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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Central University of South Bihar, Gaya, India, is one of 56 such universities of the Federal Government that comes under the purview of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education of the Government of India. It was established under the Central Universities Act, 2009 (Act No. 25 of 2009) as Central University of Bihar (CUB), and the name has since been changed by the Central Universities (Amendment) Act, 2014 to Central University of South Bihar (CUSB). It is an institution of higher learning in the state of Bihar and got an accreditation of NAAC A++ and Category-1 University recognized by UGC With the motto, i.e., 'Collective Reasoning,' the university has been conducting its academic and administrative activities from a permanent campus on a 300-acre plot of land at Panchanpur, situated about 15 km away from Gaya town.

The University welcomes all with a grand entrance plaza and further provides visual delight with a half-globe-shaped stupa and a magnificent multi-story administrative block building. Besides, the massive school buildings, namely the School of Earth, Biological & Environmental Sciences named Aryabhata Bhawan, the School of Social Sciences & Policy named Chanakya Bhawan, the School of Education building named Malaviya Bhawan, the Vivekanand Lecture Complex, the Sangharam Guest House, the Boys Hostel named Veer Savarkar, and the Girls Hostel named

Maitreyi Sadan and Gargi Sadan altogether, are like a visual treat for visitors, offering pristine environs for running academic and co-curricular activities. Along with world-class, highly qualified faculty members, a high teacher-student ratio, and baskets full of elective courses in different programs, the university offers a Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with total internal evaluation of students' performance at Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) levels. Other highlights of CUSB include a conducive and research-orientated environment with a multidisciplinary approach, innovative pedagogies, promising infrastructural facilities, and an effective student support system to nurture students' personalities holistically and prepare them for a bright future.

### **ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE**

Welcome to the School of Law and Governance at the Central University of South Bihar. Under the distinguished leadership of our Head and Dean, Professor Dr. Sanjay Prakash Srivastava, we take pride in presenting a glimpse of our institution's establishment, history, and noteworthy achievements. The School of Law and Governance was founded as an integral part of the Central University of South Bihar, with the primary aim of offering high-quality legal education and promoting a deep understanding of governance in our rapidly evolving world. Since its inception, the school has been committed to nurturing young minds, refining their skills, and preparing them to address the intricate legal and governance challenges of the 21st century. Our school has a rich history steeped in academic tradition and innovation. Since its establishment, it has evolved into a center of excellence for legal and governance research, scholarship, and practice. The faculty members, with their diverse expertise, have consistently contributed to the advancement of the legal field, both in the region and on a broader scale.

Over the years, the School of Law and Governance has reached several significant milestones. We have consistently produced top-tier legal professionals who have gone on to excel in various fields, including legal practice, public service, academia, and more. Our faculty and students have been at the forefront of cutting-edge legal and governance research, publishing in renowned journals and presenting their work at national and international conferences. We are committed to social justice and community engagement, with various projects and outreach programs addressing legal and governance challenges faced by marginalized communities.

The school has also fostered collaborations with other prestigious academic institutions and organizations, providing students with unique opportunities for internships, joint research, and interdisciplinary learning. Our students have consistently performed exceptionally well in national

and international moot court competitions, showcasing their advocacy skills on a global stage. The School of Law and Governance has established itself as a leader in the field of governance studies, contributing to policy formulation and governance research in the region.

In the capable hands of our Head and Dean, the School of Law and Governance continues to inspire and empower the next generation of legal and governance experts. We are committed to providing a world-class education that combines tradition with innovation, ensuring that our students are well-prepared to make a positive impact on society.

### **ABOUT THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY**

The Moot Court Society (MCS) of the Central University of South Bihar (CUSB) is a student-run organization with the guidance of its exceptional mentors, dedicated to providing a platform for students to develop and enhance their advocacy skills. The MCS organizes various workshops, training sessions, and internal moot competitions to help students prepare for and participate in external national and international moot court competitions. The MCS also plays a vital role in promoting legal awareness and research among students. It organizes various seminars and conferences on contemporary legal issues and encourages students to publish their research papers in reputed law journals. The MCS has a strong track record of success. Its students have consistently performed well in various moot court competitions and have won several awards.

The MCS has also produced several notable alumni, who have gone on to successful careers in law and academia. The MCS is a valuable resource for law students at CUSB. It provides them with the opportunity to develop their legal knowledge, research skills, and advocacy skills. The MCS also helps students to build networks with other law students and professionals.





## ABOUT COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Competition is the means to ensure a broad range of goods and services to common people at the best prices. An increase in competition maximizes innovation and specialization in producers resulting in wider, cheaper, and quality choices. The Competition Act is a law governing commercial competition in India replacing the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act of 1969. It aims to prevent activities that have adverse effects on Indian Competition. It believes in the creation and sustenance of fair competition in the economy intending to provide a 'level playing field' to the producers and transform markets in the economy to more consumer welfare-centric. The Competition Act, 2002, passed in the year 2002 and accorded assent in 2003 by the parliament and the president respectively, was further amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act of 2007, resulting in the establishment of two statutory bodies namely the Competition Appellate Tribunal (CAT) and the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The provisions concerning anti-competitive agreements and abuse of dominant position were later notified on 29th May 2009 in the Competition Act. The CCI or the Competition Commission of India is an important statutory body that acts as the competition regulator in India. Aiming to establish a sustainable competitive environment in the Indian Economy through proactive engagement with all the stakeholders, the government, and the international jurisdiction the commission schemes for the prevention of practices that harm competition, promotion, and sustenance of competition in markets, protecting consumers interests and ensuring the freedom of trade. Attainment of the above-mentioned aims of the CCI is ensured by the functions interpreted through the preamble of the Competition Act itself which focuses on the overall development of the economy by promoting constructive competition and avoiding unfair competition. The major functions of the CCI is, to ensure the maintenance of welfare and benefit of customers in the Indian Markets, accelerate economic growth through ensuring fair and healthy



competition in the nation, ensure efficient utilization of the nation's resources through complete and proper execution of competition policies, competition advocacy, scrutinizing foreign companies in Indian Markets, ensuring interaction and cooperation between several other regulating authorities in the economy, and acting as a business facilitator, by ensuring no dominance of a few firms in the whole market with peaceful coexistence of small and large enterprises. The CCI is also the antitrust ombudsman for small organizations.

### **ABOUT THE COMPETITION**

CUSB is elated to announce its second edition of the CCI-CUSB National Moot Court Competition, 2025 in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India, on 12<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>, January 2025. This flagship event has been devised to stir up research on issues in Competition Law and start a talk among the legal fraternity as to emerging jurisprudence in the area. The moot at the same time, strives to familiarize law students across the country with the courtroom environment and etiquette and augment their argumentative and research skills. The moot proposition revolves around the different facets of competition law and Intellectual Property Laws. However, the students shall feel free to scout other dimensions of legal issues involved. We wholeheartedly invite you all to participate in this flagship event which shall be organized on the premises of our campus, amidst the ecstatic beauty of Bodh Gaya, a UNESCO world heritage site, along with Vishnupad Temple, where you can find the “Padchinh” (footprint) of Lord Vishnu.

### **ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE PARTNER**

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### **TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Commencement Of Provisional Registration</b>	Saturday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024
<b>Release Of Moot Proposition</b>	Saturday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024
<b>Last Date of Provisional Registration</b>	Friday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025
<b>Last Date to Seek Clarification</b>	Friday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025
<b>Release Of Clarification</b>	Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Last Date of Submission of Soft Copies Of Memorials</b>	Friday, January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Inauguration Ceremony</b>	Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Researcher Test &amp; Preliminary Round I And II</b>	Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Declaration of Result of Preliminary Rounds</b>	Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Last Date of Final Registration for Knockout round</b>	Tuesday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Last Date of Receiving Hard Copies Of Memorials Of Finally Registered Teams</b>	Friday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Quarter Finals</b>	Friday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Semis- Finals</b>	Saturday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Finals</b>	Saturday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Valedictory Ceremony</b>	Saturday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025



## REGISTRATION

Link of Provisional Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/aeHCi3PAetWbzemd7>

Registration Fee: **INR 1,000 for Preliminary rounds (Online) + 3,500 [ INR 1,500 for Knockout rounds + INR 2,000 for accommodation (Physical Mode)].**

Each team will have to pay INR 1,000 for Preliminary rounds. The teams qualifying for the knockout rounds will have to pay an additional amount of INR 3,500 rupees that includes fee of final registration INR 1,500 rupees for knockout rounds and accommodation fee of 2,000 rupees.

**Payment Details: The payment of the registration fee shall be made to:**

Account Holder: Department of Law & Governance – CUSB  
Bank: **State Bank of India**  
Account No.: **39141156006**  
IFSC: **SBIN0061174**

## AWARDS

Winners	INR 40,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Excellence + One-Year Complimentary (Academic) subscription of SCC Online Web Edition to team members
Runners Up	INR 25,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Excellence
Best Memorial	INR 9,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Excellence
Best Speaker (Female)	INR 9,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Excellence
Best Speaker (Male)	INR 9,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Excellence
Best Researcher	INR 9,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Excellence
Semi-finalists	Certificate of Achievement
Quarter-finalists	Certificate of Merit
Teams Participating in the Preliminary Round	Certificate of Recognition
For all participants except the winning team	One-month Complimentary (Academic) subscription of SCC Online Web Edition valued at Rs. 1099.

# **RULEBOOK**

## **1. DEFINITION**

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

- a) “Administrator” shall refer to the School of Law & Governance, Central University of South Bihar.
- b) “Competition” shall mean to 2<sup>nd</sup> CCI-CUSB National Moot Court Competition, 2025.
- c) “Competition rules” shall refer to the official rules of the competition as amended from time to time.
- d) “IST” shall refer to Indian standard time.
- e) “INR” shall refer to the Indian National Rupee.
- f) “Knock out round” shall refer to Quarter Finals, Semi-finals, and Final rounds of the competition.
- g) “Memorial” shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the Competition Rules.
- h) “Moot Proposition” shall refer to the facts and issues released by the organizers of the competition with its clarifications and corrections.
- i) “Court Room” shall refer to the rooms assigned by the organizing committee where the oral rounds will take place.
- j) “Organizing Committee” (hereinafter to be referred to as O.C.) shall refer to the Moot Court Society, School of Law and Governance, Central University of South Bihar.
- k) “Official Email” shall refer to the official email ID of the Moot Court Society (MCS), 2<sup>nd</sup> CCI-CUSB National Moot Court Competition, 2025, i.e. [mootcourtsociety@cusb.ac.in](mailto:mootcourtsociety@cusb.ac.in).
- l) “Participating Team” means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules given below.

## **2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

2.1 The competition shall be open to the students who are pursuing any integrated 5-year

LL. B program or 3-year LL. B program in India.

2.2 Each institution can be represented by a maximum of two teams.

2.3 Only **32 teams** on a **first-come first-served** basis shall be allowed to register. It may be extended depending upon the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

### **3. TEAM COMPOSITION**

3.1 A team may consist of either two (2) or three (3) members.

3.2 Cross-institutional teams are allowed.

3.3 Only the team member(s) designated as Oralists/Speaker/Mooter shall be allowed to put forth oral submissions.

3.4 A team comprising two members shall also be allowed provided both members participate as speakers and one of the Speaker will act as a researcher.

3.5 Participating teams shall identify their speakers and researchers at the stage of registration itself as no modifications shall be permitted except with the approval of the OC.

3.6 Under no condition shall a team consisting of more than 3 members be allowed to participate.

3.7 No substitution of team members shall be allowed after completion of the registration process except with the approval of the OC.

3.8 Any additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team will not be entitled to a certificate from the OC. Such persons shall not be provided accommodation facilities by the host institution.

3.9 No observer members shall be allowed for any of the participating teams.

### **4. LANGUAGE**

The language for the Competition shall be strictly English, which shall be the official language of the Competition.

### **5. DRESSING**

The Participating Teams shall attend all the rounds of the Competition in formal courtroom attire (White shirt, black Pant and black blazer for both boys and girls or white kurta and salwar for girls).



## 6. STRUCTURE

The Competition shall consist of two rounds:

1. Online Mode (Google Meet) on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

All teams registering for the competition shall be allowed to participate in this round.

2. Offline Mode on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

The teams qualified for the knockout round will be allowed to participate in this round which will be held in physical mode at CUSB Campus.

## 7. REGISTRATION

### 7.1 Procedure

- 7.1.1 Each participating team shall fill out a registration form by, the link for which is as below- <https://forms.gle/aeHCi3PAetWbzcmd7>

- 7.1.2 The team shall nominate one out of the team as the primary contact person, who shall communicate all information concerning the competition via mail. It shall be the responsibility of the person so nominated to convey all information to the other member(s).

- 7.1.3 The ID Card of the institution shall be attached by each participating team from the same university is mandatory.

- 7.1.4 Upon successful completion and submission of the Registration Form, each team will receive an email from the OC informing them of their successful Registration. With this, the registration process shall be deemed to have been completed.

- 7.1.5 If a team does not receive such an email, it may contemporaneously send an email with its registration details to [mootcourtsociety@cusb.ac.in](mailto:mootcourtsociety@cusb.ac.in) and a response will be sent by email by the OC within 07 (seven) days informing the team of its successful Registration.

- 7.1.6 Registration Forms will have to be completed and submitted with all material particulars by the teams. Please note that incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted.

### 7.2 Payment

- 7.2.1 All teams shall be required to make a payment of INR 1,000 for preliminary registration on above account details.

- 7.2.2 The team qualified for the knockout rounds shall be required to make a payment of

INR 1,500 for Final registration. The qualified team for the Quarterfinal shall be required to make a payment of INR 3,500, that includes fee of final registration INR 1500 rupees for knockout rounds and accommodation fee of 2000 rupees. We will provide accommodation from the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> January to the Morning of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

- 7.2.3 All payments should be attached with the following message – “2<sup>nd</sup> CCI-CUSB Moot [Institution Name]”.
- 7.2.4 A screenshot of the Payment Confirmation should be uploaded on the Registration Form.
- 7.2.5 The Organizers shall confirm the Final Registration only after the payment is made and the form is filled by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **7.3 Identification of Teams**

- 7.3.1 Each team shall be identified only by a team code, allotted to them via mail sent to them after the completion of the registration process.
- 7.3.2 No team shall indulge in any activity which shall disclose their identity or the identity of their institution in any manner.
- 7.3.3 Teams shall use only their Team Code for identification purposes. Names of participants or their colleges should not appear on or within the Written Submissions. Signature pages are prohibited.

## **8. CLARIFICATION**

In case, teams need any clarification regarding the Moot Proposition or the Competition Rules, they may submit written requests for the same at the official mail on or before 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 with the title, “Need Clarification: 2<sup>nd</sup> CCI-CUSB National Moot Court Competition, 2025”.

## **9. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION**

### **9.1 Submission**

- 9.1.1 Teams that have received the confirmation mail for the registration by the OC shall submit two memorials viz. Memorial on behalf of the Appellant and Memorial on behalf of the Respondent.
- 9.1.2 The soft copies of the memorials are required to be submitted at the official mail [onmootcourtsociety@cusb.ac.in](mailto:onmootcourtsociety@cusb.ac.in), on or before January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 11:59 P.M., with the heading “Team Code-X Submitting Memorials: 2<sup>nd</sup> CCI-CUSB National Moot Court

Competition”, where X shall be the team code allocated to the teams by the OC.

- 9.1.3 The soft copies of the memorials shall be submitted in Word format (preferably Microsoft Word 2019 or above or compatible software) as well as PDF format. The document or pdf file for the Memorial on behalf of Appellant shall be named as ‘<TeamCode>A’ and that for the Memorial on behalf of Respondent shall be named as ‘<TeamCode>R’.
- 9.1.4 There shall be a deduction of 1 point for every 1-hour delay in the submission of the memorials.
- 9.1.5 Memorials submitted after 24 hrs. shall neither deemed to be submitted nor evaluated for the Competition.
- 9.1.6 The memorials may be used as the OC deems fit after the completion of the Competition.
- 9.1.7 The team that qualifies for the knockout round shall have to submit 7 hard copies of each side. Since the university encourages eco-friendly practices, it is mandated to print out your memorials on both sides of the paper. Participants are requested to carry 1 hard copy of the compendium with them and also send a soft copy of the same to the email of the society [mootcourtsociety@cusb.ac.in](mailto:mootcourtsociety@cusb.ac.in).

## **9.2 Format**

- 9.2.1 Memorials must be typed on white standard A4 paper (21 x 29 ¾ centimeters). The font and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial (except the cover page), must be in Times New Roman 12-point. Footnotes must be in Font size 10. The text of all parts of each written submission must have one-and-a-half spacing.
- 9.2.2 Each page of the Memorial (regardless of content) shall have margins of one inch on all sides, excluding page numbers.
- 9.2.3 The cover of each Memorial should bear only the following information: (a) the TeamCode (Right Corner of the page); (b) the name of the court; (c) the name of the parties; (d) the nature of the case (Civil/ Criminal/ Writ/ SLP etc.); and (e) the title of the document (i.e., "Memorial onbehalf of Respondent" or "Memorial on behalf of Appellant").
- 9.2.4 The footnotes in the memorial shall follow the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bluebook. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point for each error.
- 9.2.5 The Cover page of the memorial must contain the team code in the upper right-hand



corner, followed by an 'A' for the Appellant Memorial, or an 'R' for the Respondent Memorial. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 2 points.

9.2.6 The Cover Page of the Memorial must follow the following color scheme- Blue for the Appellant Cover Page and Red for the Respondent Cover Page. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point.

### 9.3 Content

9.3.1 The Memorials are required to contain the following sections:

- i. Cover Page
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Table of Abbreviations
- iv. Index of Authorities
- v. Statement of Jurisdiction
- vi. Statement of Facts
- vii. Issues Raised
- viii. Summary of Arguments
- ix. Arguments Advanced
- x. Prayer

9.3.2 Page Limit

The total number of Arguments Advanced sections of the Memorials shall not exceed more than 25 pages and Memorial should not exceed more than 45 pages.

## 10. MEMORIAL EVALUATION

Each memorial shall be evaluated out of 100 marks in the following manner-

S. NO.	PARAMETERS	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
3.	Extent and Use of Research	20
4.	Clarity and Organization	20
5.	Grammar and Style	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## **11. RESEARCHER TEST**

**11.1** There shall be 30 Questions of 4 marks each and the time duration would be 25 mins.

**11.2** There shall be negative marking. You will be awarded 4 for each correct answer and -1 for each wrong answer.

**11.3** The researcher test will be conducted via Google form on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**11.4** The link of the researcher test for the same will be shared with the participating teams well in advance.

**11.5** No marks will be awarded or deducted for an unanswered question.

**11.6** Attempting all questions is not mandatory.

**11.7** The mode of question will be Multiple Choice Questions.

**11.8** In the case of a Two-member team, one of the Speaker shall act as the researcher for this exercise.

**11.9** The winner of the test shall be determined by the highest score and will be awarded the prize of researcher test.

**11.10** If there is a tie in the aggregate scores in that case preference will be given to that participant whose submission will be earlier. In case of further tie, the researcher having the least number of wrong answers shall get the upper rank. If both criteria do not split the researchers, the researcher getting the highest memorial marks will be ranked higher.

**11.11** Cheating or any attempt to cheat is strictly prohibited.

## **12 PLEADING ROUND**

### **12.1 General Procedure**

**12.1.1** The Pleading Round shall have four levels- Preliminary Round, Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final.

**12.1.2** Preliminary Rounds will be conducted in online mode (Google Meet) and Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, and Final-round will be conducted in physical mode.

**12.1.3** At each level of the Pleading Round, the order of the oral submissions shall be Appellant 1 > Appellant 2 > Respondent 1 > Respondent 2 > Rebuttal (Appellant 1 or 2) > Surrebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).

**12.1.4** As a courtesy to the judges, the Speakers of the team shall inform the Court Masters

regarding the allocation of time between both the Speakers and the time reserved for rebuttal. Once informed, the time shall not change. However, Judges, at their discretion, may extend the oral argument's time up to five minutes per team.

- 12.1.5 Only one speaker shall be allowed to present in rebuttal or surrebuttal. The time reserved for rebuttal and surrebuttal cannot be divided between the speakers. Rebuttal time shall not be reserved beyond 5 minutes.
- 12.1.6 The oral arguments should not extend beyond the issues in the memorials.
- 12.1.7 The researcher of each team shall be required to attend the Pleading Round but shall not, at any point of time be allowed to speak or address the bench, until so allowed by the respective Judges of the Round.
- 12.1.8 If a team intends to refer to any Compendium during their Oral Rounds, the same should be submitted to the Court Master in the courtroom before the commencement of their scheduled Oral Round. The Compendium should contain an Index of all the materials that the Team wishes to use. The Teams are requested to ensure that all material in the Compendium is in a readable and consistent format.
- 12.1.9 Scouting shall be prohibited at all four levels of the Pleading Round.
- 12.1.10 Anonymity of Teams must be maintained in each of the rounds. No direct or indirect means, including statements to judges, name-tags or other signifiers, the placement of folders, files, library books, other materials bearing the name or logo of the Institution to which a Team belongs, and the wearing of pins or clothing revealing the identity of their university or college, shall be tolerated.
- 12.1.11 The match-ups for all rounds shall follow the draw of lots.
- 12.1.12 Results of Preliminary Rounds shall be final and non-reviewable on any grounds.
- 12.1.13 The result so published includes a list of the top 8 teams and the waiting list of 4 additional teams.
- 12.1.14 The teams on the waiting list shall be allowed to participate only on the occasion of the withdrawal of a selected team from the competition. Such information shall be brought to the notice of the wait-listed team by the Organizing Committee.
- 12.1.15 The pleading shall be assessed in each round in the following manner

S. No.	PARAMETER	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law	20 marks
2.	Application of Law to Facts	20 marks



3.	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer	20 marks
4.	Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor	20 marks
5.	Time management	10 marks
6.	Organization	10 marks
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100 marks</b>

## 12.2 Preliminary Round

- 12.2.1 Each participant of the registered team shall be eligible for the preliminary rounds.
- 12.2.2 No team shall argue the same side twice in preliminary rounds. No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- 12.2.3 Each team shall argue from both sides in the preliminary rounds.
- 12.2.4 Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- 12.2.5 The top 8 teams based on their total preliminary score shall qualify for the Quarter-finals.
- 12.2.6 A team that has won both the preliminary rounds shall be given a preference for qualification over a team that has a higher final score.
- 12.2.7 In case of a tie between two teams, Memorial Rounds scores shall be considered.
- 12.2.8 Each team shall be allotted 25 minutes for pleading.
- 12.2.9 The division of time among the speakers shall be at the discretion of the team. However, one speaker shall not plead for less than 10 minutes.

## 12.3 Quarter-finals

- 12.3.1 The top eight teams with the highest scores in the Preliminary Rounds shall be eligible for the Quarter-Finals.
- 12.3.2 In the Quarterfinals the highest-ranked team in the Preliminary round will face the lowest-ranked team and so on/ (1 v. 8, 2 v. 7, ...). The Same method shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the other knockout rounds of the competition.
- 12.3.3 The pleading option ("the right to choose which side to argue") shall be decided by draw of lots.
- 12.3.4 The Quarter-finals shall be a knock-out-round.
- 12.3.5 The team shall argue from only one side in the Quarter-finals.
- 12.3.6 Each team shall be allotted 35 minutes for pleading.
- 12.3.7 The division of time among the speakers shall be at the discretion of the team.

However, one speaker shall not plead for less than 15 minutes.

#### **12.4 Semi-finals**

12.4.1 The winner of the Quarter-final rounds from each courtroom shall be declared qualified for the Semi Final Rounds.

12.4.2 The team shall argue from only one side in the Semi-finals.

12.4.3 The Semi-final shall be a knock-out round.

12.4.4 Each team shall be allotted 45 minutes for pleading.

12.4.5 The division of time among the speakers shall be at the discretion of the team.

However, one speaker shall not plead for less than 20 minutes.

#### **12.5 Final**

12.5.1 The two teams who stand declared as winners of the Semi Final Rounds shall qualify for the Final Rounds.

12.5.2 Each team shall be allotted 60 minutes for pleading.

12.5.3 The division of time among the speakers shall be at the discretion of the team.

However, one speaker shall not plead for less than 25 mins.

#### **12.6 General Code of Conduct**

Considering the **2<sup>nd</sup> CCI-CUSB National Moot Court Competition 2025** will be conducted in a hybrid mode, the following code of conduct must be strictly adhered to by all participants.

12.6.1 **Virtual Platform:** Google Meet (for Preliminary Rounds).

12.6.2 For the **Preliminary Rounds (online)**, teams must ensure they have a stable internet connection along with good audio and video facilities to ensure the smooth running of the competition. In case of any connection issues resulting in a particular team being logged out reasonable time may be given for rejoining.

12.6.3 During the online rounds, participants must ensure that no background disturbance affects the proceedings of the moot court competition. It is strongly recommended that participants attend from a quiet disturbance-free environment.

12.6.4 For the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Round which will be held physically on the Central University of South Bihar campus participants are expected to maintain proper court etiquette and decorum throughout the proceedings.

12.6.5 **Misconduct or Violation:** Any team found indulging in any form of misconduct or violating the aforementioned rules will be subject to immediate disqualification.

12.6.6 **Memorial Marks:** The memorial marks shall not be considered for deciding the results of the oral rounds. However, in the event of a tie during the Preliminary Quarter-Final Semi-Final or Final rounds, the marks of the memorials will be used to determine the winner.

12.6.7 **Judge's Decision:** The decision of the judges regarding the oral rounds shall be final and binding on all participants.

### 13 MISCELLANEOUS

13.1.1 All queries relating to the problem, scores, etc. may be directed vide email to [mootcourtsociery@cusb.ac.in](mailto:mootcourtsociery@cusb.ac.in) However, no requests to provide individual marks shall be entertained under any circumstances during the Competition.

13.1.2 The last date for seeking clarifications on the Moot Proposition is January 2025, after which no clarifications shall be entertained.

13.1.3 Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the organizers immediately, without disturbing the round in progress. Any team found scouting shall be disqualified.

13.1.4 Any reference to the identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial may lead to disqualification of the team, which shall be at the sole discretion of the organizers.

13.1.5 If a team believes that a violation of any of the Competition Rules has taken place at any stage of the Competition, the teams shall within 30 minutes of the completion of the round wherein a violation has allegedly occurred, register a complaint with Organizing Committee. No team or its members shall approach the Judges with any complaints under any circumstances.

13.1.6 The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify the team for deviating from the Rules. The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any grievance or doubt. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final. These Rules are not exhaustive.





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