

# Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence and Law



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# Article 1: The Rounds and their Logistical Affairs

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), there shall be two kinds of Rounds:

1. The Memorial Rounds: The memorials submitted by the teams shall be subject to assessment, based on which a Rankings Table shall be prepared - on the basis of which the Best Claimant Memorial and the Best Respondent Memorial shall be decided;
2. The Oral Rounds: Subject to Article 6 of the Main Rules, there shall be the following rounds in the Event:
  - **Preliminary Rounds** - Each party argues for 20 minutes exclusive of the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time to present their oral arguments.
  - **Octa Finals** - Each party argues for 25 minutes inclusive of the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time to present their oral arguments.
  - **Quarter-Finals** - Each party argues for 30 minutes inclusive of the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time to present their oral arguments.
  - **Semi-Finals** - Each party argues for 45 minutes inclusive of the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time to present their oral arguments.
  - **The Final** - Each party argues for 60 minutes inclusive of the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time to present their oral arguments.

Please note that the parties (Student Teams) in the matches can permit their respective Speakers in the student teams to argue issues of the Moot Problem as per their memorial alternately, but within the stipulated time.

## Article 2: On Technical Delays

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), the following has to be understood clearly by the participating teams as well as the arbitrators:

- If a Student Team or a Speaker/Researcher of the team is experiencing technical problems in joining an oral round, they must inform the Organizing Team immediately about the delays and their source. This can be done by communicating the Organizing Team via mail as well as messaging (through Whatsapp/Telegram/Message) to any 2 of the Organizing Team members at least;
- Unless directed to the contrary by the Organizing Team, if a Student Team fails to join a match of the Oral Rounds even after **10 minutes** of the stipulated starting time of the round, the Timekeeper with the consent of the Arbitrators shall allow the rounds to proceed **ex parte**. In this proceeding, the attending Student Team will be allowed to argue in the match - and the Arbitrators shall assess the attending Student Team as if the absent Student Team had been present and arguing;
- Where a member of the Student Team, who has been designated as a Speaker, faces such technical issues that make it impossible for the same Speaker to commence oral argumentation, the Timekeeper may allow the rounds to be paused for **5-10 minutes**.
- Further, where a member of the Student Team, who has been designated as a Speaker, faces technical issues while delivering their oral arguments, the Timekeeper must allow them a maximum period of **five minutes** (subject to the consent of the Arbitrators) to rejoin the match and ensure that they are audible to the Arbitrators.

- However, this must not be construed to be a buffer window as all the Speakers must attempt to rejoin the match as soon as possible. The Organizing Team, therefore, reserves the right to consult the Arbitrators to take appropriate action against any deliberate attempts to disrupt the smooth functioning of the match(es) as well as other matches in the Oral Rounds;
- Where a contingency as described with respect to the failure to join the match arises, and so the Speaker fails to rejoin the match within the stipulated time period:
  1. The Arbitrators will proceed with the Oral Argumentations for the next Speaker. After the completion of the oral argumentations of the second speaker, the first speaker (who faced connection issues) may re-join the rounds to finish the remainder of their speech. The discretion to allow the same shall lie with the Arbitrators;
  2. The Timekeeper will disregard the relevant period of waiting time while clocking the Speaker's permitted speaking time allotted to the Speaker who represents the Student Team;
- A Student Team will be deemed to have failed to appear if only one Member from the said Team appears before the court throughout the round. However, the appearing Speaker will be marked by the Arbitrators for the purpose of calculating individual speaking scores;
- Where an allotted Arbitrator is unable to join the match(es), the Organizing Team shall attempt to arrange for an alternate Arbitrator to appear for the match(es) in the Oral Rounds. However, if no alternate Arbitrator is able to appear for the match(es), then the marks awarded by the remaining Arbitrator shall be taken to be the marks awarded by both the Arbitrators for the purpose of calculation of the total marks.

- If an Arbitrator, having already heard Oral argumentations in part, is disconnected before the end of the Oral Rounds, the timer shall be paused, and the bailiff shall contact the Organizing Team. The Organizing Team shall attempt to reconnect the Arbitrator to the Courtroom. However, if the Arbitrator is unable to rejoin the rounds then the marks awarded by the remaining Arbitrator(s) shall be taken to be the marks awarded by both the Arbitrators or more for the purpose of calculation of the total marks;
- Although the Organizing Team shall strive to ensure compliance with the First Additional Rules, the discretionary authority to govern any situations described herein and even otherwise shall lie with the Arbitrators. Any accountability based on any action based on discretionary authority lies on the Arbitrators, and the Organizing Team shall strive to mitigate the situation to ensure compliance with the Main Rules and the First Additional Rules;

# Article 3: General Information on Communicating Workspaces

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), the following has to be understood clearly by the participating teams as well as the arbitrators:

1. **Confidentiality of Information:** Every single information procured on any online communicating workspace to which a person joins, e.g., a WhatsApp Group or a Slack Channel or a Telegram Group/Channel - shall be under the governance of the Organization respectively as in;
2. **Privity of Flow of Information:** In line with respecting the privacy of the organizations and the individuals in their personal/professional capacity involved, the privity of the flow of information within the online workspaces (as explained above) is to be secured and adhered to by the members who join the online workspaces, whether in any possible capacity. Any breach of the privity of the flow of information - or lack of due diligence to render the protection of personal data, intellectual effort and information, metainformation and the identity of the source of communication invites penal and/or disciplinary action. The disciplinary action is within the jurisdiction of the Organization concerned.
3. **Undue Influence, Misappropriation of Information, Cybercrimes:** Any activity - which is violative of the Information Technology Act, 2000, the concerned orders and amendments connected to the act, any act of undue influence/misappropriation, which is not foreseeable through the provisions of law but is unlawful by the virtue of activity, invites penal action. After the disciplinary proceedings by the Organization in respective matters is completed, penal action may be requested by the Organization in their respective or joint matters under the provisions of Indian Law.

No screenshots or indirect mimicked form of information and metainformation regarding whatsoever discussed in the communicating workspace can be disseminated/shared anywhere to any third party, since the communicating workspace is a private workspace for the purposes of conducting the Moot and communicating with the participating teams and the arbitrators. Therefore, any form of misappropriation of any information will invite penal/other legal consequences.



## Article 4: On Name Allocation and Privity on Name Allocations

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), the following has to be understood clearly by the participating teams as well as the arbitrators:

1. There are name allocations that are provided to the participating teams as well as the arbitrators. While both the participating Student Teams and the Arbitrators join the Hearing Room (Breakout Rooms or online meeting software, for e.g.: Google Meet, Cisco Webex, Zoom, etc.,) - they are required to mention the names allocated to them strictly on the same. For example, a participating Student Team Speaker has to show the team code allotted to them and the Arbitrator has to enter with the Indicative Code allotted to the same;
2. No name allocations shall be disseminated or/and misappropriated to any third party or stranger. Any prohibited dissemination found shall constitute disqualification of the participating Student Team/the judging Arbitrator from the event;

# Article 5: Hearing Rooms Allocation Process

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), the following has to be understood clearly by the participating teams as well as the arbitrators:

1. The hearing rooms for the matches and their respective meetings shall be allocated to all the teams subject to the itinerary of the Event. The link to join the hearing rooms (whether through meeting spaces or breakout rooms subject to technical and logistical availability, will be shared with the participating Student Teams and the Arbitrators based on their respective name allocations subject to Article 4 of the Rules;
2. No Arbitrator and Student Team member can leave the breakout rooms/meeting spaces without the permission of the Timekeeper/the Organizing Team unless there are serious exigencies leading to the leave. The same has to be promptly mailed and even communicated to any 2 of the Organizing Team Members and the volunteers involved;
3. Failure to communicate shall be taken as a temporary ground for taking any disciplinary action on behalf of the Organizing Team except in any circumstances within the scope of Article 2 of the Rules;
4. The stipulated time by which the participants and the Arbitrators are granted the links to join the hearing rooms is subject to the discretion of the Organizing Team, provided that it does not cause a delay in participating in the matches subject to Article 2 of the Rules;
5. The participants are required to join 10 min before the match begins while the Arbitrators have to join at least 2 min before the match begins subject to the timekeeper's clocking of the time subject to the Article 1 of the Rules;

## Article 6: Confidentiality Provisions

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), the following has to be understood clearly by the participating teams as well as the arbitrators:

1. The Confidentiality related to the participation in the matches and official communication between the Arbitrator(s)/the Student Team(s) & the Organizing Team must be strictly maintained without any compromise. Any violation of confidentiality may lead to clear disqualification of the Arbitrator(s)/the Student Team(s) respectively from the event;
2. The memorials, the marking scores, any feedback for the Student Teams given by the Arbitrators is considered as confidential information under the possession of the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence & Law. Only the Organizing Team has the discretion to disseminate the information as mentioned in this paragraph;
3. The publication rights of the memorials of the merit holding Student Teams and Speakers are reserved with the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence & Law;
4. The confidentiality of other memorials is automatically revoked at least 1-3 days after the last day of the event. Thus, any reproduction of those memorials by the Students Team is within their right after the termination of the 1-3 day-timeline after the last day of the event, provided they have at least intimated the Organizing Team about the same.
5. The authorship of the memorials is rightfully conferred to the participating Student Teams, where each of the members of the same teams respectively shall be the authors of the memorials they had submitted to the Organizing Team;
6. **Any disciplinary liability/accountability/responsibility arising out of Articles 3, 4 & 5 of the Rules shall be considered equivalent to those which arise under the Article 6 of the Rules;**

# Article 7: Redressal Mechanisms for the Participating Teams, the Participating Team Members and the Arbitrators

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), the following has to be understood clearly by the participating teams as well as the arbitrators:

1. The Redressal Mechanisms and any communications related to the same are protected under equivalent liability, accountability and responsibility framework as those which arise under Article 6 of the Rules. Hence, the confidentiality of the Redressal Mechanisms has to be principally maintained. **Breach of confidentiality, in this case, will automatically subject to revocation of any grievance redressal by the Arbitrator(s)/the Student Team(s);**
2. Arbitrators and Student Teams can register their grievances exclusively and separately. It means that Arbitrators and Student Teams cannot put forward grievances together. However, multiple arbitrators and multiple student teams respectively can register their grievances as group complainants;
3. The Convenor and the Co-Convenor shall only handle any grievances raised by the Arbitrator(s)/ Student Team(s) under the **Grievances Redressal Committee**. However, in case the **Convenor** desires, any other member of the Organizing Team may be included to deal with any specific grievance(s) raised. The redressal shall be completed when the Organizing Team engages accordingly as kindly requested by the concerned complainant/group complainants;
4. The registration of grievances is to be completed at:
  - **<https://forms.gle/mHDqSTsBjt8A4U1r8>**

Please note that no grievances shall be dealt through mail.

# Article 8: Roles and Responsibilities of the Timekeeper

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), the following has to be understood clearly by the Timekeeper:

1. A volunteer, who is appointed by the Organizing Team to handle clocking time during the match as well as registering the scores of the Student Team given by the Arbitrators once the match ends, is the Timekeeper;
2. The roles and responsibilities of the timekeeper are closely in line with the Articles 1 and 2 of the Rules;
3. The Timekeeper has to regularly keep their screen on and their appliances, such as phones, laptops, etc., charged. The timekeeper also has to ensure that the timer is always regularly shown on the screen to avoid any discrepancies through screen sharing;
4. The Timekeeper has to adhere with the Arbitrators and the Organizing Team to manage the proceedings of the matches they are allotted objectively and smoothly;
5. The Timekeeper has to declare ab initio just before the match begins at the permission of the Arbitrator(s) that the person concerned shall be showing the time accordingly;
6. The timekeeper has to effectively manage time and maintain the timer in clear coordination with the Organizing Team;
7. Except for any grounds of action related to **Article 2 of the Rules**, the discretion of the timekeeper stands at the pleasure of the Organizing Team. The advisements given by the Arbitrators can be taken into consideration and are only suggestive;

## Article 9: Use of Unfair Means

In accordance with the Rules of the Indian Moot on Artificial Intelligence & Law, 2021 (hereinafter mentioned in every provision as "**the Main Rules**"), the following has to be understood clearly by the Student Teams, the Volunteers and the Arbitrators:

1. Use of unfair means includes violation of confidentiality under Article 6 of the Rules;
2. Use of unfair means also includes acts of implicit or explicit coercion, undue influence and blackmailing Student Teams/Student Team Members/Arbitrators/Timekeepers or any of them, misappropriation of any privileged confidential information under Article 6 of the Rules and even any implicit/explicit derogation of the Main Rules;
3. The grievances related to the use of unfair means can be raised under the Redressal Mechanism as per Article 7 of the Rules;
4. Those after the disciplinary enquiry, if found responsible post-consideration of the grievances addressed by the Grievances Redressal Committee, shall be automatically disqualified from participating in the event in whatsoever capacity they were conferred with by the Organizing Team;