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**2ND DR. TMA PAI
INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
LAW MOOT COURT
COMPETITION**

26TH-27TH APRIL 2025

PRIZES WORTH 3,00,000(INR)

RULES & REGULATIONS

CHAPTER I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short Title and Commencement: (1) These Rules may be called the ‘2nd Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Law Moot Court Competition, 2025’ Rules.

(2) These Rules shall come into force from 22/2/2025.

2. Definitions: Unless otherwise provided, the words used in the Rules shall be construed as defined hereinafter –

a. “Organisers” means the administration of Manipal Law School, MAHE, Bengaluru (hereinafter, ‘law school’ or ‘the law school’), and the members of the Moot Court Society of the law school.

b. “Committee” means the Moot Court Society of Manipal Law School.

c. “Competition” means 2nd Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Law Moot Court Competition, 2025.

d. “Draw of Lots” means the picking up of chits by the teams in order to determine the fixture of the competition.

e. “Hard Copy” refers to the printed version of the written submissions to be submitted to the organisers.

f. “Moot Proposition” refers to the fact sheet released by the committee for the purpose of the competition.

g. “Oral Rounds” means the oral pleadings presented by the teams before the judges.

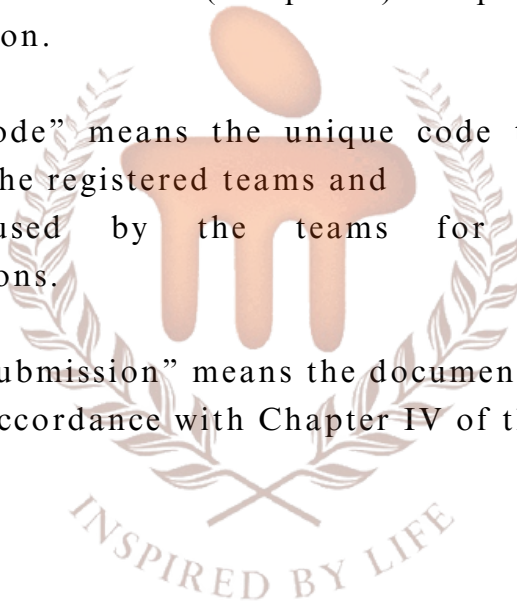
h. “Rules” mean the 2nd Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Law Moot Court Competition, 2025 Rules.

i. “Soft Copy” refers to the electronic version of the written submissions to be submitted to the organisers.

j. “Team” refers to the participants having a composition as prescribed by Rule 4 (Chapter-I) and registered by the committee under Rule 5 (Chapter-I) for participating in the competition.

k. “Team Code” means the unique code that shall be provided to the registered teams and shall be used by the teams for all further communications.

l. “Written Submission” means the document prepared by the team in accordance with Chapter IV of the Rules.



CHAPTER II – ELIGIBILITY, TEAM COMPOSITION, REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION

3. Eligibility: All the students of any law school in India and abroad, pursuing three year or five year integrated course, or any equivalent degree are eligible for taking part in the 2nd Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Law Moot Court Competition, 2025.

4. Team Composition: A team shall comprise of three members, out of whom two shall be designated as speakers while one shall be the researcher. Provided that same person cannot be designated as the speaker as well as researcher.

5. Provisional Registration: Interested teams will be required to fill the provisional registration form, the link to which is provided hereunder:

<https://forms.gle/BcKu7Qcvn1U4FMuQ9>

6. Allotment of Team Code: Every team registered for the competition shall be allotted a unique code by 25th March 2025 which shall be used by the team for all further communications with the Committee.

PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION:

- The teams must provisionally register themselves through the registration link provided above. Post which an email is required to be sent to mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu on or before the last date of registration, i.e., 20th March 2025.
- For payment, the details will be shared to the participants through an email by the organizing committee on or before 25th March 2025.
- Registration Fee:
 1. For Participants from India: ₹4,500 (INR)
 2. For International Participants: \$150 (USD)
- The deadline for making the payment is 28th March 2025 by 8:00 PM (IST). Post payment, the receipt must be shared on mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu.
- Teams can expect the final acknowledgement, slot and registration by 3rd April 2025.
- Registration shall be considered complete after the acknowledgment and confirmation mail is sent from the side of moot court committee to the interested team. No registrations shall be entertained by the Committee after the registration date.

CHAPTER III – FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION AND AWARDS

7. Orals Rounds:

-Preliminary Rounds:

- There shall be two preliminary rounds wherein each team would represent once, both the petitioner and the respondent.
- Each team shall be allotted a maximum time of 30 minutes inclusive of time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Top 8 scoring teams shall qualify for quarter-final rounds. In case of a tie, marks secured in the memorials may be considered along with the speaker's score.

-Quarter Final Rounds:

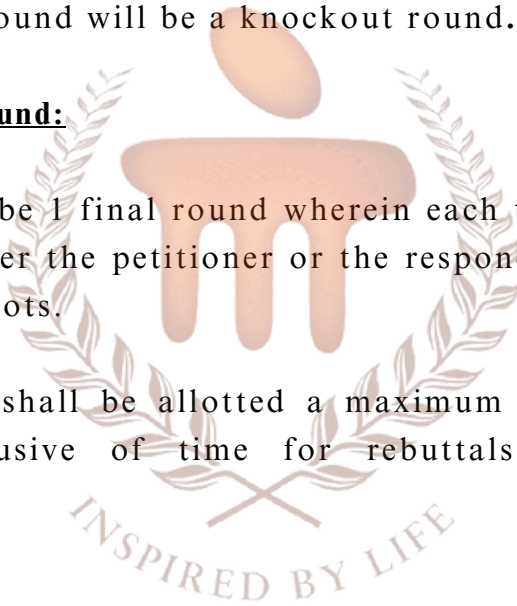
- There shall be 1 quarter final round wherein each team would represent either the petitioner or the respondent, based on a draw of lots.
- Each team shall be allotted a maximum time of 40 minutes inclusive of time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Quarter final round will be a knockout round.

-Semi-Final Rounds:

- There shall be 1 semi-final round wherein each team would represent either the petitioner or the respondent, based on a draw of lots.
- Each team shall be allotted a maximum time of 40 minutes inclusive of time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- Semi-final round will be a knockout round.

-The Final Round:

- There shall be 1 final round wherein each team would represent either the petitioner or the respondent, based on a draw of lots.
- Each team shall be allotted a maximum time of 50 minutes inclusive of time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.



8. Computation of Aggregate Score: A team shall be assessed/ranked or declared winner of the round based on the aggregate score. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of -

- a. Marks secured by Speaker 1.
- b. Marks secured by Speaker 2.

9. Awards: The committee shall be declaring the following awards:

a. Best Speaker (Male)- Male Speaker attaining the highest scores in the preliminary rounds shall be declared as the Best Speaker (Male).

b. Best Speaker (Female)- Female Speaker attaining the highest scores in the preliminary rounds shall be declared as the Best Speaker (Female).

c. Best Memorial- Team memorial receiving the highest scores in external evaluation shall be given the best memorial award.

d. Best Team- Winners of the 2nd Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Law Moot Court Competition, 2025 shall be declared the 'Best Team.'

e. Runners-Up- The finalist team not adjudged the winners of the competition shall be declared the 'Runners-Up.'

CHAPTER IV–WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

10. The written submissions shall be submitted by the teams from both sides. i.e., petitioner and respondent.

11. The written submission shall be submitted in soft copy as well as hard copy. Teams are required to submit 5 hard copies from each side at the time of reporting for the Competition.

12. Guidelines for the Written Submission:

a. Each team shall submit the written submissions, and the following rules shall apply.

b. Font Type: The text and footnotes of written submission shall be in Times New Roman.

c. Font Size: The font size of the text shall be 12 points while that of footnotes shall be 10 points.

d. Line Spacing: The line spacing shall be 1.5 for the text and 1.0 for the footnotes.

e. Footnote Style: The participants should strictly follow Harvard Bluebook citation format (20th edition).

f. Colour of Cover Page: The written submission from the side of the petitioner must have a blue cover page. On the other hand, the written submission from the side of the respondent must have a red cover page.

13. Team Code: The written submission shall contain the team code on the top-right corner of the cover page and no other identification of the team shall be there other than the team code on the cover page. Any mention of the participants' name, university, or any other markers which may allow one to identify them shall result in an immediate disqualification of the team.

14. Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials: The soft copies of the written submissions shall be sent in .doc/.docx as well as .pdf formats via email (mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu) to the committee on or before the notified dates mentioned under Important Dates section . All the contents of the soft copy of the written submission shall be mailed as a single file. The file shall be sent as an attachment, and the file name shall be 'Team Code-P' for petitioner and 'Team Code-R' for Respondent. For instance, if the team code allotted to a team is 'MLS-01,' the files shall be named as 'MLS-01-P' for petitioner, and 'MLS-01-R' for respondent.

15. Anonymity in Memorials: Names of the participants, the institution they represent, or any other identity markers must not be mentioned anywhere in the memorandum. Any other mark, character or text that reveals the identity of the team members or of the institution being represented is strictly prohibited. Violation of this Rule shall result in the disqualification of the team.

16. Plagiarism: Teams shall not commit plagiarism. “Plagiarism” refers to the act of 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. If any is found to have plagiarized their written submissions, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to disqualify said team from the competition.



CHAPTER V – PENALTIES

17. Penalty for late submission of written submission: If a team fails to submit the soft copy of the written submission within the time as stipulated by the committee, such team shall face a deduction of one mark per hour per side in the memorial marks, subject to a maximum deduction of 5 marks per day.

18. Scouting: No team shall be allowed to hear or see the Oral Rounds of any other team. A violation of this rule shall result in the disqualification of the team.

19. Punishment for use of Unfair Means: Any person or team found indulging in use of any unfair means during the competition shall be punished with disqualification from the competition.

20. Punishment for Violation of any Rule: Any person or team found in violation of any provisions of these rules, or any other rules made by the Committee for the Competition shall be liable to be punished in a manner proportionate to the violation. The committee shall have the final say in this regard.

CHAPTER VI - MISCELLANEOUS

21. Clarification: Any team having any doubt regarding the moot proposition or registration, or any other rule shall mail the same to mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu on or before 20th March 2025.

22. Copyright: The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

23. Contact Details: In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to mail your queries at mootcourt.blr@manipal.edu cc'ing fagun.sahni@manipal.edu with the subject line "Dr. TMA Pai ITLMCC – Query- (Team Code)" or contact the following (between 10 AM to 4 PM (IST)):

Shubham Rao: +91 9599479832 (Student co-convenor)

Tanmayee VR: +919886683783 (Student co-convenor)

24. Dress Code: The participants shall adhere to the following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

a. Female: White shirt, black trousers or black skirts, and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

b. Male: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

25. Language: The language of the Competition shall be English. All written and oral submissions, and communications shall be made only in English.

