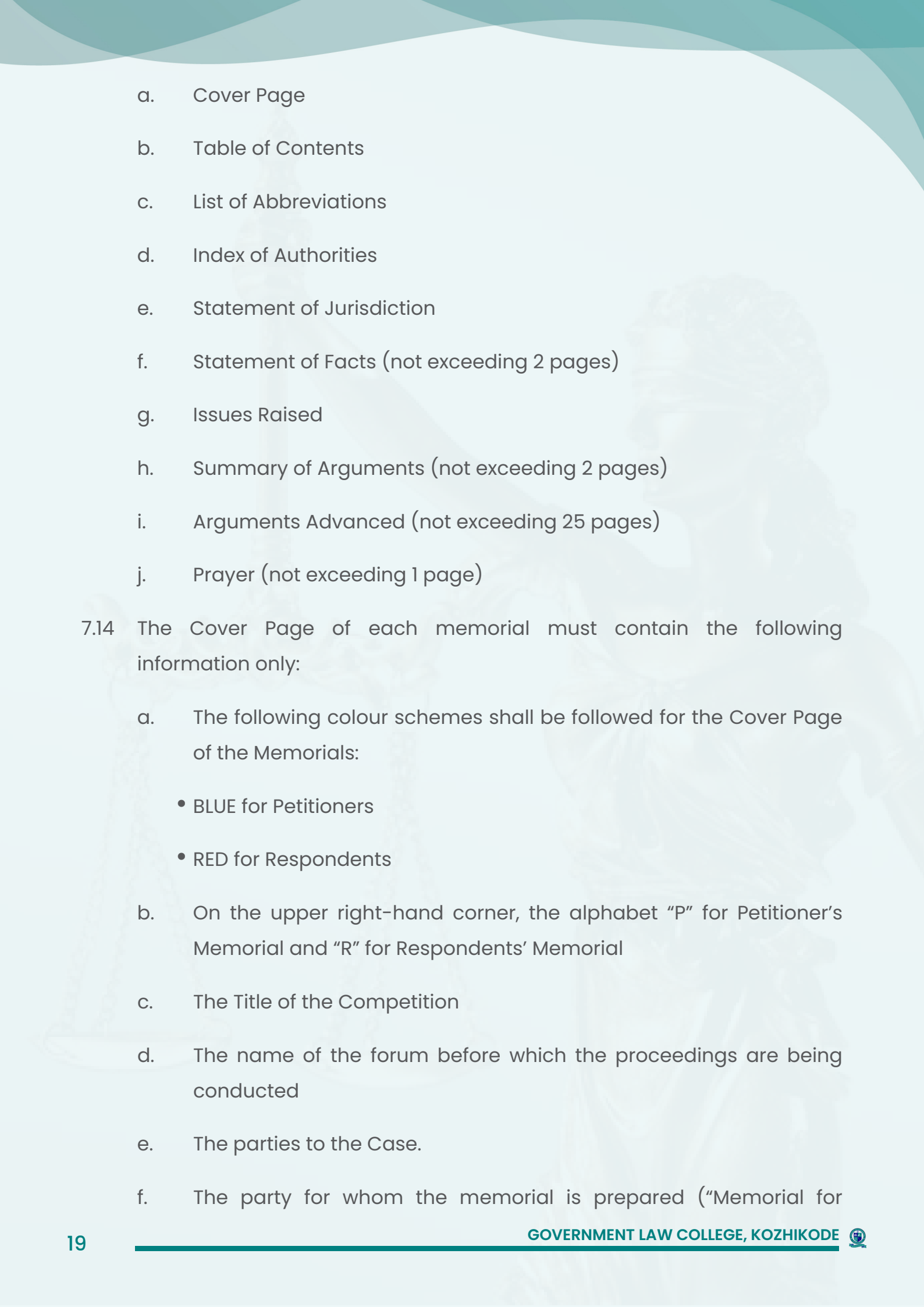
- 6.5 Violation of the above rules may result in immediate disqualification of the Team. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

7. MEMORIAL

- 7.1. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of the Petitioner and another one on behalf of the Respondent.
- 7.2. The soft copy of the Memorials, in PDF format only, shall be sent to mcsoglck@gmail.com with the subject of the mail being **“ADV. T. P. ARAVINDAKSHAN MEMORIAL ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023 – MEMORIAL”** by **11:59 p.m.** on or before **22nd July 2023**.
- 7.3. It is the responsibility of each participating Team to ensure that the electronic copies of the memorials can be opened with Adobe Acrobat Reader (.pdf format).
- 7.4. Four hard copies of the Memorials for each side [four for the Petitioners and four for the Respondents] shall be submitted at the time of Competition orientation on **18th August 2023**.
- 7.5. The content of the soft copies of the Memorials earlier submitted must not be different from the content of the physical copies of the Memorials.
- 7.6. Teams may carry hard copies of their Memorials for their personal use. No hardcopies of Memorials submitted by a Team to the OC in

accordance with this “Rules” shall be provided to such Team for their personal use.

- 7.7. Memorials once submitted will be considered as final and cannot be revised.
- 7.8. All memorials submitted for purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the “Rules” of the Competition.
- 7.9. Memorials must be typed on A-4 size sheets on both sides with black ink and must be neatly bound. Paper binding/calico binding/staple binding can be used.
- 7.10. The Memorials (excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following specifications:
 - a. Font type: Times New Roman
 - b. Font size: 12; For footnotes Font Size shall be 10
 - c. Line spacing: 1.5; For footnotes Line spacing shall be 1
 - d. Body of text: Justified
 - e. Margin of 1 inch on each side of each page
 - f. The citation should follow the 20th edition of the Blue Book
 - g. Speaking Footnotes or Endnotes are not allowed
- 7.11 Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations, Table of Authorities, Section Headings and footnotes shall be typed Single-spaced.
- 7.12 Footnotes should be limited only to citations and must not contain extra information or arguments.
- 7.13 The Memorial shall have the following mandatory heads:

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- a. Cover Page
 - b. Table of Contents
 - c. List of Abbreviations
 - d. Index of Authorities
 - e. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - f. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - g. Issues Raised
 - h. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - i. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 25 pages)
 - j. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

7.14 The Cover Page of each memorial must contain the following information only:

- a. The following colour schemes shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorials:
 - BLUE for Petitioners
 - RED for Respondents
- b. On the upper right-hand corner, the alphabet "P" for Petitioner's Memorial and "R" for Respondents' Memorial
- c. The Title of the Competition
- d. The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted
- e. The parties to the Case.
- f. The party for whom the memorial is prepared ("Memorial for

Petitioners” and “Memorial for Respondents”)

- 7.15 The OC reserves the right to disseminate and reproduce the memorials for the purpose of the Competition. Submission of memorials in this Moot will constitute the consent of the Teams to such dissemination and reproduction.
- 7.16 Memorials shall be evaluated by Memorial Evaluators on the basis of the following criteria:

	Criteria	Marks
1	Knowledge of facts and Law	25
2	Reasoning	25
3	Extent and use of Research	20
4	Research Methodology	20
5	Style, Spelling, Grammar, Form	10
	TOTAL	100

8. DRESS CODE FOR PARTICIPANTS

- 8.1 The dress code for the participants during the court sessions shall be as follows:
- Female participants: White Salwar Kameez and Black Blazer; OR White Shirt, Black Pants and Black Blazer.
 - Male participants: White Shirt and Black Pant with Black Blazer and Black Tie.

- 8.2 The participants shall wear the ID card provided by the OC throughout the days of the competition.
- 8.3 The participating teams shall also adhere to the above-mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.

9. GENERAL

- A) The inaugural session will be held on **18th August 2023**, followed by the briefing of rules and regulations of the competition and draw of lots for both preliminary rounds. There will be a memorial exchange and the teams will receive the memorials of their opposite teams in the Preliminary Rounds on the same day after the draw of lots.
- B) The teams who advance from each round would be declared after the respective rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valediction / prize distribution ceremony.
- C) The Bench may grant an extension of time at its discretion.
- D) Compendium: Teams shall submit their respective compendiums, if any, for both. petitioner and respondent, prior to the oral rounds. The teams will not be allowed in the compendium.
- E) Teams must note that they will not be permitted to share any material with the judges if such material bears their name or the name of their College/University or any other items which disclose their identity. The compendium must not include any pictorial representations.
- F) The Organizing committee reserves the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the

competing teams in case it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/teams at the far end or if the competing teams have had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem. In the matter of disputes or complaints or technical errors the decision of the Appeal Committee chaired by the Principal, Government Law College, Kozhikode will be final.

- G) The format of the competition will be as stated as below.

ROUNDS	BASIS	CRITERIA
Preliminary Round	Highest Score	8 winning teams would advance to Quarter Finals
Quarter Final Round	Knock out	4 winning teams would advance to Semi Finals
Semi Final Round	Knock out	2 winning teams would advance to Final
Final Round		

9.1 Preliminary Round

- A) There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, one for petitioner & another for respondent.
- B) Preliminary rounds will be held on **19th August 2023**. The schedule for the rounds shall be released later.
- C) Each Preliminary round will consist of 1 hour in total. Each team will be given 30 minutes to speak. Each speaker must speak for a minimum of 10 minutes and can go maximum up to 15 minutes. The remaining time from the total of 30 minutes can be used by the team for the rebuttal session. The teams have to specify to the court officer how many minutes they have allotted for the

arguments of each speaker and for the rebuttal, before the commencement of the rounds.

- D) Any extra time allotted to a speaker will be under the discretion of the judges. Exceeding the allotted time will attract penalties unless approved by the judges.
- E) **Top eight teams** from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter Final rounds which will be held on the same day afternoon.
- F) Memorial scores will be considered only as the **tie-breaker** in qualifying to the quarter finals.

9.2 Quarter Final Round

- A) Draw of lots will decide the side of the arguments in Quarterfinals. Quarter Finals will be held on **19th August 2023**.
- B) The format for Quarter Final round will be the same as Preliminary rounds, consisting of 1 hour in total. Each team will be given 30 minutes to speak. All the other rules of the Preliminary rounds are also applicable in the Quarter Final round.
- C) The results of the Quarter Final rounds will be announced on the same day and the draw of lots to the Semi Final rounds will be done following that. The Memorial scores will only be considered for the Quarter final round as a **tie- breaker**.

9.3 Semi Final Round

- A) Semi Finals will be held on **20th August 2023**
- B) The Semi Final rounds will consist of 90 minutes in total. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case that will include rebuttal time. Each speaker must speak for a minimum of 15 minutes and can go maximum up to 20 minutes, and the remaining time from the total of 45 minutes can be used by the team for the rebuttal session. The teams have to specify how many minutes they have allotted for the arguments of each speaker and for the rebuttal, before the

commencement of the rounds. The winners, decided on the knock out basis, will proceed to the Final round.

9.4 Final Round

- A) The final round will be held on **20th August 2023**. The draw of lots to the final round will be done at least 1 hour prior to the commencing of the round. The teams will receive the memorials of the opposite team soon after the draw of lots.
- B) The format for the final round will be the same as that of Semi Final rounds, consisting of 90 minutes in total for the round and 45 minutes per team. All the other rules of the Semi Final rounds are also applicable in the final round.

10 RESEARCHER'S TEST / INTERVIEW

- 10.1 There will be a test / interview to select the best and second best researcher of the moot court competition.
- 10.2 The Researcher's test / interview shall be conducted on **10th August 2023** via online platform.
- 10.3 In a team consisting of three members, the member designated as Researcher shall only take part in the test / interview.
- 10.4 If a team comprises two members, then one of the two members shall be eligible to take the test / interview. However, the team must notify the organizers in advance as to which of the team members shall take the test / interview.

11 EVALUATION

- 11.1 A bench comprising **TWO JUDGES** selected from a panel of judges drawn from an array of judicial officers, advocates and academicians will preside over each of the Preliminary Rounds.

A bench comprising **THREE JUDGES** selected from a panel of judges drawn from an array of judicial officers, advocates and academicians will preside over the Quarter Final and Semi Final rounds.

The final round will be presided over by **THREE JUDGES** of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

- 11.2 Each court will assign marks to both individual participants and the Team.
- 11.3 An individual participant will be evaluated to a maximum of **100 marks** by each judge. The division of marks for all the rounds will be on the basis of following criteria :

No.	Criteria	Marks
1	Substance in arguments, articulation of factual issues, factual analysis and use of evidence.	20
2	Knowledge of law, interpretation, articulation of legal issues and legal analysis.	20
3	Use of authorities and citations.	10
4	Skills of advocacy, persuasiveness and response to questions.	25
5	Clarity, brevity, ingenuity, language and style	15
6	Court manners and general impression	10
	TOTAL	100

12 AWARDS

12.1 Honors in this competition shall include:

SL. NO.	CITATION	AWARDS
A	BEST TEAM	₹ 30,000/- + TROPHY+CERTIFICATE"
B	SECOND BEST TEAM	₹20,000/- + TROPHY+CERTIFICATE
C	BEST SPEAKER	₹10,000/- + TROPHY+CERTIFICATE
D	SECOND BEST SPEAKER	TROPHY+CERTIFICATE
E	BEST MEMORIAL	₹10,000/- + TROPHY+CERTIFICATE
F	SECOND BEST MEMORIAL	TROPHY+CERTIFICATE
G	BEST RESEARCHER	₹10,000/- + TROPHY+CERTIFICATE
H	SECOND BEST RESEARCHER	TROPHY+CERTIFICATE



- 12.2 The winners of the above mentioned titles will be awarded cash prizes, Certificates and ever rolling trophies. In addition to the above, certificates will be given to other categories of winners and all other participants.
- 12.3 Each member of the participating teams will receive a complimentary yearly access subscription to **Legal Bites Law Library**.
- 12.4 The winning team will be awarded a Mega Test Series Subscription worth **INR 15,000** on Law Aspirants (A product of Legal Bites). This subscription will greatly aid them in preparing for law competitive exams such as judiciary, legal officer, and more, ensuring they excel in their future endeavours.

13 COPYRIGHT

- 13.1 The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in Government Law College, Kozhikode. The participants shall certify the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
- 13.2 Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Government Law College Kozhikode and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information or for the accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
- 13.3 Distribution of these materials on affiliated websites does not constitute consent to any use of this material form of hypertext distribution. Links to the collection or individual pages in it can be made, including commercial redistribution either via the Internet or using some other means by Government Law College Kozhikode.

14 SCOUTING

- 14.1 Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. No member of any team or any

individual connected with any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition.

- 14.2 The Organizers shall take strict action, including disqualification from the competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.

15 MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.1 Upon completion of the competition, the organizing committee reserves the exclusive right to use the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.
- 15.2 All participants are expected to maintain decorum in Court during the rounds of the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 15.3 The organizing committee reserves the right to amend, add, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.
- 15.4 The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct. The organising committee's decision regarding the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the Moot Court Competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final.
- 15.5 Participants must refrain from plagiarism of any kind. Any use of publicly available information must be accompanied by proper citations. Failure to comply with this rule may result in being debarred from the Competition.

16 RECEPTION :

- a. A scanned copy of the travel plans of the teams shall be sent to mcs glck@gmail.com not later than **5th August 2023**.
- b. The teams will be received at Railway stations / Bus stations / Airport from 17th August 2023. However the teams will be free to reach on their own and report at the Government Law College campus at Vellimadukunnu, Marikunnu, Kozhikode before 4 PM, 18th August 2023.

- c. The nearest International Airport is Calicut International Airport Calicut Airport P.O, Calicut Airport Rd, Karipur, Kerala, 673647
 - which is approximately 30 kms from the College.
 - The Kozhikode Railway Station is less than 10 kms.
 - The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (K.S.R.T.C) Bus Station is approximately 8 kms away from the college.

17 BOARDING AND LODGING

- 17.1 The boarding and lodging for the teams will be provided from **18th August 2023 morning 6 am to 4 pm**. Lodging for female and male students will be separate. Under no circumstances, the organizers would provide lodging and boarding for any persons other than the three team members.
- 17.2 Participants can register with or without boarding and lodging facilities. However, Organisers shall not be responsible for participants not availing the lodging facilities. Transportation facilities shall not be provided for students registering without boarding and lodging.
- 17.3 The facilities in the library and the Cyber Centre of the Government Law College, Kozhikode can be availed, but only for reference.

18. GRIEVANCE CELL

- 18.1 A Grievance cell will be established for resolving all grievance of the participants regarding to the competition. All or any grievances are to be presented only to the grievance committee of the competition and the decision of the grievance committee shall be final and binding on the participants.