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மணிநீரும் மண்ணும் மலையும் அணிநிழற்
காடும் உடைய தரண்.

Mani neerum mannum malaiyum ani nizhar
kaadum udaiya tharan.

Water clear as a gem, open land, hills and the cool shade of forests: these are what make a fortress.

THIRUKKURAL 742 · THIRUVALLUVAR

PLATE I



Palmyra palm (பனை)

Borassus flabellifer

State tree of Tamil Nadu. An old Tamil poem, Tala Vilasam, counts 801 uses for it.

PART I

General

1 AIMS

1.1 The Competition aims to create awareness of the protection and conservation of the environment.

1.2 It aims to build interest and skill in environmental law and in contemporary ecological issues.

1.3 It aims to give every team a level and transparent forum, in which results turn on merit alone.

2 DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, unless the context requires otherwise:

TERM	MEANING
Adjusted mark	An oral mark adjusted for the tendency of the judge who gave it, under Rule 40.
Assessment	The Research and Procedure Assessment held under Rule 22.
Ballot Points	The 10 points a judge divides between the two teams on a sheet, by the margin between their Round Scores, under Rule 34.2. They break ties and decide the Finals.
Bench	The judges presiding over an Oral Round.
Bias Disclosure Form	The declaration signed in the courtroom by the judges and both teams before a round begins, under Rule 50.
Clarifications	The answers to queries on the Moot Proposition issued under Rule 10.
Compendium	The compilation of authorities a team files for the Bench under Rule 31.
Competition	The 20th Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition, 2026-27.
Compliance Review Hearing	The hearing of objections to memorial penalties under Rule 20.
Court Manager	The member of the Organising Committee assigned to a courtroom, physical or virtual, to keep time and the record.
Enviro Pass	The number issued to an institution on provisional registration under Rule 7.2.

TERM	MEANING
EnviroPort	The Competition's dedicated online portal, at **pbenmcc.mcasoel.in/enviroport**. Its Orals Dashboard carries the Google Meet links, courtroom details, exchanged memorials and Compendia. Its desks are the Registration desk, the Prop Clarification Desk, the Memorial Vault, the Penalty Objection Desk, the RP Assessment Hall, the Compendium Shelf, the Orals Dashboard, and Travel and Stay.
Fixture Generator	The Competition's software that draws pairings and sides at random under Rule 35.
Green Points	The points kept for each semi-finalist under Rule 47. They decide the Iyarkai Kaappor Award and nothing else.
Host Institution	The School of Excellence in Law, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
Iyarkai Kaappor Award	The award for the most environmentally responsible semi-finalist under Rule 47. Iyarkai Kaappor is Tamil for those who protect nature.
Liaison Officer	The member of the Organising Committee assigned to assist a semi-finalist team during the in-person rounds.
Memorial	The written submission of a team on behalf of the Petitioner or the Respondent.
Memorial mark	The mark of one memorial, out of 100, under Rule 23.4.
Memorial Score	The score of a team for both its memorials, out of 200, under Rule 23.5.
Moot Proposition	The moot problem released for the Competition, read with the Clarifications.
Oral Rounds	The Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals.
Organising Committee or OC	The Moot Court Association of the School of Excellence in Law, acting with its Faculty Co-ordinators.
Page	One side of a sheet. A sheet printed on both sides is two pages.
Petitioner	Includes Appellant, Applicant or Complainant, as the Moot Proposition may require.
Point of Contact	The team member named in the final registration form to receive all communication.
Qualifier Round	The first stage of the Competition, decided on Qualifier Scores under Rule 25.
Qualifier Score	The composite score of a team, out of 100, computed under Rule 25.1.
Recycled paper	Paper made from recycled fibre, preferably of 75 GSM.
Round Score	A team's score in a round under Rule 34.1, made up of 80% adjusted oral score and 20% of the memorial mark for the side argued.
Schedule	The table of Important Dates in this Rulebook, as amended by notice to all teams.
Speaker and Researcher	The team members so designated under Rule 6.
Team Code	The code allotted to a team on final registration under Rule 7.5, such as 20PB214.

3 MODE AND STRUCTURE

3.1 The Competition is held in hybrid mode and in four stages.

3.2 ***Qualifier Round.*** Every registered team submits memorials for both sides, and its Researcher sits the Assessment. The 24 teams with the highest Qualifier Scores qualify for the Oral Rounds.

3.3 ***Preliminary Rounds.*** The 24 qualifying teams argue two rounds online, once for each side.

3.4 ***Quarter-finals.*** The eight highest-ranked teams after the Preliminary Rounds argue the Quarter-finals online.

3.5 ***Semi-finals and Finals.*** The four highest-ranked teams after the Quarter-finals argue the Semi-finals in person in Chennai on 9 January 2027, and the two highest-ranked teams after the Semi-finals argue the Finals.

3.6 No round before the Finals is a knock-out. At every stage, teams are ranked against every other team across all courtrooms, under Rules 34.4 and 36.

3.7 English is the language of the Competition for all written and oral submissions.

3.8 The Host Institution shall not enter a team.

3.9 The Competition is a paperless and plastic-free moot. Rules 45 to 47 set out what that requires.

3.10 Every participating team shall attend the Inauguration online. Every participating team shall also attend the Valedictory, where the awards are announced: semi-finalists and award recipients in person, and every other team online.

4 INTERPRETATION AND AUTHORITY

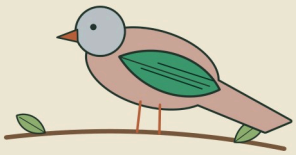
4.1 The Organising Committee has exclusive authority to interpret and apply these Rules. It shall do so guided by fairness, equity and the equal treatment of all teams.

4.2 A decision of the Organising Committee on any dispute, doubt or penalty is final and binding.

4.3 These Rules are not exhaustive. A matter not covered is decided by the Organising Committee in keeping with their spirit.

4.4 An interpretation given to one team on a matter of general application shall be notified to all teams at the same time.

PLATE II



Emerald dove (மரகதப்புறா)
Chalcophaps indica
State bird of Tamil Nadu. It feeds on the forest floor, alone or in pairs.

PART II

Participation

5 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The Competition is open to bona fide students enrolled in a three-year or five-year LL.B. or B.L. degree course at an institution recognised by the Bar Council of India.

5.2 Only one team may register from each institution.

5.3 Each member shall furnish a scanned institutional identity card or a bona fide certificate at registration.

6 TEAM COMPOSITION

6.1 A team shall have a minimum of two and a maximum of three members.

6.2 In a team of three, two members are Speakers and the third is the Researcher.

6.3 In a team of two, both members are Speakers. The team shall designate one of them as its Researcher in the registration form. Only the Researcher may sit the Assessment under Rule 22.

6.4 In a team of three, the Researcher shall not address the Bench. The Organising Committee may permit the Researcher to replace a Speaker on a medical or other genuine emergency, on a written request made before the round.

6.5 No change in team composition is permitted after registration, except with the written permission of the Organising Committee for good cause.

6.6 Coaches, observers and additional members are not part of the team. Certificates are issued in the names given in the registration form, exactly as spelt there.

7 REGISTRATION

7.1 Registration is done on EnviroPort, at **pbenmcc.mcasoel.in/enviroport**.

7.2 ***Provisional registration.*** An institution may first register provisionally. This is optional, but recommended. The institution is issued an Enviro Pass at once, which holds its place and carries its verified particulars into the final form.

7.3 ***Final registration.*** Every team shall complete final registration on EnviroPort. A team whose institution holds an Enviro Pass shall quote it. A team without one may register directly. Early registration closes on 31 October 2026 and regular registration closes on 20 November 2026, at 23:59 on each date.

7.4 The registration fee covers the Qualifier Round, that is, the memorials and the Assessment. It depends on when the team completes final registration:

FINAL REGISTRATION	CLOSES ON	GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGES AFFILIATED TO TNDALU	OTHER INSTITUTIONS
Early	31 October 2026	₹1,500	₹2,000
Regular	20 November 2026	₹2,000	₹2,500

The lower fee applies only to Government Law Colleges affiliated to TNDALU. Private colleges affiliated to TNDALU pay the fee for other institutions.

The fee is payable per team by NEFT or bank transfer to the following account:

PARTICULAR	DETAIL
Account name	Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University Moot Court Association
Account number	67104604033
Bank	State Bank of India
Branch	PNSB Branch, Raja Annamalaipuram
IFSC code	SBIN0070688
Branch code	70688

The fee is non-refundable and non-transferable, whether or not the team qualifies for the Oral Rounds. A team that reaches the Semi-finals also pays the participation fee in Rule 42.

7.5 ***Team Code.*** The final form shall carry the payment reference number and date, a copy of the payment receipt, the documents under Rule 5.3, the details of the Point of Contact, and the e-mail address of the institution's moot court association or head. EnviroPort verifies these particulars and allots the Team Code, such as 20PB214, as soon as the form is submitted.

7.6 EnviroPort then sends a confirmation e-mail to every member of the team, and to the institution's moot court association where one is named. It also invites the team to the participants' WhatsApp group.

7.7 All later correspondence shall carry the Team Code only. All communication is sent to the Point of Contact, who is responsible for conveying it to the team.

7.8 ***SCC Online access.*** Every participant of a team that completes final registration before 14 November 2026 shall receive one month of free access to SCC Online, from 16 November to 16 December 2026, for the preparation of memorials and oral arguments, by courtesy of the Knowledge Partner. A team that registers on or after 14 November 2026 does not receive this access.

7.9 The Organising Committee may refuse or cancel a registration that is incomplete or contains false information, after giving the team reasons and a chance to cure the defect.

8 ANONYMITY

8.1 A team is identified only by its Team Code at every stage of the Competition.

8.2 No memorial, Compendium, file name or document property shall disclose the name, logo, emblem or location of the institution, or the name of any team member. Teams shall clear the author and organisation fields of every file before submission.

8.3 In the Oral Rounds, Speakers shall not state their own names, or state or suggest the name of their institution, at any point. They are addressed by Team Code, as Speaker 1 and Speaker 2.

8.4 No participant shall wear or display any attire, badge, virtual background or other item that identifies the institution.

8.5 Until the team is eliminated, no participant or person connected with a team shall contact a judge or memorial evaluator about the Competition.

8.6 A breach of anonymity in a memorial results in disqualification under Rule 17. Any other breach of this Rule is dealt with under Rule 52.

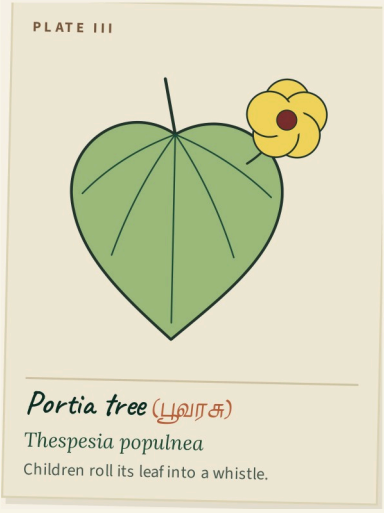
9 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

9.1 A memorial shall be the work of the team members alone. Faculty and coaches may give general guidance on the area of law and the structure of arguments. They shall not draft, edit or correct any part of a memorial.

9.2 No team shall seek or receive assistance from another team or its coach, or share its memorial with another team before the official exchange.

9.3 The bench memorandum is confidential. A team found in possession of it, however obtained, shall be disqualified.

9.4 During an Oral Round, a team shall not receive assistance from any person who is not a member of the team.



PART III

Clarifications

10 CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

10.1 A team may seek clarifications only through the Prop Clarification Desk on EnviroPort, on or before the date in the Schedule. A query sent by e-mail or any other channel shall not be answered.

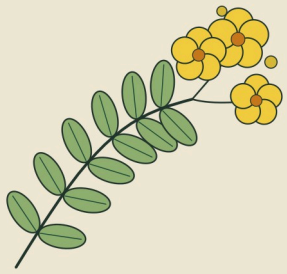
10.2 Each team may raise a maximum of seven queries. A query shall concern the facts of the Moot Proposition, not the law or the merits of any argument.

10.3 The Clarifications shall be released to all teams at the same time. They form part of the Moot Proposition.

10.4 No clarification shall be given to any team individually, orally or in writing.

10.5 A team that registers after the last date for seeking clarifications may not raise queries, but is bound by the Clarifications.

PLATE IV



Aavaram (ஆவாரை)

Senna auriculata

Its yellow flowers are dried and brewed as a tea.

PART IV

Memorials

11 SUBMISSION

11.1 Each team shall submit two memorials: one for the Petitioner and one for the Respondent.

11.2 Each memorial shall be uploaded in both Microsoft Word (.docx) and PDF formats to the Memorial Vault on EnviroPort, on or before the date and time in the Schedule. Each file shall be under 3 MB. A memorial sent by e-mail shall not be accepted.

11.3 Each file shall be named with the Team Code, an underscore, and P or R. Team 20PB214 names its files 20PB214_P and 20PB214_R. The Memorial Vault does not accept a file that is wrongly named, in the wrong format, or of 3 MB or more.

11.4 The Word and PDF versions of a memorial shall be identical. Where they differ, the PDF version is evaluated.

11.5 The first submission is final. No amendment, substitution or supplement is accepted after it.

11.6 On receiving the memorials, EnviroPort sends an automatic receipt to every member of the team.

11.7 A late memorial attracts the penalty in Rule 17. A memorial submitted more than 12 hours late is not accepted, and the team is eliminated.

12 FORMAT

ELEMENT	REQUIREMENT
Page	A4, with a margin of one inch on all four sides
Body text	Times New Roman, size 12, line spacing 1.5, justified
Footnotes	Times New Roman, size 10, single line spacing, justified, no extra space between footnotes
Paragraph and character spacing	No additional paragraph spacing; character spacing not condensed
Page numbers	On every page after the cover page
Exemptions	The font and spacing rules do not apply to the cover page, tables, headers and footers

ELEMENT	REQUIREMENT
Attachments	No annexures, appendices, photographs, sketches, exhibits or affidavits

13 CONTENTS

13.1 Each memorial shall contain the following sections, and only these, in this order:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Table of Abbreviations
4. Index of Authorities
5. Statement of Jurisdiction
6. Statement of Facts
7. Issues Raised
8. Summary of Arguments
9. Arguments Advanced
10. Prayer

13.2 The cover page shall carry only the Team Code followed by P or R in the top right corner, the forum, the cause title, the year of the Competition, and the words *Memorial on behalf of the Petitioner* or *Memorial on behalf of the Respondent*.

13.3 The page limits are:

SECTION	LIMIT
Whole memorial, including the cover page	40 pages
Arguments Advanced	25 pages
Statement of Jurisdiction	1 page
Statement of Facts	2 pages
Summary of Arguments	2 pages

13.4 The Statement of Facts shall be a neutral account of the facts in the Moot Proposition and the inferences fairly drawn from them. It shall not argue.

13.5 The Issues Raised shall be framed as neutral questions.

13.6 The Summary of Arguments shall carry no citations.

13.7 Legal argument shall appear only in the Arguments Advanced.

13.8 The Index of Authorities shall list every authority cited, with the page numbers on which it appears.

14 FOOTNOTES AND CITATIONS

14.1 Citations shall follow *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (21st edition), applied consistently.

14.2 A footnote shall only identify a source. Speaking or substantive footnotes are prohibited.

14.3 Endnotes and in-text citations are not permitted.

14.4 Every authority cited shall exist and shall support the proposition for which it is cited.

15 USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

15.1 ***Permitted uses.*** A team may use AI-enabled tools to:

- find relevant sources, as with a search engine or the search function of a legal database;
- proof-read for spelling and grammar;
- translate a legal source in order to understand it; and
- generate overviews of a factual or legal topic for the team's own understanding.

15.2 ***What is not permitted.*** A memorial shall be written by the team. Text generated by an AI tool shall not be passed off as the team's own, and no AI tool shall be used during an Oral Round or the Assessment.

15.3 ***Verification of authorities.*** The Organising Committee shall check the authorities cited in every memorial, separately from evaluation. An authority that does not exist, or a quotation that does not appear in the source cited, attracts the penalty in Rule 17.

15.4 ***AI scan.*** Every memorial shall be run through AI-detection software. A reading of up to 20% attracts no penalty.

15.5 ***Penalty.*** Above 20%, marks are deducted from the memorial in proportion to the reading, up to a ceiling of 50 marks. The deduction is the reading less 20, divided by 80, multiplied by 50. A reading of 60% therefore costs 25 marks, and a reading of 100% costs 50.

15.6 No memorial is rejected and no team is disqualified under this Rule.

15.7 ***Fair process.*** The AI-detection percentage of each memorial shall be sent to the team with its Provisional Penalty Sheet. The report itself is not shared. The team may object under Rule 19 and be heard at the Compliance Review Hearing.

15.8 ***Declaration and records.*** Each team shall declare on EnviroPort, when it uploads its memorials, that they comply with this Rule and Rule 16. It shall preserve its drafts, version history and research notes until the Valedictory, and produce them when asked.

16 PLAGIARISM

16.1 Plagiarism is the reproduction of another person's work without acknowledgement, whether word for word or by close paraphrase. The work may be a book, article, judgment, online source or another memorial.

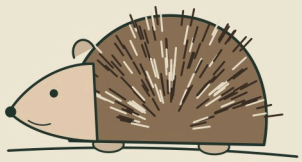
16.2 Every memorial shall be run through similarity-detection software. The cover page, tables, Index of Authorities, statutory text, properly cited quotations and facts taken from the Moot Proposition are excluded from the count.

16.3 Similarity above 20% attracts a penalty of 1 mark for every 5%, or part of 5%, above 20%. Similarity above 50% results in disqualification of the team.

16.4 Where one team appears to have copied from another team's memorial, both teams shall be asked to explain. A team that knowingly allowed its memorial to be copied is equally liable.

16.5 The similarity percentage of each memorial shall be sent to the team with its Provisional Penalty Sheet. The report itself is not shared. The team may object to it under Rule 19.

PLATE V



Madras hedgehog (முள்ளெலி)

Paraechinus nudiventris

Found only in southern India. It rolls into a ball of spines when alarmed.

PART V

Penalties and the Compliance Review Hearing

Every memorial penalty is disclosed to the team and open to objection before a single memorial is evaluated.

17 SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES

17.1 Penalties are deductions for breach of Rules 8 and 11 to 16. They are assessed by the Penalty Committee of the Organising Committee, not by the memorial evaluators.

17.2 The penalties are:

BREACH	RULE	PENALTY PER MEMORIAL
Late submission	11.7	3 marks for every hour or part of an hour, up to 12 hours
Word and PDF versions not identical	11.4	25 marks
Page size or margins	12	1 mark per page affected, up to 5
Font, size, spacing or alignment of body text	12	1 mark per page affected, up to 5
Font, size or spacing of footnotes	12	1 mark per page affected, up to 5
Prohibited attachment	12	10 marks
Section missing, added or out of order	13.1	2 marks per section
Cover page item missing, or extra item present	13.2	5 marks per item
Page limit exceeded	13.3	10 marks per excess page
Argumentative Statement of Facts	13.4	5 marks
Citations in the Summary, or legal argument outside the Arguments Advanced	13.6, 13.7	2 marks per section affected
Index of Authorities incomplete or without page numbers	13.8	5 marks in all
Citation style not followed consistently	14.1	2 marks
Speaking footnote	14.2	1 mark per footnote, up to 5

BREACH	RULE	PENALTY PER MEMORIAL
Endnote or in-text citation	14.3	0.5 mark per citation
Non-existent authority or fabricated quotation	14.4, 15.3	10 marks per instance
AI-detection reading above 20%	15.5	As stated in Rule 15.5
Similarity above 20%	16.3	As stated in Rule 16.3
Breach of anonymity in a memorial	8.2	Disqualification

17.3 Penalties are computed for each memorial separately and deducted from the mark of that memorial under Rule 23.4.

18 PROVISIONAL PENALTY SHEET

18.1 After the submission deadline, and before any memorial is sent to an evaluator, the Penalty Committee shall examine every memorial for compliance.

18.2 Each memorial shall be checked by one member of the Penalty Committee, working by Team Code alone.

18.3 For each proposed penalty, the Provisional Penalty Sheet shall state the Rule breached, the memorial and the page or footnote concerned, and the marks proposed.

18.4 The sheet shall be sent to the Point of Contact of each team on the date in the Schedule. A team with no proposed penalty shall be told so.

19 OBJECTIONS

19.1 A team shall respond to its Provisional Penalty Sheet only through the Penalty Objection Desk on EnviroPort, by the date and time in the Schedule. For each proposed penalty, the team shall either agree to it or object to it. Objections are placed once: once submitted, they cannot be changed. An objection sent by e-mail or any other channel shall not be considered.

19.2 An objection shall identify the penalty objected to and state its ground. The grounds are that the breach did not occur, that the Rule was misread or misapplied, or that the marks were miscalculated.

19.3 An objection cannot cure a breach. No corrected memorial or new material shall be accepted.

19.4 A penalty not objected to in time becomes final.

19.5 No team shall be prejudiced in any way for raising an objection.

19.6 ***Review before the hearing.*** Before the Compliance Review Hearing, the Penalty Committee shall consider every objection, and may accept it, reduce the penalty or decline it. The team shall be told the outcome. Only objections that are declined go to the Compliance Review Hearing.

20 COMPLIANCE REVIEW HEARING

20.1 The Compliance Review Hearing shall be held online on the date in the Schedule. Each team with a declined objection shall be given a private slot of ten minutes, to show why the marks should not be deducted. The link to the slot shall be e-mailed to the Point of Contact.

20.2 Objections are heard by a Compliance Review Panel of the Student Convenor of the Competition, who presides, and two members of the Organising Committee who did not prepare the sheet under objection.

20.3 The team shall join under its Team Code. Any one member may present the objection.

20.4 The Panel may confirm, reduce or withdraw a penalty. It shall not enhance a penalty or add a new one.

20.5 Where the Panel accepts an objection on a point that applies to other memorials, the same relief shall be given to every team similarly placed, whether or not it objected.

20.6 The Panel shall record brief reasons for each ruling.

20.7 Where a team has a declined objection but does not attend its slot, the Panel shall decide on the written objection.

21 FINAL PENALTIES

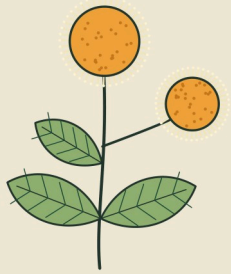
21.1 The Final Penalty Sheet shall be sent to each team on the date in the Schedule. It is final. No objection to a memorial penalty lies at any later stage.

21.2 Memorials shall be released to the evaluators only after the Final Penalty Sheets are issued. Evaluators shall not be told the penalties.

21.3 A consolidated table of final penalties, by Team Code alone, shall be circulated to all teams, so that each can see that like breaches were treated alike.

21.4 Nothing in this Part prevents action under Rules 8, 15 or 16 on a breach that comes to light later.

PLATE VI



Kadamba (கடம்பு)

Neolamarckia cadamba

Madurai was once Kadambavanam, the kadamba forest.

PART VI

Research and Procedure Assessment

22 THE ASSESSMENT

22.1 The Research and Procedure Assessment is one of the two components of the Qualifier Round and carries 40% of the Qualifier Score. It also decides the award for the Best Researcher.

22.2 Only the Researcher of a team may sit the Assessment. No other member may sit it in the Researcher's place.

22.3 The Assessment is held from 19:00 to 20:00 on the date in the Schedule, in the RP Assessment Hall on EnviroPort, which is remotely proctored. The Hall pass shall be sent to the Researcher alone. A practice paper, which carries no marks, shall be held on the dates in the Schedule, so that every Researcher can try the Hall beforehand. At the start of the Assessment, the Researcher shall show an identity card to the camera.

22.4 The Assessment covers procedural law as it bears on environmental litigation, environmental law, legal research and citation, and the Moot Proposition. Its detailed syllabus shall be notified to all teams at the same time.

22.5 The Assessment is out of 40 marks:

SECTION	FORMAT	MARKS
A	25 multiple-choice questions, of which the Researcher answers any 20. A correct answer carries 1.5 marks, a wrong answer carries minus 1 mark, and an unanswered question carries none.	30
B	One long-answer question, of not more than 500 words	10
Total		40

22.6 If a Researcher answers more than 20 questions in Section A, only the first 20 answered, in the order of the question paper, are marked.

22.7 A negative total in Section A is carried into the Assessment score.

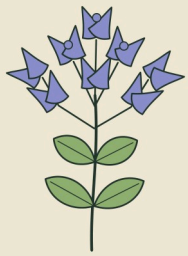
22.8 Section B is marked by Team Code alone, by two evaluators independently, against a common answer guide. The two marks are averaged.

22.9 ***Invigilation.*** The Researcher shall sit alone, keep the camera and microphone on throughout, and stay within the examination window. The Researcher shall also join the invigilation meeting from a phone propped to one side, so that the desk and the screen can be seen. The Hall runs in full screen. Each time the Researcher leaves the Hall, it is recorded with the time. Photographs are taken through the camera during the Assessment, and copying and pasting are disabled. No aid of any kind is permitted, including any AI tool. EnviroPort records the session.

22.10 The Assessment is held once, for all Researchers together. No separate or repeat sitting shall be held for any Researcher, for any reason. If EnviroPort itself fails, the Assessment shall be held afresh for all.

22.11 A Researcher found using unfair means scores zero in the Assessment. The team may also be dealt with under Rule 52.

PLATE VII



Neelakurinji (நீலக்குறிஞ்சி)
Strobilanthes kunthiana
Flowers once in twelve years. The next mass bloom is due in 2030.

PART VII

The Qualifier Round

The Qualifier Round has two components. The memorials carry 60% of the Qualifier Score, and the Research and Procedure Assessment carries 40%.

23 EVALUATION OF MEMORIALS

23.1 Each memorial is evaluated by a panel of two: an academic who works in environmental law, and a practitioner in litigation. Neither shall judge the Oral Rounds.

23.2 Each of the two shall mark the memorial out of 100. They work by Team Code alone and are not told the penalties. Each marks alone: the two do not discuss or settle their marks with each other, so that neither influences the other.

23.3 The marking criteria are:

CRITERION	MARKS
Knowledge of law and facts	20
Analysis and application of law to facts	25
Extent and use of research and authorities	20
Clarity, structure and organisation	15
Originality and ingenuity of argument	10
Grammar, style and presentation	5
Relief sought	5
Total	100

23.4 The mark of a memorial is the average of its two evaluators' standardised marks under Rule 24, less its final penalties.

23.5 The Memorial Score of a team is the sum of the marks of its two memorials, out of 200.

24 CALIBRATION AND STANDARDISATION OF MARKS

Memorials are graded relatively. A memorial's score depends on where it stands in the pool of memorials its evaluator marked, not on the raw mark. This removes the difference between strict and generous evaluators, in five steps.

24.1 ***Common marking guide.*** All evaluators shall mark against one guide. For each criterion in Rule 23.3, it describes what each band of marks looks like.

24.2 ***Calibration.*** Before evaluation begins, every evaluator shall mark the same sample memorial prepared by the Organising Committee. The marks are compared and discussed against the guide, so that all evaluators start from one standard. Sample marks do not count.

24.3 ***The pool.*** Each evaluator shall be given a pool of memorials, allotted by random draw. No evaluator shall receive both memorials of the same team.

24.4 ***Standardisation.*** Each evaluator's marks across the pool shall be converted to a common scale by this formula:

$$x' = \mathrm{M} + \frac{x - m}{s} \times \mathrm{S}$$

Here x is the raw mark, m and s are the average and spread (standard deviation) of that evaluator's marks across the pool, and M and S are the average and spread of all marks given by all evaluators. The formula asks how far a memorial stands above or below its evaluator's own average, and places it the same distance from the average of the whole panel.

24.5 ***Illustration.*** Across all evaluators the average is 70 and the spread is 7. Evaluator P marks strictly and Evaluator Q marks leniently:

EVALUATOR	OWN AVERAGE	OWN SPREAD	RAW MARK	STANDARDISED MARK
P	62	8	70	77
Q	78	5	83	77

Each memorial stands one spread above its evaluator's average. Both therefore receive 77, although the raw marks were 70 and 83.

24.6 Where the spread of an evaluator's marks is less than 2, only that evaluator's average shall be aligned to the average of the panel. A standardised mark shall not exceed 100 or fall below zero.

24.7 ***Divergence check.*** If the two standardised marks for a memorial still differ by more than 30, the memorial shall be marked by a third evaluator, chosen from the evaluators who saw neither memorial of that team, and that mark standardised on the third evaluator's own pool. The two closest marks are then averaged. If the three are equally spaced, all three are averaged.

24.8 ***Tabulation.*** The tabulation shall be prepared by two tabulators independently, reconciled, and verified by a Faculty Co-ordinator. The averages and spreads used shall be disclosed with the score sheets after the Valedictory, with the evaluators' names withheld.

25 QUALIFIER SCORE AND QUALIFICATION

25.1 The Qualifier Score of a team is out of 100:

COMPONENT	WEIGHT	HOW IT IS COMPUTED
Memorials	60	Memorial Score ÷ 200 × 60
Research and Procedure Assessment	40	The Assessment score out of 40 under Rule 22

25.2 The 24 teams with the highest Qualifier Scores qualify for the Oral Rounds.

25.3 A tie at the cut-off is resolved, in this order, by:

1. the higher Memorial Score;
2. the higher mark in Section B of the Assessment;
3. the lower total of memorial penalties; and
4. a draw of lots held online in the presence of the tied teams.

25.4 The results shall be declared by Team Code, with the Qualifier Score and rank of each team. The Memorial Score and the Assessment score are not disclosed separately at this stage. The full score sheets are released after the Valedictory, under Rule 53.

25.5 The Qualifier Score plays no part in the Oral Rounds. The memorial marks carry 20% of every Round Score before the Finals under Rule 34.1, and the Memorial Score decides the award for written submissions.

25.6 A team whose Researcher does not sit the Assessment scores zero for that component.

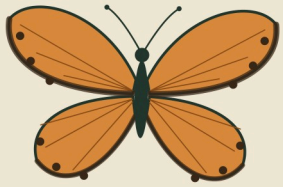
26 CONFIRMATION FOR THE ORAL ROUNDS

26.1 Qualifying teams shall confirm their participation through the form sent to them, within 48 hours of the declaration of the results.

26.2 If a team does not confirm in time, the next team in order of Qualifier Score shall be invited.

26.3 Every qualifying team shall attend the technical check held with the Inauguration, on the date in the Schedule.

PLATE VIII



Tamil yeoman (தமிழ் மறவன்)
Cirrochroa thais
State butterfly of Tamil Nadu. Its Tamil name means Tamil warrior.

PART VIII

Oral Rounds: Procedure

27 GENERAL PROCEDURE

27.1 In every round the order of speaking is:

1. Petitioner, Speaker 1
2. Petitioner, Speaker 2
3. Respondent, Speaker 1
4. Respondent, Speaker 2
5. Rebuttal, by either Speaker for the Petitioner
6. Sur-rebuttal, by either Speaker for the Respondent

27.2 Before a round begins, each team shall tell the Court Manager the order of its Speakers and its division of time.

27.3 A team shall not raise an issue that is not raised in its memorial. It may refine its arguments and cite further authorities, provided each such authority is in its Compendium.

27.4 For the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall receive the memorials of both its opponents on the Orals Dashboard of EnviroPort after the Inauguration. For every later round, the opposing memorial shall be placed there for both teams at the same time, at least 30 minutes before the round.

27.5 Only the Speaker addressing the Bench may speak. Team members may pass notes to one another only on the recycled-paper chits that the Organising Committee supplies before the round. A team may use no more than ten chits in a round.

27.6 Tablets, laptops and similar devices are welcome at the counsel table and the podium, in keeping with Rule 45. They may be used only to read the team's own memorials, Compendium and notes. No device shall be used during a round to communicate with any person, to search the internet or to run an AI tool. A team found doing so loses 20 marks from its Round Score for each instance. In the in-person rounds the team's Liaison Officer sits behind the team to watch for this, and the Court Manager supervises.

27.7 The Bench may give oral feedback once the scores have been announced under Rule 32.10.

27.8 ***No new material.*** Apart from the Compendium under Rule 31, no material of any kind shall be handed up, shown or shared with the Bench in any Oral Round, online or in person. This includes notes, charts, extracts, images and documents of every description.

28 VIRTUAL ROUNDS

28.1 The Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-finals are held on Google Meet only. The Orals Dashboard on EnviroPort carries, for each team, the Google Meet link and courtroom details for every round, the exchanged memorials and the Compendia.

28.2 Every participant shall join at least 10 minutes before the round, for the technical check. The display name shall be the Team Code, the role and, for a Speaker, the gender category, in this form:

- **20PB214 - S1 (M)** for Speaker 1, if male, or **(F)** if female;
- **20PB214 - S2 (F)** for Speaker 2;
- **20PB214 - R** for the Researcher; and
- **20PB214 - S2 (M) - R** for a member who is both a Speaker and the Researcher, in a team of two.

The gender category in the display name is used to place a Speaker for the speaker awards under Rule 48.3, and for easy identification.

28.3 All team members shall keep their cameras on throughout the round. A Speaker shall be clearly visible and audible while addressing the Bench. All others shall stay muted.

28.4 Participants shall sit against a plain background. Virtual backgrounds are not permitted.

28.5 No person other than a team member shall be present in the room, and no participant shall communicate with any outside person during the round.

28.6 Devices may be used only to join the round and to consult the team's own memorials, Compendium and notes. No participant shall present or share a screen at any point. The only material before the Bench is the Compendium the team has uploaded under Rule 31.2.

28.7 Participants shall not record a round. The Organising Committee may record rounds solely to resolve complaints under Rule 51, and shall not publish the recordings.

28.8 If a Speaker is disconnected, the Court Manager shall stop the clock. The Speaker may rejoin within five minutes. Stoppages shall not exceed ten minutes for a team in a round.

28.9 If the Speaker cannot rejoin in time, the co-Speaker may complete the submissions. No marks shall be deducted for a technical failure in itself.

28.10 If a judge is disconnected, the round shall pause until the judge returns. If the judge cannot return, the round shall be reheard before a full Bench at the earliest slot.

28.11 A round disrupted by a failure on the side of the Organising Committee shall be rescheduled without prejudice to either team.

28.12 Observers shall not be admitted to a virtual courtroom.

29 TIME

29.1 The time allowed to each team includes rebuttal or sur-rebuttal and the time spent answering the Bench. The limits are:

ROUND	TOTAL PER TEAM	MINIMUM PER SPEAKER	MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER	REBUTTAL OR SUR-REBUTTAL
Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-finals	30 minutes	10 minutes	18 minutes	Up to 5 minutes
Semi-finals and Finals	45 minutes	15 minutes	25 minutes	Up to 5 minutes

29.2 Time taken by a Speaker beyond the allotted time shall be deducted first from the co-Speaker's time and then from the time reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, unless the Bench extends time.

29.3 The Bench may extend time at its discretion. An extension given to one team shall be offered to the other.

29.4 The Court Manager keeps the official time and shall signal when five minutes and two minutes remain, and when time is up.

30 REBUTTAL AND SUR-REBUTTAL

30.1 Rebuttal and sur-rebuttal shall each be made by one Speaker.

30.2 A team that does not reserve time before the round may not claim it later.

30.3 Rebuttal is limited to the oral submissions of the Respondent. Sur-rebuttal is limited to the points made in rebuttal, and is available only if rebuttal is made.

30.4 The Bench decides finally whether to permit rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

31 COMPENDIUM

31.1 Screens cannot be shared. A Compendium is therefore the only way to place an authority before the Bench. A team may not rely on an authority that is not in its Compendium.

31.2 ***Virtual rounds.*** A qualifying team shall upload a single PDF for each side to the Compendium Shelf on EnviroPort by the date in the Schedule. Each file shall not exceed 100 pages or 5 MB. A Compendium sent by e-mail shall not be accepted.

31.3 A page is one side of a sheet. Online, 100 pages means 100 sides of the PDF. In print, 30 sheets printed on both sides make 60 pages.

31.4 The Compendium shall open with an index. For each authority it shall carry the first page and the pages relied on. It shall carry no identifying mark, including library stamps and database account names. The files shall be named with the Team Code, an underscore, and CP or CR, such as 20PB214_CP and 20PB214_CR.

31.5 In the virtual rounds, the Organising Committee shall forward each Compendium to the opposing team with the memorial, and place it before the Bench in electronic form.

31.6 ***In-person rounds.*** A semi-finalist may file a fresh Compendium for each side. It shall be printed on both sides of recycled paper and shall not exceed 30 sheets, that is 60 pages, for each side, with one further sheet for the cover: 31 sheets in all. Each sheet beyond these costs the team 2 marks from its Round Score.

31.7 Three copies of each printed Compendium, one for each judge, shall be handed in at the registration desk. One further copy shall be served on the opposing team in the courtroom. A team that does not serve its opponent loses 5 marks from its Round Score.

31.8 A team is free to file a new Compendium for the in-person rounds. It may not file a new memorial. The Semi-finals and Finals are argued on the memorials submitted for the Qualifier Round, and a team that submits or relies on a new memorial shall be disqualified.

31.9 Whether to refer to a Compendium is for the Bench to decide.

32 MARKING AND IN-COURT ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCORES

32.1 Each judge shall mark each Speaker out of 100 on the following criteria:

CRITERION	MARKS
Knowledge of law	20
Knowledge and use of facts	15
Application of law to facts and reasoning	20
Response to questions from the Bench	20
Structure, clarity and time management	10
Advocacy, court manner and demeanour	10
Prayer and relief	5
Total	100

32.2 Rebuttal or sur-rebuttal is assessed as part of the mark of the Speaker who makes it.

32.3 Each judge marks alone, in whole numbers. Judges do not discuss or settle their marks with one another.

32.4 All judges shall receive the same scoring guide, and shall mark every Speaker against it, not against the team opposite:

MARKS	STANDARD
90 to 100	Outstanding: commands the law, the facts and the Bench
80 to 89	Very good: a persuasive submission with few gaps
70 to 79	Good: sound on the law and the facts, with some unevenness
60 to 69	Fair: understands the case but argues it without depth
51 to 59	Needs improvement: gaps in the law or the facts show under questioning
41 to 50	Weak: the argument is thin or hard to follow
21 to 40	Poor: little grasp of the law or the facts

MARKS	STANDARD
0 to 20	Unprepared: no real submission is made

32.5 A team's oral score on a judge's sheet is the sum of that judge's marks for its two Speakers, out of 200.

32.6 Judges shall not be told the Memorial Scores, Qualifier Scores or standings of the teams before them.

32.7 The marks of a judge are final. Only errors of arithmetic or tabulation may be corrected, under Rule 51.

32.8 ***Scoring in the courtroom.*** When the arguments close, both teams shall leave the courtroom. In a virtual round they shall leave the meeting, and rejoin when called through the participants' group. The judges shall complete and sign their score sheets before the Bench rises.

32.9 The Court Manager shall add each team's memorial component and tabulate the Round Scores and Ballot Points under Rule 34, in the courtroom, at once. A second member of the Organising Committee shall check the tabulation.

32.10 ***Feedback and announcement.*** The teams shall then be recalled. The Bench shall give feedback on each team's performance. It shall not comment on the merits of the Moot Proposition. The Court Manager shall then announce each team's Round Score and Ballot Points in that courtroom, before adjustment under Rule 40.

32.11 The criterion-wise score sheets are not shown in the courtroom. They are released after the Valedictory, under Rule 53.

32.12 A score once announced shall not be altered, except to correct an error of arithmetic under Rule 51 in the presence of both teams. The adjustment under Rule 40 and the ranking under Rule 36, made once every courtroom in the round has risen, are not an alteration.

32.13 In the Finals, the scores are tabulated in the same way, and the result is announced at the Valedictory.

PLATE IX



Flame lily (செங்காந்தள்)

Gloriosa superba

State flower of Tamil Nadu. It climbs by the curled tips of its leaves.

PART IX

Oral Rounds: Scoring and Progression

No round before the Finals is a knock-out. Every team is ranked against every other team across all courtrooms, on marks adjusted for the Bench it drew.

33 BENCHES

33.1 Each Preliminary Round is heard by a Bench of two judges, and each Quarter-final by a Bench of three. Both Semi-finals are heard by the same Bench of three judges, one after the other. The Finals are heard by at least three judges, and always an odd number.

33.2 No team shall argue before the same judge twice in the Preliminary Rounds. Wherever possible, a judge sits in both Preliminary Rounds, in different courtrooms, so that each judge hears teams from more than one pairing.

33.3 The Quarter-finals are held in two sittings of two courtrooms each. The judges change courtrooms between the sittings, so that each judge hears teams from more than one pairing.

33.4 Before the Oral Rounds, all judges shall be briefed together on the scoring guide in Rule 32.4, so that every judge marks against the same standards.

34 ROUND SCORES AND BALLOT POINTS

34.1 ***Round Score.*** On each judge's sheet, a team's Round Score is out of 100:

COMPONENT	WEIGHT	HOW IT IS COMPUTED
Adjusted oral score on that sheet, under Rules 32.5 and 40	80	Adjusted oral score ÷ 200 × 80
Memorial mark for the side the team argues in that round, under Rule 23.4	20	Memorial mark ÷ 100 × 20

A team's Round Score for a round is the average of its Round Scores on the sheets of that Bench. This applies to the Preliminary Rounds, the Quarter-finals and the Semi-finals. In the Finals, the Round Score is the oral score alone. The Qualifier Score counts in no Oral Round.

34.2 ***Ballot Points.*** Each judge's sheet also carries 10 Ballot Points, divided between the two teams by the margin between their Round Scores on that sheet. The margin is the difference between the two Round Scores, taken as a percentage of the higher one:

MARGIN ON THE JUDGE'S SHEET	TEAM WITH THE HIGHER ROUND SCORE	TEAM WITH THE LOWER ROUND SCORE
Round Scores equal	5	5
Less than 3%	6	4
3% or more, but less than 6%	7	3
6% or more, but less than 10%	8	2
10% or more	9	1

34.3 Ballot Points show how a courtroom went, and are announced in it. Before the Finals they do not decide who goes through: they are used only to break ties under Rule 36.4. In the Finals they decide the result under Rule 39.

34.4 ***No knock-out before the Finals.*** A team does not go through by winning its courtroom, and does not go out by losing it. From the Preliminary Rounds to the Semi-finals, every team is ranked against every other team at the same stage, across all courtrooms, under Rule 36. Only the Finals are decided head to head.

34.5 ***Illustration.*** In two Quarter-final courtrooms, Team A scores 78 and Team B 77 in the first, and Team C scores 70 and Team D 60 in the second. Under a knock-out, Team B would go out although it outscored Team C. Under these Rules, Teams A and B rank first and second, and Team C third.

35 FIXTURES AND THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

35.1 There are two Preliminary Rounds, held online. Each team argues once for the Petitioner and once for the Respondent.

35.2 There is no seeding. The pairings and sides for both rounds are drawn at random by the Fixture Generator.

35.3 The Fixture Generator draws within these limits only:

- each team argues each side once;
- no team meets the same opponent twice;
- no team argues before the same judge twice; and
- no judge sits on the Bench of a team with which a connection has been disclosed under Rule 50.

35.4 The draw shall be run live at the Inauguration, in the view of all teams. The Organising Committee shall keep the record of the draw.

35.5 The fixtures shall be sent to all teams at the same time, by Team Code.

35.6 If the number of teams is not 24, the fixtures shall be drawn on the same principles and notified to all teams.

35.7 If a team does not appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled time, for a reason other than a technical failure under Rule 28, the team present shall argue *ex parte* and be marked by the Bench in the usual way. The absent team scores nothing for the round.

36 RANKING AND PROGRESSION

36.1 After each stage before the Finals, the teams at that stage are ranked on their average Round Score across every Oral Round they have argued, each round counting equally.

36.2 The teams that go through are:

- after the Preliminary Rounds, the eight highest-ranked teams, to the Quarter-finals;
- after the Quarter-finals, the four highest-ranked teams, to the Semi-finals; and
- after the Semi-finals, the two highest-ranked teams, to the Finals.

36.3 The ranking is made only after every courtroom in the round has risen and the marks have been adjusted under Rule 40. The draw for the next round is run only after that.

36.4 A tie is resolved, in this order, by:

1. the higher total of Ballot Points across the rounds argued;
2. the higher average adjusted oral score;
3. the higher Memorial Score; and
4. a draw of lots held online in the presence of the tied teams.

36.5 The results of each stage shall be declared by Team Code, with the average Round Score of every team at that stage.

37 QUARTER-FINALS

37.1 The Quarter-finals are held online, in the two sittings described in Rule 33.3. The four pairings are drawn at random by the Fixture Generator from the eight qualifying teams, in the view of those teams.

37.2 If two teams have met in the Preliminary Rounds, they exchange sides. Otherwise the Fixture Generator draws the sides with the pairing.

37.3 The four highest-ranked teams after the Quarter-finals, under Rule 36, advance to the Semi-finals, whether or not they won their courtroom.

38 SEMI-FINALS

38.1 The Semi-finals are held in person. The two pairings are drawn at random by the Fixture Generator, in the view of the four semi-finalists, once all four are confirmed under Rule 41. Teams that have met before exchange sides; otherwise the sides are drawn with the pairing.

38.2 Both Semi-finals are heard by the same Bench, one after the other, so that all four teams are judged by the same judges. No adjustment for the judge is made in the Semi-finals; the correction for sides under Rule 40.5 still applies.

38.3 The two highest-ranked teams after the Semi-finals, under Rule 36, advance to the Finals. The team ranked third is the Second Runner-up.

39 FINALS

39.1 The Finals are decided head to head, on oral argument alone. Each judge's sheet carries 10 Ballot Points under Rule 34.2, and the team with more Ballot Points wins.

39.2 A tie on Ballot Points is resolved, in this order, by:

1. the greater number of ballots won;
2. the higher total oral marks from the Bench; and
3. the higher rank after the Semi-finals.

39.3 The winner of the Finals is the winner of the Competition. The other finalist is the Runner-up.

40 ADJUSTING FOR THE BENCH

Some judges mark strictly and some generously, and fixtures are drawn by lot. Before teams are ranked, every oral mark is therefore adjusted for the judge who gave it, by comparing that judge with every other judge in the Competition, across all courtrooms and rounds. The marks given in the courtroom are kept; only the judge's own lean is taken out of them. No team gains or loses by the Bench it happened to draw.

40.1 ***Tendency of a judge.*** For every Speaker a judge marked, the judge's mark is compared with the average mark the same Speaker received from all the other judges who heard that Speaker in the Oral Rounds. The average of these differences is the judge's tendency. Because each judge is compared with other judges on the same Speakers, a judge who happened to hear stronger or weaker teams is not mistaken for a strict or a generous one.

40.2 ***Weight.*** A tendency measured on few marks is less certain. The part applied is the tendency multiplied by $n \div (n + 4)$, where n is the number of Speakers the judge marked.

40.3 ***Adjusted mark.*** The part applied is taken from every mark the judge gave. A strict judge's marks therefore rise and a generous judge's marks fall.

40.4 ***Spread.*** Where a judge has marked at least six Speakers, the spread of that judge's marks is also brought to the spread of all judges' marks, in the manner of Rule 24.4.

40.5 ***Sides.*** After the Preliminary Rounds, the average Round Score of all Petitioner sides is compared with that of all Respondent sides. In the Quarter-finals and Semi-finals, half the difference is added to the Round Score of each team on the side that scored lower, and taken from each team on the other side. In the Preliminary Rounds every team argues both sides, so no correction is needed.

40.6 ***Exclusions.*** A round argued *ex parte*, and a sheet set aside under Rule 50.9, are left out when a tendency is measured. No adjusted mark shall exceed 100 or fall below zero.

40.7 ***Illustration.*** Judge J marked eight Speakers. On average, J's marks were 6 below the marks the same Speakers received from the other judges. J's tendency is therefore minus 6, and the part applied is $6 \times 8 \div 12 = 4$. Every mark J gave is raised by 4: a Speaker J marked 70 receives 74.

40.8 ***Tabulation.*** The adjustment is computed by two tabulators independently, on the Competition's scoring sheet, reconciled and verified by a Faculty Co-ordinator. The tendencies used shall be disclosed with the score sheets after the Valedictory, with the judges' names withheld.

IN PICTURES

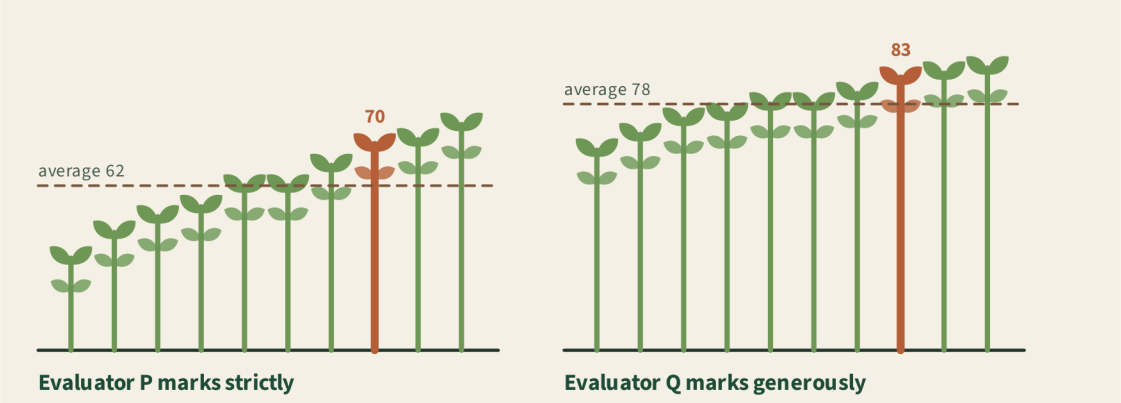
How You Are Scored

GETTING IN: THE QUALIFIER SCORE

60 Memorials, both sides	40 Research and Procedure Assessment

The two add up to a score out of 100. The 24 highest scores qualify for the Oral Rounds (Rule 25).

MEMORIALS: GRADED WITHIN THEIR OWN GROVE



One evaluator marks low and another marks high. A memorial is judged by how far it rises above its own evaluator's average. Here the 70 and the 83 stand equally tall in their groves, so both score 77 (Rule 24).

EVERY ORAL ROUND BEFORE THE FINALS: THE ROUND SCORE

80 Oral score, adjusted for the judge who gave it	20 Memorial

The 20 is the memorial for the side the team argues in that round (Rule 34.1). The 80 comes from the judges' marks, but only after they have been checked against every other judge in the Competition, as the next page shows.

WHY MARKS ARE ADJUSTED

COURTROOM 1 · A STRICT BENCH

Both teams argue well, but the judges seldom give more than 72. Every mark in this room comes out low.

COURTROOM 5 · A GENEROUS BENCH

Both teams argue adequately, but the judges rarely go below 80. Every mark in this room comes out high.

Fixtures are drawn by lot, so no team chooses its Bench. If raw marks were compared across courtrooms, a team in Courtroom 1 would lose ground for no fault of its own, and a team in Courtroom 5 would gain it. A simple average of raw marks cannot fix this, because the strictness is in the marks themselves. So before any ranking, every judge's marks are measured against the whole panel of judges, across all courtrooms, and corrected (Rule 40).

NO KNOCK-OUT UNTIL THE FINALS

A team does not go through by winning its courtroom, or go out by losing it. After each stage, all teams are ranked together: the top 8 after the Preliminary Rounds, the top 4 after the Quarter-finals and the top 2 after the Semi-finals. Both Semi-finals are heard by the same Bench, so the four semi-finalists are judged by the same judges (Rules 34.4 and 36).

IN PICTURES

From the Courtroom to the Ranking

1 **IN THE COURTROOM**

Each judge marks each Speaker alone, out of 100, against the scoring guide. The Court Manager adds the memorial and announces each team's Round Score and Ballot Points in that room, before the Bench rises (Rule 32).

2 **ACROSS EVERY COURTROOM**

When all courtrooms have risen, each judge's marks are compared with the marks the same Speakers received from the other judges who heard them, in other courtrooms and rounds. This shows whether the judge marks high or low (Rule 40.1).

3 **THE CORRECTION**

The judge's tendency, weighted by how many Speakers the judge marked, is taken off every mark that judge gave. Strict marks rise, generous marks fall, and the spread is aligned once a judge has marked six Speakers (Rules 40.2 to 40.4).

4 **ONE RANKING FOR ALL**

The adjusted oral score (80) and the memorial (20) make the Round Score. Every team is ranked against every other team, across all courtrooms, on its average Round Score so far. Ballot Points only break ties (Rule 36).

A WORKED EXAMPLE: IS JUDGE P STRICT?

SPEAKER	JUDGE P	OTHER JUDGES	GAP
Speaker 1	70	77	−7
Speaker 2	64	69	−5
Speaker 3	72	78	−6
Speaker 4	66	72	−6
Average			**−6**

"Other judges" is the average these Speakers received from every other judge who heard them, in any courtroom.

+4

Judge P marks about 6 below the panel. P marked eight Speakers, so 6 × 8 ÷ 12 = **4** is applied, and every mark P gave rises by 4.

A generous Judge Q, 3 above the panel over eight Speakers, has 2 taken off every mark.

WHAT IT CHANGES

TEAM	COURTROOM	RAW MARK	ADJUSTMENT	ADJUSTED MARK
Team A, before Judge P	1 (strict)	70	+4	**74**
Team B, before Judge Q	5 (generous)	78	−2	**76**

On raw marks Team B leads by 8. Once each Bench is placed on the same scale, the lead is 2: the gap that was owed to the Bench, not to the argument, is gone.

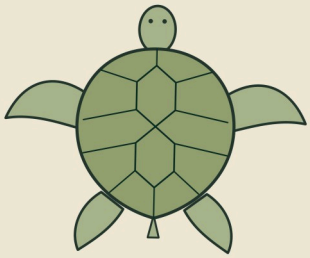
THE FINALS: HEAD TO HEAD



5 : 5	6 : 4	7 : 3	8 : 2	9 : 1
Scores equal	Under 3%	3% to under 6%	6% to under 10%	10% or more

Two teams, one Bench, oral argument alone. Each judge divides 10 Ballot Points by the margin between the two scores, and the team with more Ballot Points wins the Competition (Rule 39). Speaker awards use the same adjusted marks across both Preliminary Rounds (Rule 48.2).

PLATE X



Olive ridley turtle
(பங்குனி ஆமை)
Lepidochelys olivacea
Named in Tamil for Panguni, the month when it nests on the Chennai coast.

PART X

The In-person Rounds

41 CONFIRMATION, WAITLIST AND VENUE

41.1 The four semi-finalists shall confirm their participation, pay the participation fee under Rule 42 and send their travel details by the date in the Schedule.

41.2 The teams ranked fifth and sixth after the Quarter-finals, under Rule 36, are placed on a waitlist, in that order.

41.3 If a semi-finalist does not confirm in time, the highest-ranked team on the waitlist takes its place in the draw.

41.4 ***Venue.*** The Semi-finals, the Finals and the Valedictory are held at the Perungudi Campus of The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, M.G.R. Salai, near Taramani MRTS Railway Station, Perungudi, Chennai 600 113.

42 PARTICIPATION FEE, ACCOMMODATION AND REIMBURSEMENTS

42.1 Each semi-finalist shall pay a participation fee for the in-person rounds, to the account in Rule 7.4:

TEAM FROM	PARTICIPATION FEE
A Government Law College affiliated to TNDALU	₹5,000
Any other institution, including a private college affiliated to TNDALU	₹6,000

42.2 The participation fee includes accommodation for the registered team members, arranged by the Host Institution. The dates of stay shall be notified to the semi-finalists. The fee is non-refundable.

42.3 Any extension of stay or additional room is at the team's own cost. Persons other than registered team members shall not be accommodated. Men and women participants shall be housed separately.

42.4 ***Rail fare.*** The Organising Committee shall reimburse each member of a semi-finalist team the fare for travel to and from Chennai by AC three-tier (3A) rail. The reimbursement is the actual fare or ₹1,500 per person each way, whichever is less.

42.5 Only ordinary mail and express trains qualify. A fare on a train whose ticket price includes catering, such as a Rajdhani, Duronto, Shatabdi, Tejas or Vande Bharat service, shall not be reimbursed. Travel in any other class or by any other mode is at the team's own cost.

42.6 The tickets shall be handed in at the registration desk on the day of arrival. A claim made later shall not be entertained.

42.7 ***Public transport.*** The fare for public transport between the airport, railway station or bus terminus and the accommodation shall be reimbursed on production of the tickets. Fares for cabs, app-based taxis and autorickshaws shall not be reimbursed. Chennai's airport, its main railway stations and the CMBT bus terminus are on the Chennai Metro, and the team's Liaison Officer will help plan the journey. A team that travels this way also earns Green Points towards the Iyarkai Kaappor Award under Rule 47.

42.8 ***Recycled paper.*** The cost of the recycled paper bought for the hard copies under Rule 43 shall be reimbursed, up to the price of the paper named in Rule 43.3. The bill shall be made out to The Registrar, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.

42.9 Transport between the accommodation and the University shall be provided both ways. Lunch and refreshments shall be provided on the day of the in-person rounds, and breakfast and dinner during the stay.

43 HARD COPIES AND DOCUMENTS

43.1 Memorials are read on screen. As a back-up for the Bench, each semi-finalist shall hand over three hard copies of each memorial at the registration desk on the day of the in-person rounds.

43.2 Every hard copy shall be:

- printed on recycled paper, preferably of 75 GSM;
- printed on both sides of the sheet;
- stitched with thread, of any colour; and
- free of spiral binding, plastic cover sheets and plastic folders.

43.3 Rescript recycled A4 copier paper, sold at amazon.in/dp/B0GWD346NN, is one suitable paper. Teams are free to choose any other recycled paper.

43.4 A hard copy shall be identical to the memorial submitted for the Qualifier Round. Nothing may be changed, whether a word, a citation, the formatting or a single full stop. Each change costs the team 10 marks, for each instance and each side, from the memorial mark carried into the Semi-final.

43.5 A departure from Rule 43.2 costs Green Points under Rule 47. The printed Compendium is governed by Rule 31.

43.6 Each participant shall carry an institutional identity card or bona fide certificate and a government-issued photo identity card.

44 DRESS CODE

44.1 Participants shall wear formal attire for the Inauguration, every Oral Round, online or in person, and the Valedictory.

44.2 Formal attire means a white shirt with black trousers and a black blazer, or a white kurta with black trousers and a black waistcoat or blazer.

44.3 Robes, gowns and neck bands are not permitted.

44.4 No marks shall be deducted for attire that is formal but departs from Rule 44.2.



PART XI

The Green Code

A moot on environmental law should tread lightly itself. This Part applies in full to the in-person rounds. Teams are asked to keep to its spirit in the virtual rounds as well.

45 A PAPERLESS MOOT

45.1 The Competition is a paperless moot. No paper shall be used in an Oral Round for notes, scripts, guides or any other purpose.

45.2 Bare Acts and books are exempt. So are the chits supplied under Rule 27.5 and the printed Compendium under Rule 31.

45.3 If a team does use any other paper, it shall be recycled paper only.

45.4 Memorials are filed, exchanged and read in electronic form. The only hard copies are the back-up memorials under Rule 43 and the printed Compendium under Rule 31, both on recycled paper.

45.5 A team that uses paper against this Rule loses Green Points under Rule 47.

46 A PLASTIC-FREE MOOT

46.1 The Competition is a plastic-free moot. The Organising Committee shall make every effort to keep plastic out of the venue, the catering and everything it supplies.

46.2 No team shall bring, buy or use a plastic water bottle or any other plastic container at the in-person rounds. Drinking water shall be provided. Teams are encouraged to carry their own reusable tumblers.

46.3 A team found with plastic against this Rule loses Green Points under Rule 47.

47 GREEN POINTS AND THE IYARKAI KAAPPOR AWARD

47.1 Green Points are kept for each of the four semi-finalists, from arrival to the Valedictory. They decide the Iyarkai Kaappor Award and nothing else. They never affect marks, Ballot Points, results or any other award.

47.2 Green Points are earned and lost as follows:

CONDUCT	GREEN POINTS
The team travels by public transport between its point of arrival in Chennai and the accommodation, and produces the tickets	+50
No paper used by the team in a round, apart from what Rule 45.2 exempts	+10 for each round
Paper used by the team in a round against Rule 45	−10 for each round
The team carries its own reusable tumbler, or a similar object chosen with the environment in mind	+20
A plastic bottle or other plastic container found with the team	−20 for each instance
Other plastic on the person or at the table, such as a hair clip, tie pin, pouch, exam pad or spectacle frame	−5 for each day
The lowest total page count of the two memorials among the semi-finalists	+10
A hard copy that departs from Rule 43.2	−15 for each departure

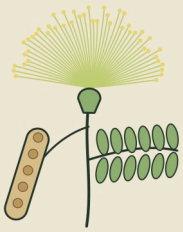
47.3 Liaison Officers and Court Managers shall record every instance with its time and place.

47.4 The semi-finalist with the most Green Points receives the Iyarkai Kaappor Award. A tie is resolved by a vote of the Organising Committee.

47.5 At the Valedictory, the Organising Committee shall state the instances that decided the award. After the Valedictory, any semi-finalist may ask for its own Green Points scorecard, and the Organising Committee shall disclose the instances behind it.

47.6 The Iyarkai Kaappor Award is given in spirit, and stands apart from the contest. Once given, it shall not be challenged before any authority.

PLATE XII



Vaagai (வாகை)

Albizia lebbeck

Victors in Sangam poetry wore its flowers. To wear vaagai still means to win.

PART XII

Awards

48 AWARDS

48.1 The cash prize pool of the Competition is ₹2,30,000. The awards are:

THE CASH PRIZE POOL

₹2,30,000

Five ever-rolling trophies, named for figures of the Bench and the Bar

Each is presented at the Valedictory and kept for the next edition; every recipient takes home a keepsake trophy (Rule 48.9).



PADMA VIBHUSHAN K. PARASARAN

WINNERS

The Padma Vibhushan K. Parasaran Ever-Rolling Trophy

for Excellence in Mooting Advocacy

₹1,00,000 · the Champions' Citation

A one-year subscription to SCC Online for every member of the winning team, presented by SCC Online, Knowledge Partner of the Competition.

K. Parasaran has argued in India's courts for over six decades, and has served as Advocate-General of Tamil Nadu, Solicitor General of India and Attorney General of India. The Bar calls him its Pitamaha. The championship trophy carries his name because it goes to the team that shows the most complete courtroom advocacy.

RUNNERS-UP

The Runners-up Trophy

₹30,000 · the Finalists' Citation

SECOND RUNNER-UP

Medals

Certificates of Accomplishment for each member



SENIOR ADVOCATE V. P. RAMAN

BEST WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

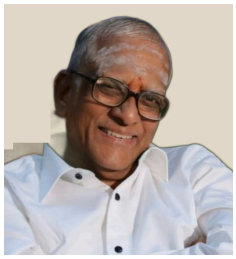
₹35,000

a Citation of Distinction

The Senior Advocate V. P. Raman Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy

for Excellence in Drafting Written Submissions

V. P. Raman took the gold medal at the Madras Law College and went on to serve as Advocate-General of Tamil Nadu from 1977 to 1979. This trophy carries his name because a memorial is won as he made his own: by scholarship set down with care.



JUSTICE N. V. BALASUBRAMANIAN

BEST STUDENT ADVOCATE (MALE)

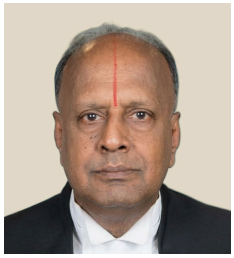
₹20,000

a Citation of Distinction

The Justice N. V. Balasubramanian Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy

for Distinction in Oral Advocacy (Male)

Justice N. V. Balasubramanian sat as a Judge of the Madras High Court, the court in which generations of advocates from this State have learnt their craft. This trophy keeps his memory with the speaker who argues best among the men.



SENIOR ADVOCATE T. V. RAMANUJUN

BEST RESEARCHER

₹20,000

a Citation of Distinction

The Senior Advocate T. V. Ramanujun Ever-Rolling Trophy

for Excellence in Legal Research

T. V. Ramanujun is a Senior Advocate of great eminence at the Madras Bar, known for his command of the law and his formidable advocacy. In his nineties, he continues to appear before the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court of India. This trophy carries his name because research, like his practice, is the work of a lifetime.



JUSTICE BASHEER AHMED SAYEED

BEST SPEAKER (FEMALE)

₹20,000

a Citation of Distinction

The Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy

for Distinction in Oral Advocacy (Female)

Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed sat as a Judge of the Madras High Court from 1950. With his wife, Fathima Akhtar, he founded the college for women in Chennai that bears his name, at a time when educating women was thought a daunting task. This trophy keeps his memory with the woman Speaker who argues best across the Preliminary Rounds.

THE GREEN TEAM OF THE MOOT

The Iyarkai Kaappor Award (இயற்கை காப்போர் விருது)

for the semi-finalist that treads most lightly

₹5,000 · medals · a Certificate of Commendation

Iyarkai Kaappor is Tamil for those who protect nature. The award goes to the semi-finalist with the most Green Points: no paper, no plastic, and a journey made by public transport. It is given in spirit and stands apart from the contest.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Second Best Student Advocate (Male) · Second Best Speaker (Female) · Second Best Written Submissions

AWARD	TROPHY AND PRIZE	HOW THE RECIPIENT IS CHOSEN
Winners	The Padma Vibhushan K. Parasaran Ever-Rolling Trophy for Excellence in Mooting Advocacy; ₹1,00,000; the Champions' Citation; a one-year subscription to SCC Online for each member, presented by the Knowledge Partner	The team that wins the Finals on Ballot Points, under Rule 39
Runners-up	The Runners-up Trophy; ₹30,000; the Finalists' Citation	The other finalist, under Rule 39.3
Second Runner-up	Medals; Certificates of Accomplishment	The team ranked third after the Semi-finals, under Rule 38.3
Best Written Submissions	The Senior Advocate V. P. Raman Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy for Excellence in Drafting Written Submissions; ₹35,000; a Citation of Distinction	The team with the highest Memorial Score under Rule 23.5. Every team that submits memorials is eligible, whether or not it qualifies.
Best Student Advocate (Male)	The Justice N. V. Balasubramanian Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy for Distinction in Oral Advocacy (Male); ₹20,000; a Citation of Distinction	The male Speaker with the highest average adjusted mark across both Preliminary Rounds, under Rule 48.2
Best Researcher	The Senior Advocate T. V. Ramanujun Ever-Rolling Trophy for Excellence in Legal Research; ₹20,000; a Citation of Distinction	The Researcher with the highest score in the Assessment under Rule 22. Every Researcher who sits it is eligible, whether or not the team qualifies.
Best Speaker (Female)	The Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy for Distinction in Oral Advocacy (Female); ₹20,000; a Citation of Distinction	The female Speaker with the highest average adjusted mark across both Preliminary Rounds, under Rule 48.2
The Iyarkai Kaappor Award	Medals; ₹5,000; a Certificate of Commendation	The semi-finalist with the most Green Points, under Rule 47
Second Best Student Advocate (Male)	A Certificate of Merit	The male Speaker with the second-highest average adjusted mark, under Rule 48.2
Second Best Speaker (Female)	A Certificate of Merit	The female Speaker with the second-highest average adjusted mark, under Rule 48.2
Second Best Written Submissions	A Certificate of Merit	The team with the second-highest Memorial Score, under Rule 23.5

48.2 For the speaker awards, each mark is adjusted for the judge who gave it, under Rule 40. A Speaker's score is the average of the adjusted marks from every sheet in both Preliminary Rounds. A Speaker is eligible only if the Speaker argued in both Preliminary Rounds.

48.3 The category of a Speaker for the speaker awards is as declared in the final registration form and shown in the Speaker's display name under Rule 28.2. A Speaker who identifies outside these categories may choose the category in which to be considered.

48.4 Ties are resolved as follows:

- a speaker award, by the higher total mark under Response to questions from the Bench;
- the award for written submissions, by the higher combined mark under Analysis and application of law to facts, and then by the lower total of penalties; and
- the researcher award, by the higher mark in Section B of the Assessment.

If a tie remains, the award is shared.

48.5 ***Presence in person.*** The awards are presented at the Valedictory on 9 January 2027. A recipient of a trophy who is not in a semi-finalist team shall be told of the award on the day the Quarter-final results are declared, so that travel can be arranged.

48.6 Such a recipient shall submit the travel form by the date in the Schedule, and attend the Finals and the Valedictory in person. Travel and stay are at the recipient's own cost and are not reimbursed.

48.7 If the recipient does not submit the travel form, or is not present in person on the day, the award passes at once to the next team or participant in rank.

48.8 A Certificate of Merit is handed over in person if its recipient is present at the Valedictory. Otherwise it is sent as an e-certificate. Rules 48.6 and 48.7 do not apply to it.

48.9 ***Ever-rolling trophies.*** An ever-rolling trophy is presented to its recipient at the Valedictory, where the recipient is photographed with it. It is then returned to the Organising Committee, which keeps it for the next edition. Each recipient of an ever-rolling trophy also receives a keepsake trophy to take back to its institution.

48.10 Every participant shall receive an e-certificate of participation after the Competition. An award forfeited under Rule 50.8 or Rule 52.4 passes to the next team or participant in rank.

PLATE XIII



Blue water lily (நெய்தல்)

Nymphaea nouchali

Neithal also names the seashore, one of the five landscapes of Sangam poetry.

PART XIII

Fair Play

49 SCOUTING

49.1 Scouting is observing, recording or obtaining information about a round of any team other than one's own. It includes scouting by any person connected with a team.

49.2 Scouting is prohibited for as long as a team remains in the Competition. A team that has been eliminated may observe the in-person rounds.

49.3 Any person may report scouting to the Organising Committee.

49.4 A team found to have scouted shall be disqualified, after a hearing under Rule 52.3.

50 JUDGES, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND BIAS DISCLOSURE

50.1 Judges shall receive the Moot Proposition, the Clarifications, the bench memorandum, the memorials of the teams before them and the scoring guide. They shall not be told the institution of any team.

50.2 ***Before every round.*** Before a round begins, the Court Manager shall ask the judges and both teams whether any of them knows any other person in the courtroom. They shall be given two minutes to consider.

50.3 A connection includes teaching, coaching, mentoring, employment or internship, study at the same institution, a family or close personal relationship, and any other fact that could reasonably appear to affect impartiality.

50.4 ***Bias Disclosure Form.*** Each judge and each team member shall then declare, on the Bias Disclosure Form, either that there is no connection or what the connection is. In a virtual round the form is circulated online. In an in-person round the judges and both teams sign a single sheet. The round begins only when every person has signed.

50.5 Where a connection is disclosed, the Organising Committee shall replace the judge or move the round to another Bench before it begins.

50.6 Memorial evaluators see Team Codes alone.

50.7 ***Non-disclosure by a team.*** Where a team knew, or ought reasonably to have known, of a connection and did not disclose it, the team shall be disqualified with immediate effect once the Organising Committee has verified the fact.

50.8 ***Discovery after the results.*** If the non-disclosure comes to light after the results are declared, the team forfeits every award and position it won. Each award passes to the next team or participant in rank. The institution shall be barred from the Competition for two years.

50.9 ***Non-disclosure by a judge alone.*** Where a judge failed to disclose a connection that the team could not have known of, that judge's sheet shall be set aside. The Round Scores shall be taken from the remaining sheets, or the round reheard, as the Grievance Committee directs.

51 COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

51.1 A complaint about the conduct of a round shall be made in writing by the Point of Contact, by Team Code, within 30 minutes of the end of the round. A complaint of scouting or breach of anonymity may be made as soon as it is discovered.

51.2 A team may ask for the tabulation of its scores to be re-verified within 30 minutes of the declaration of a result. The marks themselves are not open to review.

51.3 Complaints are decided by a Grievance Committee of the Faculty Advisor or a Faculty Co-ordinator, who presides, and two members of the Organising Committee who had no role in the round concerned.

51.4 The Grievance Committee shall hear every team affected. It shall decide before the next round begins wherever possible.

51.5 The decision of the Grievance Committee is final. A complaint not made in time is waived.

52 SANCTIONS AND DISQUALIFICATION

52.1 The Organising Committee may issue a warning, deduct marks or disqualify a team, in proportion to the breach.

52.2 The grounds for disqualification include:

- breach of anonymity;
- scouting;
- possession or use of the bench memorandum;
- failure to disclose a connection under Rule 50;
- assistance from any person outside the team during a round;
- plagiarism beyond the limit in Rule 16.3;
- unfair means in the Assessment;
- false information in the registration form;
- leaving a courtroom, physical or virtual, during a round without good reason; and
- misconduct towards a judge, the Organising Committee or another participant.

52.3 Except where these Rules fix an automatic consequence, no team shall be disqualified without notice of the ground and a chance to be heard.

52.4 A disqualified team forfeits its awards and certificates. Its registration fee is not refunded.

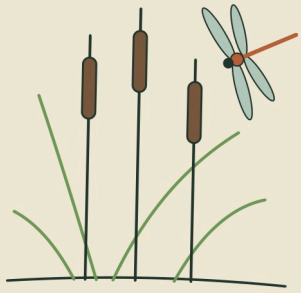
53 TRANSPARENCY OF SCORES

53.1 The Round Scores and Ballot Points of every Oral Round are announced in the courtroom under Rule 32. The full score sheets are released only after the Valedictory. Within seven days of it, every team shall receive by e-mail:

- its memorial marks from each evaluator, raw and standardised, criterion by criterion, with the evaluators' names withheld;
- the comments of its memorial evaluators, with their names withheld;
- its Assessment score, section by section;
- its criterion-wise score sheets from every Oral Round it argued, raw and adjusted; and
- its final rank at each stage.

53.2 No team shall receive the marks of another team, beyond what is published under Rules 21.3, 24.8, 25.4, 36.5 and 40.8.

PLATE XIV



Bulrush and dragonfly
(சம்பு, தும்பி)
Typha angustifolia
From the Pallikaranai marsh in Chennai, a Ramsar wetland.

PART XIV

Miscellaneous

54 CONDUCT

54.1 Participants shall conduct themselves with dignity and courtesy towards the judges, the Organising Committee and one another.

54.2 The Organising Committee may act under Rule 52 against any unethical or unprofessional conduct.

55 MEMORIALS AND MEDIA

55.1 The Organising Committee may use and publish the memorials submitted, with attribution, after the Competition.

55.2 The Organising Committee and its Media Partner may photograph and record the rounds and events for coverage. No coverage shall identify the institution of a team while that team remains in the Competition.

56 AMENDMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

56.1 The Organising Committee may amend these Rules or the Schedule. Every amendment shall be notified in writing to all teams at the same time.

56.2 No amendment shall operate to the prejudice of a step a team has already taken in compliance with the Rules as they stood.

56.3 Communication sent from the official e-mail ID, or published on the official channels of the Competition, is notice to all teams.

57 CONTINGENCIES

57.1 If the in-person rounds cannot be held as scheduled for reasons beyond the control of the Organising Committee, it may reschedule them or hold them online. Teams shall be informed promptly.

SCHEDULE

Important Dates

STAGE	DATE	TIME AND MODE
Release of the Rulebook and Moot Proposition; EnviroPort opens for registration	Mon, 12 October 2026	Online
Early final registration closes	Sat, 31 October 2026	23:59
Last date to register for SCC Online access*	Fri, 13 November 2026	23:59
Last date for seeking clarifications, on the Prop Clarification Desk	Sun, 15 November 2026	23:59
SCC Online access opens for teams registered before 14 November	Mon, 16 November 2026	Until 16 December 2026
Release of clarifications	Tue, 17 November 2026	To all teams together
Regular final registration closes	Fri, 20 November 2026	23:59
Practice paper in the RP Assessment Hall	Sat, 21 and Sun, 22 November 2026	Online
Research and Procedure Assessment	Mon, 23 November 2026	19:00 to 20:00, in the RP Assessment Hall
Submission of memorials (both sides), to the Memorial Vault	Wed, 25 November 2026	23:59
Provisional Penalty Sheets issued to teams	Sat, 28 November 2026	23:00
Last date for objections, on the Penalty Objection Desk	Sun, 29 November 2026	18:00
Compliance Review Hearing, for declined objections	Sun, 29 November 2026	20:00, online
Final Penalty Sheets issued; memorials released for evaluation	Mon, 30 November 2026	By e-mail
Results of the Qualifier Round	Sun, 6 December 2026	By e-mail and on official channels
Compendium for the virtual rounds, to the Compendium Shelf	Thu, 10 December 2026	23:59
Inauguration, technical check, live fixture draw and exchange of memorials	Sat, 12 December 2026	Online
Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-finals; semi-finalists and award recipients informed	Sat, 12 and Sun, 13 December 2026	Online
Confirmation, participation fee and travel details from semi-finalists; travel forms from award recipients	Sun, 20 December 2026	23:59
Semi-finals, Finals and Valedictory	Sat, 9 January 2027	In person, Perungudi Campus, Chennai

All times are Indian Standard Time.

* One month of SCC Online is available only to teams that complete final registration before 14 November 2026 (Rule 7.8).

Extensions

Requests to extend any of these dates will not be entertained, whether made by e-mail, by telephone or otherwise. Where the Organising Committee finds a change necessary, it will notify all teams together.

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Only through the Prop Clarification Desk on EnviroPort: **pbenmcc.mcasoel.in/enviroport**
Queries by e-mail or telephone are not answered (Rule 10.1).

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