



**NOIDA LEGAL SERVICE TRUST**

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**PRESENTS**

# **NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**Registration Start:**

**05 MAY 2026, ONWARDS**

**PRIZE WORTH ₹ 15,000**

Cash Awards for Winner, Runner-up, Best Speaker, and  
Best Memorial.

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# ABOUT NLST

For the Lawyers Who Will Shape Justice Tomorrow

## OUR MISSION

To empower law students across the nation by nurturing advocacy skills, ethical consciousness, and a deep commitment to justice through rigorous moot court practice.

The NLST National Moot Court Competition is designed to transform knowledge into advocacy, confidence into competence, and ego into excellence—because it is this disciplined ego that forges fearless and responsible advocates.

## OUR VISION

To create a generation of advocates who do not merely argue cases but carry the Constitution in their conscience.

We envision a legal fraternity where courtroom excellence, humility, and social responsibility coexist—where every law student is trained not only to win arguments but also to serve justice with integrity and courage.

## OUR VALUES

Our Moot Court Competition is guided by values that shape both advocates and leaders:

**Ethical Advocacy** - Upholding honesty, fairness, and professional discipline in every argument.

**Respect for the Court & Opponent**—True advocacy is firm, not arrogant; confident, not disrespectful.

**Learning Through Practice**—Courtroom skill is built by experience, preparation, and critical thinking.

**Excellence with Purpose**—Advocacy is not about ego alone, but about channeling it towards justice.

## OUR MOTTO

**“Justice is not a luxury; it is a fundamental right of citizens.”**

At NLST, we believe ego creates advocates—but values create great advocates.

Through this National Moot Court Competition, we aim to instill courtroom confidence without compromising humility, competitive spirit without compromising ethics, and ambition without losing sight of social justice.

This platform is not just a competition—it is a training ground for future judges, litigators, and guardians of the rule of law.

 **Argue with confidence. Stand with ethics. Advocate for justice.**

— Team NLST

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# ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Moot Court Competition focuses on the intersection of new criminal laws and constitutional principles, providing a platform for participants to explore the evolving landscape of criminal justice. As countries modernize their legal frameworks to address contemporary challenges, the introduction of new criminal laws often raises significant constitutional questions. This competition invites participants to engage in a nuanced discussion about the balance between criminal administration and the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution. At the heart of the moot is the tension between the need for due criminal process and safeguarding the rights of victims and accused. As criminal laws are updated or introduced to address issues like Protection of victims (without violating the rights of accused), due process, technical method, investigation & its admissibility in the court of law. They must be scrutinized for their impact on the fundamental rights of victims and accused, as well as due process, particularly in cases where convictions rely on circumstantial evidence or are affected by procedural irregularities during investigations. Contestants will be tasked with analyzing whether these laws infringe upon constitutional protections or whether they serve to strengthen the rule of law in a constitutional democracy. Another critical issue addressed in the moot is the role of the Judiciary in interpreting criminal laws, particularly in cases where conviction is primarily based on circumstantial evidence and electronic evidences. Participants will examine how courts navigate the tension between upholding the fundamental right and ensuring the integrity of investigations. The competition will delve into challenges posed by the collection and recording of evidence, especially when procedural irregularities during investigations risk vitiating the rights of accused persons. This moot invites participants to analyze whether courts should actively safeguard constitutional protections in such scenarios or defer to legislative intent while interpreting new laws.

# RULEBOOK

**SHORT TITLE:** THE COMPETITION SHALL BE CALLED THE “1<sup>ST</sup> NLST MOOT COURT COMPETITION—ORGANIZED BY NOIDA LEGAL SERVICE TRUST.”

**DEFINITIONS:**

1. Competition: The competition refers to the “1<sup>st</sup> NLST Moot Court Competition—Organized by Noida Legal Service Trust.”
2. Participating Team: It shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating team.
3. Court Master: An officer of the court. He shall be entrusted with the duties of smooth functioning.
4. Organizing Committee: It shall mean the moot court committee of the Noida Legal Service Trust.
5. Memorial: It means the written arguments submitted by the team, on behalf of both parties, according to the rules of the competition by each team.
6. Oral rounds: It refers to the competition rounds during which the teams orally submit their pleadings in front of the judges on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.
7. Memorial Evaluation Committee: The committee entrusted with the evaluation of memorials in the competition shall be referred to as the “Memo and Tabulation (Memorial and Research) Committee.” The committee shall submit the feedback-cum-score sheet to the Organizing Committee after scrutinizing the memorial of the teams.
8. Rules: The rules mean GENERAL RULES and MEMORIAL FORMATTING & SUBMISSION RULES.

# GENERAL RULES

## 1. **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE COMPETITION:**

- The competition will be conducted in a hybrid format.
- **Preliminary Rounds** and **Quarter Rounds** are set to take place on **AUGUST 22, 2026** (online mode).
- **The semi-finals** and **final rounds** are scheduled for **AUGUST 23, 2026** (online mode).

## 2. **ELIGIBILITY:**

All students enrolled in a three (3)-year LL.B. program or a five (5)-year integrated law program shall be eligible to participate in the competition. However, only two teams per institution shall be eligible to participate.

In the event of multiple registrations from the same college/university/law school, the team that submits a letter by the head/dean of the institution/moot court committee authorizing them to participate on behalf of the college or law school shall be eligible to register.

Students enrolled in postgraduate or diploma courses are not eligible to participate.

## 3. **DRESS CODE:**

The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the competition is as follows:

(a) Women: White salwar kurta or black pant/skirt with white shirt, black blazer and tie, black socks, and black formal shoes.

(b) Men: White shirt, black trousers with tie and black blazer, black socks, and black formal shoes.

## 4. **LANGUAGE:**

All oral and written submissions are required to be made in English, which shall be the official language of the competition.

## 5. **STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:**

- Only those teams selected after the memorial evaluation process shall be eligible to participate in the oral rounds of the competition.

The Oral Rounds shall comprise Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Final Round.

All rounds of the competition shall be conducted in virtual mode (online).

# GENERAL RULES

## 6. **TEAM COMPOSITION:**

- 1.(a) Each team shall consist of a maximum of three (3) members and a minimum of two (2) members, out of which two members must be designated as speakers and one as researcher. In the case of teams with two members, both the members will be designated as speakers.
- 2.(b) Teams shall specify the name and order of the speakers and researcher at the time of registration, and this cannot be changed later at any time during the competition.
- 3.(c) Substitution of any team member or alteration of team composition is not allowed after the date of Final Registration except in extenuating circumstances and only with the permission of the Organizing Committee, Noida Legal Service Trust.
- 4.(d) A team is permitted to have members from more than one institution; however, those members shall not be officially represented. Those teams shall be referred to as "Open teams."

## 7. **MODE OF COMPETITION:**

### (a) Preliminary Rounds:

The Preliminary Rounds will take place virtually (online). The specific platform will be announced later through official communications from the Organizing Committee, Noida Legal Service Trust.

### (b) Quarter Final Round:

The quarterfinal round will also be held virtually (online).

### (c) Semi-Final Round:

The Semi-Final Round will be conducted in a virtual format (online).

### (d) Final Round:

The final round will be held online (virtually).

# FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

## 1. **ROUNDS:**

- (A) PRELIMINARY ROUNDS (VIRTUAL - ONLINE MODE)
- (B) QUARTER FINAL ROUND (VIRTUAL - ONLINE MODE)
- (C) SEMI-FINAL ROUND (VIRTUAL – ONLINE MODE)
- (D) FINAL ROUND (VIRTUAL - ONLINE MODE)

ALL ROUNDS OF THE COMPETITION SHALL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY IN ONLINE/VIRTUAL MODE.

## 2. **DRAW OF LOTS:**

(a) The match-up of teams in the Preliminary Round shall be determined by a draw of lots, which shall take place after the declaration of Memorial Selection Results on **20th February 2026**, through an online process notified by the Organizing Committee, Noida Legal Service Trust.

(b) The side to be represented (Petitioner/Respondent) in the Preliminary Round and subsequent rounds shall be decided by draw of lots at different stages of the Competition.

## 3. **PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:**

(a) Only the teams selected after the Memorial Evaluation shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds.

(b) Each team shall argue only once in the preliminary rounds.

(c) The side to be represented by each team shall be decided by a draw of lots.

### (d) SCORING IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND:

- Qualification of teams to the Quarter-Final Rounds shall be determined based on the win or loss in the Preliminary Round.

- The win or loss shall be decided on the basis of aggregate score.

- The team with the higher aggregate score shall be declared the winner.

- The aggregate score shall consist of:

- i. Score of Speaker 1

- ii. Score of Speaker 2

# FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

## 4. TIE-BREAKER (RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS)

Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in the rules, in the event of a tie at any stage of the competition, the tie shall be resolved exclusively through a rapid-fire question round.

Rapid Fire Round Rules:

- (a) Each tied team shall be asked an equal number of questions by the Bench.
- (b) Questions shall be legal, factual, procedural, or case-based, arising out of the moot proposition, memorials, or arguments advanced.
- (c) Each question shall carry equal marks, and evaluation shall be at the sole discretion of the judges.
- (d) The team securing higher marks in the Rapid Fire Round shall be declared the winner of the tie.
- (e) The decision of the judges in the Rapid Fire Round shall be final and binding and not subject to challenge.

## 5. QUARTER-FINAL ROUND:

- The top eight (8) teams from the Preliminary Round shall qualify for the Quarter-Finals.
- Each team shall argue only once in the quarter-finals.
- The side shall be decided by a draw of lots.
- The Quarter-Finals shall be knockout rounds.
- The win-loss shall be decided based on aggregate speaker score only.

# FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

## 6. SEMI-FINAL ROUND:

- i. The four (4) winning teams from the Quarter-Finals shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- ii. Each team shall argue only one side, decided by a draw of lots.
- iii. The semi-finals shall be knockout rounds.
- iv. The win-loss shall be decided based on aggregate speaker score only.
- v. No memorial score shall be added in the Semi-Final Round.

## 7. FINAL ROUND:

- i. The two (2) teams declared winners of the semi-final rounds shall qualify for the final round.
- ii. The Final Round shall be conducted virtually (online mode).
- iii. The win-loss shall be decided based on aggregate speaker score only.
- iv. No memorial score shall be added in the Final Round.

# STRUCTURE OF THE MEMORIAL

## (A) **COVER PAGE:**

The cover page shall contain the name of the competition and the year, the name of the court, the case title, the side of the memorial, and the team code in the top right corner (should not exceed one page).

- Team Code in the upper right corner. The teams must use A for Appellant, P for Petitioner, and R for Respondent. For example, if the team code is 01, the memorial for the petitioner shall be named P01, for the appellants A01, and for the respondent, R01.
- The year of the competition. The name of the case.
- The party for which the written submission has been prepared.
- Name of the forum resolving the dispute.

(b) Table of Contents.

(c) List of Abbreviations.

(d) Index of Authorities: The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial.

(e) Statement of Jurisdiction.

(f) Statement of Facts: The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences therefrom. Argumentative facts are prohibited.

(g) Issues Raised.

(h) Summary of Arguments.

(i) Arguments Advanced.

(j) Prayer (should not exceed one page).

# MEMORIAL FORMATTING & SUBMISSION RULES

## 1. HEADINGS, SUBHEADINGS & MAIN BODY TEXT

Font: Times New Roman

Font Size: 12

Line Spacing: 1.5

Alignment: Justified

## 2. FOOTNOTES

Font: Times New Roman

Font Size: 10

Line Spacing: 1

Alignment: Justified

## 3. PAGE LIMIT

The statement of facts shall not exceed two (2) pages.

The summary of arguments shall not exceed two (2) page.

Advanced arguments shall not exceed thirty (30) pages, inclusive of all headings, subheadings, footnotes, headers, footers, and annexures (if any).

Page numbering shall commence from the Summary of Arguments and shall be placed at the bottom centre of each page.

## 4. MARGINS:

Participants shall use uniform margins on all sides throughout the memorial.

## 5. LATE SUBMISSION

Late submission of memorials shall attract mark deductions, strictly in accordance with the penalties prescribed.

## 6. CITATION FORMAT

Citations shall strictly follow either the Bluebook (21st Edition) or OSCOLA citation format.

## 7. ANONYMITY

Participants shall not disclose their identity, including names or institutional affiliation, anywhere in the memorial.

Violation of anonymity shall result in immediate disqualification from the competition.

**NOTE: DOCUMENT SUBMITTED VIA FORM SHOULD BE IN PDF FORMAT AND NAME SHOULD BE NVMCC/TEAM CODE.**

# MEMORIAL SELECTION CRITERIA

S.N. O	S.N. O	MARKS
1	Use of facts and law	20
2	Proper and articulate analysis	20
3	Research	20
4	Formatting and analysis	20
5	Organization of memorial	10
6	Grammer and style	10
	Total	100

# CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS

S.N. O	Basis	Speaker 1	Speaker 2
1	Preparation and familiarity with the facts	10	10
2	Structure of legal arguments	10	10
3	Knowledge and application of law	10	10
4	Organisation , presentation and speaking ability	10	10
5	Responsiveness to question	5	5
6	Court room etiquette	5	5
	Total	50	50

## VIRTUAL MOOT COURT VIDEO CONFERENCING RULES (AS PER HIGH COURT GUIDELINES IN INDIA)

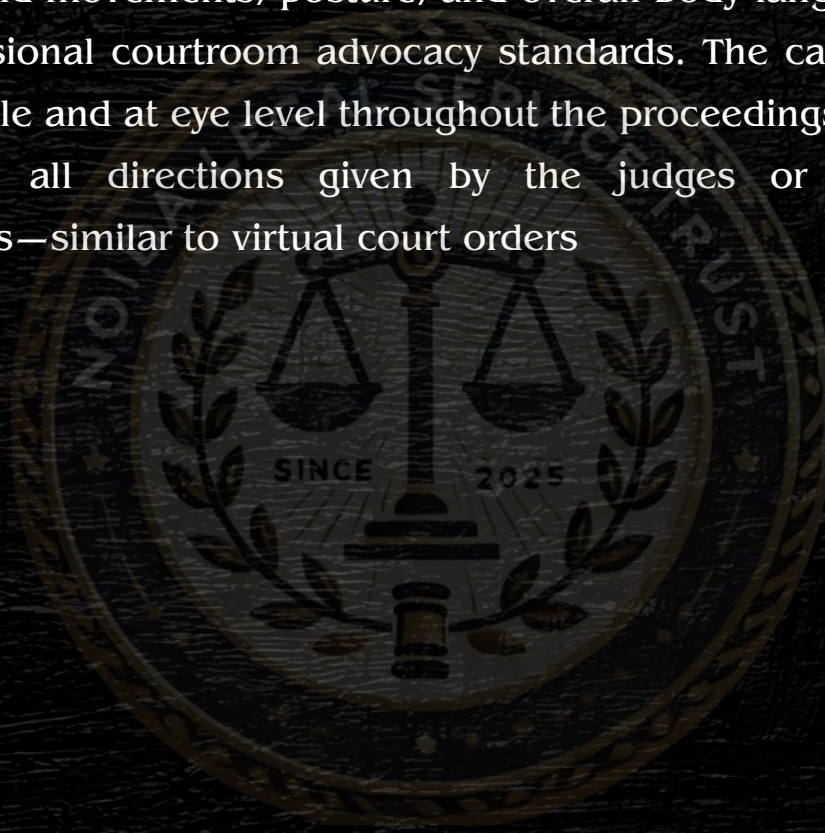
1. Participants must wear formal/legal attire (e.g., coat and tie for men and formal dress for women), as in physical court hearings.
2. Only the video-conferencing platform designated by the organizers (similar to official court platforms) shall be used.
3. Participants must behave with professionalism and respect throughout the session—no eating, drinking, or inappropriate posture.
4. Participants should log in at least 10–15 minutes before their scheduled session to avoid disruptions.
5. All participants must display their name and role (e.g., “Team A – Counsel,” “Judge”) clearly on the screen or in the login name, like the courts verify identity.
6. Use a neutral, distraction-free backdrop. Backgrounds should be plain and respectful—no posters, logos, music, pets, etc.
7. Ensure a stable internet connection, a camera at eye level, and clear audio. Microphones should be muted when not speaking.
8. Keep your microphone muted until your turn to speak. Do not interrupt others or speak over the judges.
9. Recording or circulating the proceedings without permission is strictly prohibited, consistent with the High Court's no-recording rules.
10. Use formal courtroom language and a good advocacy style: concise, respectful, and courteous.
11. If you face technical issues, inform the competition coordinator immediately—just as the court expects reporting of VC issues.
12. Share or display documents/slides only when directed. Ensure content is relevant and visible clearly.

## VIRTUAL MOOT COURT VIDEO CONFERENCING RULES (AS PER HIGH COURT GUIDELINES IN INDIA)

13. Join from a single device per team member to avoid echo, confusion, and interfering audio.

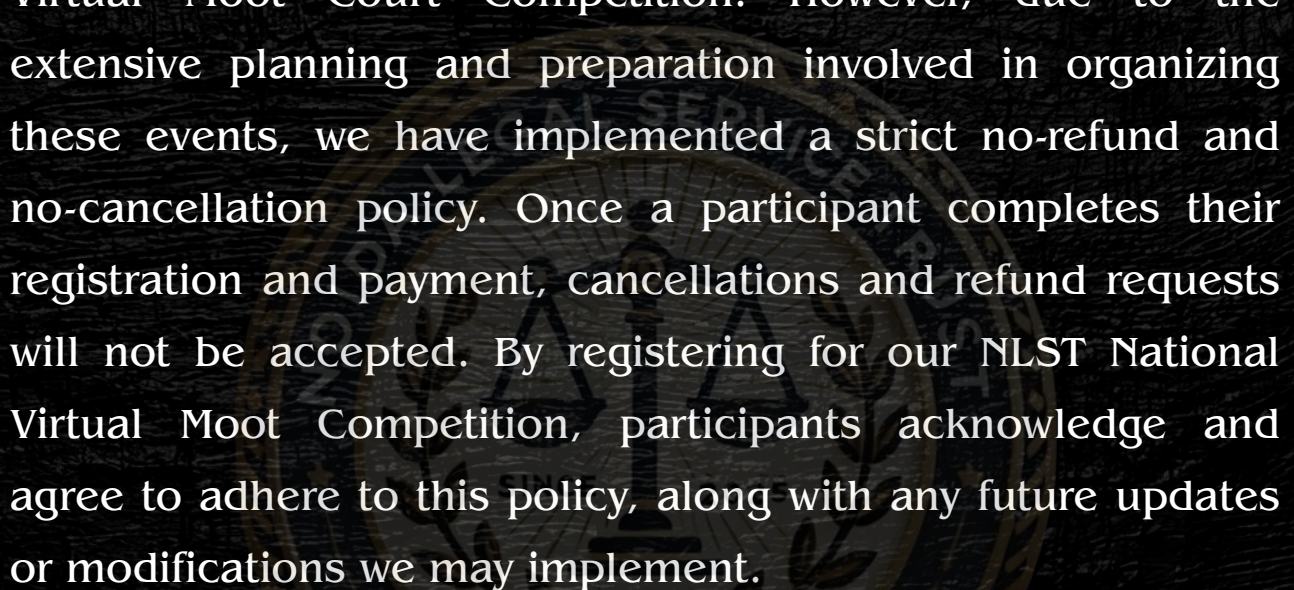
14. The camera must be placed at an approximate distance of one (1) meter from the participant to ensure that the judges can clearly observe hand movements, posture, and overall body language, in line with professional courtroom advocacy standards. The camera should remain stable and at eye level throughout the proceedings.

15. Follow all directions given by the judges or competition coordinators—similar to virtual court orders





# REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY



We recognize that unexpected situations may occur, preventing participants from attending our NLST National Virtual Moot Court Competition. However, due to the extensive planning and preparation involved in organizing these events, we have implemented a strict no-refund and no-cancellation policy. Once a participant completes their registration and payment, cancellations and refund requests will not be accepted. By registering for our NLST National Virtual Moot Competition, participants acknowledge and agree to adhere to this policy, along with any future updates or modifications we may implement.

# SCHEDULE

EVENTS	DATE	DATE
<b>Release Of Registration Form and Preposition.</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026</b>	12:00AM
<b>Closing Of Registration Form</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2026	12:00AM
<b>Opening of memorial: submission form</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> JULY 2026	12:00AM
<b>Last Date for Submission of Memorials</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2026	12:00AM
<b>Release of Memorial Selection Result</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2026	10:00AM
<b>Inauguration Ceremony</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2026	6:00PM
<b>Preliminary Round(1&amp;2)</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2026	9:00AM - 4:00PM
<b>Quarter Final Round</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2026	<b>6:00PM- 8:00PM</b>
<b>Semi Final Round</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2026	9:00AM - 11:00AM
<b>Final Round</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2026	2:00PM - 4:00PM
<b>Valedictory Ceremony</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2026	6:00PM

**Disclaimer:** All dates, timings, and schedules mentioned in this brochure are tentative and subject to change. Any modification will be duly communicated to the registered participants through official channels. The Organising Committee reserves the right to make necessary alterations in the interest of the competition.

# REGISTRATION

Each team (2 Speaker + 1 Researcher)  
shall pay **₹800/-** towards memorial checking.

Only the teams selected after memorial evaluation  
shall be required to pay the remaining **₹1600/-**  
as the registration fee.

Click **Registration Link**

or

Scan the QR



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