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PRICE MEDIA LAW MOOT
COURT COMPETITION
2024 - 25
(SOUTH ASIA ROUNDS)

organized by

Centre for Communication Governance at
National Law University Delhi
&
Bonavero Institute of Human Rights,
Faculty of Law, University of Oxford

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

*(to be read in conjunction with the rules governing the International
Rounds & the Virtual Rounds Addendum)*

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National Law University Delhi

1. Applicable Rules for the South Asia Rounds

This document must be read in conjunction with the '[Official Rules](#)' governing the International Rounds of the Competition (hereinafter referred to as 'International Rules') and with the '[Virtual Rounds Addendum](#)' to the Competition Rules (hereinafter 'Addendum').

2. Price Administration for the South Asia Rounds

The Price Administration for the 2024-2025 South Asia Rounds of the Competition shall comprise of:

- Jhalak M Kakkar, Executive Director, Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University Delhi & South Asia Coordinator, Price Media Law Moot Court Competition.
- Ishita Tulsyan and Debayan Bhattacharya, Assistant Coordinators, Price Media Law Moot Court Competition (South Asia Rounds).

3. Registration of Teams

3.1 The South Asia Rounds is open to teams from Bangladesh, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Participation is limited to these countries in South Asia due to organizational limitations.

3.2 Each team which qualifies for the oral rounds of the South Asia Rounds will be required to pay a one-time, flat fee of GBP 400 per team at the time of the respective Regional rounds [here](#).

3.3 If the qualifying team is from a [low](#) or [middle](#)-income country and is facing financial difficulties, the team can get in touch with the PA requesting additional discount if possible.

3.4 Teams that qualify for the International Rounds will have to pay additional fees as per International Rounds registration fee [obligations](#).

4. Qualifying for the South Asia Rounds of the Competition

4.1 If more than twelve (12) teams submit the online registration form, the twelve (12) teams with the highest memorial scores will qualify for the South Asia Rounds of the Competition, subject to Clause 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5.

4.2 Each Memorial shall be assessed as per Rule 6 of the International Rules.

4.3 However, if teams from three (3) countries are not represented amongst the top twelve (12) teams qualifying for the South Asia Rounds as per Rule 4.1, teams from unrepresented countries will qualify for the South Asia Rounds in the order of their success until three (3) countries are represented.

4.4 Provided that, in no case will the number of teams from India that qualify for the South Asia Rounds exceed ten (10). However, this number can be increased if at least two (2) teams from countries other than India do not make valid memorial submissions.

4.5 Provided that, in no case will the number of teams that qualify for the South Asia Rounds exceed twelve (12).

5. Qualifying for the International Rounds of the Competition

5.1 The top two teams from the South Asia Rounds will automatically qualify for the International Rounds regardless of which country they represent.

5.2 Notwithstanding 5.1, three (3) countries from South Asia will be represented at the International Rounds of the Competition.

5.3 In furtherance of 5.2, additional teams from unrepresented countries will qualify in order of their success in South Asia Rounds, until at least three (3) countries are represented. The maximum number of teams that can qualify from South Asia will be notified by the Organising Committee of the South Asia Rounds at a later stage.

6. Applicable Law

6.1 All Teams must strictly adhere to the 'Legal Framework' provided in Rules 5.4 of the International Rules.

6.2 All judges in the South Asia Rounds will be competent to deal with issues arising out of the Legal Framework in Rules 5.4 of the International Rules.

7. Memorial Scores for the International Rounds of the Competition

7.1 Teams qualifying for the International Rounds from Regional Rounds will have their memorials re-marked for the International Rounds as per Rule 6.2(b) of the International Rules if those Memorials are not first marked by the designated markers for the International Rounds.

7.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in Rule 8.1, the Price Administration for the International Rounds reserves the right to subject the teams qualifying for the International Rounds to any further evaluation as they might deem fit.

8. Preliminary Rounds and Qualification for Advanced Rounds

8.1 There will be four (4) Preliminary Rounds for each of the twelve (12) qualifying teams, the matchups of which will be decided at random.

8.2 The duration of the Preliminary rounds will be 30 minutes for each side inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Each team may divide the 30 mins for both its speakers such that no speaker shall plead for less than 13 minutes and no speaker shall plead for more than 17 minutes.

8.3 The top four (4) teams after the Preliminary Rounds, as per the scoring done in accordance with Rule 8 of the International Rules, will qualify for the semi-finals rounds.

8.4 The matchups for the semi-finals will be decided as per the respective scores, where the team with the highest scores will compete with the one with fourth highest scores and the one with the second-highest scores will go against the third-highest scores (i.e. Match I:1 v. 4; Match II:2 v. 3).

9. Time Limit for Oral Pleadings in Advanced Rounds

9.1 "Advanced Rounds" include the semi-finals and finals rounds of the South Asia Rounds of the Competition.

9.2 In continuation of rules for oral pleading provided in Rule 2.1 of the Addendum, in advanced rounds (semifinals and finals) each team shall have forty-five (45) minutes to present their arguments with additional three (3) minutes for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals respectively. No additional time will be granted to prepare rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

9.3 In advanced rounds, each team may divide its forty-five (45) minutes between the two oralists provided that no oralist is allocated less than twenty (20) minutes or more than twenty-five (25) minutes for the oral pleadings. This must be communicated to the Bailiff at the start of the session, before the round begins.

10. Equity Officer

10.1 An Equity Officer will be designated by the Price Administration for the South Asia Rounds.

10.2 The details of the Equity Officer would be notified to the teams via email.