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# CHECKMATE

14TH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025



14TH - 15TH

FEBRUARY

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# SCHEDULE

- **RELEASE OF MOOT PROPOSITION:** 16TH DECEMBER, 2024 (MONDAY)
- **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION:** 6TH JANUARY, 2025.
- **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH SUBMISSION OF THE FEE FOR MEMORIAL @ RS.1000/-:** 10TH JANUARY, 2025. (FRIDAY)
- **DEADLINE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROPOSITION:** 10TH JANUARY, 2025 (MONDAY).
- **RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS:** 13TH JANUARY, 2025.
- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPIES OF MEMORIALS:** 20TH JANUARY 2025 (MONDAY).
- **DECLARATION OF THE RESULT OF THE MEMORIALS:** 27TH JANUARY 2025(MONDAY)
- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION FEE @ RS. 4,000/- FOR ORAL ROUNDS:** 31ST JANUARY, 2025 (FRIDAY).
- **SCHEDULE FOR ORAL ROUNDS (TOP16TEAMS THAT QUALIFIED FOR ORAL ROUNDS)**
  - 1.**REPORTING TO AIL CAMPUS-REGISTRATION FOR ORAL ROUNDS:** 14TH FEBRUARY(FRIDAY), 2025, 10:00 AM.
  - 2.**OCTA FINAL & QUARTER FINAL:** 14TH FEBRUARY (FRIDAY), 2025, 12:00 PM
  - 3.**SEMI FINAL & FINAL ROUND:** 15TH FEBRUARY (SATURDAY), 2025.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## 1. GENERAL DATES

Checkmate 2025 - Army Institute of Law 14th National Moot Court Competition (Oral rounds) will be held on 14th -15th February 2025.

## 2. TEAM PRE-REQUISITES

a. Only one team from each participating college shall be registered for the competition. Each team shall comprise of either three members (two Speakers and one Researcher) or two members (two Speakers) only.

**Note- No faculty member, coach, observer, or a designated observer or fourth member is allowed to accompany the team, and neither will be allowed to join the teams during oral rounds.**

b. The language for the Competition shall be English only.

c. Participation is restricted to bonafide law students either enrolled in the 3-year law course or the 5-year integrated law course.

d. The rounds shall comprise of:

i. Memorial Rounds (Memorial based selection)

ii. Octa/Quarter/Semi and Final Rounds (Offline Rounds)

### 1. REGISTRATION

a. The teams should provisionally register through by sending an E-mail to:

[ailcheckmate2025@gmail.com](mailto:ailcheckmate2025@gmail.com) (with subject Moot Court Registration Checkmate 2025)

b. Only 36 teams will be registered to participate in the competition on first-come- first serve basis.

**Registration Fee for Memorial based selection:** Rs 1000/- (Non-refundable) for each participating team. The fee for Memo rounds to be submitted by 10th January, 2025 through online transaction by clicking on the link:

<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=593474>

a. The scanned copy of the receipt of payment along with the duly filled registration form (attached with the brochure) should be sent on or before 10th January, 2025, via e- mail [ailcheckmate2025@gmail.com](mailto:ailcheckmate2025@gmail.com) with the following details:

## Details of Payment of Registration Fee:

i. Transaction ID

ii. Bank

iii. Date of payment

b. After the Memorial Round, Top 16 teams shall qualify for Octa Rounds.

c. Fee for Oral round to be held at AIL Mohali is Rs 4000/-, to be paid by 31st January, 2023.

The said fee of Rs. 4000/- (Non-refundable) shall include following meals:

i. 14th February- Lunch

ii. 15th February -Lunch.

**Payment Link-** <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=593474>

d. No stay shall be provided by the organizers for Oral rounds. The teams who qualify for oral rounds shall make their own arrangements of stay and transport

e. No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted unless the same has been communicated to the organizers a week before the event in exceptional circumstances (at the discretion of organizers). It will be only allowed if the participating college attaches due proof.

## 2. DRESS CODE

The dress code for the oral rounds shall be advocate's attire, i.e., Black and White combination, including Blazer/ Tie and black shoes (Name of the team/college should not be displayed).

## 3. MEMORIALS

a. The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities of which will lead penalty points. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute.

b. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements, or additions will be allowed (If done the team may be disqualified).

c. Each team must send its Memorial via e-mail to [ailcheckmate2025@gmail.com](mailto:ailcheckmate2025@gmail.com) by 20th January by 11:59 P.M.

a. Please note that Two Set of Hard Copies are required to be submitted for oral rounds.

b. The Hard copies are to be submitted by the selected 16 teams for oral rounds, when the team reports physically to the campus for oral rounds on February 14th, 2025. No postage of memorial is required.

a. The Cover Page of the memorials for the Prosecution shall be in Blue, and the Defense shall be in Red.

b. Late submissions will result in a 01-point penalty per team per day per side.

c. The written memorials shall conform to the standards mentioned below:

d. Written submissions shall be on white A4 size.

ii. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman, 12-point and footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10.

iii. The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5-line spacing except the text of foot notes and headings, which shall be single-spaced.

iv. The arguments with appropriate citations shall be contained in the pleadings.

The teams shall follow the 21st Edition of the Bluebook mode of citation.

v. The Written Submission/memorial should not exceed the maximum limit of 35 Pages (excluding Cover Page and Table of Contents). The Pleadings (Arguments Advanced) shall not exceed 20 pages.

vi. Memorials must have a one-inch margin on all sides of each page.

**The memorials must contain:**

A. Cover Page

B. Table of Contents

C. Index of Authorities

D. Statement of Jurisdiction

E. Statement of Facts (Argumentative statements of facts would attract penalties)

F. Questions of Law

G. Summary of Arguments

H. Arguments Advanced

I. Prayer

J. Appendix (Optional)

K. Exhibits (Optional)

**The cover page of the memorials must state the following:**

A. The case title

B. Identity of brief as prosecution or defense

## Marking Criteria for Memorials

- A. Knowledge of facts and law (20)
- B. Proper and articulate analysis (20)
- C. Extent and use of research (20)
- D. Clarity and Organization (20)
- E. Citation of sources (10)
- F. Grammar and Style (10)

**NOTE:** The identity of the Institution or the members shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in disqualification of the team. The decision of the organizers will be final.

### 1. ROUNDS MEMORIAL ROUNDS

- Participants will be judged on the basis of the memorials submitted for both sides- Prosecution and Defense. The memorial is to be forwarded at e-mail ID [ailcheckmate2025@gmail.com](mailto:ailcheckmate2025@gmail.com)
- The result of the memorial rounds will be declared on 27th Jan, 2025.
- Selection for the Octa rounds will be based on the score of the memorial. Top SIXTEEN teams will qualify for further rounds.

### OCTA FINAL ROUND

- The Octa Final Rounds shall take place on 14 February, 2025. It shall be conducted through physical mode.
- The Octa Final round of competition will consist of 30 minutes for oral pleadings.
- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 30 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 12 minutes per speaker. The said 30 minutes should include a maximum of 3 minutes for the Rebuttals.
- At the beginning of the round, the teams shall specify the time distribution for each speaker and rebuttal to the Court Clerk.
- The rebuttal round proceeding shall be initiated once the Court Clerk informs the team about the commencement of the time limit.
- These rounds will be based on marks, and top eight teams will qualify for the quarter-final round.



## **1. ANONYMITY**

Student Advocates may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the team's college affiliation shall not be indicated to the judges at any time during the competition.

Further, all team members shall refrain from wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, badges, patches, or pins) or carrying/ showing material (such as books with a college logo or college seal, among others), as it may lead to disqualification.

## **2. GENERAL ETIQUETTE**

a. The participants are expected to be have in a dignified manner and not cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organizers. Deference to the Judges of the Moot Court Competition is expected to be maintained in the Court room.

b. The Organize reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, or immoral conduct.

## **3. MARKING CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS**

a. Knowledge of the law and its application to facts (45points)

b. The research content of arguments and ability to answer questions (35points)

c. Mannerism, reverence to the court, and time management (20points)

## **4. DISCLAIMER**

The material in the Moot Court proposition is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead. All material in the problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely coincidental.

## **5. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES**

a. The Organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.

b. If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizer's decision on the same shall be final.

c. The Organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate at any time before and/ or during the competition.

d. Any dispute arising in the moot courtrooms during the rounds would be at the discretion of the presiding officer of the respective court room.

e. In any conflict, the decision of the Principal, Army Institute of Law, Mohali, would be final.



# MOOT PROPOSITION

1. Zeetaville is an online gaming platform that is popular worldwide, owned by a USA based company named Gameperks. The game takes the players into a virtual world where they can play in a virtual environment. It is supposed to be the most realistic game ever produced. Players can create their avatars. They can meet people in the game who are players from all over the world, and who also have created their avatars. Players can use various usernames for their particular avatar, which will always be with them and can never be changed. The avatars can freely move around the virtual space and interact with each other.
2. The format of the game is that the players complete their tasks based on speculation and earn the Zeetacoins (Award coins) by completing those tasks. The tasks have a set time limit to be completed. The players can take the help of other players to complete the tasks and can play as a team, as well. A player will receive a reward for completing more tasks in less time through Zeetacoins and a fixed amount is transferred into their accounts. This is dependent on the difficulty level of the task, the technical skills required for it, and the eventual score of the player. There is no limit to the tasks performed per day. While gaming, the players can chat and share photos as well. The chat can be personal or group chat. Similarly, they may play individually or as a team.
3. Rossa1150 is a Zeetaville player and has bought a bi-annual subscription of Rs. 20000/- and has earned a lot of Zeetacoins and cash in the various stages of the game. With the passage of time Rossa1150 starts winning and receives rewards in her bank account and in a short span of time is able to accumulate a considerable amount.
4. Rossa1150 is 21 yrs old girl named Satvi who belongs to a middle-class family. She loves her parents dearly and spends her wealth on them. She is a sweet and sensitive person and enjoys her life. Her parents also enjoy the wealth and the expensive gifts. She likes to play solo and avoids getting into controversies and fights in the game chat groups. She is known to be a fierce player but calm personality.
5. Many players notice Rossa1150's consistent growth and her wins, so, approach Rossa1150 to partner with them. After winning consistently for many days Rossa1150 on 5.5.2024 became no. 1 player of the week. Rossa1150 breaks all the previous records and wins Rs. 20 Lakh in a day. Tikka2324 is also a good player, and Rossa1150 support each other's wins.

6. Skibidi1144, Roblox1240, and TVman1244 were also ace players of the game and had played as a team on several occasions. Skibidi1144 and Roblox1240 are two girls named Harsha and Medha, aged 18 years and 19 years respectively, and TVman1244 is a boy named Aditya aged 18 years, all belonging to Rohini, New Delhi.

7. Harsha, Medha, Aditya, and Satvi were all schoolmates. During school, Harsha and Medha used to consider Satvi as their competitor. Harsha and Medha claimed that Satvi never helped them whenever they asked for help in their studies and said that Satvi used to behave like a snob. Aditya liked Satvi a lot and proposed to her as well, but Satvi rejected Aditya's advances outrightly.

8. Skibidi1144, Roblox1240, and TVman1244 were very aggressive players and were used to winning and used to brag about their wins publicly. Once another player Tikka2324 commented that Skibidi1144 is mad and is always hyper. To this Skibidi1144, Roblox1240, and TVman1244 shower Tikka2324 troll him. Tikka2324 was unable to stand their foul language and logged out from the game. This happens with other players as well.

9. On 10.5.2024 Skibidi1144, Roblox1240 and TVman1244 notice Rossa1150's wins and approached Rossa1150 to play as a team. All of them convinced Rossa1150 to play with them although Rossa1150 was reluctant. They mentioned that as all of them were the top players, they would earn a handsome amount if they came together. To this, Rossa1150 agreed on 15.5.2024.

10. On 20.5.2024 they opened a team account for which they all contributed Rs. 50,000/- per player as the joint account opening charges to play as a team. When they play as a team, they decide that they will put money equally and the winning amount will be credited to Rossa1150's bank account and then Rossa1150 would further distribute it amongst them.

11. Skibidi1144, Roblox1240, TVman1244, and Rossa1150 start playing and they start reaping the fruits of their teamwork. They used to put money on every game and were able to double the amount dependent on Rossa1150's skills and all of their luck. They start playing more risky tasks. During chats, as there were a few references to their school, the other three realised that Rossa1150 was Satvi, who was their schoolmate.

12. The company Gameperks announces the annual competition "The Gogetter" to be held from 16.7.2024 to 20.7.2024. In this competition, only teams can participate and the award money is Rs. 3cr. The final and 10th level is a knockout round. They all had to put a total of Rs. 40 Lakh to participate.

13. They have to take a call about playing the highest stake game or not. They could win four times the amount by level 9. If they play level 10 and lose at level 10, they would lose all of the Zeetacoins won till level 9 and they will not win anything. If they are successful in Level 10 the prize money is Rs. 3cr.

14. As a team leader Rossa1150 warned all of the team members not to participate because there was a lot at stake and Rossa1150 did not want to take this big risk. However, the team influenced and convinced Rossa1150 to go ahead. They mentioned that all of them are a team and top players and will do this. They said that all of them would back Rossa1150 and support Rossa1150. On 16.7.2024 Rossa1150 started the game, they helped Rossa1150 and they started winning. Rossa1150 clears 9 levels conveniently. At level 10 the stakes became even higher and they could also lose, the amount which they had managed to win by 9th level. On 19.7.2024 Rossa1150 and the teammates had to take a call to play the level 10 or back out. Teammates tell Rossa1150 to not to go ahead with level 10, however, Rossa1150 blinded by the massive amount of money and greed to win, does not pay any heed to the teammates.

15. On 20.7.2024 Rossa1150 plays level 10 and unfortunately loses. Rossa1150 is shattered by the loss and can not believe that this has happened.

16. The team blames Rossa1150 and tells her to compensate for the loss. On 21.7.2024 Rossa1150 firmly said that this was not even Rossa1150's plan to go ahead with the game and it was because of their insistence that Rossa1150 had played this game. Rossa1150 also mentions that the risk was taken by all of them collectively. However, on 24.7.2024 all of the teammates together start abusing Rossa1150 in the public chatroom. On 25.7.2024 every other player comes to know about the incident and everyone, including Tikka2324, makes fun of the team. The team members get infuriated by such comments and continue to call Rossa1150 names such as arrogant, greedy, thickhead, stubborn etc. On 28.7.2024 Skibidi1144, Roblox1240, and TVman1244 tell her, in the chat, that she has to compensate them for the loss caused to them or else they will kill her.

17. On 01.8.2024 Skibidi1144, Roblox1240, and TVman1244 block Rossa1150's way, hit Rossa1150 and push her on the ground. They take the screenshots and post them in the public chat room. After this, Skibidi1144, Roblox1240, and TVman1244 continue posting threatening comments to her. They specifically tell her that this is going to happen to her soon unless Rossa1150 compensates them by tomorrow 12 pm noon.

18. Satvi is scared to tell anyone. She is afraid of the consequences as she does not have this amount of money to repay all of them and she is scared for her life. She is not able to come out of the trauma and sees no end to this so, on 02.8.2024 commits suicide by hanging herself at 11:45 am. Just before dying, she writes a suicide note mentioning the names of Skibidi1144, Roblox1240, and TVman1244 to be responsible for her death.

19. The Police investigated the case and found the IP addresses of all three of the teammates and filed a chargesheet against Medha, Harsha, and Aditya in Court.

20. The charges have been framed and the case is slated for arguments. When this news broke out, Gameperks was also under the scanner of USA authorities, and a case is being pursued between the USA authorities and Gameperks, separately.

#### Legal Issues:

1. Can a suicide note be treated as a dying declaration?
2. Can Harsha, Medha, and Aditya be held liable for Criminal Intimidation and Harassment?
3. Can Harsha, Medha, and Aditya be held liable for Criminal Conspiracy?

**Disclaimer: All the names and the events described in this moot proposition are fictional and any resemblance to any person living or dead is purely coincidental and unintentional.**

**\*The teams are not free to frame new Legal Issues.**

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# REGISTRATION FORM

**NOTE–PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS ONLY TO FILL IN DETAILS. SOFT COPY OF THE FORM HAS TO BE SUBMITTED.**

**1. Name & Address of Participating College/University:**

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**2. Contact Number of College:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Name of Head of the Institution (Principal/Director):** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Name of Faculty Coordinator of Institute's MCS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Details of Payment of Registration**

**Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Transaction ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature and Seal of the Head of the Institution  
(Principal/Director)**