



3RD TEJSHREE MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2026

**RULES, PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES OF
THE COMPETITION**



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DEFINITIONS

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

1. 'Competition' shall refer to the 3rd Tejshree Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2026.
2. 'Moot problem' shall refer to the official Problem of the Competition (or Compromis) as supplemented, clarified, or corrected by KUSoL-DAMS.
3. 'Competition Rules' shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as amended from time to time.
4. 'Prosecutor/ Defense' means the side of the Team arguing on behalf of the Prosecutor/ Defense at any given point in the Competition.
5. 'Memorial' shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participant as per the Competition Rules.
6. 'Official Email Address' shall refer to the official email ID of the 3rd Tejshree Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2026, i.e., tejshreememorialmoot@gmail.com.
7. 'Oral Round' means a single match of oral presentation between two Teams, one representing Prosecutor and one representing Defense, pursuant to Rule II.
8. "Penalty" means the consequence of a rule violation, pursuant to Rule V.
9. "Problem Clarifications and Corrections" means the official clarifications and corrections to the Problem, as published pursuant to Rule I (8).
10. "Team" means a team of eligible students recognized by the organizers that registers to compete in the Competition, pursuant to Rule I.
11. "Team code" means the official number assigned by the Organizers to each fully registered and paid Team in accordance with Rule I (6).
12. 'Organizers' refers to KUSoL DAMS and any other committee established for assisting DAMS to organize the Competition.



I. GENERAL RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. Each institution may register only one team for the Competition.
- 1.2. All students enrolled in undergraduate level studies of law in Nepal are eligible for the competition.
- 1.3. Each participating team shall comprise three (3) members consisting of two speakers and one researcher.
- 1.4. Any individual who has reached finals of the past editions of the Tejshree Memorial National Moot Court Competition is not eligible to participate.

2. LANGUAGE

- 2.1 The Language of the competition shall be English.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1. Participants are required to complete their registration by 10:00 P.M.(NST), 27 December 2025 through <https://forms.gle/JJwXHC9pb5wZxWQy5>.

- 3.2. The registration fee shall be NRs. 3000/- to be deposited in the KUSoL bank account. The payment shall be made to the following account:

Bank Name: Nabil Bank Ltd., Dhulikhel Branch

A/C Name: KU- School of Law

A/C No. 04201017500994

QR for the bank account can be found in the registration Google Form.

- 3.3. The registration shall be deemed complete upon receiving a confirmation mail sent by the Organizers to the aforementioned email.
- 3.4. A team code will be assigned to all participating teams before the competition.



3.5. The participants must only communicate with the organizers, ushers and other participants through their code.

4. SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS

4.1. Each team participating in the Competition must prepare memorials on behalf of the Prosecutor and on behalf of the Defense.

4.2. The Body of Argument part must not exceed 25 pages.

(The Table of Contents, List of Abbreviation, Index of Authorities and Case Title are not included in the 25 typed page limits.)

4.3. Both the memorials from the Prosecutor and Defense side must be submitted in a single email with separate attachments. No separate emails are accepted for two sides of memorials.

4.4. Each team must submit their memorials via email to the official email address **13 January 2026** by 10:00 PM NST.

4.5. Any memorial submitted after the deadline shall be subject to penalty for late submission. The last date of memorial submission with penalty is **15 January 2026** by 10:00 PM NST. No memorial will be accepted after the final deadline.

4.6. All soft copies of the submitted Memorials must be submitted in Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx) and PDF format (.pdf). Therefore, a total of four (4) files is required to be submitted.

4.7. 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 side whose arguments are presented in that Memorial, i.e., a 'D' for Defense and 'P' for Prosecutor. For instance, if the team code is '424' and the memorial is on the behalf of the Prosecutor, the memorial shall be named as "424'P".

4.8. All pages of the memorial must be of A4 size, with a 1-inch margin on each side.

4.9. The memorials will be checked for plagiarism and AI generation.

4.9.1. For the purpose of this rule:



“Plagiarism” means appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages of another's writings, or the ideas or language of another, and passing them off as the product of one's own mind.

“AI Generation” means the use of artificial intelligence tools or systems to produce, substantially draft, or meaningfully alter written content, arguments, or analysis, and presenting such AI-produced material as one's own independent work

4.9.2. After investigation and review, in a verified case of plagiarism, the KUSoL-DAMS may (1) disqualify the Team, (2) assess a penalty between 1 and 50 points to each offending memorial, with the penalty corresponding to the degree of the violation in the judgment of the KUSoL-DAMS and/or (3) notify the Team's dean and/or other institution official(s).

4.10. The Memorials are required to contain the following sections:

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

Apart from the cover page, memorials must consist exclusively of text. Teams may not include media, including images, videos, audio clips, or interactive elements, in any part of their Memorials. Links may be included within citations to provide easy



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access to referenced sources. These links should be inserted appropriately within the citation, following the prescribes citation style.

4.10 The cover page must contain

- Team code (at the top–right corner)
- Court (in this case, International Criminal Court)
- Name of the case (in this case, *Situation in Tejshree*)
- Name of the Parties (in this case, *Prosecutor v. Jwalanta*)
- Side represented (with "P" for Prosecutor and "D" for Defense side on the top right corner–after team code/name)
- Name of the Competition (in this case, 3rd Tejshree Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2026)

4.11 No new issues can be added other than those mentioned in the Moot Proposition.

NOTE: Memorial once submitted (in physical and digital form) shall be the property of the KUSoL–DAMS. By submitting written memorials, the team grants KUSoL–DAMS, a non–exclusive license of the copyright in the memorials. The memorial authors acknowledge and consent using the memorials for, amongst the other purposes, research and teaching purposes. The memorials will be used anonymously unless express prior approval is obtained from the teams. The best memorials may be published including the names of the school and winning team members.

5. FORMATTING SPECIFICATIONS

5.1. PAGE

- a. Page size: A4 (210*297 mm, 8.3*11.7 in)
- b. Margin: 1 inch or 2.54 cm on all sides

5.2. MAIN TEXT



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- a. Font type: Times New Roman
- b. Font size: 12
- c. Line spacing: 1.5
- d. Body of text: Justified

5.3. HEADINGS

- a. Font type: Times New Roman
- b. Font size: 14

5.4. FOOTNOTES

- a. Font type: Times New Roman
- b. Font size: 10
- c. Style: Bluebook Citation (21st edition)

NOTE: Non-compliance shall result in a penalty as per Rule V of this Rulebook. However, if teams prefer using other citation formats, they are required to obtain prior permission from KUSoL-DAMS at least 15 days before the expiry of the memorial submission deadline. In case of permission granted, the team is required to send the soft copy of such citation format to the KUSoL-DAMS in the given email address.

5.5. PAGE NUMBERING

Each page shall be numbered at the bottom right-hand of the page.

6. TEAM CODE

6.1 The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The written submissions shall nowhere mention any particulars of the participant, except the Team Code. There must be no mention of name, contact number, email ID, etc.

7. JUDGE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 For the purpose of the rule following definitions shall apply:



7.1.1 “Affiliation” means a personal or professional relationship between a judge and an institution, Team Advisor, or Team Member participating in the Round in which the judge is to serve.

7.1.2 “Conflict of Interest” means an Affiliation that would, in the eyes of a reasonable observer, create an inference that the judge would be unable to be impartial as to the conduct or result of the Moot.

7.2. KUSoL–DAMS shall take reasonable steps to mitigate the effects of the Conflict of Interest on the Moot. Such steps might include: informing the other members of the panel of the judge’s Affiliation; adding to the panel a judge with a proportional Affiliation with the opposing Team; and assigning a neutral official to observe the Moot and the subsequent deliberations to determine whether the Conflict of Interest affected the outcome of the Moot.

7.3. If the team believes that the affiliation exists which may constitute conflict of interest, it shall inform the KUSoL–DAMS before the commencement of moot or judge presiding as president during the moot, who shall take appropriate steps to inform the KUSoL–DAMS.

7.4. The difference between a mere Affiliation and a Conflict of Interest is the reasonable inference of partiality. Absent additional facts supporting an inference of partiality, the following frequently occurring Affiliations do not constitute Conflicts of Interest:

- (i) the judge knows or recognizes a Team Member by reason of the Team Member’s participation in previous moot court competitions;
- (ii) the judge knows the Team Advisor(s) for one or both Teams, either because of professional or personal affiliation, prior participation in moot court competitions, or other reasons;
- (iii) the judge is an alumnus of one of the schools participating in the Moot; and
- (iv) the judge is an employee of one of the schools participating in the Moot where such employment is sufficiently remote from the activities of the Team as to dispel any reasonable suspicion of partiality.



8. CLARIFICATION TO MOOT PROPOSITION

Participants may request for clarifications via email to tejshreememorialmoot@gmail.com latest by 15 December, 2025 (10:00 PM NST). The Clarifications will be released by 20 December, 2025 (10:00 PM NST).

II. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall consist of three rounds:

1. The Preliminary Rounds
2. The Semi-final Rounds
3. The Final

1. THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

In the preliminary rounds, each team shall argue from both the Prosecutor and the Defense's side once. No participant shall be provided any information regarding the identity of their opponents under any circumstances. Oral session of the elimination round of competition consists of forty (40) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted twenty (20) minutes within which a maximum of three (3) minutes may be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Prior to the beginning of the Moot, the Team must indicate to the bailiff which Team Members will act as its first oralist and second oralist and how it wishes to allocate its 20 minutes among (a) its first oralist, (b) its second oralist, and (c) rebuttal.

NOTE: *The scoring for the Preliminary Round shall be determined on the basis of fifty percent (50%) of the Memorial Score and fifty percent (50%) of the average Oral Score of both Oralists. The aggregate of these components shall constitute the Participant's final score for the Preliminary Round.*



2. THE SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS

In the semi-final round, each team shall argue from both the Prosecutor and the Defense's side once. No participant shall be provided any information regarding the identity of their opponents under any circumstances. Oral session of the elimination round of competition consists of forty (40) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted twenty (20) minutes within which a maximum of three (3) minutes may be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Prior to the beginning of the Moot, the Team must indicate to the bailiff which Team Members will act as its first oralist and second oralist and how it wishes to allocate its 20 minutes among (a) its first oralist, (b) its second oralist, and (c) rebuttal.

NOTE: *If two teams have the same oral scores, the team with the higher memorial score will win. The top four (4) teams will reach the semi final round.*

3. FINAL ROUND

The Final Round of competition consists of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings including rebuttals. Prosecutor and Defendant are each allotted thirty (30) minutes within which a maximum of three minutes (3) shall be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

NOTE: *If two teams have the same oral scores, the team with the higher memorial score will win.*

4. DRAW OF LOTS

Before the preliminary, Semi-Final and the Final rounds, the side on which the participant will be arguing shall be decided by a draw of lots.

III. ORAL ROUNDS PROCEDURE

1. ORDER OF PLEADINGS

During the Oral Rounds, speakers will present their arguments in the following order: Prosecutor 1, Prosecutor 2, Defense 1, Defense 2. Following these initial



presentations, there will be a rebuttal from the Prosecution (Prosecutor 1 or 2), followed by a sur-rebuttal from the Defense (Defense 1 or 2). Once an oralist has completed their main argument, they are not permitted to make any further arguments except for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. This rule applies regardless of whether the pleading team utilizes all of the time allotted for their main arguments. Time not used during the main pleading cannot be added to the time allocated for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

Note: Counsels at the bench are strictly prohibited from standing, moving from their designated seats, or engaging in any conduct that may disrupt the proceedings. They must maintain proper courtroom decorum at all times.

2. REBUTTAL AND SUR-REBUTTAL

Each team is allowed to set aside up to three minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. To inform the judges, teams should declare at the start of their oral argument whether they have reserved time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal and how much time they have reserved. Failure to do so will not result in the loss of the right to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Only one of the two oralists can deliver the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, but the team does not need to specify in advance which of the two will do so. The rebuttal will take place immediately after Defense 2 concludes, and the sur-rebuttal will follow immediately after the rebuttal. Teams have the option to waive their rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. If the Prosecutor waives rebuttal, sur-rebuttal is also considered waived.

3. SCOPE OF PLEADING

Teams are not restricted to the content of their Memorials during their oral arguments. The Prosecutor's rebuttal must address the Defense's primary oral arguments, and the Defense's sur-rebuttal must address the Prosecutor's rebuttal.

4. EXTENSION OF TIME AT JUDGE'S DISCRETION

The President may, at their discretion, extend the time limit allocated in the oral rounds, however the extension shall not exceed 5 minutes individual limit.

5. TEAMS MAY SUBMIT COMPEDIUM TO THE JUDGES



5.1 Teams are free to present their Compendiums during their Oral Rounds as per the discretion of the Bench.

5.2. Teams should maintain anonymity in the compendium. No reference to the names or emails of participants, name of institution, or any details, except for the team code allotted to the team should be made in the compendium.

6. COMMUNICATION IN THE COURTROOM

6.1 Each oralist may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that oralist, only during their allotted time, save as permitted by this Rule. The judges may, where necessary, communicate directly with an oralist, any Team Member at counsel table of either Team, and with any other person present in the courtroom to ensure the orderly conduct.

6.2 Communications between the counsels in the bench shall be in writing only. Team members at the counsel bench may pass chits to the oralist through bailiff only.

6.3 Except as described in rule 4.1 and 4.2, no communication is permitted between any persons without permission from the President

7. EX-PARTE PROCEDURE

In case of an ex parte proceeding, the present team will present their oral pleadings, which will be evaluated by the judges as if the absent team had been present.

IV.EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. MEMORIAL

Following would be criteria for judging the memorial:



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	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHTAGE	POINTS OBTAINED	REMARKS
	KNOWLEDGE OF LAW –Basic Concept and Principles	16		
	APPLICATION OF LAW AND FACTS – Identification of issues and nature of relief sought – Use of facts and law –Use of authorities/ precedents and extent of research – Arguments based on law and applicable legal theories and facts	36		



	ARGUMENTATION AND PERSUASIVENESS – Originality of argument and the ability to propose and justify legal hypothesis – Ability to form logical and convincing arguments to influence the reader	32		
	CORRECT CITATION AND FORMAT – Adherence to citation and the pleading note format rules	8		
	GRAMMAR AND PRESENTATION – Grammar and punctuation – Organization and presentation of the arguments	8		
	TOTAL	100		



2. SPEAKER

The criterion for scoring of the Speakers has been given herein below:

S. NO.	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of law	30
2.	Knowledge of fact	20
3.	Ingenuity & ability to answer questions	25
4.	Style, poise, courtesy, demeanor	15
5.	Organization and time management	10
	TOTAL	100

V. PENALTIES

1. MEMORIAL PENALTIES

	PARTICULARS	QUANTUM OF PENALTY
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	Delay in submission of memorial	1 point per hour (i.e., 1 hour delay = -1 on team score)
	Resubmission of memorial after deadline	2 points
	Formatting violations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of incorrect font,- Use of incorrect font-size- Use of improper line spacing- Use of improper block quote- Use of endnotes	1 point per type of violation, up to a Maximum of 5 points
	Failure to include all parts of memorial or inclusion of an unremunerated part, Failure to include necessary and correct information on memorial's cover page	2 points for each part



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	Excessive length: Arguments	1 point per page, up to maximum of 5 points per memorial
	Violation of anonymity in Memorial	Disqualification or up to 10 points (one-time penalty)
	Plagiarism	1 to 50 points

2. ORAL PLEADING PENALITIES

S.N.	PARTICULARS	QUANTUM OF PENALTY
1	Exceeding maximum limit for one speaker	Up to 2 points
2	Exceeding maximum limit for rebuttal and surrebuttal	Up to 1 points
3	Improper courtroom communication	Up to 5 points
4	Improper electronic devices	Up to 10 points



VI. PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. TEAM AWARDS

- a. The Winning Team shall receive a Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 66,600.
- b. The Runner-up Team members shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 33,300.
- c. The team securing highest marks in the Memorial Evaluation shall receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 20,000.
- d. All participating students shall receive a certificate of participation.

2. BEST SPEAKER/ORALIST

The best speaker shall receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 13,300. Individual oralist whose average oral score is highest is awarded the best speaker.

VII. DRESS CODE

The participants are required to wear formal attire (black coat, black pants/skirt with a white shirt, and formal shoes) during the oral rounds. Failure to follow dress code shall result in imposition of penalty.

NOTE: *No university uniforms or signifiers of the participant's institution in their dress.*

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. KUSoL-DAMS reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage. We shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the Participants.
2. If a participant believes that violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the participant(s) within half an hour after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint with KUSoL-DAMS. Participant(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.



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3. The decision of the Debating and Mooting Society shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

– END OF RULES –





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