

9TH Seth Jagannath Bajaj Memorial, National Moot Court Competition, 2026



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“ Rules of the Competition

I. Definitions

1. **“Administrator(s)”** means the Moot Court Committee of the Faculty of Law & Arts, RNB Global University, Bikaner, members thereof, or other persons appointed to conduct the competition.
2. **“Appellant”** refers to the side that argues on behalf of the Appellant at any given point in the competition.
3. **“Competition”** means the Ninth Seth Jagannath Bajaj Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2026.
4. **“Dress Code”** refers to the formal attire, strictly black and white to be followed throughout the competition.
5. **“Memorial”** refers to the written arguments/ pleadings submitted by each team in accordance with the competition rules.
6. **“Oral Round”** connotes a team’s pleadings, wherein the arguments are presented by two oralists, and submitted before the Court, on behalf of each of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.
7. **“Oralist”** refers to the participant presenting oral arguments in given rounds.
8. **“Participant”** refers to any member of any team.
9. **“Penalty”** refers to deductions imposed on the memorial scores or oral pleadings of a participating team.
10. **“Rebuttals”** refers to the arguments presented by the Appellant(s) in response to the Respondent’s submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the oralists.
11. **“Researcher”** refers to the participant who shall sit in the Researcher’s Test. Such a participant clarify circumstances clearly in the oral rounds at the discretion of the Administrator(s).
12. **“Respondent”** refers to the side that argues on behalf of the Respondent at any given point in the competition.
13. **“Scouting”** means the observation of the Oral Rounds of any other person who is not associated with the team.
14. **“Sur-rebuttal”** refers to the defence set up by the Respondent team in response to the rebuttals.
15. **“Team Code”** refers to the code provided by the administrator through which the participating Institution will be represented throughout the competition.

II. Structure of the Competition

2.1 Eligibility

1. The Competition is open for students pursuing **three/five-year L.L.B. Degree Course** from recognized Law College/University in India, subject to fulfillment of the registration formalities.
2. There is no cap on the number of teams that may participate from one university.

2.2 Team Composition

1. Each team shall consist of **three members**. The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after completion of the final registration except in extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the administrators.
2. Each team shall consist of **two speakers** and **one researcher**.
3. Each team shall be provided with a team code by the Administrators which shall be mandatorily mentioned in the top right corner of the front page of the memorials.

2.3 Dress Code

The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any courtroom during the competition.

- **Ladies:** White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes.
- **Gentlemen:** White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Non-adherence to the dress code will lead to deduction of marks.

III. Registration

1. Registration Fees Structure

1.1 The Registration Fee applicable to all participating teams shall be as follows:

| Category | Fees | Remarks |
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| Registration fee (Mandatory for every team) | ₹499 | Mandatory for all teams. Payment of ₹499 makes the team eligible to participate in the competition. |
| Accommodation charges (Subject to option of the team) | ₹4,500 | Applicable only to teams availing accommodation provided by the university. |

2. Registration Conditions :-

2.1 The registration fee for the competition is ₹499 and is mandatory for all participating teams.

Teams opting for accommodation shall additionally pay ₹4,500 per team towards accommodation charges (total payable: ₹4,999).

2.2 Lunch shall be provided to all team members on 28 February and 1 March 2026 during the competition.

2.3 The registration fee is non-refundable, and no request for refund shall be entertained under any circumstances.

2.4 Participants shall refer to Annexure-I (Page 14) for payment details.

2.5 To confirm participation, each team must complete registration by 25 January 2026 by filling out the Google Form available at <https://forms.gle/abMXBeliDxd9lrey5>

2.6 After completing registration, teams are required to send an email to mccrnb@rnbglobal.edu.in, attaching a screenshot of the payment confirmation.

2.7 Upon successful verification of registration, each team shall be allotted a Team Code.

IV. Accommodation and Hospitality Arrangements

- 1. Accommodation and Meal Schedule
- 1.1 Accommodation and meals for teams opting for the ₹4500 package shall be provided as per the schedule below:

| Date | Accommodation | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner |
|---------------|---|-----------|-------|--------|
| 27th February | Hotel stay (3 members per room + additional mattress) | — | — | ✓ |
| 28th February | Hotel stay (3 members per room + additional mattress) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 1st March | Rooms to be vacated in the morning (luggage facility available at university) | ✓ | ✓ | — |

1.2 Accommodation provided by the University shall be for a duration of **two nights and three days**. Teams availing University-arranged accommodation shall be accommodated in a hotel in accordance with the schedule specified in the table above.

1.3 Teams requiring accommodation beyond the specified duration or additional rooms shall make arrangements directly with the hotel at their own cost. The approximate cost is **₹2,000 per room per day**.

2. Hospitality Guidelines

2.1 The competition shall be conducted from **28 February to 1 March 2026**.

2.2 Teams arriving on **27 February** shall be provided dinner only. Breakfast and lunch on this date shall be arranged by the teams.

2.3 Teams must vacate their hotel rooms on **1 March** in the morning. The University shall provide a designated space for storing luggage on that day.

2.4 Teams not availing University-arranged accommodation shall make their own travel and stay arrangements.

2.5 Lunch shall be provided to all participants on **28 February and 1 March** during the competition. Lunch will be served at the University Campus on both days.

V. Clarifications of Moot Problem

- Participating teams may request clarifications the official moot problem by sending an email to mccrnb@rnbglobal.edu.in. latest by **12 January 2026 (11:59 PM)**.
- A full list of clarifications shall be released by **16 January 2026**.

VI. Anonymity of Teams

The teams must ensure that they do not disclose the identity of their college or their names at any stage of the competition. Any kind of canvassing shall lead to the disqualification of the team, or the imposition of severe penalties as determined by the Administrators.

VII. Memorials

1. Memorial Submission (Softcopy)

1.1 Each Team must send a soft copy of their memorials before **9 February 2026, 11:59 P.M.** to **mccrnb@rnbglobal.edu.in**. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall be subjected to a penalty of 2 marks per day.

1.2 Memorials shall be sent via mail in both **PDF format (.pdf) & Word format (.docx)** in the form of single file for each side of memorial and shall be named as **TC (Team Code__)** Appellant or Respondent.

2. Memorial Submission (Hardcopy)

2.1 **six hard copies** of the memorial from each side, i.e., **12 copies, 2 copies** of compendium in total along with the travelling and accommodation form should be submitted at the Registration Desk on the date of the competition, i.e., **28 February 2026**.

3. Memorial Format

3.1 All pages of the Memorial must be of **A4 size** with an equal margin of 1 inch on each side.

3.2 Except for the cover page, the Headings shall be **14 pt.**, and the text shall be **12 pt.** The font style should be 'Times New Roman'. The text should have **1.5 line spacing** except for the Cover page.

3.3 The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.

4. Memorial Content

4.1 The Memorials should contain the following sections:

- Cover Page
 - a. Blue Cover – Appellant
 - b. Red Cover – Respondent
- Table of Contents
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments Advanced
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

4.2 The **Arguments Advanced** should not exceed **25 pages**. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per additional page.

4.3 The memorial as a whole should not exceed **40 pages** including the cover page.

4.4 The citation should be in compliance with the **22nd edition of Bluebook**. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page.

4.5 The entire content of the soft copies and the hard copies of the Memorial shall have to be the same. Non-compliance with this rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.

5. Evaluation Criteria for Memorials

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| Understanding of Law and Extent of Research | 25 Marks |
| Originality, Articulation and Clarity in Analysis | 20 Marks |
| Knowledge and Integration of Facts | 20 Marks |
| Logical progression of Ideas and Use of Authorities | 15 Marks |
| Persuasiveness of presentation and correctness of citations | 10 Marks |
| Grammar | 10 Marks |
| Total | 100 Marks |

VIII. Researchers Test

1. The researcher's test shall be conducted on **28 February 2026**.
2. The researcher's test shall comprise of objective type questions.
3. The participant who is registered as Researcher shall only be allowed to participate in the Researcher's Test.

IX. Oral Rounds

1. General Rules

- The competition shall consist of two preliminary rounds, a quarter-final round, a semi-final round and a final round.
- The oral pleadings will be conducted in English and there shall be no deviation from this language requirement.
- The researcher is permitted to sit with the oralists during the submissions but can only speak at the discretion of the Court.
- The oralists can provide copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the Court in their respective courtrooms. It is to be noted that no loose sheets of paper are allowed to be passed on.

- The rebuttal /sub-rebuttal may be presented by only one Oralist of a team for all the issues.
- If a team fails to reserve time for a rebuttal or sub-rebuttal at the start of an Oral Round, requests for the addition of such a time will not be entertained.
- The rebuttals and the sur-rebuttals shall be limited to the oral submission of each team, wherein the Respondent's sur-rebuttal shall be a response to the Appellants' rebuttal.

2. Preliminary Rounds

- The Preliminary Rounds will be conducted on **28 February 2026**.
- Each Team shall participate in two Preliminary Rounds, wherein the team will have a chance to argue once as the Petitioner and once as the Respondent.
- No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- The fixtures for the Preliminary rounds shall be based on the Draw of Lots.
- For the Preliminary Rounds, each team will be given the opposing team's Memorials on 30 Minutes prior to the Competition.
- The total time allocated to each team in this round is thirty minutes including the time for rebuttals 30 minutes.
- An oralist may reserve not more than 18 minutes for the pleadings. The time allotted can be extended only at the discretion of the judges.
- It is the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur- rebuttals which shall not be more than 5 minutes in any case.
- The time allotted can be extended only at the discretion of the judges.
- In case of a tie, the team scoring higher marks in the memorial shall be declared as the winner.

3. Quarter - Final Rounds

- The Quarter - Final Round will be conducted on 28 February 2026 & shall be knock - out round with four teams proceeding to semi - finals.
- For the purposes of qualification to the Quarter-Final Rounds the top 8 highest-scoring teams of the Preliminary Rounds shall be taken into consideration.
- In case of a tie, the team scoring higher marks in the memorial shall be declared as the winner.
- The fixtures for the Preliminary rounds shall be based on the Draw of Lots.
- For the Preliminary Rounds, each team will be given the opposing team's Memorials on 30 Minutes prior to the Competition.
- The total time allocated to each team in this round is thirty minutes including the time for rebuttals 30 minutes.
- An oralist may reserve not more than 18 minutes for the pleadings. The time allotted can be extended only at the discretion of the judges.

- It is the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals which shall not exceed 5 minutes in any case.
- The time allotted can be extended only at the discretion of the judges.

4. Semi - Final Rounds & Final Rounds

- The Semi - Final Round will be conducted on **1 March 2026** & shall be knock - out round with two teams proceeding to finals.
- In case of a tie, the team scoring higher marks in the memorial shall be declared as the winner.
- The winning teams from the Semi-final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round, to be held on **1st March 2026**.
- The total time allocated to each team in the Semi-Final Round shall be 40 minutes, and in the Final Round shall be 45 minutes. Teams may decide how to allocate their time between pleadings, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals, subject to a maximum of five minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time allotted may be extended only at the discretion of the judges.

5. Evaluation Criteria for Oral Rounds

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| Understanding of Law and Identification of legal principles | 25 Marks |
| Application of law to the facts and Interpretation of the facts | 20 Marks |
| Clarity, Logic Reasoning and Analytical Deduction | 20 Marks |
| Persuasiveness and Ability to Respond to the Court | 15 Marks |
| Presentation of Arguments, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour | 10 Marks |
| Time Management and Team Coordination | 10 Marks |
| Total | 100 Marks |

X. Disqualification

1. Scouting

1.1 Only the participants shall be allowed to join the courtrooms during the orals rounds and no observer or any other person (on behalf of the teams) shall be given permission to join.

1.2 Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited and shall entail disqualification.

2. Copyright

The copyright over the memorial submitted for the participation in the competition is assigned by the participant and also "vests fully in the RNB Global University. The participant shall certify in writing the originality of the material contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out the further use and exhibition of these materials.

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3. Penalty

3.1. Memorial Submission

3.1.1 Non-adherence to the prescribed memorial guidelines shall attract a penalty.

3.1.2 Late submission of memorials beyond the stipulated deadline shall attract a penalty of 2 points per memorial for each day of delay.

3.1.3 Memorials exceeding the maximum page limit of 40 A4 size pages shall attract a penalty of 5 points.

3.1.4 Introduction of any additional facts in the memorial shall attract a penalty of 5 points per additional fact.

3.2. Formatting and Content of Memorial

3.2.1 Use of incorrect font or font size, inconsistent formatting, improperly formatted index of authorities, or improper line spacing shall attract a penalty of 5 points.

3.2.2 Failure to include all mandatory parts of the memorial, inclusion of unnumbered parts, substantive legal arguments outside approved sections, excessive length, or failure to include required information on the memorial cover page shall attract a penalty of 5 points.

3.2.3 Inclusion of any identifying mark, character, or text in the memorial shall attract a penalty of 5 points.

3.3. Oral Rounds

3.3.1 Exceeding the prescribed time limit allotted to a team during oral rounds may attract a penalty of up to 5 points, at the discretion of the Presiding Judge.

3.3.2 Any form of misconduct during pleadings shall attract an appropriate penalty as determined by the Bench.

3.4. Courtroom Conduct

3.4.1 Any form of communication between the Bar and any person other than the Bench and the participating teams is strictly prohibited.

3.4.2 Any indulgence in such prohibited communication shall result in a penalty of 1 mark per communication.

3.4.3 Submission of any written material other than the memorials or documents related to the proposition to the Bench, before, during, or after oral arguments, is prohibited and shall attract a penalty of 5 marks.

3.5. Dress Code

3.5.1 Non-adherence to the prescribed dress code shall attract a penalty of 5 marks per team member.

4. Disputes

Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the Moot Court Society, before the end of the competition. The decision of the Moot Court Society shall be final and binding.

5. Cheating, Intimidation and Misconduct

5.1 Cheating or using of unfair means of any kind is strictly prohibited and if found indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the team.

5.2 Intimidation in any form is prohibited and if found indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the team.

5.3 Misconduct, whether behavioral or otherwise, is not allowed and any indulgence in the same shall result in disqualification of the team.

6. Non-compliance With The Result of The Moot Court Society

The participants are required to comply with the rules formulated by the Organizing Committee during the Moot Court Competition. In case of any non-compliance with the rules of the Moot Court Society penalty may be imposed by deduction of marks and the teams may also be disqualified after they have been warned once.