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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 Judgment Deliberation Competition Official Rules” (hereinafter “**the Rules**”).
- 1.2. These rules shall only apply to the SPIL Mumbai International Judgment Deliberation 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 October 2024 onwards, for all future editions of the Competition, unless amended by SPIL Mumbai.
- 1.5. The International Judgment Deliberation 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 Award 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 Award Qualifier, and the top 12 (twelve) teams in the Written Award 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) “**Clarification(s)**” shall mean official responses issued by SPIL Mumbai to queries from Teams concerning the Competition Module or these Rules.

- (c) “**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.
- (d) “**Deliberation Component**” means the oral deliberations rounds (Preliminary and Final) conducted after qualification from the Written Award Component, where Teams present, comment and conclude in a Deliberation Room during the 16th Government Law College International Law Summit scheduled on 6th & 7th March 2026.
- (e) “**Deliberation Room**” shall mean the virtual or physical room in which a Round of the Competition is conducted.
- (f) “**Judicial Clerk**” shall mean the member of a Team who assists the Participant Judge during a Round (note-taking, internal assistance) and does not make oral submissions.
- (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) “**Participant Judge**” shall mean the member of a Team designated to deliver the judgment presentation, comments, and concluding remarks during a Round.
- (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) “**Round**” shall mean any stage of the Competition, including the Preliminary Rounds, and the Final Round.
- (l) “**Session**” shall mean a component of a Round, namely the Presentation Session, Commenting Session, or Concluding Session.
- (m) “**Submission Timestamp**” means the official date-time recorded by SPIL Mumbai upon receipt of an electronic submission and used for determining punctuality and tie-breaks where applicable.

- (n) “**Team**” shall mean a group of 2 (two) participants (a Participant Judge and a Judicial Clerk) registered in accordance with these Rules.
- (o) “**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.
- (p) “**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.
- (q) “**Webpage**” shall refer to the Summit webpage available on the website of SPIL Mumbai, having the URL as www.spilmumbai.org/summit/2026.
- (r) “**Written Award Component**” shall mean the written award 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.
- (s) “**Written Award**” or “**Written Judgment**” means the single written adjudicative document submitted by a Team in accordance with Part III of these Rules and forming the Written Award 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 – a Judge and a Judicial Clerk. 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. Individual 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 designated roles of Judge or Judicial Clerk. It is at the team's discretion to determine which participant shall serve as the Judge in each round.
- 2.7. In the event that the team wished to interchange roles, such changes shall only be permitted prior to the commencement of the next round. Interchanging roles during the rounds is strictly not allowed.
- 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 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 *bona fide* 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 JDC 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 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. Anonymity and Team Code for Identification

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

PART II – Written Award

5. Format of the Written Award

- 5.1. The Written Award 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.
- 5.2. The colour of the text in the Written Award (except cover page) must be Black (#000000).
- 5.3. The font of the text in all sections of the Written Award must be Times New Roman and the size must be 12 points (excluding the cover page).
- 5.4. The text of all sections of the Written Award must be one and half (1.5) spaced, except for the text of the footnotes and headings, which must be single-spaced (1.0).
- 5.5. Each page of the Written Award must have margins of at least one inch or two point five four (2.54) centimetres on all sides, excluding page numbers.
- 5.6. The Written Award must be paginated, with the page numbers positioned on the right-hand side of the footer.
- 5.7. Quotations of 50 (fifty) words or more in any part of the Written Award must be block quoted (i.e., right and left indented) and single-spaced.
- 5.8. Teams must use the Harvard Bluebook 20th Edition citation style and must maintain consistency throughout their Written Award. The language for the Written Award must be English only.
- 5.9. 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.
- 5.10. 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 Award*.”

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

6. Parts of the Written Award

6.1. Every Written Award shall contain the following sections:

- (a) Cover Page;
- (b) Index & Table of Abbreviations;
- (c) Factual Background and Procedural History;
- (d) Factual Background;
- (e) Issues and Summary of Arguments;
- (f) Findings and Reasoning;
- (g) Conclusions and Recommendations; and
- (h) Appendix (optional).

6.2. Factual Background and Procedural History:

- (a) This section shall succinctly describe how the dispute was initiated and brought before the Panel or Appellate Body under the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU), including consultations, panel establishment, and participation of third parties, where applicable.
- (b) This section shall be confined to the facts and reasonable inferences drawn from the Competition Module and Clarifications provided.
- (c) It shall not contain arguments or legal conclusions. No speculative or extraneous material shall be added.

6.3. Issues and Summary of Arguments:

- (a) Each Written Award shall identify the legal issues referred to the Panel and the MPIA. A concise analytical summary of the contentions of both the Complainant and Respondent shall follow, reflecting the manner of WTO Reports.
- (b) The summary shall remain descriptive and non-argumentative.

6.4. Findings and Reasoning:

This section shall contain the substantive legal analysis and interpretation of the issues in dispute.

6.5. Conclusions and Recommendations:

- (a) This section shall summarise the findings of the Panel or Appellate Body on each issue and set out the operative conclusions.
- (b) Recommendations shall, where appropriate, be framed in accordance with Article 19 of the DSU (e.g., “to bring the measure into conformity with its obligations.”).

6.6. Appendix:

- (a) Teams may include an Appendix not exceeding 10 pages. It may reproduce relevant provisions of WTO Agreements, the DSU, and brief summaries of key WTO Reports cited.
- (b) It shall follow the same formatting as the rest of the Written Award.
- (c) No additional material shall be relied upon during the Deliberation Round.

7. Evaluation Criteria for the Written Award

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

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts, and the Use of Authorities	20
2.	Clarity, Brevity, and Style	20
3.	Use of Authorities and Citations	10
4.	Analysis and Organisation	40
5.	General Impression	10
TOTAL		100

(Table A: Marking Criteria for the Written Award)

7.2. Each Written Award shall be evaluated by 2 (two) Marking Judges.

8. Submission of the Written Award

- 8.1. All research, writing, and editing of the Judgment 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.
- 8.2. The names of participants and affiliated institutes must NOT be mentioned anywhere in the Award.
- 8.3. 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 Award. The submissions shall be made on or before **30th November 2025 (11:59 PM IST)**.
- 8.4. All teams qualifying to offline Deliberation Rounds of the Competition must provide 6 (six) hard copies of the Written Award. The said Written Award must be spiral bound, stapling or book binding is not permitted.

9. Penalties

- 9.1. Failure to comply with any of these above-mentioned Rules will result in penalties and/or disqualifications as delineated below.
- 9.2. Written Award postmarked after the designated deadline as mentioned above will incur a penalty of 5 (five) points.
- 9.3. Written Award 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 Award not submitted within 6 (six) days of the deadline will not be judged, and will automatically be disqualified.
- 9.4. Non adherence to formatting rules will incur a penalty of 2 (two) points per violating page, up to a total of 10 (ten) points.
- 9.5. Failure to include all parts of the Written Award will incur a penalty of 5 (five) points for each missing part of the Written Award.
- 9.6. Substantive legal analysis outside of approved sections of the Written Award will incur a penalty of 5 (five) points, for each such instances.
- 9.7. Excessive length of the Written Award will incur a penalty of 1 (one) point per 10 words exceeded.
- 9.8. The Written Award with names of participants or any identification marks other than the Team Code will be automatically disqualified.

PART III – Structure and Format

10. Competition Structure and Format

- 10.1. Components: The Competition shall comprise of 2 (two) distinct components:
- (a) Written Award Component; and
 - (b) Deliberation Component.
- 10.2. Qualification for Deliberation Component: The top 12 (twelve) Teams from around the world shall qualify for the offline Deliberation Component. 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 10.4. on Normalization*). SPIL Mumbai will publish the Top 12 Team Codes and rank-list on the Competition website and communicate the same to all the Teams.
- 10.3. Purpose of Written Scores: Unless otherwise specified in an express announcement by SPIL Mumbai, Written Award scores shall be used only for: (a) determination of the Top 12 qualifying teams; and (b) seeding and room allocation for the Deliberation Component. Written scores shall not be carried forward or combined with Deliberation marks for the purpose of advancement once Deliberation Rounds commence.
- 10.4. Normalization of Written Award Scores: To ensure parity across judges and fairness in ranking, the Written Award scores shall be normalized prior to preparing the Top 12 rank-list. 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 Award score shall be the arithmetic mean of the Adjusted Scores given by the 2 (two) Marking Judges assigned to that Award.
 - (e) If the 2 (two) Marking Judges' raw total scores for a team differ by more than 10 (ten) points, the Award 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.
- 10.5. Seeding and Room Composition: The Top 12 Teams shall be seeded 1-12 (rank one to rank twelve) based on the final normalized Written Award scores. Default room

composition shall follow the serpentine power-seeding shown in *Table B*. SPIL Mumbai may alter the seeding system only in exceptional circumstances and shall announce the alternative with reasons before room allocation is published.

Deliberation Room	Teams		
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
DR 1	Team Ranked 1	Team Ranked 8	Team Ranked 9
DR 2	Team Ranked 2	Team Ranked 7	Team Ranked 10
DR 3	Team Ranked 3	Team Ranked 6	Team Ranked 11
DR 4	Team Ranked 4	Team Ranked 5	Team Ranked 12

(Table B: Serpentine Seeding Table for the offline Deliberation Component)

- 10.6. Institutional Conflicts: Teams from the same institution shall not be placed in the same Deliberation Room. If the serpentine allocation places two teams from the same institution in the same room, SPIL Mumbai will swap adjacent seeds to avoid conflict (for example, swap seed 7 and 8 or 11 and 12) while preserving overall seeding balance.
- 10.7. Deliberation Levels and Progression: The Deliberation Component shall be conducted physically, at the Government Law College, Mumbai during the 16th Government Law College International Law Summit, 2026 on 6th and 7th March 2026. The Deliberation Component shall ordinarily consist of **2 (two)** rounds:
- Preliminary Rounds* – conducted among the Top 12 (twelve) qualifying Teams in 4 (four) Deliberation Rooms of 3 (three) Teams each; and
 - Final Round* – conducted among the Top 3 (three) Teams advancing from the Preliminary Round.
- 10.8. All these rounds shall each consist of **3 (three)** sessions:
- Presentation Session;
 - Comment Session; and
 - Concluding Session.
- 10.9. Exchange of Written Awards. Prior to each Level of the Deliberation Component, teams shall exchange copies of their Written Award with their co-Judges / co-Arbitrators in their room to allow a reasonable period of scrutiny. The Organising Committee will fix the timetable for exchanges.

- 10.10. Tie-Breakers (general): Where marks are equal and a tie must be broken for qualification or progression, the following tie-breakers shall apply in order:
- (a) Higher marks under *Legal Analysis & Reasoning / Application of Law* (Deliberation marking criterion);
 - (b) Higher marks under *Interpretation of Facts / Appreciation of Evidence*;
 - (c) Higher normalized Written Award score;
 - (d) Team with earlier official written Submission Timestamp;
 - (e) If still tied, outcome determined by a coin toss conducted by the Organising Committee in the presence of an independent observer.

11. Deliberation Rounds

- 11.1. Presiding Marking Judges: Each Deliberation Room shall include a minimum of 2 (two) Marking Judges. All Marking Judges shall be briefed and provided the official marking sheet. SPIL Mumbai shall ensure: (a) judge diversity and institutional neutrality; (b) a pre-marking calibration session; and (c) a confidential channel for Marking Judges to report procedural irregularities.
- 11.2. Conflict of Interest of Marking Judges: Any person serving as a Marking Judge who has a close institutional relationship with a Team must disclose the relationship; SPIL Mumbai will reassign judging to avoid conflicts.
- 11.3. Each Deliberation Room shall consist of a maximum of 3 (three) teams.
- 11.4. Language: The official language of the Competition is English. All submissions and oral arguments must be in English.
- 11.5. 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.

- 11.6. 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.
- 11.7. Any act(s) in violation of the above *Clauses 11.3* and, *11.4* will result in immediate disqualification of the participant and their team.
- 11.8. Exchange Period & Review Time: Teams shall be given a prescribed and reasonable period after the Written Award exchange to read co-Judges'/co-Arbitrators' Awards. That period shall be published in the competition programme. Teams must not communicate their readings to anyone else.
- 11.9. Presentation Session:
- (a) Each Participant Judge will be allocated a total of **10 (ten)** minutes to deliver their judgment presentation.
 - (b) Only the participant designated as Judge for the round shall deliver the presentation, while the participant acting as Judicial Clerk shall be limited to taking notes during the proceedings.
 - (c) Marking Judges shall not provide any comments or feedback during this session.
- 11.10. Commenting Session:
- (a) Each Participant Judge will be allocated a total of **7 (seven)** minutes to deliver their comments.
 - (b) Each Participant Judge shall provide a critical statement on the judgment presented by Co- Judges.
 - (c) Additionally, comments shall be offered by the Marking Judges in this session.
 - (d) These comments may include questions, critiques, approval, etc. It is up to the Marking Judges how they wish to conduct the Commenting Session. They may open the floor for all the Teams in a Deliberation Room for a particular question, or ask a question to just a particular Team. The time taken to respond shall not be calculated within the allocated 7 (minutes) of the speaking time.
 - (e) Only the participant acting as Judge for the round shall respond to comments, while the participant acting as Judicial Clerk shall be limited to passing notes made during the Presentation Session to the Judge.
- 11.11. Concluding Session:
- (a) Each Participant Judge will be allotted a total of **5 (five)** minutes designated for concluding remarks.
 - (b) Only the participant designated as Judge for the round shall provide concluding remarks, while the participant acting as Judicial Clerk shall be limited to passing notes made during the Presentation and Comment Sessions to the Judge.

- (c) The Participant Judge shall be responsible for addressing all the queries raised by the Co-Judges during this session.

11.12. The extension of time during any round shall be granted solely at the discretion of the Marking Judges. Participants are advised to ask for the Marking Judges' permission before proceeding over the stipulated time limit for each Session.

11.13. 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.

12. Order of Deliberation/Speaking

12.1. Presentation Session

Participant Judge 1 → Participant Judge 2 → Participant Judge 3

12.2. Commenting Session

Participant Judge 1 → Participant Judge 2 → Participant Judge 3

12.3. Conclusion Session

Participant Judge 1 → Participant Judge 2 → Participant Judge 3

12.4. 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.

12.5. Timekeeping: The Marking Judges shall strictly enforce time limits. Any team exceeding the allotted time shall be penalised as per the competition programme.

13. Marking Criteria

13.1. Each team shall be evaluated out of a total of 100 (one hundred) points by each Marking Judge.

13.2. The team total shall be a cumulative sum of points given by all the Marking Judges. 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 Marking Judges.

13.3. The points allotted by the Marking Judges to any participant shall be final and binding.

13.4. The detailed marking criteria has been laid down in *Table C* hereunder:

Sr. No.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Use of Authorities	15
2.	Ability to Make and Reply to the Comments	25
3.	Interpretation of Facts and Appreciation of Principles of Evidence	25
4.	Legal Analysis and Persuasiveness	25
5.	Style, Poise, and Mannerisms	10
TOTAL		100

(Table C: Marking Criteria during the Deliberation Round)

PART IV – Miscellaneous

14. Awards and Merits

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

15. Clarifications on the Competition Module

- 15.1. 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**.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. SPIL Mumbai shall release such clarifications requested on **10th November 2025, 11:59 PM IST**.

16. 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.

17. Communication

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

- 17.3. Any information sent to this email address shall be deemed as having been properly communicated to the participants.
- 17.4. 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.
- 17.5. All communication with SPIL, Mumbai shall be directed to the following email address: summit@spilmumbai.com.

18. Intellectual Property & Publication Rights

- 18.1. Ownership: Teams retain copyright in their Written Award. 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.
- 18.2. Publication of Awards: SPIL Mumbai may publish anonymized Written Awards. If SPIL Mumbai receives a request to publish a full Written Award attributing the authors, permission must be sought from the Team.

19. Force Majeure, Cancellation & Liability

- 19.1. 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.
- 19.2. 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.
- 19.3. 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.

20. Accessibility & Special Accommodation

- 20.1. 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.

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

21. Miscellaneous

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

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

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

21.4. 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.

21.5. 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.

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

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