



**DECCAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S  
SHRI NAVALMAL FIRODIA LAW COLLEGE, PUNE  
MOOT COURT SOCIETY ORGANISES**

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**LOKMANYA TILAK NATIONAL APPELLATE  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION  
(16<sup>th</sup> EDITION)**

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**RULES**

**1. Docket:**

The Docket contains the Rule sheet, Invitation Card, Registration Form and Feedback Form. It must be noted that no separate fact dossier would be provided. The facts of the case are to be ascertained from the given moot problem. On the basis of the documents provided, the participants shall prepare an Appeal Memorial (for the Appellant) and a Reply Memorial (for the Respondent).

**2. Eligibility for participation:**

Students pursuing the 3-year LL.B. course or the 5-year integrated law course from any recognized law school/college/university within India in the Academic Year 2023- 24 shall be eligible to participate. Only one team from one college is allowed to participate.

### 3. Registration and Fees:

A scanned copy of a duly filled Registration Form must be sent via e-mail to [desmcs2019@gmail.com](mailto:desmcs2019@gmail.com) and a hard copy of the same must be submitted on the day of the competition at **DES's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, Fergusson College Road, Pune– 411 004.**

**Only one team** is allowed to participate on behalf of any recognized law school/college/university. Age limit for the participant is 28 Max.

**Last date for registration is 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**

Registration fees of **Rs. 2,500/- (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred inclusive of GST only)** is to be paid by every participating team, by NEFT drawn in favour of **“D.E.Society’s Navalmal Firodia Law College”**, Payable at Pune and the payment shall reach by **15<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**. The Account details are as follows: **D.E.Society Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College HDFC BANK, FC Road, Pune. Account Number (A/C: 50100302351126)** and **IFSC code (IFSC: HDFC0000103)** The said registration fees, once paid, shall not be refunded under any circumstances. (Payment must be in the form of NEFT only. No Cash shall be accepted under any circumstances)

Upon successful online submission through email of the scanned copies of the duly filled Registration Form and the NEFT, the participating team will receive an acknowledgment mail within 2 days from the Organizers notifying the Confirmation and Team Code. Student shall use such team code and not their personal names on Memorials. After the said Registration Code has been allotted to a team, only the said code shall be used in all future communications between the team and the Organizers. Apart from the Registration Code, no names, logos, seals or any such symbolic or other representation which may reveal the identity of a law school/college/university are to be used in any communications with the Organizers.

#### **4. Team Composition:**

Every team shall consist either of three members (two speakers and one researcher) or four members (two speakers and two researchers) Only the speakers shall be allowed to address the judges in their rounds. The researchers may speak only at the discretion of the judges. The abovementioned registration fee does not include the cost for travelling/food/accommodation services for such fourth member. Such member(s) shall bear their own expenses entirely. For accommodation extra 1000/- Rs. each Shall be paid by the participants

#### **5. Conduct of the Competition:**

The Competition shall be conducted in the premises of **Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, Fergusson College Road, Pune – 411 004**. The Competition shall be conducted over the following rounds: Preliminary rounds to be conducted on **23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2024**; Semi-final rounds and Final round to be conducted on **24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024**. On the day of the competition, draw of lots shall be conducted, which shall prescribe to every team, one unique alphabetical Team Code which shall be the identity of every participating team for the purpose of determining their sides and courtroom in the course of the competition.

#### **6. Format of the rounds**

In the Preliminary rounds, each team shall argue twice; once for the Appellant and once for the Respondent. Each team shall be judged by a panel of two judges. A team earning the higher aggregate speaking score as against their opponents shall be deemed to have won that round. The teams earning two wins in the Preliminary rounds shall advance to the Semi-final round.

In the event that there are more than four teams each having two wins each, the teams with the top four aggregate speaking scores shall progress to the Semi-final rounds.

In the event that there are fewer than four teams each having two wins each, the teams with two wins shall automatically advance to the Semi-final rounds.

The remaining slots shall be determined by the aggregate speaking scores of the teams with one win each.

If there is a tie between the aggregate scores of any two teams, the rank shall be decided by the memorial scores of the concerned teams. The Semi-final and Final rounds shall be knockout rounds. In the event of any confusion/conflict/dispute, the decision of the organizer shall be final.

### **Oral rounds**

The language of the court shall be English.

For the Preliminary rounds, each team shall be given 20 minutes to advance their oral arguments. The two speakers may divide between themselves the said time period at their discretion, subject to a maximum of 13 minutes per speaker. Each team may re-serve a maximum of 3 minutes for rebuttal, which shall be included in the main speaking time of 20 minutes.

For the Semi-final rounds, each team shall be given 30 minutes to advance their oral arguments. The two speakers may divide between themselves the said time period at their discretion, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker. Each team may reserve a maximum of 5 minutes for rebuttal, which shall be included in the main speaking time of 30 minutes.

For the Final round, each team shall be given 45 minutes to advance their oral arguments. The two speakers may divide between themselves the said time period at their discretion, subject to a minimum of 18 minutes per speaker. Each team may reserve a maximum of 5 minutes for rebuttal, which shall be included in the main speaking time of 45 minutes.

All teams shall notify the Court masters, before their round begins, of the amount of time which they intend to set aside for the rebuttal/surrebuttal, subject to the aforementioned limits.

The Appellants shall exercise their right of rebuttal only after the completion of the main arguments of the Respondents. The Respondents shall exercise their right of surrebuttal only after the completion of the rebuttal conducted by the

Appellants.

Teams are expected to carry with themselves in printed form, all the authorities on which they intend to rely in the course of their arguments.

During the course of the oral rounds, no team shall be allowed to submit to the judges, any material containing a pictorial/audio/visual representation, except that material which forms part of the Paper Book for Civil Appeal.

No team shall be allowed to use laptops/tabs/mobile phones or any other electronic device for any kind of assistance in the course of the rounds.

**Memorials:**

Each team must submit the soft copies of the Memorials for Appellant and Respondent in PDF format (".pdf" file extension) and Microsoft Word format (".doc" or ".docx" file extension) by e-mail to [desmcs2019@gmail.com](mailto:desmcs2019@gmail.com). The Organizers shall not be responsible for non- receipt or non-compatibility of the soft copies sent by them. The Organizers shall acknowledge the receipt of only those mails in which the attachments canbe viewed.

Soft copies of memorials submitted after the deadline for submission shall incur a deduction of one mark per day. Soft copies of memorials submitted after **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024** shall not be taken in consideration for the Best Memorial award.

**Each team must submit 3 hard copies of their Memorials (3 copies copy of the Appellant Memorial and 3 copies of the Respondent Memorial, each) to Deccan Education Society's Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Gate No. 3, Fergusson College Campus, Fergusson College Road, Pune – 411 004 on the day of the competition, i.e 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024 at the Registration desk.** The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss/damage/delay caused to the receipt of the Memorials.

- The teams are responsible for ensuring that the correct numbers of copies reach within time and an acknowledgement for the same has been obtained.
- Teams shall adhere to the following requirements while submitting their

Memorials (both soft and hard copies):

- The language of written pleadings in the Memorials shall be English.
- Memorials must be printed on A-4 size white paper (on one side) with blank ink and must be neatly paper-bound.
- The text of the main body of the Memorial must be in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, justified alignment.
- The text of the footnotes (if any) must be in Times New Roman, font size 10, single line spacing. A uniform method of citation of authorities must be used.
- Each page must have a margin of 1 inch (2.54 cm) from all sides. The total page count of the Memorials must not exceed 50 pages (including the cover page).
- The cover page of every memorial should adhere to the following colour scheme : **Blue for Appellant Memorial** and **Red for Respondent Memorial**. Every Memorial shall consist of the following pages:
  - Cover Page:
    1. Team Code in the upper-right corner with the first letter of the side to which that Memorial pertains. For example, if a team has been allotted Team Code: 1111, their Memorials shall contain the marking “1111A” for their Appellant Memorial and “1111R” for their Respondent Memorial.
    2. The name and year of the competition.
    3. The case title, number and year of Appeal.
    4. The party/side for which the Memorial has been prepared.
    5. The name of the Court/Tribunal hearing the Appeal.
      - Table of Contents.
      - Index of Authorities.
      - Statement of Jurisdiction.
      - Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2pages).

- Statement of Issues.
- Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 3pages).
- Arguments Advanced.
- Prayer.

Failure to adhere to the aforementioned Memorial pattern shall attract negative marking.

There shall be a deduction of one mark for every page exceeding the set limit of 50 pages.

### **Scoring:**

The Memorials shall not contain any information concerning the names or display of logos of their colleges/universities/participating members etc.

### **Memorials:**

Every Memorial shall be scored out of a total of 40 marks.

The Memorials shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Research and analysis (10 marks)
- Clear and persuasive writing (10 marks)
- Use of authorities and precedents (10 marks)
- Adherence to the given format (10 marks)

### **Oral rounds :**

Every Speaker shall be scored out of a total of 60 marks.

Every Speaker shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of facts and procedure (20 marks)
- Articulation, structure and content of argument (20marks)
- Use of authorities (10 marks)
- Advocacy skills and court etiquette (10 marks)

**Dress Code:**

All participants must wear black and white formal attire prescribed as follows:

Men must be dressed in Western formal attire, i.e. white shirt, black trousers, black blazer and black tie.

Women must be dressed in Western formal attire, i.e. white shirt, black trousers and a black blazer, or Indian formal attire, i.e. white *kurti*, black leggings and a black blazer.

All participants are required to adhere to the aforementioned dress code while participating in or being audience to any round of the competition.

**Food, Accommodation & Travel:**

Accommodation shall be provided from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 till 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 subject to payment of the Separate Accommodation Fee i.e. Rs. 1000/-. Accommodation shall be provided only for colleges outside Pune. When an acknowledgment mail is sent in response to successful registration by a college outside Pune, a Travel Form shall be attached thereto. Accommodation shall be provided only to those colleges that send their duly filled Travel Forms on or before, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The student shall inform regarding the accommodation till 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. Request for accommodation thereafter shall not be entertained.

**Prizes:**

The following prizes along with their rewards form part of the competition:

**Winning Team** – Cash Prize of ₹25,000/-, and Certificates with Trophy.

**Runners-up Team** – Cash Prize of ₹ 15,000/-, and Certificates with Trophy.

**Best Advocate** – Cash Prize of ₹ 10,000/-, and Certificates with Trophy.

**Best Memorial** – Cash Prize of ₹ 10,000/-, and Certificates with Trophy.



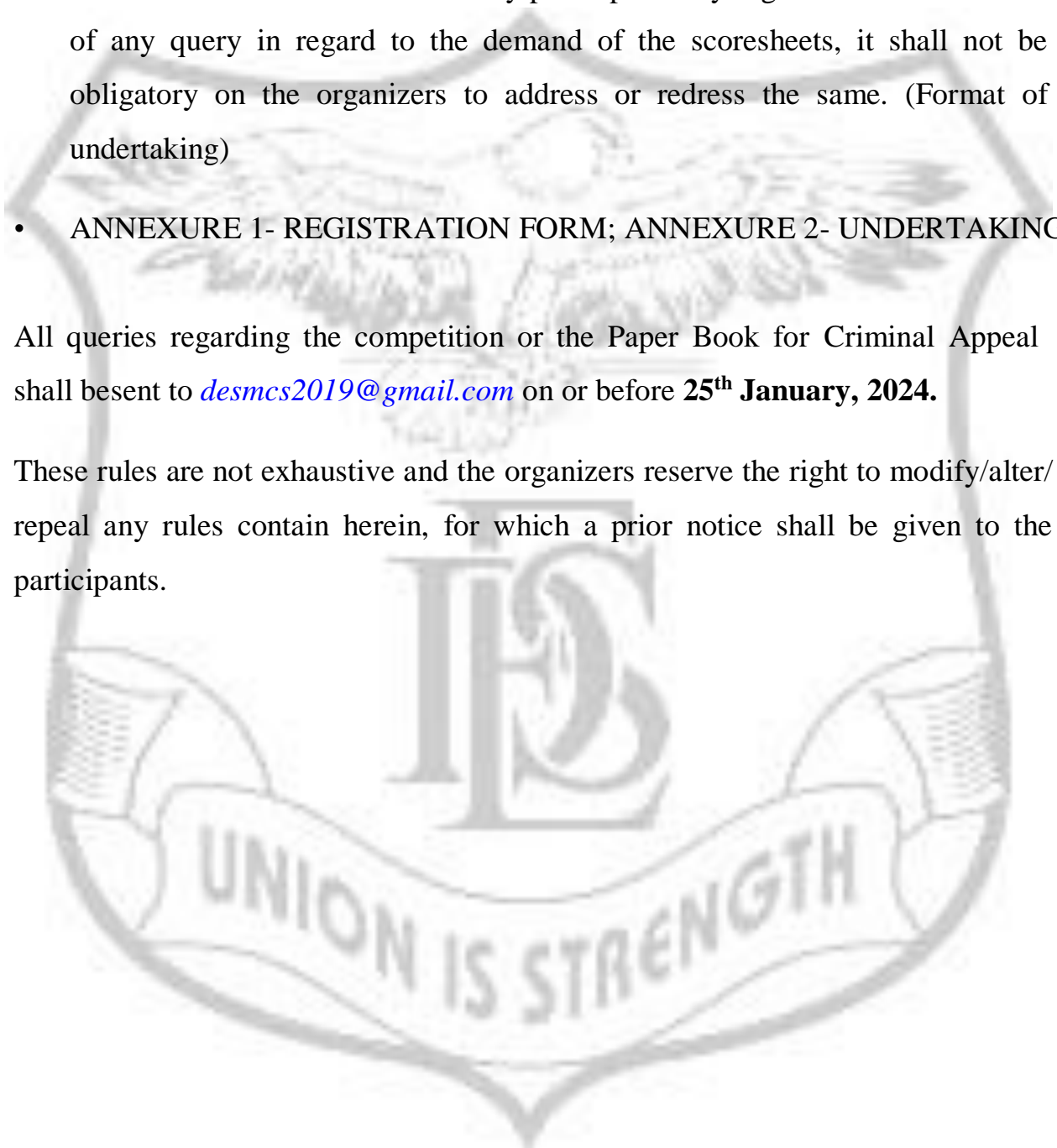
**Miscellaneous:**

- No team shall indulge in any act of misconduct in during audio-visual recording or virtual conferencing, undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition. Any act to the contrary may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- No team shall try to disclose their identity or ask the Judges of their identities, if the team is found violating this rule, strict actions will be taken by the Coordinators of the Competition.
- Any behaviour of indiscipline with the Coordinators or any other staff member or student volunteer shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round. However, at the end of all the rounds the participants may talk to the judges, with minimum inconvenience caused to them.
- Any attempt to approach the framer of the moot problem or the panel of judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- 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.
- If anything, not covered by rules the decision of organizing committee will be binding

- No team is allowed to use mobile phones during any of the oral rounds, for the purposes of research, phone call, texting, or any other purposes.
- It is hereby clarified to all the participants that the final scoresheets of the oral rounds shall not be disclosed to any participant/ any organization in the event of any query in regard to the demand of the scoresheets, it shall not be obligatory on the organizers to address or redress the same. (Format of undertaking)
- ANNEXURE 1- REGISTRATION FORM; ANNEXURE 2- UNDERTAKING

All queries regarding the competition or the Paper Book for Criminal Appeal shall be sent to [desmcs2019@gmail.com](mailto:desmcs2019@gmail.com) on or before **25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**.

These rules are not exhaustive and the organizers reserve the right to modify/alter/repeal any rules contained herein, for which a prior notice shall be given to the participants.



## List of Important Dates:

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Particulars (Deadlines)</b>	<b>Dates (All in 2024)</b>
1	Online registration (with scanned copies of duly filled registration form and demand draft)	15 <sup>th</sup> January
2	Soft copies of registration forms along with the NEFT scanned copy or photo to be mailed on <a href="mailto:desmcs2019@gmail.com">desmcs2019@gmail.com</a>	17 <sup>th</sup> January
3	Submission of queries for clarification	25 <sup>th</sup> January
4	Soft copies of memorial submission	30 <sup>th</sup> January
6	Hard copies of registration forms along with the NEFT acknowledgment	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
5	Hard copies of memorial submission (on the day of competition)	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
6	Draw Of Lots	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
7	Inauguration and Preliminary rounds	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
8	Semi-final rounds, Final round & Valedictory Function	24 <sup>th</sup> February

### Contact Details

#### Faculty Coordinator:

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#### Student Coordinators:

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*Thank You.*

**ANNEXURE 1:**



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**KINDLY FILL AND SIGN THE REGISTRATION FORM AND THE  
UNDERTAKING MENTIONED IN ANNEXURE 1 AND ANNEXURE 2  
RESPECTIVELY. SEND A SCANNED COPY OF THE SAME ACCORDING  
TO THE REGISTRATION RULES MENTIONED IN THE RULESHEET.**

**REGISTRATION FORM:**

**Name of Institution:**

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**Team Details:**

**SPEAKER 1:**

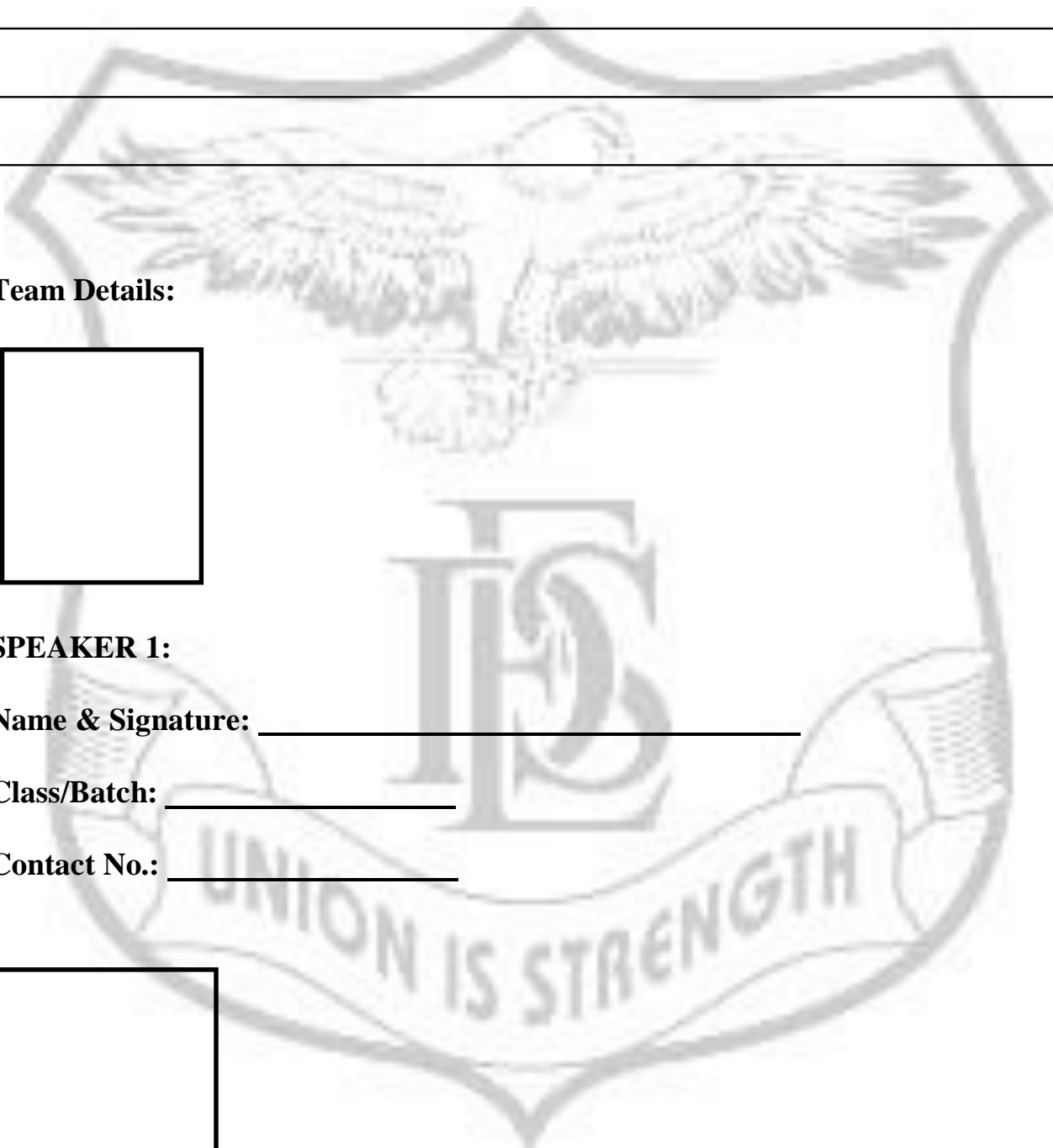
**Name & Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class/Batch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

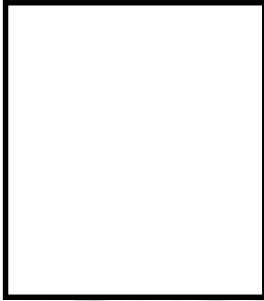
**SPEAKER 2:**

**Name & Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Class/Batch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

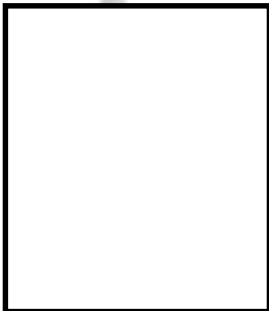


**RESEARCHER 1:**

**Name & Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class/Batch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

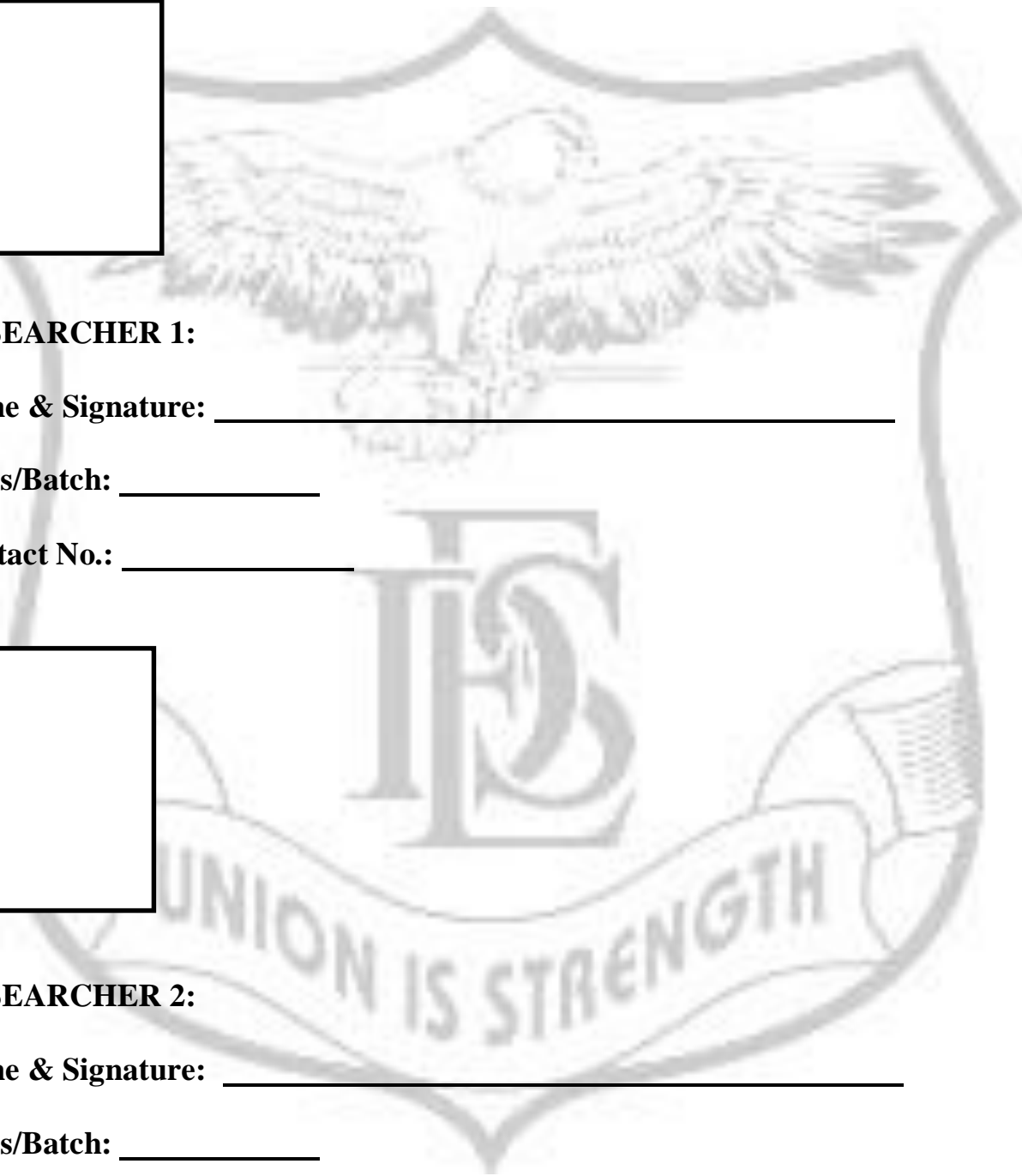


**RESEARCHER 2:**

**Name & Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class/Batch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact No.:** \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME & SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL/HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seal of the Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_



**ANNEXURE 2:**



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**UNDERTAKING:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Participant), from  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Institution)  
with Team Code \_\_\_\_\_ allotted to me for Lokmanya  
Tilak National Appellate Moot Court Competition (16<sup>th</sup> Edition) 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February,  
2024 undertake to strictly abide by all rules which have been communicated to me very  
clearly and beforehand. I know and understand that following the rules strictly is for my  
own safety and security and that I shall render myself liable to strict penalty/ action if  
I'm found violating the same. I also understand and know that if despite communicating  
these rules well in advance to me, if I break / violate the safety and discipline rules, I  
shall be doing so at my own risk, and the organizers shall not be responsible for the  
consequences emerging therefrom. I hereby undertake to co- operate and abide by all the  
rules.

Signature of Participant

Date: