1ST MOHAMMAD OSMAN GONI - MABIJS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

MOOT COURT RULES

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. The competition aims to provide a national platform for aspiring law students across India to demonstrate their legal acumen, research capabilities, and oratorical skills in a simulated courtroom experience.

1.2. The **Moot Court Society** shall serve as the sole point of contact for all matters pertaining to the competition.

1.3. The Competition shall be governed strictly in accordance with the rules set herein.

2. Title & Commencement

2.1. The **Preliminary Rounds** of the **1st Mohammad Osman Goni MABIJS National Moot Court Competition 2026** will be held online on **5th and 6th December 2026**, while the **Semi-final** and **Final Rounds** will be held offline on **26th and 27th December 2026** at Mohammad Abdul Bari Institute of Juridical Science.

2.2. Unless a contrary intention appears from the context, the following words and expression are used in the following sense—

2.2.1. MCC means the '**1st MABIJS National Moot Court Competition, 2026'.**

2.2.2. MCS means the '**MABIJS Moot Court Society'**

2.2.3. Organizers / Administrators / Authority means **members of Moot Court Society of 1st Mohammad Osman Goni - MABIJS National Moot Court Competition, 2026'.**

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1. Students pursuing the **three** or the **five** year **LL.B.** course from any law colleges/university in India recognized by the Bar Council of India (hereinafter BCI) are eligible to participate.

3.2. Law colleges/universities are entitled to nominate only one team.

3.3. Multiple affiliated colleges of the same university are permitted to participate, provided each college registers separately and independently.

3.4. Each team shall be composed either of two (2) speakers only or of two (2) speakers and one (1) researcher. No change in team composition under any circumstances whatsoever shall be permitted, once it is communicated to the organizers.

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4. REGISTRATION

4.1. All teams must register online through the official website: https://mootcourt.mabijs.in

4.2. The last date for registration is 15th November 2026, 11:59 PM.

4.3. **Registration Fee**

Registration fee 1000 Rupees

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4.4. Registration fee paid are non-refundable.

5.Language and Dress Code

5.1. The language of the Competition shall be English.

5.2. **For Boys**: White shirt with Black tie, Black pant, Black Coat and Formal black Shoe.

For Girls: (a) White shirt, Black pant with Black tie and Black Coat, or

(b) White Salwar kameez with Black Coat, or

(c) White Saree with Black Coat and Formal Shoe.

6.Format of the Competition

6.1. The event will be conducted in three rounds, the Preliminary round, the Semifinal round, and the Final (championship) round. However, the Moot court society depending upon the exigencies may reduce the number of rounds in such a case.

6.2. There shall be one moot proposition for all rounds.

6.3. Results of Preliminary round shall be held on the basis of marks. Both Memorial and Oral marks shall be added in Preliminary round.

6.4. Other rounds will be on knockout basis and only oral marks will be added.

***It is to be noted that subject to number of participants the Moot Court Society reserves the right to conduct a Quarter Final Round after Preliminary Round.**

7.Memorials

7.1. The Memorials shall not exceed 30 typed pages (including the Cover Page) and shall necessarily consist of the following sections:

a) Cover Page [coloured blue for Petitioner / Appellant, and red for Respondent]

b) Table of Contents

c) List of Abbreviations

d) Index of Authorities

e) Statement of Jurisdiction

f) Statement of Facts

g) Statement of Issues

h) Summary of Arguments

i) Arguments Advanced (Written Pleadings)

j) Prayer

7.2. The cover page of each Memorials shall confirm to the following specification:

7.2.1. The team code on the top right-hand corner of the cover page.

7.2.2. The name and place of the forum.

7.2.3. The relevant legal provision under which filed

7.2.4. Name of parties and their status (Petitioner -Appellant / Opposite Part-Respondent)

7.2.5. Memorial Filed on Behalf of ...

7.2.6. Counsel Appearing on Behalf of (Petitioner -Appellant /Opposite Party-Respondent)

7.3. The hard copies of the Memorials must bear a cover page in conformity with the following scheme:

Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s): Blue

Opposite Party(s)/Respondent(s): Red

7.4. A team code shall be assigned to each of the participating teams on or before 20th November. Identity of the participants or of the institution being represented ought not to be mentioned anywhere in the Memorial. Any other mark, character or text that tends to reveal the identity of the team members or of the institution being represented would also be considered as a violation of this rule. Any violation of this Rule shall attract severe penalty at the sole discretion of the Moot Court society and may amount to the disqualification of the Moot team from the Competition.

7.5. Memorials should be typed and spirally bound with soft cover. Memorials should not exceed 30 pages including cover page. Typing of memorial should be as per specifications given below:

a)	Paper size	A4
b)	Font size	12
c)	Font Type	Times New Roman
d)	Line spacing	1.5
e)	Margins	1 Inch on each side

7.6. Specification for footnotes are as follows

a)	Font size	10
b)	Font Type	Times New Roman
c)	Line spacing	1

7.7. The e-copy **('.pdf' format)** of each Memorial must reach the Moot Court Society vide email to **[mootsociety@mabijs.in]** latest by 11:59 P.M (IST) on **30th November, 2026.** The subject of the e-mail must in all case be: **"1st Mohammad Osman Goni - MABIJS National Moot Court Competition, 2026**: SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL, TEAM CODE:_____". Failure to submit the memorials on the specified date shall attract a penalty.

7.8. Five (5) hard copies of the Memorial for each side [Petitioner(s) / Respondent] must be submitted on **20th December 2026.**

No team will be permitted to submit the hard copies of the Memorial after the specified date. Team failing to submit the e-copy of memorials after the specified date shall not be permitted to submit the hard copies of the memorial thereafter.

7.9. The citations must strictly confirm to the ILI style of footnoting. The same is available at: https://www.ili.ac.in/cstyle.pdf

7.10. Word limits for various parts of the Memorial shall be as follows:

7.10.1. Statement of Facts: 1,000 words

7.10.2. Summary of Arguments: 1,200 words

7.10.3. Written Submissions and Prayer: 8,000 words (inclusive of footnotes)

7.11. The Index of Authorities must contain a list of all legal authorities cited in any section of the Memorial. The Index must contain the page number(s) of the Memorial where the authorities are so cited.

7.12. No amendments can be made to the Memorials after submission. Any distinction or difference between the soft and hard copies of the Memorials would attract a penalty, as determined by the Administrator, MCS

8. Penalties

8.1. Late Submission of Soft copy of Memorials will entail a penalty of 2 points for delay of every 12 hours and Memorials submitted after 72 hours of designated time will be considered as not submitted.

9. Evaluation of Memorials

9.1. Memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

a)	Language & grammatical accuracy	15 Marks
b)	Application of Fact	25 Marks
c)	Reasoning	25 Marks
d)	Understanding Law & Procedure	15 Marks
e)	Presentation [including compliance of the requisite format, arrangement and citation mode]	20 Marks
	Total	**100 Marks**

10. Oral Arguments:

10.1. In the **Preliminary Rounds** each team would be given **25 minutes** to present their oral arguments, subject to a maximum of **15 minutes** per Speaker. For the **Semi Final & Final Rounds**, each team would get **45 minutes** , subject to a maximum of **25 minutes** per speaker. The time allocated shall include the pleading and any rebuttal time, if applicable. Provided, Judges at their discretion, may extend time of oral argument for any of the round of MCC.

10.2. **Rebuttal** would be allowed only to the Petitioner / Appellant. The Petitioner / Appellant will have to specify the length of time they want to reserve for rebuttal, before beginning their oral arguments.

10.3. **Top four (4)** teams on the basis of their marks in the Preliminary Round shall qualify for the **Semi- Final Round**. Furthermore, while calculating the marks of a particular team in the Preliminary Round, marks of Memorial of moot proposition shall be taken into consideration.

10.4. The remaining rounds will be conducted on a knock out basis.

10.5. The memorial scores of the teams shall be taken into consideration for all Rounds. Thereafter, the memorial scores of the moot proposition shall be used only if there is tie of scores between two teams, in which case the team having higher memorial scores shall qualify for the next round.

11. Marking Criteria for Oral Rounds

The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

a.	Preparation and familiarity with facts	10 Marks
b.	Structure of Legal Argument	10 Marks
c.	Knowledge & Application of Law	10 Marks
d.	Organisation, Presentation, Speaking Ability	05 Marks
e.	Responsiveness to Questions	05 Marks
f.	Persuasiveness and Advocacy	05 Marks
g.	Courtroom Etiquette	05 Marks
h.	**TOTAL MARKS**	**50 Marks**

12. Scouting:

12.1. No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court rooms in which that team is one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition.

12.2. No member of any team shall interact with any person except fellow participants and the organizers during MCC.

12.3. Any team found in the violation of the above-mentioned rule shall be disqualified forthwith.

12.4. Team found attempting to approach and influence Judges, Administrators or Organizers shall be disqualified.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sr. No	Event	Date
1	Registration Opens	27th October
2	Closing of Registration	15th November
3	Team Code and Clarifications	20th November
4	Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	30th November
5	Preliminary Round (Online Mode)	5th & 6th December
6	Semi-Final & Final Round (Offline Mode)	26th & 27th December

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13. Miscellaneous

13.1. The results for the Preliminary Round, and the Semi-Final Round shall be announced shortly after each round.

13.2. The result of the championship/final round will be announced at the valediction ceremony.

13.3. All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

13.4. The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

13.5. The researcher is not allowed to argue in the Court room. However, he/she can pass on the hand written notes to the Speakers.

13.6. The Rules specified herein above shall be strictly adhered to. The Moot court society reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Committee will resolve any contingencies that may arise during the conduct of the MCC and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts / grievances. The decision taken by the Committee shall be final and binding. These rules are not exhaustive.

13.7. In the event of any technical difficulties arising during the online preliminary rounds, the judges shall have the discretion to grant a reasonable extension of time, as deemed necessary, to ensure the fair and smooth conduct of the proceedings.

14. AWARDS:

THE COMPETITION EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

A. WINNER TEAM: RS.12,000/- + TROPHY + CERTIFICATES.

B. RUNNERS-UP: RS.8,000/- + TROPHY + CERTIFICATES.

C. BEST SPEAKER: RS.3000/- +TROPHY + CERTIFICATES.

D. BEST MEMORIAL: RS.2,000/- + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE.

15. Interpretation of Rules

Kindly connect with us in case there are any doubts with regard to the rules at

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