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**OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE SURANA & SURANA SAARC REGIONAL ROUNDS OF  
THE 29<sup>TH</sup> STETSON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION - 2024-25  
North Rounds : January 10-12, 2025 | South Rounds : January 17-19, 2025**

**The Surana & Surana SAARC Regional Rounds Will Be Conducted Virtually (Online). The SAARC Regional Administrators Reserves The Right To Modify Or Supplement The Rules For Any Reason.**

1. These rules (modified to an extent from the rules of International rounds) shall be the official rules for the Surana & Surana SAARC Regional Rounds of the 29<sup>th</sup> Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition - 2024-25. The SAARC Regional rounds rules are complementary to the International Rules. Details not specifically mentioned may be referred from the International rules.
2. However, for the World Finals the top teams advancing to the International Finals from the SAARC Regional Rounds are guided by the INTERNATIONAL RULES ONLY. The said rules may be downloaded from <http://www.stetson.edu/law/international/iemcc/>
3. The 2024-25 Stetson (SAARC Regional) will have SAARC North & SAARC South Rounds. Besides India - Individual SAARC Countries Bangladesh & Pakistan may have National rounds in their respective countries. The competition is open to teams from SAARC member countries viz., Afghanistan, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal & Sri Lanka.
4. The competition will be held in **English language** in two phases.
5. **The Co-Host & Schedule:**

**ONLINE - VIRTUAL MOOT**

<b>SAARC REGIONAL NORTH ROUNDS January 10-12, 2025</b>	<b>SAARC REGIONAL SOUTH ROUNDS January 17-19, 2025</b>
<b><u>Host Institute</u></b>  <b>Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat, Haryana</b>  O.P. Jindal Global (Institute of Eminence Deemed to be) University, Sonipat Narela Road, Near Jagdishpur Village, Sonipat, Haryana 131 001	<b><u>Host Institute</u></b>  <b>Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur</b>  Near Village Waranga, PO. Dongargoan (Butibori), Nagpur, Maharashtra 441 108
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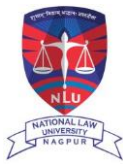
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<p><b>Teams From :</b></p> <p><b>Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal &amp; India</b> (North &amp; Eastern States) - Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu &amp; Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal &amp; Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur</p>	<p><b>Teams From :</b></p> <p><b>Maldives, Sri Lanka &amp; India</b> (South &amp; Western States) - Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Odisha, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana &amp; Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat, Haryana</p>
<p align="center"><b>SAARC Regional North Rounds : 10-12 January 2025 (Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>SAARC Regional South Rounds : 17-19 January 2025 (Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b></p> <p>Day 1 : Inauguration, Orientation, Draw of Lots &amp; Exchange of Memorials</p> <p>Day 2 : Preliminary Rounds I &amp; II, Octa Finals (will be held if Registered teams are 24 &amp; above) and Quarter Finals (will be held if Registered teams are 16 &amp; above)</p> <p>Day 3 : Semi Finals (forenoon), Final (afternoon) followed by Valediction &amp; Prize distribution</p>	

**6. Team Composition**

- a. Each team can have two speakers and one researcher. Not more than two additional members (total 5) may be part of a team. Additional members will not participate in the proceedings. All members will be awarded participation certificates. **Additional members will be given only participation certificates, even if their teams win in any category.**



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- b. Team Participating in the **SAARC Regional** Rounds from the Host School will be guided by Rule **B. 2** (a - d) of the International Rules.
- c. **IMPORTANT** - Only 3 members each from the top teams shall be eligible to participate in the International rounds. Teams that have up to 5 members in the **SAARC Regional** rounds cannot claim the right to participate in the International rounds for the additional members. Teams are required to mention clearly the name of the additional members in the registration form. Please read International Round Rules carefully.
- d. Only two team members may present arguments or otherwise participate in any particular round (all three may argue during the competition, but only two may argue in any particular round).
- e. Institutions that are using the Stetson 2024-25 Compromis in the selection rounds for choosing the participants of **SAARC Regional** rounds may inform the Administrators about the number of teams / members that participated in the selection rounds.  
(Refer to IEMCC Rules J. MISCELLANEOUS 1. Use of Problem)

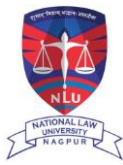
**7. Rounds**

- i. **Prelims:** Every team will argue at least once for Applicant as well as Respondent in the Preliminary rounds. Memorial marks will be added to oral marks only in the Preliminary rounds (both). The sixteen / eight highest-ranking teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Octa Final / Quarter Final Rounds.  
The advancement to Octa / quarter final will be decided on
  - a. Win points
  - b. Win points + Aggregate
  - c. Win points + aggregate (in case of tie minus memorial marks)
- ii. **Octa / Quarter / Semi Finals:** The teams will be power protected. The highest-ranking team will argue against the lowest-ranking team. The highest-ranking teams will pick lots for choosing the side of argument.

The time limit is 30 minutes per team for Preliminary, Octa final & Quarter final and 45 minutes per team for Semi Finals and Final round. The time covers oral arguments and rebuttal. The Octa, Quarter and Semi Final rounds are knockout rounds.



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**8. Oral argument**

- i. The Judges will NOT announce the results after each oral round. They may be requested to provide a short oral critique at the end of each round
- ii. The administrator(s) will announce the result shortly after the completion of all Preliminary rounds. Results of the Octa Final / Quarter Final / Semi Final rounds will be announced shortly after the rounds. The Final results and the winners of different categories of prizes will be announced only during the Valediction ceremony.
- iii. For Best Student Advocate award points scored from Preliminary rounds alone will be counted.

**9. Judges**

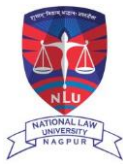
There will be a minimum of two judges for the preliminary / Octa final / Quarter final rounds. There will be a minimum of 3 judges for the Semi Finals and Final. In the absence of the Third judge the average marks of the two judges would be the score of the third judge.

**10. Memorials**

- i. The rules concerning the memorials format and page / word limit are same as that of the International Rounds, which can be found in the International rules and regulations available at <http://www.stetson.edu/law/international/iemcc/>
- ii. Memorials (soft copy) should have front and back covers as follows (for **SAARC Regional** rounds) : Applicant - Light Blue cover ; Respondent - Light Red cover.
- iii. Each memorial must include the following sections, in the order listed : front cover page, table of contents, index of authorities, questions presented, statement of jurisdiction, statement of facts, summary of argument, argument with point headings, conclusion, signature block and affidavit.
- iv. Late submissions will attract penalty of 1 point per memorial for each day of delay.
- v. Soft copies of either Applicant or Respondent memorials are required to be submitted (complete files containing all parts of memorials) is to be sent by e-mail latest by **15<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 5.00 p.m. EST (Eastern Standard Time) equivalent to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 2.30 a.m. IST (Indian Standard Time)** for purpose of evaluation in MS Word format to [kpratt2@law.stetson.edu](mailto:kpratt2@law.stetson.edu) with the



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subject line **“2025 IEMCC Memorial XXXX” - SAARC Regional North / South Rounds** (as applicable North / South, where XXXX is the team’s assigned identification number, **Refer Clause 14 i**) along with a signed affidavit (**refer Addendum A of the International Rules**) which is supposed to be in a separate file from the memorial but attached to the same eMail with a copy to [ai@lawindia.com](mailto:ai@lawindia.com) .

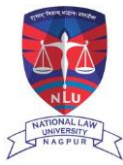
- vi. Soft copies of both Applicant & Respondent memorials to be submitted on registration (only 2 complete files containing all parts of memorials) and is to be sent by e-mail latest by **16<sup>th</sup> November 2024** for purpose of evaluation in MS Word format to [mcs.jgls@jgu.edu.in](mailto:mcs.jgls@jgu.edu.in) for the SAARC Regional North rounds and [mcc@nlunagpur.ac.in](mailto:mcc@nlunagpur.ac.in) for the SAARC Regional South rounds with a copy to [ai@lawindia.com](mailto:ai@lawindia.com) (for both North & South rounds).
- vii. No changes may be made to any written pleading once it has been submitted to a Regional Round. A written pleading submitted to the International Finals must be an exact copy of the written pleading submitted to the SAARC Regional Rounds.
- viii. Memorial scores will be added to the individual oral scores during the Preliminary rounds for declaring the winners. Memorial scores will not be added at the knockout stage. (Octa Final, Quarter Final, Semi Final & Final)

#### **11. Guidelines for Virtual Rounds**

- a. The Oral Rounds of the competition will take place virtually via Online Platforms, **SAARC Regional North Rounds** will be through **Google Meet** ; **SAARC Regional South Rounds** will be through **Webex**
- b. **The link or the ID and password for the room on Online Platforms will be conveyed to the participating teams before the oral rounds.**
- c. Each team is required to join the room at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of the Oral rounds.
- d. The participants’ camera and microphone shall be firmly positioned throughout the oral rounds so as to show speakers and to ensure their voices are clearly audible.
- e. All participants must keep their cameras On at all times during the rounds.



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- f. At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute.
- g. Strict adherence to the dress code is required. The teams are required to be properly attired for the rounds. The participants are required to wear black trousers / skirts and a white shirt, black blazers and a black necktie.
- h. Participants are cautioned to ensure that all equipment has a power supply sufficient to last for at least two hours without interruption
- i. In case of a loss of internet connection, each team will be given a reasonable time to reconnect. If the problem still persists the decision made by the committee shall be final and binding.
- j. In the event where one or both of the speaker could not join due to connectivity issue, the team may be disqualified from the competition and at no circumstances can other member of the team be allowed to switch roles.
- k. Where a team does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time for the round, the round shall proceed as ex-parte.
- l. Participants will have to ensure that their name on the Online platform (Google Meet / Webex) contains their Team Code and their status in the Team concerned. For instance, Members of Team Code XX will be 'TC XX # S1' (for Speaker 1) 'TC XX # S2' (Speaker 2), and 'TC XX # R' (for Researcher), # denotes side Applicant / Respondent.

*Note : This format is to be followed once the sides are allotted to each Team.*

- m. Before start of the session, Teams will have to inform the Court Room Officer about the division of time for their respective Oral pleading, ie., total time between its (i) first speaker, (ii) second speaker, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Applicant) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent). Teams must comply with the prescribed time limits and the order of speaking as initially indicated to the Court Room Officer.
- n. The timekeeper will keep track of time during each round and indicate the remaining time via the Chat Box / show Timesheet on camera to the Bench and Teams. Teams are requested to pay heed to the time provided.
- o. Only if required, Teams can share their screens with the permission of the Bench during Oral Rounds.
- p. The organizers shall take best available measures to resolve or mitigate any issues that may arise.





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The decision of the Organizers in consultation with the judges shall be final and binding.

**12. Live Streaming of the Finals**

The organisers will arrange for the live streaming of only the finals of the competition through the YouTube / Instagram, links be provided by Surana & Surana.

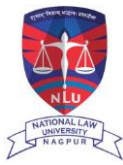
**13. Decision of the Judges will be Final and Binding in all**

**14. Registration**

- i. Online registrations will be open from **18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. Teams must **register online** latest by **14<sup>th</sup> November 2024** at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in). Participants will receive an approval as confirmation of their online registration & participation from time to time as and when they register. Participants will be allotted an Identification number or Team code once registration is approved which will be used for Submission of Memorials. **There is no registration / participation fee for Surana & Surana SAARC Regional Rounds.**
- ii. A scanned copy of the approval letter duly signed by any of the following: Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor on the letter head of the participating college / institution / University is required to be uploaded during the online registration process. The letter must contain names, year / semester of study of the participants. **Alternatively, teams** may get the signature of any of the aforementioned persons under their official seal on the **registration form itself appended below. Registrations without the registration form / approval letter from the college / institution / University as mentioned above is not valid.** Only one approved team from a college / institution / University would be eligible to participate.
- iii. In addition to the online registration as mentioned above, teams must ensure that duly filled in scanned form / letter is electronically mailed to Host institution latest by **15<sup>th</sup> November 2024** with subject "***SURANA & SURANA SAARC REGIONAL XXXXX ROUNDS - 29<sup>TH</sup> STETSON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024-25 REGISTRATION***".  
Note : *XXXXX to denote NORTH / SOUTH*
- iv. Address for communication is same as mentioned in Rule 5, "The Co-Host & Schedule".  
**Email registration form / approval letter to:**



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**SAARC Regional North Rounds :**

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**SAARC Regional South Rounds :**

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, eMail : [mcc@nlunagpur.ac.in](mailto:mcc@nlunagpur.ac.in)

Mark a copy to (for both Rounds) : [ai@lawindia.com](mailto:ai@lawindia.com)

**15. International Finals**

The Top four or more teams (from both SAARC Regional North & South Rounds) subject to the fulfillment criteria of the International Rules and as approved by the Competition Committee, Stetson IEMCC based on number of participants will represent the World finals from April 9<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61<sup>st</sup> Street South, Gulfport, Florida 33707, USA.

**16. Administrators**

**SAARC Regional Administrator: Mr. Preetam Surana, Partner - Dispute Resolution & Head - Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai 600 004; eMail: [ai@lawindia.com](mailto:ai@lawindia.com)**

**Administrator in charge:**

**SAARC Regional North Rounds : Prof. Dr. S.G. Sreejith, Executive Dean, Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat, Haryana, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat Narela Road, Near Jagdispur Village, Sonipat, Haryana, 131001. eMail: [mcs.jgls@jgu.edu.in](mailto:mcs.jgls@jgu.edu.in)**

**SAARC Regional South Rounds : Prof. Dr. Vijender Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, near Village Waranga, PO. Dongargoan (Butibori), Nagpur 441 108, Maharashtra, India. eMail: [mcc@nlunagpur.ac.in](mailto:mcc@nlunagpur.ac.in)**

i. The Administrators' decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

ii. Any clarifications regarding Online registration you may please contact

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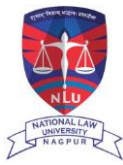
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Start of Online Registration	18 October 2024
Last date for Online Registration	14 November 2024
Last date for receiving soft copies of Reg Form / approval letter by eMail	15 November 2024
Submission of electronic copies of memorials to Stetson University	15 November 2024, 5.00pm EST (equivalent to 16 November 2024, 2.30am IST)
Submission of electronic copies of memorials to <b>North Rounds :</b> Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat, Haryana <b>South Rounds :</b> Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur	16 November 2024
<b>SAARC Regional North Rounds</b>	
Orientation of teams - SAARC REGIONAL NORTH ROUNDS	10 January 2025
Prelims, Octa / Quarter Finals - SAARC REGIONAL NORTH ROUNDS	11 January 2025
Semifinals & Finals - SAARC REGIONAL NORTH ROUNDS	12 January 2025
<b>SAARC Regional South Rounds</b>	
Orientation of teams - SAARC REGIONAL SOUTH ROUNDS	17 January 2025
Prelims, Octa / Quarter Finals - SAARC REGIONAL SOUTH ROUNDS	18 January 2025
Semifinals & Finals - SAARC REGIONAL SOUTH ROUNDS	19 January 2025
<b>Stetson World Finals (Florida USA) - Championship Rounds</b>	<b>9 - 12 April 2025</b>



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DATE:

**REGISTRATION FORM / APPROVAL LETTER**  
(Please fill in capital letters)

**UNDERTAKING**

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
2. We certify that the materials which are being /will be submitted are prepared by us and shall indemnify the organizers for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All details must be provided on the form or can be typed on the participating Institutions letterhead)

**Name of the Institution:**

**Address:**

**Institution E-mail:**

**Ph:**

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year / semester	Signature
1.				
2.				
3.				
4. Additional member 1				
5. Additional member 2				
<b>Teams preferred eMail ID / Phone No. for communication</b>				

**(Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution)**

Duly filled, scanned form / letter to be emailed latest by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

eMail letter to : North Rounds [mcs.jgls@jgu.edu.in](mailto:mcs.jgls@jgu.edu.in) / South Rounds [mcc@nlunagpur.ac.in](mailto:mcc@nlunagpur.ac.in) with copy for both rounds to [ai@lawindia.com](mailto:ai@lawindia.com)