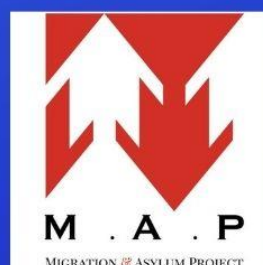


NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD



The Official Rules
of the
**3rd NALSAR UNHCR
Public International Law
Moot Court Competition
2022**

In Association with



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1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

1. Administration

- a. The NALSAR - UNHCR Public International Law Moot Court Competition shall be administered by the NALSAR University of Law ("NALSAR"), Hyderabad, India.
- b. The Competition is scheduled to be held from 15th - 17th July 2022 in an online format.
- c. Professor Balakista Reddy, Registrar, NALSAR, shall be the 'Coordinator' of the Competition.

2. Language

English shall be the language of the Competition; all oral and written submissions are required to be made in English itself.

3. Structure of the Competition

- a. The Competition shall comprise two stages.

- b. Stage I: Memorial Elimination Round

This shall be open to all teams which register for the Competition. The results of this round shall be based on the evaluation of memorials and shall determine the 32 teams which will proceed to Stage II.

- c. Stage II: Advance Rounds

The teams that clear Stage I shall be eligible to participate in the Advance Rounds, which shall comprise Researcher's Test and Oral Rounds.

4. Interpretation of Rules

- a. The Organizers have the authority to interpret and amend the provisions contained in the Rules.
- b. The Organizers reserve the right to make changes when necessary. Any changes

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made will be communicated to the participating teams through the official email ID (pilmoot@nalsar.ac.in).



2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Administration

- a. The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Undergraduate Degree Courses or LL.M. Postgraduate Degree Courses.
- b. A team is not permitted to have members from more than one institution.
- c. No more than one team may represent an institution.

2. Team Composition

- a. Each team shall comprise a minimum of two members wherein both the members will be required to perform the role of a speaker.
- b. Teams may comprise a maximum of three members, wherein two members shall perform the role of a speaker, and one member shall perform the role of a researcher.
- c. The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with permission of the Organizers.
- d. A researcher may be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Court.

3. Registration

a. Procedure for Registration

- i. Interested teams must register for the Competition by filling out the online provisional registration form. The provisional registration form can be accessed here -
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcneTL1SPVn_Est9Vnj5sqIbaz9ScuK5_qxUdQaCtcARAT7A/viewform?usp=sf_link
- ii. While filling out the online Provisional Registration Form, the teams must choose a primary contact person. All communications concerning the Competition will

be sent by the official email to the nominated contact person. That person's responsibility is to convey and distribute all relevant information to the team.

- iii. The teams are also required to mention the email ID of either the respective committee, the head, or the institution's dean in the Provisional Registration Form.
- iv. After submitting the Provisional Registration Form, a mail confirming the provisional Registration will be sent to the institution's respective committee, head, or dean.
- v. A Final Registration Form will then be sent to the email id of the nominated contact person once the provisional Registration has been confirmed. The team must attach the screenshot of the email confirming the provisional Registration sent to the institution's respective committee or head or dean while filling the Final Registration Form.
- vi. Initial payment of Registration Fees for Stage I is required to fill the Final Registration Form.
- vii. The last date to complete all the registration formalities (Provisional + Final) is on or before **29th May 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)**.
- viii. The confirmation of Registration will be notified to the teams by the Organizers after the completion and verification of all the Registration formalities.
- ix. The team will also be provided with a Team Code; at any stage of the competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team code.
- x. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time in any manner during their participation in the Competition. Non-compliance to this rule shall lead to a severe penalty or disqualification, as the Organizers determine.

b. Payment of Registration Fees

- i. All the Indian teams shall be required to make a payment of INR 3000 via online transfer (NEFT), and all the overseas teams shall be required to make a payment of USD 70 via wire transfer before **29th May 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)** in order to register for Stage I. Details of the same must also be attached to the Final registration form.
- ii. Indian Teams that qualify Stage I, i.e., the Memorial Elimination Round, shall be required to pay INR 2000 via an online transfer (NEFT) before **9th July 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)**. All overseas teams that qualify Stage I shall be required to pay USD 60 via wire transfer. Details must be attached to the confirmation form sent to the teams qualifying Stage I before **9th July 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)**.

- iii. The wire transfer/NEFT must be made to

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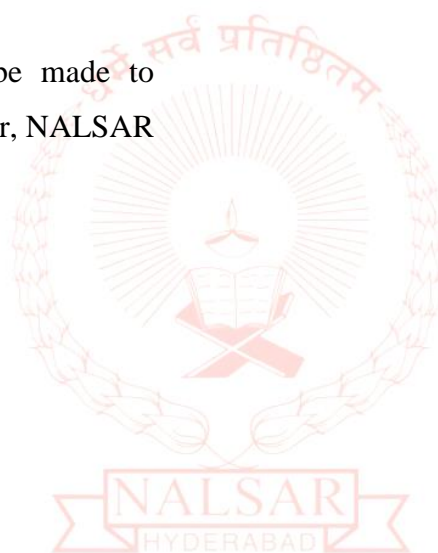
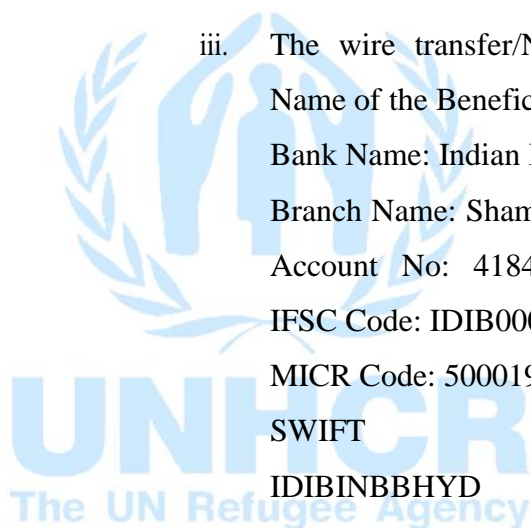
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3. Stage I: Memorial Evaluation

1. Memorial Submission

- a. Every team which has successfully registered for the Competition is required to prepare two memorials:
 - i. Memorial on behalf of the Applicants.
 - ii. Memorial on behalf of the Defendants.
- b. All teams must send soft copies of their memorials for Stage I: Memorial Elimination Round before **12th June 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)** to pilmoot@nalsar.ac.in with the subject - "Memorials (Team Code) – NALSAR UNHCR PIL Moot."
- c. A penalty of **1 point per hour per Memorial** shall be imposed for any submission made post the deadline stated.
- d. Memorials submitted 12 hours beyond the deadline specified shall not be evaluated.
- e. The memorials submitted for the memorial elimination round shall be considered final.
- f. After completing the Competition, the Organizers reserve the right to use the memorials as they deem appropriate.

2. Memorial Format

- a. All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be submitted in Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx) and Pdf. Format – a total of **4 files**.
- b. Each Memorial should be contained in a single file with the file's name being the allocated team code followed by the first letter of the party whose arguments are presented in that Memorial, i.e., an 'D' for Defendants and 'A' for Applicants. For instance, the Applicants memorial of team code 10 should be named '10A'.
- c. All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size, with a 1-inch margin on each side.

- d. The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page, shall be Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, single (1) line spacing.
- e. The memorials shall be checked for plagiarism. The permissible plagiarism limit is 25%.
- f. Penalties
 - i. Non-compliance with sub-rule (a) or (b) shall result in a penalty of 2 points.
 - ii. Non-compliance with sub-rule (c) shall result in a penalty of 1 point per page with a maximum cap of 5 points.
 - iii. Non-compliance with sub-rule (d) shall result in a penalty of 1 point per error per page with a maximum cap of 10 points.
 - iv. Non-compliance with sub-rule (e) shall result in a penalty of 2 points per additional percentage.

3. Memorial Content

- a. The Memorials are required to contain the following sections:
 - v. Cover Page
 - vi. Table of Contents
 - vii. List of Abbreviations
 - viii. Index of Authorities (List of Sources)
 - ix. Statement of Facts
 - x. Issues
 - xi. Summary of Arguments
 - xii. Written Arguments
 - xiii. Prayer/Submissions
- b. The section on Written Arguments shall not exceed 30 pages. Noncompliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point for every additional page.
- c. The Memorial shall not exceed 45 pages, including the cover page. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 3 points for every additional page.
- d. Footnotes should follow the format of either the '**21st edition of Bluebook**' or '**The Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities**

(OSCOLA)' throughout the Memorial. The referencing guide for both documents can be found [here](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lrzCACRChaloGabHILdKo4BuP70X2-6o?usp=sharing) (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lrzCACRChaloGabHILdKo4BuP70X2-6o?usp=sharing>). Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point per error with a maximum cap of 10 points.

- e. The Cover page of the Memorial must contain the team registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by an 'A' for the Applicants Memorial or a 'D' for the Defendants Memorial. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 2 points.
- f. No new issues can be added other than those mentioned in the Moot Proposition.

4. Memorial Evaluation

Each Memorial shall be evaluated out of 200 points by an evaluator. The criteria for evaluation are as follows:

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| i. Knowledge of Law and Facts | 50 Points |
| ii. Proper and Articulate Analysis | 50 Points |
| iii. Extent and Use of Research | 40 Points |
| iv. Clarity and Organization | 40 Points |
| v. Grammar and Style | 20 Points |

5. Qualification of Memorials

- a. After evaluating the memorials submitted, the top 32 teams, based on their total scores in Stage I: Memorial Elimination Round, shall qualify for Stage II: Advance Rounds.
- b. The results of Stage I: Memorial Elimination Round shall be declared on **3rd July 2022**.
- c. The teams that clear Stage I will be required to confirm their participation in Stage II by filling out the confirmation form sent to them by email before **9th July 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)**. If a team fails to confirm participation within the specified timeline, invitations to other teams will be issued based on the scores of Stage I by **10th July 2022**.
- d. Additionally, the wire transfer/NEFT details for Stage II shall be attached to the

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online confirmation form sent to the qualifying teams.



4. Stage II: Advance Round Procedures

1. General Procedure

- a. The Advance rounds shall be conducted live online and comprise Researcher's Test, Preliminary Oral Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and Final rounds.
- b. The live oral rounds will be held on the Cisco WebEx portal. Details concerning the use of the portal are attached in Annexure A.
- c. The team representing the Applicants shall submit their arguments first, followed by the team representing the Defendants. Upon completion of the arguments, the Applicants shall have the option of submitting rebuttals, followed by the Defendants. Sur-rebuttals shall/shall not be permitted, subject to the judges' discretion.
- d. The student counsels may state their names during the advance rounds but are not allowed to reveal the institution's name and must use the Team Code.

2. Procedure for Oral Submissions

- a. Each team will be allotted 30 minutes to present their case in the Preliminary and Quarter Final Rounds; this will include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals. For the Semi-Finals and Finals, the team will be allotted 45 minutes to present their case.
- b. The division of time between the two speakers is up to the team's discretion. However, each Speaker must speak for a minimum of 10 minutes.
- c. Before the start of the Oral Round, the team must inform how the team wishes to divide its total time between its (i) first speaker, (ii) second Speaker, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Applicants) or surrebuttal (for Defendants).
- d. The oral submissions in the preliminary rounds should not extend beyond the issues in the memorials.
- e. The researchers are also required to attend the oral rounds.
- f. Dressing: The Participants may be dressed in formal courtroom attire. If any participant cannot access the formal dress code, they may be allowed to be dressed in an adequate formal outfit that can be reasonably considered appropriate to the occasion. No marks shall be reduced for not wearing a full formal courtroom attire.

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- g. It is not required to submit a compendium (compilation of sources). The teams, with the permission of the organizers, can screen share the same during the oral rounds of the Competition. The responsibility of making a coherent, accessible compendium folder lies with the teams.
- h. Maximum marks for the oral rounds shall be 100 marks per Speaker per judge.
- i. The oral rounds shall be evaluated out of 100 marks, and the basis for evaluation shall be as follows:

i. *Knowledge of Law* 20 marks

ii. *Application of Law to Facts* 20 marks

iii. *Ingenuity and Ability to Answer* 20 marks

iv. *Style, Poise, Courtesy, Organization, and Demeanor* 20 marks

v. *Time management* 20 marks

- j. The judges' decisions concerning the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

- k. Internet connectivity policy:

- i. The teams are requested to make proper arrangements to ensure connectivity, including a phone hotspot.
- ii. In the scenario of an interrupted connection, including disruptions to the degree of incomprehensibility, disconnection, etc., the timer will be paused for the team, and a sufficiently reasonable time (10 minutes) will be provided to reconnect.
- iii. Contact details of the competition volunteers will be shared with you if you face any technical difficulties.
- iv. In the event of the impossibility of reconnecting over the internet, the participant/team can switch to the call-in option provided by WebEx.

3. Preliminary Rounds

- a. All the teams that qualify Stage I: Memorial Evaluation Round shall be eligible to participate in the preliminary rounds.
- b. There shall be two preliminary rounds. Each team shall argue in both rounds, once as Applicants and once as Defendants.
- c. In the Preliminary rounds, the memorial scores of the teams will be used to

determine the match-ups; a power match-up system (Team 1 v Team 24, Team 2 v Team 23...) and a slide match-up system (Team 1 v Team 13, Team 2 v Team 14...) shall be used for the first and the second round respectively.

- d. Each round shall be decided by allocating a total of 6 round points, with all points being awarded based on the Oral Scores of the teams.
- e. A bench of 2 judges will judge each round in the Preliminary Rounds.
- f. No team shall face the same bench in the preliminary rounds more than once.
- g. A total of 3 points per judge will be allocated for the Preliminary Rounds. For each judge, if the cumulative Oral Score of one Team exceeds the cumulative Oral Score of the other Team by 10% of the higher cumulative Oral Score, then the team with the higher cumulative Oral Score will be awarded 3 points and the other team with 0 points. If such a difference is less than 10%, the team with the higher score will be awarded 2 points, and the other team will be awarded 1 point. In the case of a tie, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that judge.

Example: In a round between Team A and Team B, Judge 1 gives a cumulative Oral Score (Speaker 1 + Speaker 2) of 170 marks to Team A and 165 marks to Team B. The difference is 5 marks. Since this difference is less than 10% of 170 (which is 17) for Judge 1, Team A will be awarded 2 points, and Team B will be awarded 1 point. In the same round, if Judge 2 gives a cumulative Oral Score of 155 marks to Team A and 175 marks to Team B. Here, the difference of 20 marks is more than 10% of 175 (which is 17.5), and hence, Team A will be awarded 0 points, and Team B will be awarded 3 points.

The total round points for that round will be: Team A: 2 (Judge 1) + 0 (Judge 2) = 2 Points and Team B: 1 (Judge 1) + 3 (Judge 2) = 4 Points.

- h. The marks given by all the judges (out of 400) will be cumulated to determine the Best Speaker.

4. Quarter-Finals

- a. The top 8 teams with the most points (out of 12) shall qualify for the Quarterfinals. In case of any tie, the memorial scores shall be referred. In case of a further tie, speaker scores will be considered.

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- b. For the Quarter Final Rounds, the rankings of the Preliminary Rounds shall be used for the match-ups. (Team 1 v. Team 5; Team 2 v. Team 6; Team 3 v. Team 7; Team 4 v. Team 8)

5. Semi-Finals

- a. The winning team in each of the four Quarter-Final Rounds shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds.
- b. In Semi-Final Rounds, the pairings shall be as follows concerning the match numbers: the winner of Match 1 versus the winner of Match 4; and Match 2 versus Match 3.

6. Finals

The Winning Team from each of the two Semi-Final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round. The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the Competition's winner.

7. Researcher's Test

- a. The Researcher's test will be open to **all the teams** participating in the Competition
- b. The Researcher's test will be conducted on **15th July 2022**.
- c. The Researcher must keep their camera and audio enabled throughout the test. Failure to comply with this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the test.
- d. Once the Researcher joins the meeting at the designated time, an organizing committee member will share several objective-type questions on their screen.
- e. The Researcher will be given a specific time (which will be conveyed later) to answer each question once the organizing committee member has shared the question.
- f. The Researcher cannot communicate with their team members or anyone else during the test.
- g. The Researcher is not permitted to refer to any written material or the internet during the Researcher's test.

5. Non-Discrimination Policy

The Organizers recognize that discrimination and/or harassment undermines the integrity of the Competition and the members involved in the Competition. The Organizers affirm its commitment to ensure that each member of the Competition, including Participants, Volunteers and Organizers, and Judges, shall be permitted to participate and work in an environment free from any form of illegal discrimination based on national origin, race, color, religion, caste, disability, sex (including sexual misconduct), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and/or marital status. The Organizer recognizes its obligation to work towards an environment where diversity is valued, and opportunity is equalized.

1. Prohibited Conduct

- a. Prohibited conduct is defined as any misconduct based on any form of Discrimination or Harassment based on the criteria abovementioned. Misconduct can be verbal, written, or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion towards an individual because of characteristics related to a ground of discrimination. It includes, and is not restricted to, making jokes, epithets, innuendos, singling out a person for humiliation, negative stereotyping, and making comments on characteristics related to a ground of discrimination.
- b. Sexual or Gender-based Discrimination is defined as per clause (k) of Section 2 of the University Grants Commission (Prevention, prohibition, and redressal of sexual harassment of women employees and students in higher educational institutions) Regulations, 2015.
- c. The organizers encourage all members involved in the Competition to take reasonable and prudent actions to prevent or stop any prohibited conduct. Taking action may include direct intervention when safe to do so, enlisting the assistance of friends, or seeking assistance from a person in authority. It is the particular responsibility of those members involved in the Competition who hold positions of authority over others to avoid actions that can be considered a violation of this Policy or unprofessional.

2. Scope and Applicability of Policy

- a. This Policy applies to all members involved in the Competition, including all Participants, Judges, Volunteers, and Organizers.

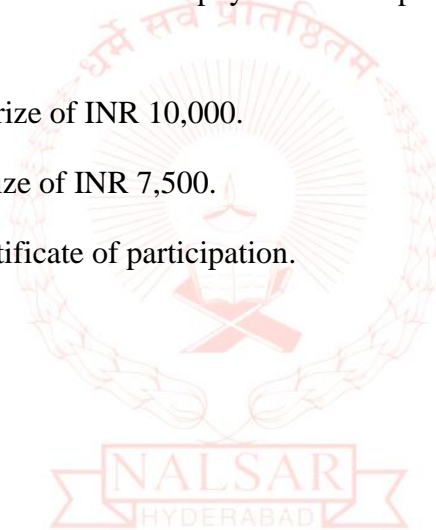
3. Penalty for Prohibited Conduct

- a The Organizers reserves the right to take prudent action against any member partaking in such Prohibited Conduct, including the imposition of penalties and, in severe cases, disqualification (in case of Participants) or blacklisting from future editions of the Competition.



6. Awards

1. Winning Team Award: The winning Team will receive a trophy and cash prize of INR 50,000.
2. Runners-Up Team Award: The runners-up team will receive a trophy and cash prize of INR 25,000.
3. Best International Team will receive a cash prize of INR 10,000.
4. Best Speaker will receive a trophy and cash prize of INR 10,000.
5. Second-Best Speaker will receive a cash prize of INR 7,500.
6. The Team with the Best Memorial - Applicants will receive a trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000.
7. The Team with the Best Memorial - Defendants will receive a trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000.
8. Best Researcher will receive a trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000.
9. The second-Best Researcher will receive a cash prize of INR 7,500.
10. All participating teams will be provided with a certificate of participation.



Annexure A

For the live rounds, you can either:

- A. Join via your computer running Windows/MacOS/equivalent Linux Distro
- B. Join via the WebEx Meetings Mobile App for Android / iOS
- C. Dial-in using your phone/landline

Option A: Join via Computer

- You can join without installing any software by running it straight from your browser.
 - Watch this video to understand how this works.
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7l_W-iiGi_Q
- You can join by using the Desktop Application
 - Download the **Cisco Web-Ex Meetings** from the official website and install the application.
 - <https://www.webex.com/downloads.html>

Option B: Join via the mobile application

- Download the Android Application from the Play Store at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cisco.webex.meetings&hl=en>
- Download the iOS/iPadOS application from the App Store at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cisco-webex-meetings/id298844386>

We recommend using one of the options and keeping a second one as a backup ready for any unforeseen circumstances, so we request you to keep the mobile app installed even if you choose to use your computer for the live rounds. You are also requested to keep all details regarding meeting information in a convenient location, which includes meeting id, password and nearest dial-in number.

Option C:

In case you do not have access to a stable internet connection, the platform provides the option of participating in sessions through a dial-in feature, wherein the session can be joined in by calling a phone number, without having to use the internet. This, it is hoped, will make live participation in rounds a more accessible prospect.

1. Just call the toll-free number of the city nearest to you as mentioned below.
2. After you have been welcomed to Webex, you will be told to dial in your meeting id with a "#" after it (eg. 166 468 9486#).
3. You will then have to dial in your attendee id, in case you do not know the attendee id, you will be told to dial in one more "#".

If you intend to join through a phone-call when you do not have an internet connection, please call the numbers mentioned below.

Call-In Numbers (you can call in your nearest city number):

India Toll (Bengaluru) +91-80-6480-0114

India Toll (Chandigarh) +91-172-648-0026

India Toll (Chennai) +91-44-6480-0260

India Toll (Coimbatore) +91-422-648-0026

India Toll (Delhi) +91-11-6480-0114

India Toll (Hyderabad) +91-40-6480-0114

India Toll (Indore) +91-731-648-0026

India Toll (Jaipur) +91-141-648-0026

India Toll (Kochi) +91-484-648-0026

India Toll (Kolkata) +91-33-6480-0260

India Toll (Mangaluru) +91-824-648-0026

India Toll (Mumbai) +91-22-6480-0114

India Toll (Mysuru) +91-821-648-0026

India Toll (Nagpur) +91-712-648-0026

India Toll (Pune) +91-20-6480-0260

India Toll (Thiruvananthapuram) +91-471-648-002



**In the case of Overseas Teams, the organizers will provide adequate assistance during Competition in case of Internet Connectivity Issues.*