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(COMPETITION RULES)

Note: Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this competition would be held entirely through a virtual format only. No physical rounds will be held.

1. DEFINITIONS:

Subject to the context requiring otherwise, the following terms shall bear the meaning ascribed in this section:

- 1.1 **“Competition”** means “The Fifth Annual Jindal Technology Law & Policy Moot Court.”
- 1.2 **“Competition Case” or “Case”** means the official problem drafted and published for the purposes of the Competition.
- 1.3 **“Competition Rules”** means the rules in this document, and any supplement rules, which are published at a later date.
- 1.4 **“Memorial”** means the written arguments submitted on behalf of both sides in accordance with the Competition Rules by each Team participating in the Competition.
- 1.5 **“Oral Round”** means a team’s pleadings, comprising both speakers, submitted orally in front of adjudicators on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.
- 1.6 **“OC”** means the organizing committee of the Competition, formed by the Jindal Global Law

School, O.P. Jindal Global University. Jindal Global Law School retains complete discretion in determining the membership of the OC, including changes thereto during the course of the Competition. The OC will function as the authoritative administrator of the Competition.

- 1.7 **“Unique Team Code” or “UIC”** means the number allotted to each participating team, in the interest of facilitating communication between the OC and the team, and to preserve anonymity during the course of the Competition. In this regard, participating teams shall strictly adhere to Rule 3.2(d).
- 1.8 **“Timeline”** means the official document with the schedule of events published by the OC on its website and made available via email to all participating teams. The Timeline shall contain information with respect to the date of release of competition case, submission of memorials, dates of competition and all other relevant information.
- 1.9 **“Advanced Rounds”** refer to the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, and the Final Round of the Competition.
- 1.10 **“Clarifications”** refer to the answers given to the questions which were asked by each team in regard to the Competition Case. It is upon the discretion of the OC and/or the case Author to answer any such clarification. Any answers given are to be treated as an official addendum to the competition case.

2. ORGANISATIONAL RULES

2.1 Administration

- (a) The Competition is organized by the Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University. The OC shall function as the authoritative and administrative body for the purposes of organizing the Competition.
- (b) Important points of contact within the OC, and relevant changes, shall be notified via e-

mail to all participating teams. The official email for all correspondence with respect to the Competition is jindalmoot@jgu.edu.in.

2.2 Discretion of the Administration

- a) The OC will have the exclusive authority to interpret these Rules. The Rules will be interpreted fairly and equitably and may at times include deviations from the text of the Rules to uphold such fairness and equality. In the event of such a deviation, the OC will inform all participating teams within a reasonable time from the occurrence of the event.
- b) While all efforts have been made to any and all circumstances, any circumstance not envisaged by these rules will be adjudged by the OC equitably and fairly. The OC will have the power to make additions to these rules and has the exclusive authority to govern the administration of this competition. The same shall be done fairly and equitably.
- c) All decisions of the OC shall be final and binding.

3. PARTICIPATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

3.1 Qualifications of Team members

- (a) The Competition is open to students enrolled full time in any University/college/department, pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Law (i.e., B.A. LLB, B.B.A. LLB, B.Com.. LLB, B.Tech. LLB, B.Sc. LLB, 3 Year LLB and their equivalent degrees) at the time that the Competition takes place, which is recognized by the Bar Council of India. Students enrolled for Post-graduate, Doctoral, Diploma, Research, and equivalent degrees are not eligible to participate.
- (b) These requirements do not apply to coaches or advisors to the teams.

3.1.1 Authorization for Team Members

- 1.1. An institution shall under no circumstance be permitted to register more than one (1) team and all members of a team shall be enrolled in the same institution, keeping in mind

Rule 3.1(a).

1.2. Students interested in participating in the Competition must first contact the concerned authorities in their respective institutions and receive the requisite authorization to represent the institution in the Competition. Such an authorization may be in the form of a letter issued by the concerned Dean/Registrar/Faculty In-charge/Administrative head or any other competent authority. The said authorization must be on institutional letterhead with the required signature. [Digital/Scanned]

3.1.2 Number of Team Members

- (a) Teams shall comprise of 3 members only, comprising of two oralists and one researcher per team.
- (b) Subject to 3.1.3 below, no other individual may assist the team with researching, writing, editing, citations, constructing its arguments or in any other manner. Failure to observe this rule may result in disqualification.

3.1.3 Team Coaches or Advisors and Observers

- (a) Each team may register only one (1) coach/advisor in addition to the team member specified under Rule 3.1.2.
- (b) The coach/advisor must be communicated to the OC before the last date for registration, and must be approved by the OC. The team coach/advisor are allowed to attend merely in an observational capacity and are not allowed to assist the team in preparation or at the Competition in any way during the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, individuals participating as coach/advisor must be clearly marked as such. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the team being disqualified.
- (c) Scouting/Observation of the rounds by anyone other than the judges, team members,

team Coaches/advisors (if any) and OC members is strictly prohibited.

- (d) The team coach/advisor shall not be allowed to contribute towards the preparation of the Memorials of the Team and shall not be allowed to function as a speaker or researcher during oral pleadings. A coach/advisor should limit her/his role to providing general guidance with respect to the subject matter of the Competition.

3.2 Registration

- (a) Participation in the moot is upon invitation only. Upon receiving such invitation, the representatives of the institution will have to submit details for registration as per the guidelines prescribed by the OC.
- (b) The representatives of the Registering Institution will have to submit details for registration as per the guidelines prescribed by the OC, which will be shared via mail. The OC reserves the right to refuse the registration of any team, with adequate notice.
- (c) At the time of registration, teams shall select an official point of contact from the participating team who will be responsible for all official correspondence between the team and the OC.
- (d) Changes to the registered information will not normally be permitted. Exceptional circumstances may be brought to the attention of the OC, who may permit modifications on a discretionary basis. The decision of the OC shall be final in this regard.
- (e) After registration, participating teams will be provided with a Team Code, which will serve as their unique identifier for submitting Memorials and at the Oral Rounds. Teams shall strictly only use their Team Code and shall not disclose the names of their Universities or names of individual team members on their memorials, or in the presence of judges, during the course of the Competition. Failure to abide by these rules

may invite penalties, as determined by the OC on a case-by-case basis.

4. THE COMPETITION CASE

4.1 Authorship of the Case

- The Case has been drafted by a duly qualified individual(s) selected by the OC. The identity of the author(s) of the Competition Case shall not be disclosed before the commencement of the Advanced Rounds of the Competition. Teams are not to contact any individual with a view to ascertaining the author(s) of the Case and seeking assistance.

4.2 Clarifications

- (a) Each team may make a formal request to the OC for clarifications regarding the facts stated in the Competition Case. Clarification requests should comprise of clearly stated questions in relation to the facts of the case. Teams are urged to not ask 'leading' questions on substantive arguments. It is at the discretion of the case author(s) and/or OC that clarification requests will be answered.
- (b) There will be one round of request for clarifications. Every participating team may request a maximum of 6 questions/clarifications may be made by a participating team via a Microsoft Form which would be circulated to all participating teams. Requesting clarifications is at the discretion of the participating team.
- (c) The deadline for requesting clarifications will be part of the Timeline, which will be sent via email to all participating teams and on other platforms. No requests for clarification received after the deadline will be accepted
- (d) Responses to clarifications will be made available to all participating teams as per the Timeline. Such responses will be treated as an official addendum to the Competition Case, to be read together with the Case. The OC may reject answering a clarification

question if it is a) Leading in Nature, b) Redundant or deemed unnecessary, or c) Any other reason which may be specified.

5. MEMORIALS

5.1 General Rules

- (a) The Memorials shall be written in English. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the disqualification of the participating team.
- (b) Teams are allowed to raise oral arguments not cited in the memorial. However, this practice is to be discouraged and judges may deduct marks for the same and may be construed as competing in bad faith.

5.2 Submission of Memorials

5.2.1 Electronic Submission of Memorials

- (a) Each team shall prepare written submissions for both the parties.
- (b) The Memorials must be uploaded to a submission link duly communicated in advance before the deadline mentioned in the Timeline. It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that there are no technical problems with the attached files. Amongst other reasons, delays on account of technology, infrastructure, equipment, and conflicting schedules will not be condoned.
- (c) Each Memorial should be contained in a single file named with the allocated team number followed by the first letter of the side represented. For example, the Respondent Memorial for Team 13 shall be named “13R”.
- (d) Any Memorial that violates 5.2.1(c) above will have to be resubmitted with the consequence of any applicable resubmission penalties pursuant to Rule 6.1.2.
- (e) Memorials for both sides must be submitted in the same submission link. The subject line should only contain Team Code and the words “Memorial Submission”. For example,

the subject line for team 13 will read as follows: 'Team 13- Memorial Submission'. No other identifying information should be included in this mail.

- (f) All versions submitted to the OC, and to any other person under these Rules must be identical. Subject to paragraph (d) above, no changes of any kind may be made after submission of Memorials to the OC. In the event that a team wishes to change the content of its memorials, before the disqualification deadline stated in the Timeline, it shall resubmit a new memorial, subject to resubmission penalties and penalties for delay.
- (g) Each memorial should be electronically submitted in both Microsoft Word (.docx) and PDF (.pdf) formats. Each PDF file must be saved directly from the corresponding MS-Word file, and the two must be alike in all respects.
- (h) The OC may print hard copies of the memorials for the purpose of the Competition. Teams are not required to submit hard copies of the Memorials.

5.3 Format of Memorials

5.3.1 Memorial Style and Format

- (a) Memorials must be written in Microsoft Word and saved with the .docx file extension.
- (b) Electronic documents submitted must contain no information or features other than those required by this rule (e.g.no comments, tracked changes, etc.). Breach of this provision will be penalized by a deduction of penalty points.

5.3.2 Memorial Structure

- (a) Each Memorial shall contain the following sections in the following order:
 - 1) Front Page
 - 2) Table of Contents
 - 3) List of Abbreviations

- 4) List of Sources/Authorities
- 5) Statement of Facts
- 6) Statement of Jurisdiction
- 7) Questions/Issues Presented
- 8) Summary of Arguments
- 9) Arguments Advanced
- 10) Prayer/Relief Sought

5.3.3 Font, Spacing and formatting

- (a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), the text of all parts of the Memorial must be in Times New Roman, font size 12 and double-spaced.
- (b) Headings and sub-headings throughout the Memorials may be in a different font size, underlined.
- (c) Footnotes must be single-spaced, Times New Roman, font size 10 with a 12-pt. space between separate footnotes.
- (d) The Page Layout for the entirety of the memorial should be **A4 only**, with Margin Requirements being 2.54cm Top, 2.54cm Bottom, 1.91 cm left, 1.91 cm right. (Moderate preset margin in Microsoft Word)

5.3.4 Anonymity of Memorials

- (a) The names of the team members, coach, institution, or country shall not be on any portion of the Memorial. The Team Number is a substitute for the team's institutional affiliation, which shall not be disclosed, until at a time deemed fit by the OC.

5.3.5 Penalties for non-compliance

- (a) Non-compliance with the formatting requirements will be penalized with a deduction of

penalty points from the Memorial pursuant to the Rules as provided under Rule 6.1.2.

5.3.6 Front Page

- (a) The Front Page of the Memorial must have only the following information, which should be in the following order (this information should be center aligned on the page unless otherwise stated):
- i. In the top right-hand corner of the page, the team-number allocated by the OC followed by “A” if an Applicant Memorial or “R” if a Respondent Memorial (e.g., Team-Number 12 would put “12A” in the top right-hand corner of the Applicant Memorial cover page).
 - ii. The name and the year of the Competition.
 - iii. The title of the Case, referring to the relevant court and the parties.
 - iv. The title of the document (E.g., “Memorial for Respondent” or “Memorial for Applicant”)

5.3.7 List of Sources/Authorities and Footnotes

- The list of sources must contain references to all page numbers where sources or authorities are used or cited in the ‘Arguments’ section of the Memorial.

5.3.8 Statement of Facts

- The Statement of Facts should be limited to facts relevant to the ‘Arguments’ section in the Memorial, and may not include unsupported facts, distortions of stated facts, argumentative statements, or legal conclusions. A well-written Statement of Facts ought not to be a reproduction of the Case.

5.3.9 Questions Presented

- (a) In this section, teams should present the legal questions the Court has been called upon

to decide in the context of the case. These must be presented as neutral questions, *i.e.*, teams should not state their position on the questions raised in this section. However, teams are encouraged to formulate questions in a manner so as to justify their position with respect to the burden of proof.

- (b) The questions must be precise, relevant to the facts and each question should ideally not be more than a sentence. While each legal question might have further sub-questions, teams must state only the main legal questions in this section.

5.3.10 Summary of Arguments

- A good Summary of Arguments should consist of a substantive summary of the “Arguments” section of the Memorial, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the Arguments section.

5.3.11 Arguments

- Substantive, affirmative legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Case may only be presented in the ‘Arguments’ section of the Memorial. The Arguments section shall not exceed **25 Pages** in this section. (Inclusive of footnotes)

5.3.12 Footnotes and Citations

- (a) Each source or authority relied upon in drafting arguments must be cited in footnotes. Citations must conform to either OSCOLA (4th edition) or the Bluebook (21st Edition) Only. In any event, all citations in the memorial must clearly identify the source, and credit authors, wherever applicable. Inconsistency in footnoting style will be penalized.
- (b) Footnotes should contain no further information than is necessary to identify the source, and shall not contain any substantive argument, or comment in relation to the source. Speaking Footnotes are discouraged, and in-text citations are prohibited.
- (c) End Notes are prohibited.

6. JUDGING MEMORIALS

6.1 Scoring Criteria and Points for Memorials

- (a) Each Memorial shall be assessed individually and independently by a panel of 2 judges.
- (b) Every memorial will be marked on a maximum of one hundred (100) points by each judge. Negative points will be awarded in the manner detailed in 6.1.2. Therefore, in a match between Team 20 (Applicant) v. Team 10 (Respondent), Team 20's Applicant Memorial will be marked by two judges and can score up to a maximum of two hundred (200) points. The same is applicable for Team 10's Respondent Memorial.
- (c) The Minimum Score that can be awarded per Memorial per judge is 50 Marks, with 100 being the maximum marks that can be awarded by one (1) Judge per memorial.
- (d) A team's total Memorial score shall be the sum of points awarded for the Applicant Memorial and points awarded for the Respondent Memorial.

i) Substantive Scoring

- (a) Memorials will be judged based on the following criteria:

S. No.	Criteria	Points
1	Knowledge and use of law	20
2	Application of legal analysis to the facts	20
3	Identification of Issues and Sub-Issues	10
4	Correct primary and alternate submissions	15
5	Drafting and logical argumentation, clarity, and organization	15
6	Evidence of original thought	10
7	Grammar, language, formatting, citations, and overall presentation	10
-	Total	100

6.1.2 Procedural scoring (Memorial Penalties)

S. No	RULE	VIOLATION	DEDUCTIONS
1	5.3.2	Missing or additional section	5 (Per Section)
2	5.3.2	Incorrect order of sections	5 (One Time Penalty)
3	5.3.3	Incorrect font size	2 (One Time Penalty)
4	5.3.3	Incorrect spacing	2 (One Time Penalty)
5	5.3.3	Incorrect Font	2 (One Time Penalty)
6	5.3.4	Breach of memorial anonymity rule	15 (One Time Penalty)
7	5.3.6	Missing, additional and inaccurate information on the frontpage	1 mark per every additional/missing/incorrect Line with a maximum Penalty of 5 marks
8		Incorrect Team details in the submission procedure	3 (One-time penalty)
9	5.3.11	Exceeding the Page limit of the Arguments section	10 (Per Page)
10	5.3.12(c)	Use of endnotes	5 (one-time)
11	5.2.1(d)	Re-submission of both memorials not contained in single file	5
12	5.3.12	Incorrect Citation/Incomplete Citation/ Inaccurate pinpoint	2 per incorrect citation (Max Cap 10)
13	5.3.12	Inconsistent Citation Format/Style	10 (One-time Penalty)
14	5.3.12	Missing Citation	5 (Maximum Cap 15)
15	5.3.1	Presence of comments/ Track Changes	5 (One Time Penalty)
16	5.3.3	Using a Wrong Page layout (Other than A4)	10 Per Page

17	5.3.3	Incorrect Margins	5 Per page
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- (a) Non-compliance with rules concerning formatting and submission of Memorials will result in a deduction from the allocated points, as mentioned above. Irrespective of the actual penalties incurred, no more than thirty (30) points can be deducted for each Memorial for non-compliance with procedural requirements. **This rule of limitation does not apply to penalties for late submission under Rule 6.1.3.**

Additional explanations to penalties

1. Explanation 1: Extra information refers to any additional piece of information that is mentioned on the front page other than what is required.
2. Explanation 2: In case the extra information on Front Page is also violative of the rule of anonymity, then the penalty applied will only be in relation to anonymity and not extra information.
3. Explanation 3: In case the presence of comments and/or track changes Breach the rule of Memorial Anonymity, only the penalty in regard to anonymity will be applicable.
4. Explanation 4: Incorrect information on the front page is including but not limited to: Incorrect team codes, spelling mistakes in name of parties, incorrect court name, incorrect memorial title.

6.1.3 Penalties for Late Submission

- (a) The deadline for submission of Memorials is 1st March,2022, by 23:59 hours (Indian Standard Time). This deadline is noted in the Timeline that will be made available to the participating teams.
- (b) If a team fails to submit Memorials by the required deadline, the following penalties will apply: 5 points for every 3 hours delay (180 Minutes), with the late time starting from being reckoned from the intervening 24:01 hours (IST) on 2nd of March 2022.
- (c) The final disqualification deadline for submission of memorials is 2nd March 2022 by 22:00 hours (Indian Standard Time). Any memorial submitted after this deadline will

not be accepted, and the team shall accordingly be disqualified.

7. ORAL PLEADINGS

7.1 General Rules

- (a) The Oral Pleadings count for 2/3rd of the total raw score per team. Oral Pleadings will be in English only. There shall be no deviation from this language requirement.
- (b) Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the associated logistical difficulties in organizing an in-person round, all Oral Pleadings will be held through a **virtual medium only**. No physical rounds will be held this year. The Medium of rounds will be notified to each team separately.
- (c) The procedure for determining the winner of each match is set out in rule 8.2.1.

7.2 General Scope of Oral Pleadings

- (a) Two speakers for each will present the oral pleadings on behalf of the Applicant and similarly, each team shall present two oral pleadings on behalf of the Respondent.
- (b) Each team shall have forty-five (45) minutes to present their arguments, including time for answering questions from adjudicators and rebuttals or sur-rebuttals.
- (c) The order of the pleadings in each Oral Round at all levels of the Competition will be: Applicant 1, Applicant 2, Respondent 1, and Respondent 2 followed by the Applicant's (any one oralist) rebuttal and then the Respondent's (any one oralist) sur-rebuttal.
- (d) At any round, only two (2) members of a team shall present the arguments during an Oral Round on a team's behalf.

7.2.1 Time Allocation

- (a) The first team member presenting must inform the bailiff of the manner in which the team wishes to divide its forty-five (45) minutes between its (i) first oralist, (ii) second oralist, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Applicant) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent).
- (b) Each team may divide its forty-five (45) minutes as it deems best provided that:

- i. No oralist is allocated less than fifteen (15) minutes or more than thirty (30) minutes for the presentation of main arguments
- ii. No more than five (5) minutes are reserved for its rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. However, it is mandatory to reserve at least 2 minutes for Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal (as applicable).

7.2.2 Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion

- (a) Judges may, at their discretion, extend the time for an Oral Pleading as allocated in these Rules. They may also, at their discretion, determine how such extended time impacts the total time allocation set out above.
- (b) Judges shall not, however, change the order of presentation of an Oral Round as stated in rule 7.2(c).

7.3 Rebuttal and Sur-Rebuttal

- (a) As stated above, only one team member participating as an oralist in the ongoing Oral Round may deliver the rebuttal for the Applicant or sur-rebuttal for the Respondent. The information given to the bailiff at the start of the Oral Round need not indicate the team member selected to deliver the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
- (b) The Applicant's rebuttal, which immediately follows Respondent 2, must be limited to responding to the Respondent's Oral Pleadings, whereas the Respondent's sur-rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Applicant's rebuttal.
- (c) The Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal (As applicable) is mandatory and is graded, as specified in the scorebook. [Refer to Rule 8.1.1]

7.4 Communication During Oral Pleadings

1. During an Oral Round, oral communication is limited to the judges and the oralist presenting a team's arguments.

2. The Teams Coach/Adviser is not allowed to engage in any communication during the Round. Only the Oralist who has been allowed to speak by the Judges may speak at the time. All other members in the court must be muted at all times.

7.5 Spectators and Recording

- (a) No person other than those directly affiliated to the competition will be allowed in the courtroom. The OC will make all efforts to broadcast preliminary/advanced rounds via streaming platforms, available to the public. However, the OC reserves the right to not proceed with making such rounds available to the public.
- (b) The OC retains all rights with respect to all recordings and dissemination of such recordings whether audio, video, or other forms of recording which take place during the Competition.

8. JUDGING ORAL PLEADINGS

- (a) Ordinarily, in each oral round, the OC shall employ two (2) judges for the preliminary rounds. Under special circumstances, the OC may authorize panels of three (3) judges in preliminary rounds. The Organizing Committee may employ two (2) or three (3) judges in the Advanced Rounds.

8.1 Scoring Criteria and Points

- (a) Each oral pleading will be marked on a maximum of one hundred (100) points by each of the judges on a panel.

8.1.1 Substantive scoring

- (a) Each oralist can be awarded a maximum of one hundred (100) points per oral pleading per judge, within a range of fifty (50) [minimum] to one hundred (100) [maximum] points, on the basis of the following criteria:

S.no	Criteria	Scoring
1	Knowledge and use of facts	20
2	Knowledge of law and use of legal authorities	25
3	Organization and structure: recognition of problems, clarity, and logic of argument	15
4	Ability to communicate with judges and answer the questions	20
5	Persuasiveness, fluency, forensic performance, and courtroom conduct	10
6	Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal	10
-	Total	100

b) Procedures for Determining Winner of a Match and Qualifying Teams for Each Advanced Round

- The winner of a match will be determined by the team with the higher number of round points. In each round, there will be a total of 6 round points. **2 round points** will be based on memorial scores and **4 round points** will be based on oral scores.

8.1.2 Procedure for Winning a Match

- As per Rule 6.0, in each match, the Memorials of each team will be marked by two (2) Judges, with each judge giving the score out of a range from fifty points (50) to one hundred (100) points per memorial. Therefore, each team's memorial will have 2 Scores, a High score, and a Low score.
- In each match, the High Score of the Applicant memorial will be compared with the High Score of the Respondent Memorial. Similarly, the Low Score of the Applicant Memorial will be compared with the Low score of the Respondent memorial.
- Each of the above comparisons is worth 1 Round Point, with ties resulting in the point

being shared. A total of 2 Round Points can be won for Memorials in each match.

- (d) In the Oral Pleadings, the total scores (cumulative across both oralists) for the two teams, as awarded by each judge, will be compared. Thus, if Judge 1 in a match between Team 10 and Team 20 gives a higher number of points to Team 10, then Team 10 will get 2 round points. A similar comparison will be carried out for Judge 2 as well. For each comparison that yields equal scores, one (1) round point shall be awarded to each team. Therefore, a total of four (4) Round Points can be won in the Oral Pleadings in each match. As a result, there are six [$6 = (2+4)$] Round Points to be won in each match and the team with the higher number of Round Points wins the match.
- (e) In the unlikely event of a tie, a match shall be decided by comparing the 'Raw Scores' for the match. The procedure for calculating Raw Scores is set out in paragraph 8.2.2 below.
- (f) The OC reserves the right to allow judges of the Semi-Finals and Finals to determine the winner of the competition by consultation rather than using the above procedure.

8.1.3 Raw Scores

- (a) The aggregate of the actual points awarded to a team by each of the 2 Memorial judges, and each of the two (2) during the Oral Pleadings, reduced to a fraction of (100) will constitute the Match Raw Score. For example, Team 15 in its first match scores 85, 90 as Memorial scores and 80, 85 for Speaker 1 and 90, 85 for Speaker 2 as Oral Pleadings score. The Raw Match Score for Team 15 in the first match is the sum of these scores— which is –
- i) Total Memorial Score = $[85+90] = 175$
 - ii) Total Oral Score (Match 1) = $[80+85+90+85] = 340$
 - iii) Similarly, the Team Oral Score for Match 2 and Match 3 will be calculated respectively (procedure followed would correspond to the hypothetical procedure)

iv) Total Oral Score (Match 2) = 310

v) Total Oral Score (Match 3) = 380

vi) Total Match Raw Score (for a particular Team) = $340+310+380+ 175 = 1205$

vii) The opposing team's Total Match Raw Score shall be decided in the similar manner, thereafter the Team with the higher secured Total Match Raw Score will advance to the next round.

8.1.4 Procedure for Determining the Teams for the Advanced Rounds

In deciding the teams for the Advanced Rounds, the following procedure will be followed:

- i. Teams with the highest number of wins;
- ii. In case there are two (2) or more participating teams having the same number of wins, they shall be ranked by comparing the aggregate Round Points in the Preliminary Rounds;
- iii. If ties still exist, then the Raw Scores of the tied teams will be calculated in the aforesaid manner, and the Team with the highest Raw Scores will advance;
- iv. If a tie is not resolved by the above matrix, the following procedure shall be adopted;
 1. By comparing only, the total Oral Pleadings Round Points;
 2. By comparing only, the total Memorial Round Points;
 3. By a randomized draw of lots.

9. TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS

9.1 Feedback on Memorials and Oral Pleadings

- (a) All judges will be strongly urged to provide feedback on the Memorials and performance in the Oral Pleadings. Judges of Oral Pleadings will be required to provide feedback at the conclusion of every match but will not reveal their decision, except where the winner

is determined by consultation in a Semi-Final or Final Round.

- (b) Participants have the right to seek feedback from judges of Oral Pleadings immediately after the judges have completed marking for the match. However, such feedback has to be sought and given in the courtroom in the presence of the opposing team.

9.2 Inspection of Score Sheets and Photocopies

1. All teams not advancing to subsequent rounds of the Competition have the right to inspect score sheets after an announcement of the advancing teams is made by the OC.
2. Each team will be given a digital folder containing all its Memorial and Oral Pleadings scoresheets at the end of the Competition, via email.
3. Irrespective of the stage of the competition, no team will be given access to score sheets concerning matches in which the said team was not involved.

9. COMPETITION SCORING AND PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded in two categories: 'Winner' and 'Runner-up', except for the Best Oralist –Finals.

- i. Overall Winner of the Competition
- ii. Overall Runners up of the Competition
- iii. Best oralist of the finals of the Competition
- iv. Best oralist of the Competition
- v. Best oralist (Runners up) of the Competition
- vi. Best Memorial of the Competition
- vii. Best Memorial (Runners up) of the Competition
- viii. Certificate of merit for teams qualifying for advance rounds.
- ix. E-Certificate of participation for every team that successfully submits both

memorials and appears for the preliminary rounds

10.1 Best Memorials

The teams with the highest aggregate Memorial points will win the prize for the Best Memorials.

10.2 Best Individual Oralist

The participant with the highest average score at the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds will be adjudged the Best Individual Oralist. The average score will be calculated by dividing the total number of points of each speaker by the number of times the speaker has presented oral arguments, provided that the participant has presented an oral pleading at least two (2) times during the Preliminary Rounds.

10.3 Best Oralist – Finals

There will be an award for the Best Oralist in the finals. This prize will be decided by comparing the individual scores of speakers only in the finals. In the event that the finals are determined by consultation/deliberation amongst judges, this award will also be determined by consultation/deliberation amongst the judges. There shall be no Runner-up prize in this category.

10.4 Other Awards

There will be awards for teams emerging as ‘Winners’ and ‘Runners Up’ for the Competition. The OC may determine further awards to be presented to recognize distinguished performance, whether by teams or individuals during the Competition.

For any clarifications, please contact the OC:

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**We request you to not print these rules out in order to save paper and conserve the environment.*

ANNEXURE A – Virtual Oral Round Rules

PROCEDURE AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE(S) FOR ORAL ROUNDS FOR THE COMPETITION

I. General

1. The Organizing Committee ('OC') will circulate a Meeting link to all participant(s) on the platform which will be decided. (Platform: Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, Zoom or any other platform decided.) Different Rounds may be held on different platforms, as per the discretion of the OC.
2. Every Participating team will be given the access link to their given courtroom link. Participant(s) must not share this link with anyone other than fellow teammates without written confirmation from the OC.
3. Participant(s) are required to keep their videos on throughout their round. There is no bar against using a virtual background. However, they must ensure that they are visible at all times during the round.
4. It is mandatory for all participants to join the WhatsApp group for the Oral Rounds. The link to join the group will be sent to each team.

II. Naming Convention

1. Participants are not permitted to join the Platform with their name. Participants must instead join with their Unique Team Code which will be allotted to them. For example, if the allotted UIC is 999, and the Oralist(s) represents the Respondents, they rename themselves as "999R". This is to ensure anonymity.
2. In order to do so, Participants must 'Join as Guest' as opposed to signing in. Upon doing so, Participants will be met with a prompt to enter their names. In this prompt, Participant(s) must enter their UIC.

3. In order to ensure that Participants are able to follow the Naming Convention, we request all Participants to join the Platform Link from an Incognito window on the Google Chrome browser.

III. Waiting Lobby

1. Upon clicking on the Platform Link and joining the meeting, participants will be placed in a waiting lobby. A member of the OC will permit the participants entry into the call.

IV. Technical Disruptions

(a) Participants-

- 1) It is not possible for the OC to reasonably foresee every scenario and chart out possible reliefs, especially since each individual issue will have its own facts and circumstances. Remedies for connection issues are at the discretion of judges and the OC.
- 2) Participant(s) must take all steps possible to minimize the probability of the occurrence of technical disruptions.
- 3) In the event an Oralist is facing poor connectivity during their oral round, the Mandatory “Video On Rule” referred to in Point 3 above may be waived at the discretion of the judges.
- 4) If an Oralist drops off the call due to technical issues, the OC member present in the room shall immediately stop the timer of the Oralist’s speech. The Oralist shall either be allowed to resume their speech as soon as they are able to reconnect or may be permitted to resume their speech at a later time slot. This decision shall be taken by the OC, based on the needs and requirements of the judges and any potential logistical issues that may arise

b) Judges-

- 1) In case one or two of the two or three judges encounter technical difficulties (or other exigencies) during the course of the individual round, such that they are unable to properly participate in the Round, then the timer shall be immediately paused by the timekeeper. After the Round has been suspended for not less than 10 minutes and not more than 20 minutes, the remaining judge(s) shall proceed with the individual round. An earnest attempt will be made to use this as a last resort measure. The period of suspension may be increased by the remaining judge(s), as per the prevailing situation. However, the period of suspension shall not be reduced below 10 minutes under any circumstances.
- 2) In some cases where not all judges of a designated panel have been able to score the round or if a judge as a result of an exigency or technical difficulty or is of the opinion that the effect of an interruption or interruptions is such that they are unable to fairly score the Round, recuse themselves from scoring the Round. In such a Scenario, the arguments of the particular team(s) shall be recorded and be provided to the concerned judge(s) for scoring.
- 3) The last resort measures mentioned above the judge will be only explored after exploring, subject to time and other considerations, the possibility of an alternative slot, an additional round, the possibility of recording a round from the time one or more judges faces. The Organising Committee will assist the judges in exploring these possibilities.
- 4) If all the above measures fail, then the total team score will be created by doubling the score given by the judge who was present in the round, in a 2-judge panel. In a 3 Judge panel:

i) If 1 judge drops, then the scores of the 2 judges present will be averaged as the score of the 3rd judge

ii) If 2 judges drop, then the score of the single judge shall be multiplied by 3.

However, this is a last scale resort, and all efforts would be made to ensure that such a method would not have to be applied.

iii) Although the OC shall strive to ensure compliance with the above guidelines, discretionary power to govern any situations described herein and even otherwise shall lie with the Judges along with the Organising Committee as required.

V. Data Usage Policy

1) By participating in the JIRICO virtual rounds, all participants of the remote hearings consent that photograph and/or digital images (such as screenshots) are being taken of them for the use of promotional and/or educational materials of Jindal Global Law School. Participants agree to the use of their images for the described purposes and acknowledge that their identity may be revealed in connection with the published image(s). Participants authorize the use of these images without requesting any compensation. Consent to the use of photographs or any digital means can be withdrawn at any time by written notification to jindalmoot@jgu.edu.in.

2) Furthermore, the OC reserves the right to record all virtual hearings and broadcast the same on streaming platforms. Any such recording created would be the sole property of Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University.

3) Consent to the use of photographs or any digital means can be withdrawn at any time by written notification to jindalmoot@jgu.edu.in, except the right to broadcast any moot round via any platform, consent for which would be implied upon registration and shall not be withdrawable.