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SPIL MUMBAI
INTRA JUDGMENT DELIBERATION COMPETITION 2026
COMPETITION RULES

PART I
General Instructions

1. Introduction

- 1.1. These rules shall be referred to as the “SPIL Mumbai Intra-Judgment Deliberation Competition Official Rules” (hereinafter “**the Rules**”).
- 1.2. These rules shall only apply to the SPIL Mumbai Intra-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. For the purposes of these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) “**Team**” shall mean a group of 2 (two) participants registered in accordance with these Rules.
 - (b) “**Participant Judge**” shall mean the member of a Team designated to deliver the judgment presentation, comments, and concluding remarks during a Round.
 - (c) “**Judicial Clerk**” shall mean the member of a Team who assists the Participant Judge during a Round.
 - (d) “**Marking Judges**” shall mean the individuals appointed by SPIL Mumbai to adjudge and evaluate the performance of the Teams in accordance with these Rules.
 - (e) “**Case File**” or “**Competition Module**” shall mean the problem statement and supporting documents forming the basis of deliberation in the Competition.



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- (f) “**Clarification(s)**” shall mean official responses issued by SPIL Mumbai to queries from Teams concerning the Competition Module or these Rules.
- (g) “**Round**” shall mean any stage of the Competition, including the Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Final Round, and the Final Round.
- (h) “**Session**” shall mean a component of a Round, namely the Presentation Session, Commenting Session, or Concluding Session.
- (i) “**Deliberation Room**” shall mean the virtual or physical room in which a Round of the Competition is conducted.
- (j) “**Compendium**” shall mean a compilation of materials prepared by a Team to support its submission in accordance with these Rules.
- (k) “**Team Code**” shall mean the marks awarded by the Marking Judges to a Team, calculated in accordance with the Marking Criteria prescribed under these Rules.
- (l) “**Official Communication**” shall mean any notice, clarification, or instruction transmitted by SPIL Mumbai through the designated email address: spil.glc@gmail.com.

2. Eligibility and Participation

- 2.1. Bonafide students of Government Law College, Mumbai, pursuing either the 3-year LL.B. or the 5-year integrated B.A./B.L.S. LL.B. programme at the time of the Competition, are eligible to participate in the Competition.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. Students unable to form a team will be assisted by SPIL Mumbai in team formation. SPIL Mumbai’s responsibility hereunder shall be to merely assist in team formation, and the teams formed thereunder shall be final. Modifications in the team composition shall be solely carried out by the team itself, with due notice served to SPIL Mumbai.



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- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. 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.

3. Registration

- 3.1. Participants shall register by filling out the registration form available here.
- 3.2. In the case of team registration, only 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 last date to register will be **26th October 2026, 11:59 PM IST.**

4. Withdrawal from the Competition

- 4.1. The last date to withdraw the participation shall be **27th October 2026, 11:59 PM IST.**
- 4.2. No requests for withdrawal shall be entertained after the stipulated deadline.
- 4.3. Withdrawals after the deadline will result in a **1 (year)** ban from all future events and activities organised by SPIL Mumbai, including but not limited to the future editions of the Competition.

5. 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.



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PART – II Structure and Format

6. Competition Structure and Format

- 6.1. The Competition shall be conducted in a hybrid format. The Preliminary Rounds shall take place online, **on 30th October 2026**, and the Semi-Final Round and the Final Round shall take place **offline, in Government Law College, Mumbai on 31st October 2026**.
- 6.2. The Competition shall consist of **3 (three)** rounds:
- (a) Preliminary Rounds;
 - (b) Semi-Final Round; and
 - (c) Final Round.
- 6.3. All these rounds shall each consist of **3 (three)** sessions:
- (a) Presentation Session;
 - (b) Comment Session; and
 - (c) Concluding Session.
- 6.4. Teams will be ranked based on their cumulative score.
- 6.5. In the event of a tie, the qualifying teams shall be determined at the discretion of the Marking Judges
- 6.6. Top scorers shall advance to the next round of the Competition.

7. Deliberation Rounds

- 7.1. Each Deliberation Room shall include a minimum of 2 (two) Marking Judges.
- 7.2. Each Deliberation Room shall consist of a maximum of 3 (three) teams.
- 7.3. During the Deliberation Rounds, participants must not disclose their identity by any means and shall always use their Team Code for identification purposes.



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- 7.4. A written judgment is not mandatory; however, participants are advised to compile their submissions and supporting material in the form of a well-organised compendium. This compendium shall not contain any pictorial representations of any kind.
- 7.5. 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.
- 7.6. Any act(s) in violation of the above *Clauses* 7.3, 7.4, and 7.5 will result in immediate disqualification of the participant and their team.
- 7.7. Presentation Session
- (a) Each Participant Judge will be allocated a total of **5 (five)** 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.
- 7.8. Commenting Session
- (a) Each Participant Judge will be allocated a total of **3 (three)** 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.
 - (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.
- 7.9. Concluding Session
- (a) Each Participant Judge will be allotted a total of **2 (two)** 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.



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

7.10. The extension of time during any round shall be granted solely at the discretion of the Marking Judges.

8. Order of Deliberation

8.1. Presentation Session

Participant Judge 1 → Participant Judge 2 → Participant Judge 3

8.2. Commenting Session

Participant Judge 1 → Participant Judge 2 → Participant Judge 3

8.3. Conclusion Session

Participant Judge 1 → Participant Judge 2 → Participant Judge 3

9. Marking Criteria

- 9.1. Each team shall be evaluated out of a total of 100 (one hundred) Point by each Marking Judge.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. The points allotted by the Marking Judges to any participant shall be final and binding.
- 9.4. The detailed marking criteria has been laid down in *Table A* hereunder:



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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 A: Marking Criteria)

PART – III **Miscellaneous**

10. Awards and Merits

- 10.1. The Best Team, The Runner-up, and the 2nd Runner-Up will be presented with medals and ‘Certificates of Merit.’
- 10.2. Every participant shall receive a ‘Certificate of Participation’ that shall be mailed to the registered email addresses of participants.

11. Clarifications on the Competition Module

- 11.1. Teams may submit formal requests seeking clarification regarding the Module encompassing the Competition Case File.
- 11.2. Teams shall communicate their requests for clarifications via email to spil.glc@gmail.com.
- 11.3. Such requests for clarification shall be mailed to SPIL, Mumbai no later than **27th October 2026, 6:00 PM IST**.



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11.4. Clarifications shall be made at the discretion of SPIL, Mumbai, and such decisions shall be deemed final and binding.

12. Dress Code

12.1. The dress code for participants during the Competition Rounds shall be black and white formal courtroom attire. Male participants are required to wear a tie.

12.2. A blazer is compulsory for all participants.

12.3. Participants shall strictly adhere to the dress code.

13. Communication

13.1. Participants shall provide SPIL, Mumbai with regularly used email addresses to enable necessary communication.

13.2. This specified email address shall be utilised by SPIL, Mumbai to transmit vital information related to the Competition.

13.3. Any information sent to this email address shall be deemed as having been properly communicated to the participants.

13.4. 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.

13.5. All communication with SPIL, Mumbai shall be directed to the following email address: spil.glc@gmail.com.

14. Miscellaneous

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

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



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- 14.3. Strict adherence to the Rules is mandatory. Any deviation from the prescribed rules may result in penalties or disqualification.
- 14.4. 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.
- 14.5. 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.
- 14.6. SPIL, Mumbai reserve the right to modify, alter, or repeal any of the aforementioned Rules as deemed necessary.
- 14.7. All references to time will be construed as per Indian Standard Time (IST).