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2026**

COMPETITION RULES

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PART I – General Instructions

1. Introduction

- 1.1. These rules shall be referred to as the “SPIL Mumbai International Treaty Appreciation Competition Official Rules” (hereinafter “**the Rules**”).
- 1.2. These rules shall only apply to the SPIL Mumbai International Treaty Appreciation Competition (hereinafter “**the Competition**”).
- 1.3. The organising committee of the Competition shall be known as Students for the Promotion of International Law, Mumbai (hereinafter “**SPIL Mumbai**”).
- 1.4. The Rules shall come into effect from September 2025 onwards, for all future editions of the Competition, unless amended by SPIL Mumbai.
- 1.5. The International Treaty Appreciation Competition, 2026 is being organised as part of the 16th Government Law College International Law Summit 2026, scheduled to take place on 6th & 7th March 2026.
- 1.6. The Competition comprises of 2 Components: the Written Critique Component and the offline Deliberation Component, scheduled to happen physically at the Government Law College, Mumbai on 6th & 7th March 2026. The Competition has a Written Critique Qualifier, and the top 12 (twelve) teams in the Written Critique Component shall be invited for the physical Deliberation Component.
- 1.7. Participants are requested to browse the Competition Brochure for more details. These Rules shall be read in conformity with the calendar and timelines provided in the Competition Brochure and as updated from time-to-time on the Summit webpage.
- 1.8. The language of all the Components of the Competition shall be English only.
- 1.9. For the purposes of these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) “**Case File**” or “**Competition Module**” shall mean the problem statement and supporting documents forming the basis of deliberation in the Competition.
 - (b) “**CISG**” shall refer to the United Nations Convention on the International Sales of Goods.
 - (c) “**Clarification(s)**” shall mean official responses issued by SPIL Mumbai to queries from Teams concerning the Competition Module or these Rules.

- (d) **“Competition Brochure”** or the **“Summit Brochure”** shall mean the promotional material and document available on the Webpage, which contains the details on the Registration Fee and the bank account.
- (e) **“Deliberation Component”** means the oral deliberations rounds which shall be conducted as a single plenary session lasting approximately 2-3 (two to three) hours, conducted after qualification from the Written Critique Component, held physically during the 16th Government Law College International Law Summit scheduled on 6th & 7th March 2026, at the Government Law College, Mumbai.
- (f) **“Deliberation Room”** shall mean the virtual or physical room in which the Deliberation Component is conducted.
- (g) **“Marking Judges”** shall mean the individuals appointed by SPIL Mumbai to adjudge and evaluate the performance of the Teams in accordance with these Rules.
- (h) **“Official Communication”** shall mean any notice, clarification, or instruction transmitted by SPIL Mumbai through the designated email address: summit@spilmumbai.com or spil.glc@gmail.com; or on the Webpage of the Summit available at www.spilmumbai.org.
- (i) **“Portfolio Countries”** shall mean the set of 12 (twelve) predetermined sovereign States / Countries designated by SPIL Mumbai for representation in the TAC 2026. Each participating Team shall be administratively allotted one such country for the purposes of preparing its Written Critique and participating in the Deliberation Component.
- (j) **“Registration Fee”** shall mean the early bird registration fee or the regular registration fee, as may be applicable, given in the Competition Brochure.
- (k) **“Special Rapporteur(s)”** shall mean the individual(s) appointed by SPIL Mumbai to facilitate and moderate the Deliberation Component of the Competition. The Special Rapporteur(s) shall guide the flow of discussion, manage time and procedural order and / or assist in consolidating negotiated text or outcomes. They shall not act as competitors, and may or may not form part of the marking panel, as determined by SPIL Mumbai.
- (l) **“Team”** shall mean a group of 2 (two) participants registered in accordance with these Rules.

- (m) “**Team Code**” shall mean the anonymous alphanumeric identifier assigned by SPIL Mumbai to each registered Team for the purposes of all identification, ranking and publication in the Competition.
- (n) “**Third Marking Judge**” means a Marking Judge appointed in accordance with the Rules to replace or adjudicate an Award where the difference between 2 (two) initial Marking Judges’ raw totals exceeds the threshold specified in these Rules.
- (o) “**Webpage**” shall refer to the Summit webpage available on the website of SPIL Mumbai, having the URL as www.spilmumbai.org/summit/2026.
- (p) “**Written Critique**” means the single written adjudicative document submitted by a Team in accordance with Part II of these Rules and forming the Written Critique Component of the Competition.
- (q) “**Written Critique Component**” shall mean the Written Critique submitted by the participants to SPIL Mumbai on the basis of which, the top **12 (twelve)** performing teams shall progress to the Deliberation Component of the Competition.

2. Eligibility and Participation

- 2.1. Indian Nationals: Individuals currently enrolled in any recognised institution / university / college, recognised by the Bar Council of India, on a full-time or part-time basis, pursuing either the 3-year LL.B. or the 5-year integrated B.A. / B.L.S. / B.B.A. / B.Com / B.Sc./ B.Tech. LL.B. programme at the time of the Competition, are eligible to participate in the Competition.
- 2.2. Foreign Nationals: Individuals currently enrolled in their first law degree or an undergraduate law degree, in any recognised institution / university / college outside India are eligible to participate in the Competition. The Participants shall strictly not be enrolled in a Masters level or a post-graduate level law programme.
- 2.3. Team and Team Composition: Participants shall register for the Competition as a team. A team shall consist of **2 (two)** members. Both the Team members shall be from the same institution.
- 2.4. Students enrolled in any year of their undergraduate law degree programme are eligible to participate, provided they have not completed their final semester examinations before the commencement of the Competition.
- 2.5. Participants must not be engaged in full-time legal practice, employment, or bar enrolment at the time of the Competition. Individuals holding any form of professional

legal licence or currently employed in a legal capacity shall be ineligible. Even recent graduates, who have passed their undergraduate degree and currently awaiting enrolment are not eligible to participate.

- 2.6. The team shall not have any designated roles. It is at the team's discretion to determine which participant shall serve as the Speaker during the deliberation.
- 2.7. Interchanging roles during the Deliberation is strictly not allowed. There shall be a single Speaker for the whole session.
- 2.8. Change in Team Composition shall not be permitted once the names are registered with SPIL Mumbai, except at the sole discretion of SPIL Mumbai. The requests for change in Team composition shall be submitted before the issuance of Deliberation Component invitation letters and the visa invitation letters.
- 2.9. Cross-Institutional Teams: Teams must comprise students enrolled in the same institution. Cross-institutional teams shall not be permitted.
- 2.10. Institutional Limit: Each institution may register a maximum of **2 (two)** Teams. However, SPIL Mumbai reserves the right to permit additional teams from the same institution if slots remain unfilled after the initial registration deadline.
- 2.11. GLC Student Eligibility: Students of the Government Law College, Mumbai, except for those nominated by SPIL Mumbai through the internal elimination process, shall not be eligible to participate in the Competition.
- 2.12. Dual Registration Restriction: A participant shall not be permitted to register for both the International Judgment Deliberation Competition, 2026 and the International Treaty Appreciation Competition, 2026 in the same year. Each participant may compete in only one competition forming part of the Summit.
- 2.13. Institutional Verification/ ID Requirement: All registered participants must submit a valid student identity card or a proof of tuition fee payment or a Bonafide certificate from their institution verifying current enrolment at the time of registration confirmation. Teams must submit the name of the dean or the head of their institution or the faculty-in-charge or the head of their institution's moot court society or the head of the student body. SPIL Mumbai shall reach out to such persons as well, for the confirmation of registration.
- 2.14. Team Institutional Nomination or Official Endorsement: In furtherance of *Clause 2.13.*, each participating Team must be officially nominated or endorsed by the dean, head of department, faculty-in-charge, or the head of the moot court society or the head of the student body of their respective institution. SPIL Mumbai reserves the right to seek

documentary proof of such nomination or endorsement and may verify the same directly with the concerned authority. Teams registering without institutional nomination will be considered provisional until the official endorsement is confirmed.

3. Registration

- 3.1. Participants shall register by filling out the registration form available [here](#), under the TAC 2026 Tab of the Webpage.
- 3.2. Only 1 (one) member is required to complete the registration form on behalf of the team.
- 3.3. Names of team members must be correctly typed in the form, with special attention given to the spelling of each member's name. Appropriate certificates shall be issued to the participants with their names precisely as specified in the form.
- 3.4. The Registration Fee for each team for the Competition applicable to the participants can be found in the Competition Brochure.
- 3.5. The payment of the Registration Fee must be completed through the specified payment method given in the Competition Brochure. All payments must be completed before the confirmation of registration by SPIL Mumbai.
- 3.6. The Teams may nominate a coach, who wishes to mentor the participants in the Competition. However, should the Teams wish SPIL Mumbai to issue a certificate of acknowledgment to the said coaches, they must fill the names of such coach in the registration form itself. However, SPIL Mumbai will not provide accommodation to the coaches of such top 12 (twelve) qualifying teams of the Deliberation Component.
- 3.7. Refunds and Withdrawals: No refunds will be issued upon the cancellation of registration.
- 3.8. The last date to register will be **30th November 2025, 11:59 PM IST**.

4. Country Portfolio and Allocation

- 4.1. Country Portfolio: The following 12 (twelve) countries shall constitute the Portfolio Countries for TAC 2026:

Federal Republic of Germany	United States of America	People's Republic of China
Federative Republic of Brazil	French Republic	Republic of Singapore
United Mexican States	Japan	Canada
Commonwealth of Australia	Republic of Korea	Kingdom of the Netherlands

4.2. Administrative Allotment: The allocation of Portfolio Countries shall be undertaken solely by SPIL Mumbai. Teams shall not be permitted to apply for, select, or request a specific country.

4.3. Principles of Allocation: Country allotments shall be made by SPIL Mumbai in accordance with the principles of fairness, institutional diversity, and competitive balance. The objective shall be to ensure that each Portfolio Country is represented at least once, and that no participating institution gains an undue advantage through allocation.

4.4. Finality: Allotments once published shall be final and binding.

5. Anonymity and Team Code for Identification

5.1. Each Team shall be assigned a unique Team Code. All Teams shall use their assigned Team Codes for identification purposes at all times.

5.2. During the offline Deliberation Component, the Teams will be identified through the allotted Portfolio Countries.

PART II – Written Critique

6. Format of the Written Critique

- 6.1. The Written Critique must be typed and reproduced on white standard A4-sized pages (21x29¾ centimetres), except for the cover page, where below-mentioned formatting rules shall apply.
- 6.2. The colour of the text in the Written Critique (except cover page) must be Black (#000000).
- 6.3. The font of the text in all sections of the Written Critique must be Times New Roman and the size must be 12 points (excluding the cover page).
- 6.4. The text of all sections of the Written Critique must be one and half (1.5) spaced, except for the text of the footnotes and headings, which must be single-spaced (1.0).
- 6.5. Each page of the Written Critique must have margins of at least one inch or two point five four (2.54) centimetres on all sides, excluding page numbers.
- 6.6. The Written Critique must be paginated, with the page numbers positioned on the right-hand side of the footer.
- 6.7. Quotations of 50 (fifty) words or more in any part of the Written Critique must be block quoted (i.e., right and left indented) and single-spaced.
- 6.8. Teams must use the Harvard Bluebook 20th Edition citation style and must maintain consistency throughout their Written Critique. The language for the Written Critique must be English only.
- 6.9. Length:
 - (a) The combined length of the Procedural History, Factual Background, and Issues and Summary of Arguments sections shall not exceed 1,500 (one thousand and five hundred) words.
 - (b) The *Findings and Reasoning* and *Conclusions and Recommendations* sections (inclusive of footnotes) shall not exceed 10,000 (ten thousand) words.
- 6.10. Cover Page:
 - (a) The cover page shall mirror the design of the Competition Module.
 - (b) The colour of the text on the cover page shall be White (#FFFFFF).
 - (c) The cover-page background shall be Blue (#003366).
 - (d) The heading “*Competition Module*” shall be replaced with “*Written Critique*.”

- (e) The bottom page shall contain a signing block indicating only the Team Code.

7. Parts of the Written Critique

7.1. Every Written Critique shall contain the following sections:

- (a) Cover Page;
- (b) Index & Table of Abbreviations;
- (c) Background;
- (d) Synopsis;
- (e) Critique; and
- (f) Conclusions and Recommendations.

7.2. Background:

- (a) Each Critique shall incorporate as section titled “*Background*.”
- (b) The background shall be confined to the specified facts and essential inferences drawn from the Competition Module and any clarifications provided.
- (c) It shall refrain from including unsupported facts, distortions of stated facts, argumentative statements, or legal conclusions.

7.3. Synopsis:

The synopsis shall encompass an overview of the Critique section in paragraph form. Each Critique shall feature a synopsis of Issues raised.

7.4. Critique:

- (a) This section shall contain the substantive legal analysis and interpretation of the issues in dispute.
- (b) Substantive and affirmative legal analysis or legal interpretation of the facts from the Competition Module shall be confined to the “*Critique*” section of the Critique.
- (c) Teams incorporating analysis or legal interpretation in any other part of the Critique shall face penalties and /or disqualifications.

7.5. Conclusions and Recommendations:

- (a) This section shall summarise the analysis of the Written Critique and provide recommendations as to the amendment or critique of the CISG.
- (b) The Conclusion shall provide answers to the issues.

7.6. Appendix:

- (a) Teams may include an Appendix not exceeding 10 pages. It may reproduce relevant provisions of the CISG.
- (b) It shall follow the same formatting as the rest of the Written Critique.

8. Evaluation Criteria for the Written Critique

8.1. The evaluation criteria for the Written Critique shall be as depicted below in *Table A*:

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks
1.	Appreciation and Critique of the Amendment	20
2.	Application of Legal Principles	25
3.	Use of Authorities and Citations	20
4.	Analysis and Organisation	25
5.	General Impression	10
TOTAL		100

(Table A: Marking Criteria for the Written Critique)

8.2. Each Written Critique shall be evaluated by 2 (two) Marking Judges.

9. Submission of the Written Critique

9.1. All research, writing, and editing of the Written Critique must be solely the product of team members. Plagiarism percentage of up to 10% (ten percent) is permissible. Plagiarism percentage shall be evaluated objectively by SPIL Mumbai.

9.2. The names of participants and affiliated institutes must NOT be mentioned anywhere in the Written Critique.

9.3. Mode of Submission: Upon the confirmation of a Team's registration, SPIL Mumbai shall share a link to a Google Form for submission of the soft copies of the Written Critique. The submissions shall be made on or before **30th November 2025 (11:59 PM IST)**.

9.4. All teams qualifying to offline Deliberation Rounds of the Competition must provide 6 (six) hard copies of the Written Critique. The said Written Critique must be spiral bound, stapling or book binding is not permitted.

10. Penalties

10.1. Failure to comply with any of these above-mentioned Rules will result in penalties and/or disqualifications as delineated below.

- 10.2. Written Critique postmarked after the designated deadline as mentioned above will incur a penalty of 5 (five) points.
- 10.3. Written Critique will be penalised 3 (three) points per day, in addition to the initial 5 (five) points described above for delays up to an additional 5 (five) days. Written Critique not submitted within 6 (six) days of the deadline will not be judged, and will automatically be disqualified.
- 10.4. Non adherence to formatting rules will incur a penalty of 2 (two) points per violating page, up to a total of 10 (ten) points.
- 10.5. Failure to include all parts of the Written Critique will incur a penalty of 5 (five) points for each missing part of the Written Critique.
- 10.6. Substantive legal analysis outside of approved sections of the Written Critique will incur a penalty of 5 (five) points, for each such instances.
- 10.7. Excessive length of the Written Critique will incur a penalty of 1 (one) point per 10 words exceeded.
- 10.8. The Written Critique with names of participants or any identification marks other than the Team Code will be automatically disqualified.

PART III – Structure and Format

11. Competition Structure and Format

- 11.1. Components: The Competition shall comprise of 2 (two) distinct components:
- (a) Written Critique Component; and
 - (b) Deliberation Component.
- 11.2. Purpose of Written Critique Component: The Written Critique Component requires each Team to submit an analytical and reform-oriented Written Critique on behalf of its allotted Portfolio Country. The Written Critique shall reflect a country-specific evaluation of the treaty issue presented in the Competition Module, and may propose interpretative, textual, or structural reforms in accordance with that country's policy position.
- 11.3. Qualification for Deliberation Component: The highest-scoring Written critique from each Portfolio Country shall qualify for the Deliberation Component. In the event that multiple Teams are allotted from the same Portfolio Country, only the Team with the highest normalised score from that Portfolio Country shall advance. Qualification shall be determined solely on the basis of the rank-list prepared from the final normalized scores obtained in the Written Component (*see below Clause 11.5. on Normalization*). In the event a qualified Team withdraws, the next-highest-scoring Team for that Portfolio Country may be invited. SPIL Mumbai will publish the Top 12 Team Codes and rank-list on the Competition website and communicate the same to all the Teams.
- 11.4. Purpose of Written Scores: Unless otherwise specified in an express announcement by SPIL Mumbai, Written Critique scores shall be used only for determination of the Top 12 qualifying teams, with each of the Portfolio Country being represented.
- 11.5. Normalization of Written Critique Scores: To ensure parity across judges and fairness in ranking, the Written Critique scores shall be normalized prior to preparing the Top 12 rank-list, with the best country critique for each Portfolio Country. SPIL Mumbai shall apply the following simple normalization procedure:
- (a) For each Marking Judge, compute that Marking Judge's average (mean) across all raw scores they awarded (called "*JudgeAvg*" for this calculation).
 - (b) SPIL Mumbai has adopted a standard average of 70 points, as the Competition baseline.
 - (c) For every raw score X awarded by that Marking Judge, the Adjusted Score shall be computed as:

$$\text{Adjusted Score} = X + (70 - \text{JudgeAvg})$$

- (d) Each team's final Written Critique score shall be the arithmetic mean of the Adjusted Scores given by the 2 (two) Marking Judges assigned to that Critique.
- (e) If the 2 (two) Marking Judges' raw total scores for a team differ by more than 10 (ten) points, the Critique shall be referred to a Third Marking Judge. The Third Marking Judge's raw mark replaces the more deviant of the original two prior to normalization.

12. Deliberation Rounds

- 12.1. Nature of the Deliberation: The Deliberation Component shall be conducted as a single plenary session lasting 2-3 (two to three) hours, held physically at the Government Law College, Mumbai. It shall simulate a multilateral diplomatic session wherein representatives of Portfolio Countries deliberate upon the reform or interpretation of the treaty issue set forth in the Competition Module.
- 12.2. Appointment of Special Rapporteurs: The Deliberation shall be moderated by Special Rapporteurs appointed by SPIL Mumbai. The Special Rapporteurs shall facilitate discussion, manage time, and guide the drafting process without participating as competitors.
- 12.3. Language: The official language of the Competition is English. All submissions and oral arguments must be in English.
- 12.4. Confidentiality & No-Scouting Rule: The purpose of the Deliberation format presumes independent reasoning. The following rules shall apply strictly:
 - (a) *Anonymity*: Teams must use their Team Code at all times and must not reveal names, emails, or institutional affiliations verbally or in writing during any Round. Any disclosure by a team member shall attract penalties, including disqualification.
 - (b) *No scouting / no observation*: Teams, coaches, supporters or institutional representatives shall not attend, observe, or attempt to observe deliberation Sessions of other teams in person or remotely. "Scouting" includes obtaining inside knowledge of other teams' oral delivery, strategy or comments. Any violation will attract immediate sanctions (point deduction, disqualification).
 - (c) *Breach reporting*: Any Team that believes a breach of confidentiality or scouting rule has occurred shall lodge a written complaint with SPIL Mumbai within 24 (twenty-four) hours of the alleged breach. SPIL Mumbai will investigate and may impose sanctions.
- 12.5. The participants may carry with themselves their preparation materials to the Deliberation Rooms, including but not limited to the annotated problem sheets, personal notes, research material, etc. No other documents or electronic/mechanical devices

including but not limited to laptops, mobile phones, earphones, etc shall be permitted in the Deliberation Room.

- 12.6. Any act(s) in violation of the above *Clauses 12.4* and, *12.5* will result in immediate disqualification of the participant and their team.
- 12.7. The extension of time during any round shall be granted solely at the discretion of the Special Rapporteurs. Participants are advised to ask for the Special Rapporteurs' permission before proceeding over the stipulated time limit for each Session.
- 12.8. Recording & Photography: Audio-visual recording of deliberation sessions is prohibited unless expressly authorised in writing by SPIL Mumbai and with the consent of all participants present in the room. However, by participating in this Competition, the participants consent to SPIL Mumbai capturing audio-visual material during the event.

13. Structure of the Session

13.1. Structure:

- (a) Opening Briefing for 10 (ten) minutes: Introduction by the Special rapporteurs and procedural instructions.
- (b) Portfolio Country Presentations for 6-8 (six to eight) minutes per Team: Each Team outlines its Portfolio Country's policy stance and key recommendations.
- (c) Facilitated Negotiation and Drafting for 90 (ninety) minutes: Teams engage in moderated discussion and collaborative drafting, seeking consensus or recording dissent where appropriate.
- (d) Comment and Response for 30-40 (thirty to forty) minutes: Teams respond to questions from other delegations and the Special Rapporteurs.
- (e) Concluding Remarks for 5 (five) minutes per Team: Final statements summarising positions.
- (f) Rapporteurs' Summary for 10 (ten) minutes: The Special Rapporteurs may present a summary of key outcomes.

- 13.2. Oral communications during the Deliberation Component shall be strictly restricted to oral submissions. Any attempt to communicate electronically or otherwise with persons outside the room during Sessions shall result in immediate disqualification.

- 13.3. Timekeeping: The Special Rapporteurs and the Room Co-ordinators shall strictly enforce time limits. Any team exceeding the allotted time shall be penalised as per the competition programme.

14. Marking Criteria

- 14.1. Each team shall be evaluated out of a total of 100 (one hundred) points by each Special Rapporteur.
- 14.2. The team total shall be a cumulative sum of points given by all the Special Rapporteur. For the purpose of progression to the next round, the team's score shall be determined by the average of the total points awarded, divided by the number of Special Rapporteur.
- 14.3. The points allotted by the Special Rapporteurs to any participant shall be final and binding.
- 14.4. The detailed marking criteria has been laid down in *Table B* hereunder:

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks
1.	Negotiation and Consensus-Building Skills	15
2.	Ability to Make and Reply to the Comments	25
3.	Policy Justification and Authority Use	25
4.	Legal Analysis and Treaty Analysis	25
5.	Style, Teamwork, and Persuasiveness	10
TOTAL		100

(Table B: Marking Criteria during the Deliberation Round)

PART IV – Miscellaneous

15. Awards and Merits

- 15.1. The following Awards shall ordinarily be conferred: (a) Best Team (Winner), (b) Runner-Up Team, (c) Best Written Critique, (e) Best Speaker, and (f) any Special Commendation(s) SPIL Mumbai may announce.
- 15.2. Prizes may include certificates, medals, trophy(s), prize money, etc., as published in the Competition Brochure.
- 15.3. Every participant shall receive a ‘Certificate of Participation’ that shall be mailed to the registered email addresses of participants.

16. Clarifications on the Competition Module

- 16.1. Teams may submit formal requests seeking clarification regarding the Module encompassing the Competition Case File. Teams shall communicate their requests for clarifications via email to summit@spilmumbai.com by the date published in the Competition Brochure i.e. **5th November 2025, 11:59 PM IST**.
- 16.2. Clarifications shall be made at the discretion of SPIL, Mumbai, and such decisions shall be deemed final and binding. Informal exchanges shall not bind SPIL Mumbai. SPIL Mumbai will publish clarifications simultaneously on the Competition Webpage.
- 16.3. SPIL Mumbai shall release such clarifications requested on **10th November 2025, 11:59 PM IST**.

17. Dress Code

The dress code for participants during the Competition Rounds shall be black and white formal courtroom attire. A blazer is compulsory for all participants. Participants shall strictly adhere to the dress code.

18. Communication

- 18.1. Participants shall provide SPIL Mumbai with regularly used email addresses to enable necessary communication.
- 18.2. This specified email address shall be utilised by SPIL Mumbai to transmit vital information related to the Competition.

- 18.3. Any information sent to this email address shall be deemed as having been properly communicated to the participants.
- 18.4. If any member of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information, it shall be considered that the entire team has been duly notified or informed.
- 18.5. All communication with SPIL, Mumbai shall be directed to the following email address: summit@spilmumbai.com.

19. Intellectual Property & Publication Rights

- 19.1. Ownership: Teams retain copyright in their Written Critique. By submitting, teams grant SPIL Mumbai a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide licence to reproduce, publish, display and adapt anonymized versions of their Award for educational, promotional, archival or scholarly use.
- 19.2. Publication of Awards: SPIL Mumbai may publish anonymized Written Critiques. If SPIL Mumbai receives a request to publish a full Written Critique attributing the authors, permission must be sought from the Team.

20. Force Majeure, Cancellation & Liability

- 20.1. Force Majeure: If the Competition or any Round cannot proceed due to circumstances beyond SPIL Mumbai's control (natural disaster, pandemic, governmental restrictions), SPIL Mumbai may cancel, postpone, or move the Competition online. SPIL Mumbai will notify teams promptly.
- 20.2. Liability: Participants attend and travel at their own risk. SPIL Mumbai will provide accommodation to all the qualifying Teams for the offline Deliberation Component. SPIL Mumbai and Government Law College, Mumbai shall not be liable for loss of personal property, personal injury, or travel expenses. Teams are encouraged to maintain travel and health insurance.
- 20.3. Refunds: In the event of cancellation, SPIL Mumbai will refund the Registration Fee. SPIL Mumbai's liability for refunds is limited to the Registration Fee.

21. Accessibility & Special Accommodation

- 21.1. Requests: Team requiring special assistance (accessibility, dietary, health) must notify summit@spilmumbai.com with supporting documentation at least 21 (twenty-one) days before the Competition. SPIL Mumbai will use reasonable endeavours to accommodate requests.

21.2. Confidentiality: Medical and special-needs information will be treated confidentially.

22. Miscellaneous

22.1. No team member or participant shall be permitted to enter the Deliberation Room where their team is not a participant.

22.2. SPIL Mumbai reserves the right to take disciplinary action for any unethical, unprofessional, or immoral conduct during the Competition.

22.3. Strict adherence to the Rules is mandatory. Any deviation from the prescribed rules may result in penalties or disqualification.

22.4. In the event of any ambiguity in understanding or interpreting the Rules of the Competition, the decision of SPIL Mumbai shall be final and binding.

22.5. In any situation not expressly addressed by the Rules, or any unforeseen or unanticipated contingencies, the decision of SPIL Mumbai shall be final and binding.

22.6. SPIL Mumbai reserves the right to modify, alter, or repeal any of the aforementioned Rules as deemed necessary.

22.7. All references to time will be construed as per Indian Standard Time (IST).