

1st VIRTUAL NATIONAL
CLIENT COUNSELLING
COMPETITION, 2022

**15-16TH
DECEMBER 2022,**



Registrations open -
04 - 11 - 2022
Registrations close -
04 - 12 - 2022

Registration fee -
₹1500/- per team

Winners
₹20,000/-
1st Runner up
₹15,000/-
2nd Runner up
₹10,000/-

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ABOUT THE ICFAI UNIVERSITY, JAIPUR

The ICFAI University, Jaipur is established under The ICFAI University, Jaipur Act, 2011 enacted by Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. The University believes in creating and disseminating knowledge and skills in core and frontier areas through innovative educational programs, research, consulting & publishing and developing a new cadre of citizens with a high level of competence and deep sense of ethics and commitment to the code of professional conduct.

The mission of the university is to offer world class, innovative, career oriented professional post-graduate and under-graduate programs through inclusive technology aided pedagogies to equip students with the requisite professional and life skills as well as social sensitivity and high sense of ethics.

ICFAI LAW SCHOOL, JAIPUR

The ICFAI Law School, a constituent of the ICFAI University, Jaipur was established in the year 2015 with an objective to deliver qualitative legal education to the new generation of legal professionals. The Law School is committed to shape a new cadre of legal professionals through a comprehensive and contemporary body of integrated knowledge of Law with Management and Humanities through rigorous education and research programs. Presently, the Law School accommodates the vibrant bunch of students from all over the country and an enriched intellectual capital in the form of highly dedicated team of faculty members.



Alternative Dispute Resolution typically denotes a wide range of dispute resolution processes and techniques that parties can use to settle disputes with the help of third parties. The ICFAI Law School endeavors to achieve an all-round development of students by emphasizing on various extra-curricular activities and assigns a significant role to Alternative Dispute Resolution techniques. By following the standards of absolute impartiality, transparency and efficiency, it strives to not only organize but also motivate the students to participate in the ADR competitions.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

- i) One of the most important traits of a law professional is to counsel people who seek assistance in understanding the legal implications of their actions. Thus, it is a prerequisite for any advocate to possess the fundamental skills which would help him to create a successful rapport with the client.
- ii) The 1st Virtual National Client Counselling Competition, 2022 is being conducted by ICFAI Law School, Jaipur to test skills of future legal professionals as counsels in terms of handling clients, responding to critical situations, maintaining patience and perseverance and identification as well as approaches to the legal issues faced by the clients.

AIMS AND PURPOSE

The 1st Virtual National Client Counselling Competition, 2022 has been conceived with the aim of inculcating in students the art of interviewing, planning and analytical skills that are required for a successful lawyer-client relationship in the law office. The client counselling competition promotes greater knowledge and interest among law students in the preventative law and counseling functions of law practice.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. ELIGIBILITY

Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law course from India or from a foreign university with law as major may apply to participate in 1st Virtual National Client Counselling Competition, 2022.

Students enrolled and pursuing post-graduate diploma or short-term certificate courses in law are not eligible to apply.

II. TEAM COMPOSITION

i. A team shall consist of maximum two members that must include two Speakers (Multiple teams from an institute are allowed to participate).

ii. Any team, intending to change the team composition shall intimate the same to the Governing Panel by sending an e-mail at adricfailawschool@gmail.com; the change will be allowed on discretion of the Governing Panel.

iii. Any person, other than the registered team members, is not eligible to join the videoconferencing or the audio-video recording of the consultation sessions, and non-compliance is a ground for disqualification.

III. REGISTRATION

i. General

Each team shall register to 1st Virtual National Client Counselling Competition, 2022 by filling the registration form, in the prescribed manner on or before 04th December, 2022.

Last date to seek for any clarifications is 03rd December, 2022.

ii. Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKUeRZv65eLJGAPQzN0FQEUYbJ76QWajV0nltqQdGhzywGVw/viewform?usp=sf_link

On receipt of the duly filled registration form the institute shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt.

After the deadline for the registration and clarification expires, the Governing Panel shall respond to each registered team with a unique team code, which shall be used to identify the teams during the competition.

iii. Registration Fees

Each Participating Team is required to pay INR 1500/- (One Thousand Five Hundred Indian Rupees) towards Registration via online account transfer.

The Registration Fee is required to be transferred to the below mentioned Bank Account:

Account No. -020205004134

Type of account- Current

Name of account-THE ICFAI UNIVERSITY JAIPUR

Name of bank-ICICI BANK

Bank Branch-Johri Bazar

IFSC Code-ICIC0000315

iv. Completion of Registration Process

All teams must upload a scanned copy of the receipt generated on completion of the NEFT transfer on the Registration Form. The receipt must contain the reference number after the completion of the wire transfer of the registration fees.

Registration to 1st Virtual National Client Counselling Competition, 2022 shall be deemed to be confirmed only on completion of all the formalities mentioned above, any failure, may be treated as withdrawal from the competition and no claim of whatsoever nature shall be entertained thereafter.

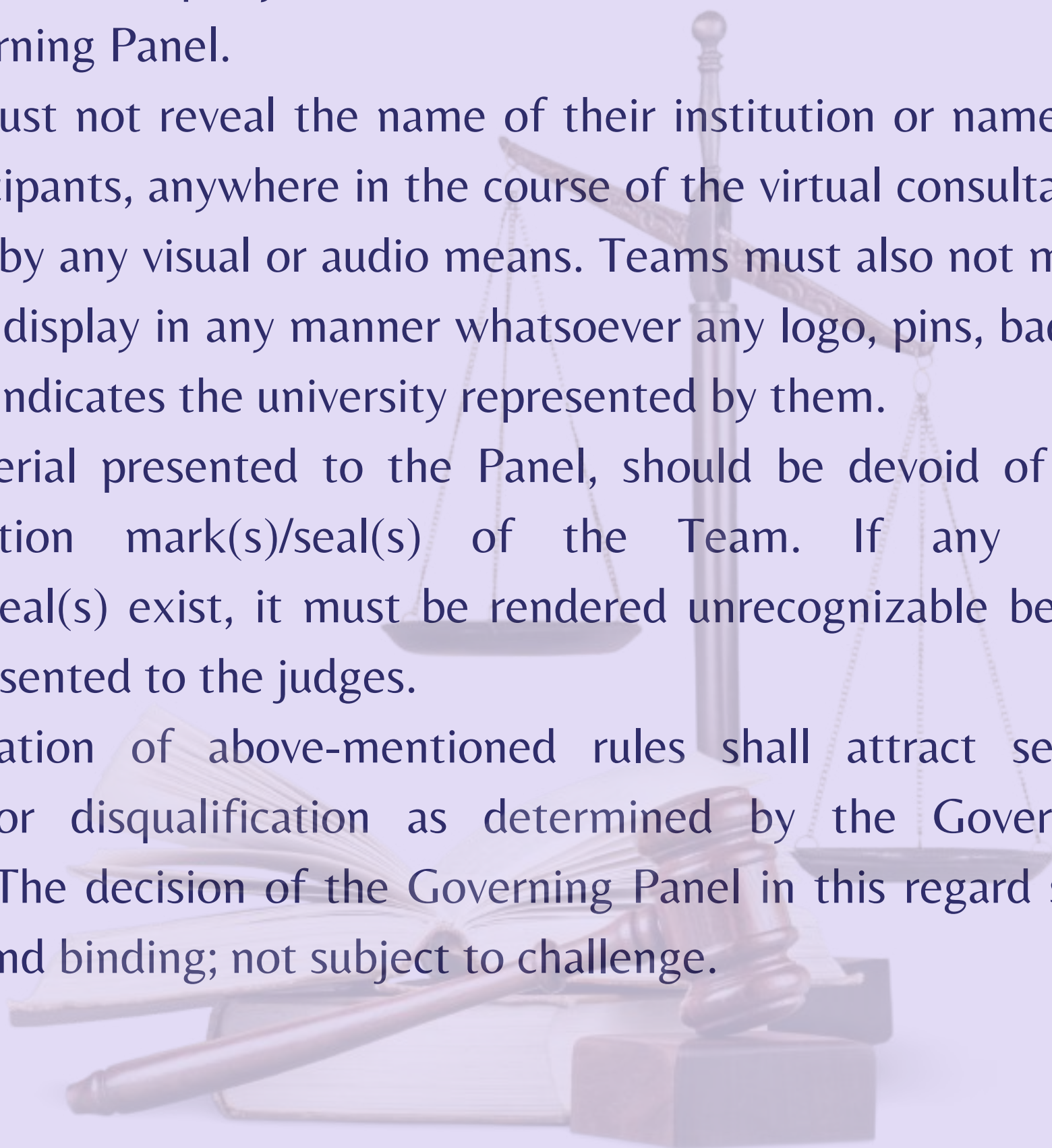
v. Anonymity of Teams

Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form during the Competition, except by the means of their Team Code allotted by the Governing Panel.

Teams must not reveal the name of their institution or names of the participants, anywhere in the course of the virtual consultation sessions, by any visual or audio means. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc. that indicates the university represented by them.

Any material presented to the Panel, should be devoid of any identification mark(s)/seal(s) of the Team. If any such mark(s)/seal(s) exist, it must be rendered unrecognizable before being presented to the judges.

Any violation of above-mentioned rules shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Governing Council. The decision of the Governing Panel in this regard shall be final and binding; not subject to challenge.



NATURE OF THE COMPETITION

1. Competition shall simulate a client's interview at a law office/chamber.
2. Each round shall be divided broadly into two segments, i.e.

(a) Client-Consultation Session

(b) Post- Consultation Session

In the client-consultation session, Participants shall be expected to extract fact-information from the client, briefly analyze the issue(s) at hand, and make recommendations to the client in order to resolve his or her problem.

In the post-consultation session, the Participants shall be expected to legally analyze the interview and the various issues the matter (or case) presents and discuss a future course of action. They shall further be expected to discuss the recommendations made by them to the client and whether an alternative approach could be or have been adopted to attain a better outcome from the session.

The judges may, during this period, question the participants on their presentation.

It is clarified here that the Participants may tender legal advice to their client(s) with reference only to the laws prevailing to the country of his or her residence.

The discussion of fees is an integral part of any first consultation between a lawyer and a client. Participants should be judged on how they approach this problem, but not on the monetary amount used. The participants may discuss fees at any appropriate point in the consultation. Fees may be waived or suitably reduced only in cases of financial hardship, either for persons of low income or for persons of ordinary income faced with very large fees.

II. THEMES FOR THE COMPETITION

- a. Family Law
- b. Law of Contracts
- c. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code
- d. Cyber Laws
- e. The Negotiable Instruments, 1881

III. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

a) GENERAL

The formal commencement of the competition shall be on December 15th, 2022.

The competition shall have one Preliminary Round, Quarter-Finals Round, Semi-Finals Round and the Final Round which will be followed by the Valedictory ceremony.

b) OBSERVATION ROUND:

I. Preliminary Rounds-

- a) The rounds will be conducted virtually on a video conferencing platform. The teams are required to join the link of the observation rooms 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the rounds.
- b) The Advocate(s) shall be allotted a total of 20 minutes, where; 15 minutes is for Client Counselling session and 5 minutes is for Post Counselling Session. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be solely on discretion of judges.
- c) A team shall be credited with a win, if its total marks in the respective session are higher than those of its opponent team's.
- d) In the case of a tie, the total marks of the team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals, for which the following marks for comparison will be considered:

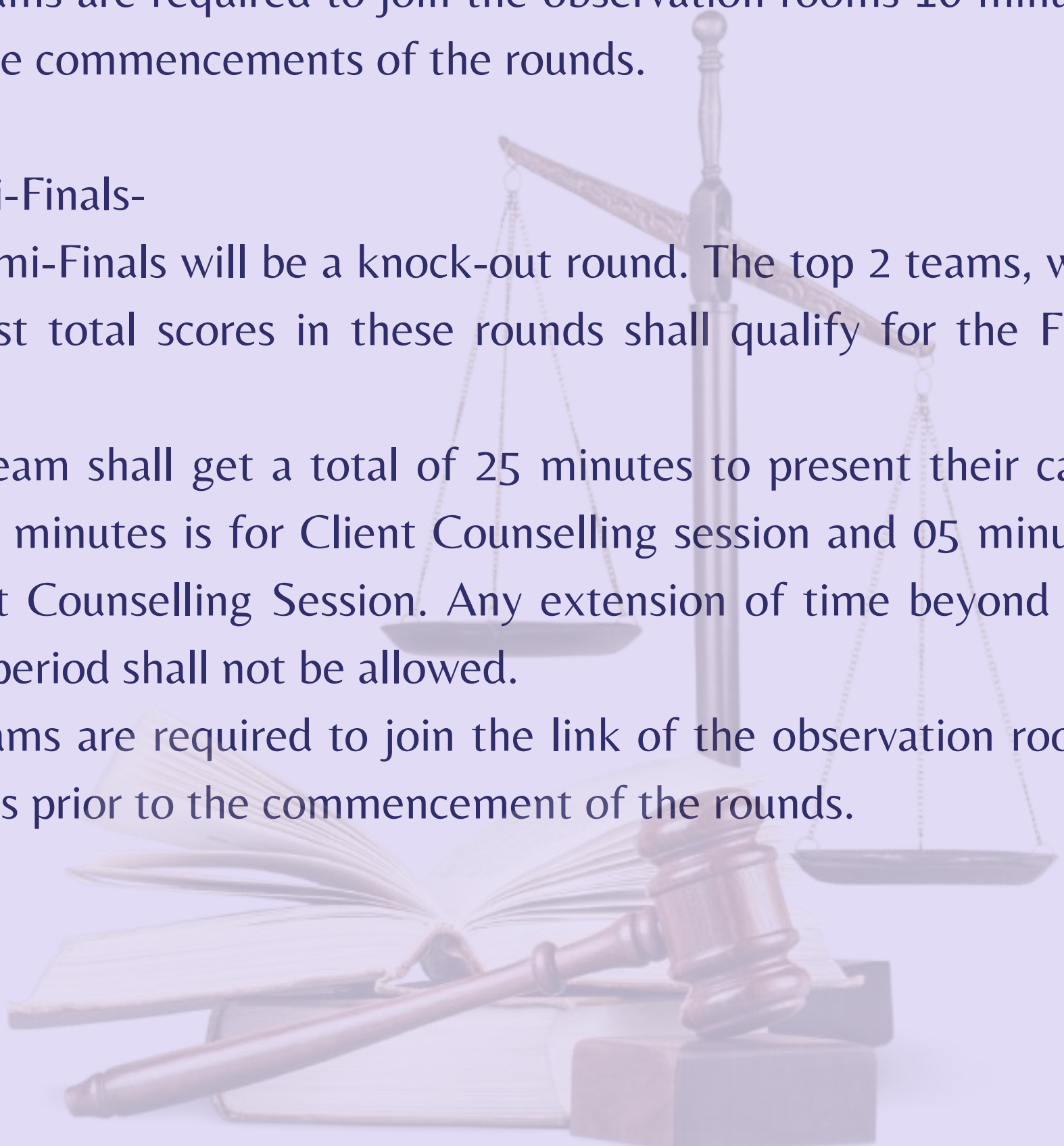
The aggregate points of problem analysis, followed by client's goals and expectations (in case the aggregate points in problem analysis are the same), followed by obtaining information (in case the aggregate points in client's goals and expectations are the same);

II. Quarter Finals-

- a) The Quarter Finals will be a Knock-out round. The top 4 teams, with the highest total scores in these rounds shall qualify for the semi-final rounds.
- b) The rounds will be conducted virtually on a video conferencing platform.
- c) Each team shall get a total time of 20 minutes, where; 15 minutes is for Client Counselling session and 5 minutes is for Post Counselling Session. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be solely on the discretion of judges.
- d) The teams are required to join the observation rooms 10 minutes prior to the commencements of the rounds.

III. Semi-Finals-

- a) The Semi-Finals will be a knock-out round. The top 2 teams, with the highest total scores in these rounds shall qualify for the Final round.
- b) Each team shall get a total of 25 minutes to present their case. where; 20 minutes is for Client Counselling session and 05 minutes is for Post Counselling Session. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall not be allowed.
- c) The teams are required to join the link of the observation rooms 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the rounds.



IV. Finals-

- a) The Final round will be held just after the Semi-Finals. A team will be credited with a win in the Final round if their total marks are higher than those of its opponent team.
- b) Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. where; 20 minutes is for Client Counselling session and 10 minutes is for Post Counselling Session. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall not be allowed.
- c) The teams are required to join the link of the observation rooms 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the rounds.

IV. ASSESSMENT CRITERION

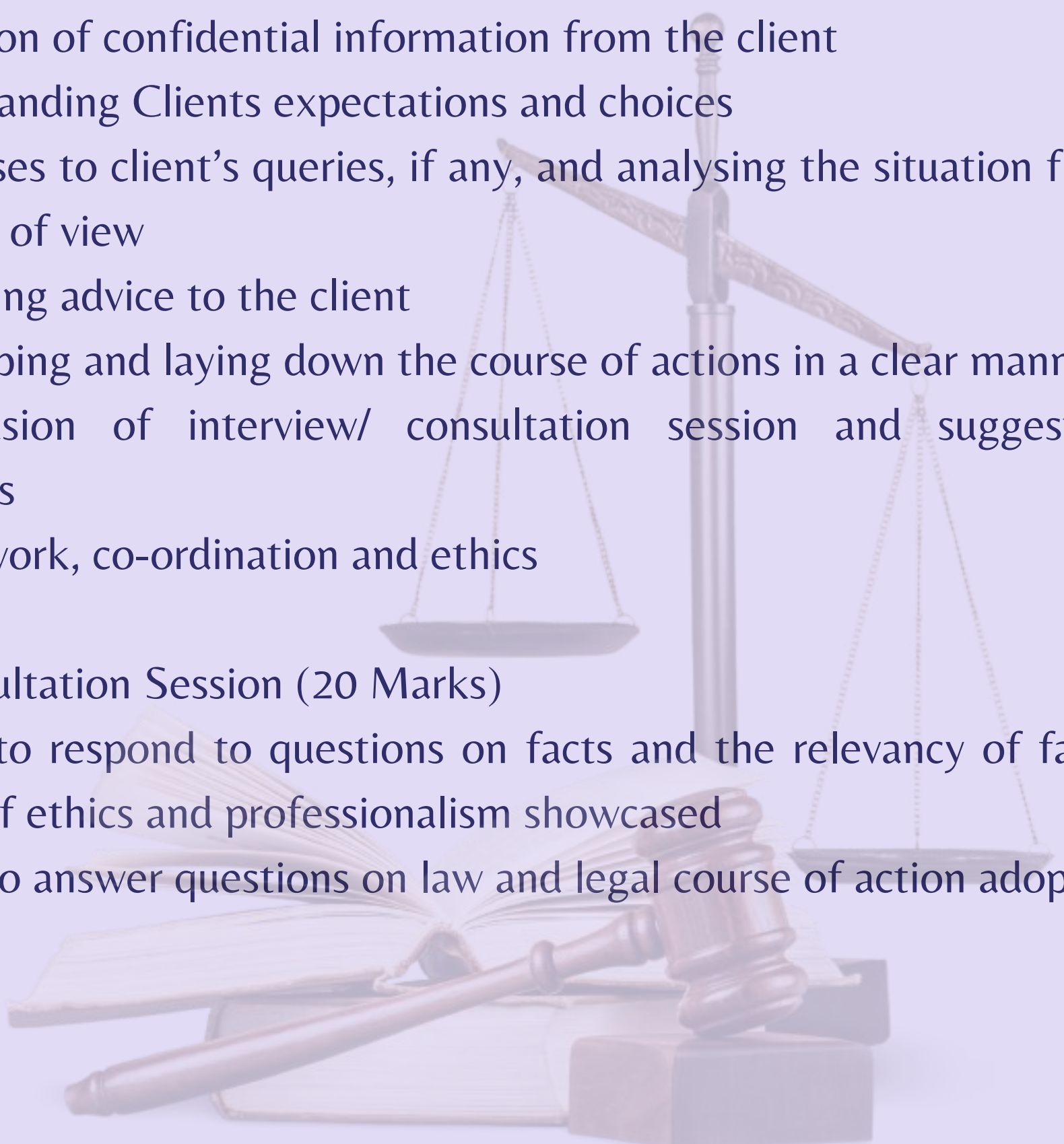
Team performance of the Speakers shall be judged in all rounds out of 100 Marks on the basis of following criterion:

Client Consultation Session (80 Marks)

1. Creating a professional environment, comforting the client, showing mannerisms
2. Extraction of confidential information from the client
3. Understanding Clients expectations and choices
4. Responses to client's queries, if any, and analysing the situation from legal point of view
5. Tendering advice to the client
6. Developing and laying down the course of actions in a clear manner
7. Conclusion of interview/ consultation session and suggesting alternatives
8. Teamwork, co-ordination and ethics

Post Consultation Session (20 Marks)

1. Ability to respond to questions on facts and the relevancy of facts; methods of ethics and professionalism showcased
2. Ability to answer questions on law and legal course of action adopted



V. PENALTIES

Scouting:

No participant of any team registered for the competition shall be allowed to witness the proceedings of other teams, or even to enter the room while the proceedings are going on in which that participant or team is not a part of whilst the team is still the part of competition. If the governing council found any person violating this rule, such shall be duly punished, which may also include expulsion of the guilty team from the competition.

Non-disclosure of Identity:

No participant of any team shall be allowed to disclose their identity, i.e., the name of their institution, city, etc., or any other information which may have any derogatory effect on fairness of the competition. Participants are required to communicate only via team code as allotted to them. If any team is found violating this rule such shall be duly punished.

VI. CERTIFICATION, PRIZES AND AWARDS

All the participants shall be awarded with online certificates which will be provided to them after the completion of the Competition. Certificates will be provided via mail.

Cash awards will be sent after getting details of winners such as Institution ID card, Pan Card & Bank Accounts details for which they will be contacted via email by the Client Counselling Committee.

c) It is the responsibility of the teams to distribute cash prize among themselves.

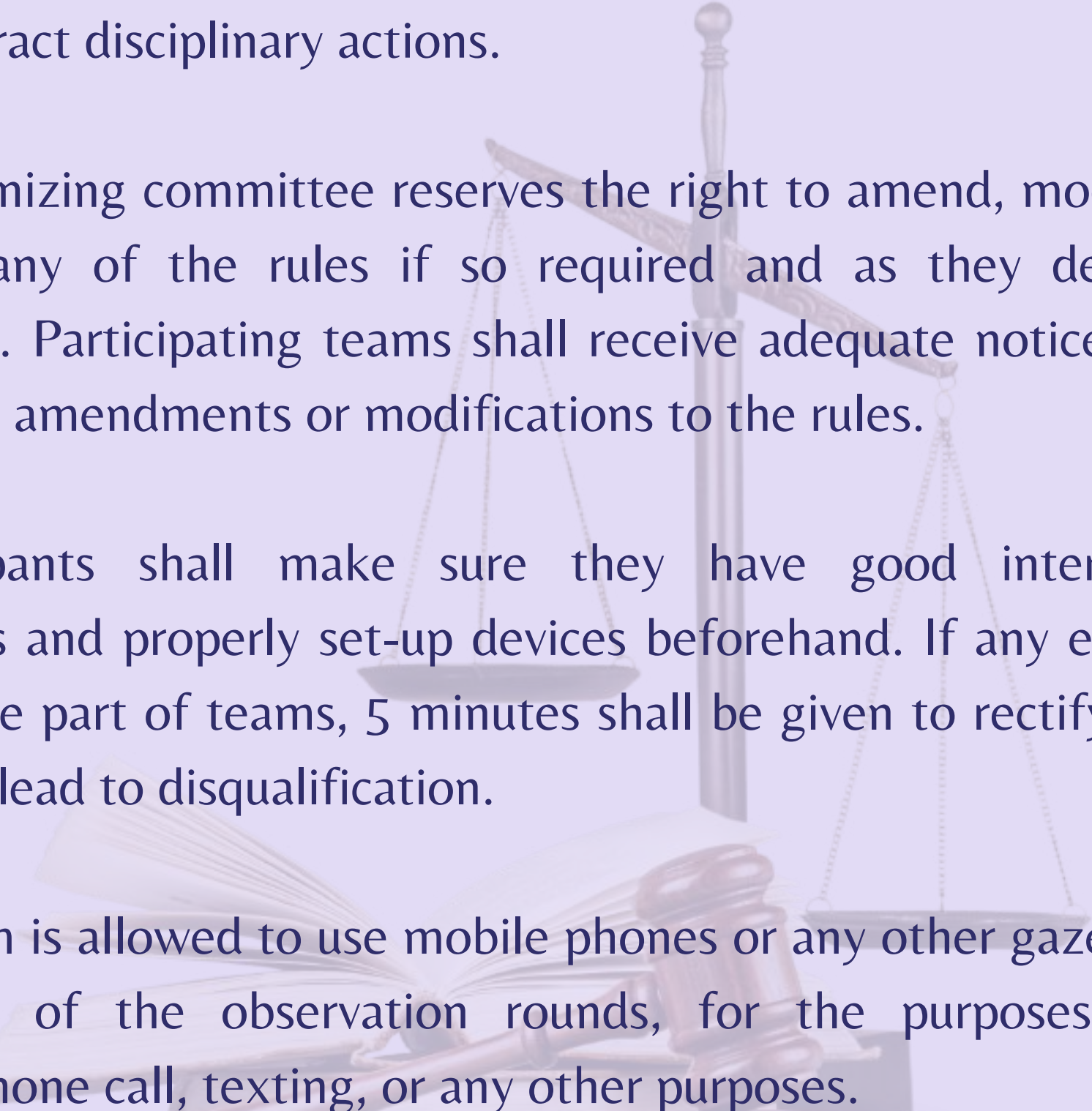
d) Prizes and Rewards

Winners- Rs. 20,000 & Certificate of Appreciation

1st Runner-Up- Rs. 15,000 & Certificate of Appreciation

2nd Runner-Up- Rs. 10,000 & Certificate of Appreciation

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- i. No team shall indulge in any act of misconduct during the proceedings. Any act to the contrary may lead to disciplinary action against the team.
 - ii. All the teams are required to follow proper dress code and all the rules as drafted.
 - iii. Decision of governing council or organizing committee shall be final and binding.
 - iv. Participants are required to maintain decency and decorum throughout the competition. Any unrespectful behavior towards judges or member of organizing committee shall not be tolerated and can attract disciplinary actions.
 - v. The organizing committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.
 - vi. Participants shall make sure they have good internet connections and properly set-up devices beforehand. If any error occur on the part of teams, 5 minutes shall be given to rectify or else it may lead to disqualification.
 - vii. No team is allowed to use mobile phones or any other gazette during any of the observation rounds, for the purposes of research, phone call, texting, or any other purposes.
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viii. The platform will be informed beforehand; therefore, the teams must have knowledge of using the platform. Also, all the queries regarding anything related to use of the app, or any other issues related to the platform being used shall be notified.

ix. The Advocate(s) shall at all times during the rounds must have their cameras on. Therefore, it is advisable to check the working of Camera and Internet connectivity beforehand.

x. If the participant is unable to join after the said 10 minutes, then the round will continue with the remaining members in the meeting. In case both members are not able to join, then the team will be marked accordingly. It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure a good and stable internet connection.



FAQs FOR THE COMPETITION

1) What if a team member, precisely any Speaker, gets disconnected while the Court is in session?

Answer: In any such case, the teams are requested to inform the respective court room officer, and with the further consent of the organizing committee, the aggrieved team member shall be given 10 minutes to re-join the meeting.

2) Once the submissions are made by both the teams, are participants allowed to ask for valuable feedback from the bench?

Answer: It depends upon the sole discretion of the bench.

3) Can any other person apart from the team join the session as a spectator?

Answer: No, any outside person who is not a participant except the OC member will be allowed to join the session. Every participant will be permitted to enter the courtroom only with their respective team codes.

4) While in the court room, can a team interact with the opposing team?

Answer: No, teams are not allowed to interact with each other during the competition.

NOTE: Any query pertaining to the competition shall be sent to adricfailawschool@gmail.com by December 3, 2022. Questions submitted / clarification sought through any other means other than by e-mail shall not be entertained. A consolidated response for all questions and clarifications shall be mailed to all the participating teams on December 4, 2022.

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