



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

**LOKMANYA TILAK NATIONAL APPELLATE
MOOT COURT COMPETITION & LAW FEST,
(15th EDITION)**

RULES

Docket:

The Docket contains the Paper Book, Invitation Card and the Registration Form. It must be noted that no separate fact dossier would be provided. The facts of the case are to be ascertained from the Paper Book which contains the all required documents of the case.

On the basis of the documents provided in the Paper Book, participants shall prepare an Appeal Memorial (for the Appellant) and a Reply Memorial (for the Respondent).

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 2022- 23 shall be eligible to participate.

Registration and Fees:

A scanned copy of a duly filled Registration Form must be sent via e-mail to 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. In the event that more than one team registers on behalf of one law school/college/university, the team which submits a letter from the Dean/Head or the authorized signatory thereof of the concerned institution shall be registered for the competition on behalf of that particular institution.

Last date for registration is 5th of March, 2023.

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 **12th March, 2023**. 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 only in the form of NEFT only. No Cash shall be accepted under any circumstances)

Upon successful online submission of the scanned copies of the duly filled Registration Form and the NEFT, the participating team shall receive an acknowledgment mail from the Organizers notifying the participating team of a unique four- digit **Registration Code**.

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 Organisers.

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.

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 24th March, 2023; Semi-final rounds and Final round to be conducted on 25th March, 2023. On the day of the competition, draw of lots shall be conducted, which shall ascribe to every team, one unique alphabetical Team Code shall be allotted to all participating teams, which shall be the identity of every participating team for the purpose of determining their sides and courtroom in the course of the competition.

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 Organisers 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 **10th of March, 2023** by e-mail to desmcs2019@gmail.com. The Organisers shall not be responsible for non-receipt or non-compatibility of the soft copies sent by them. The Organisers shall acknowledge the receipt of only those mails in which the attachments can be 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 **12th March, 2023** 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 24th March, 2023. 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.
- 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. Registration 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 Registration 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 23rd March, 2023 subject to payment of the Separate Accommodation Fee. 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 15th March, 2023.

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 organising 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 organising 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 organisation in the event of any query in regard to the demand of the scoresheets, it shall not be obligatory on the organisers 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 Civil Appeal shall be sent to desmcs2019@gmail.com on or before **20th March, 2023**.

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



List of Important Dates:

Sr. No	Particulars (Deadlines)	Dates (All in 2023)
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1	Online registration (with scanned copies of duly filled registration form and demand draft)	5 th March.
2	Soft copies of registration forms along with the NEFT, scanned copy or photo to be mailed on desmcs2019@gmail.com	15 th March.
3	Submission of queries for clarification	20 th March.
4	Soft copies of memorials	10 th March.
6	Hard copies of registration forms along with the NEFT acknowledgment	24 th March
5	Hard copies of memorials	24 th March
6	Draw Of Lots	23 rd March
7	Registration & Preliminary rounds	24 th March
8	Semi-final rounds, Final round & Valedictory Function	25 th March

Contact Details

Faculty Coordinator:

Asst. Prof. Kaveri Deo - (No.)

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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:

Team Details:

SPEAKER 1:

Name: _____

Class/Batch: _____

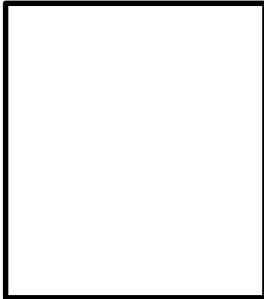
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SPEAKER 2:

Name: _____

Class/Batch: _____

Contact No.: _____

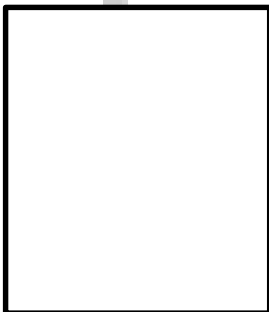


RESEARCHER 1:

Name: _____

Class/Batch: _____

Contact No.: _____

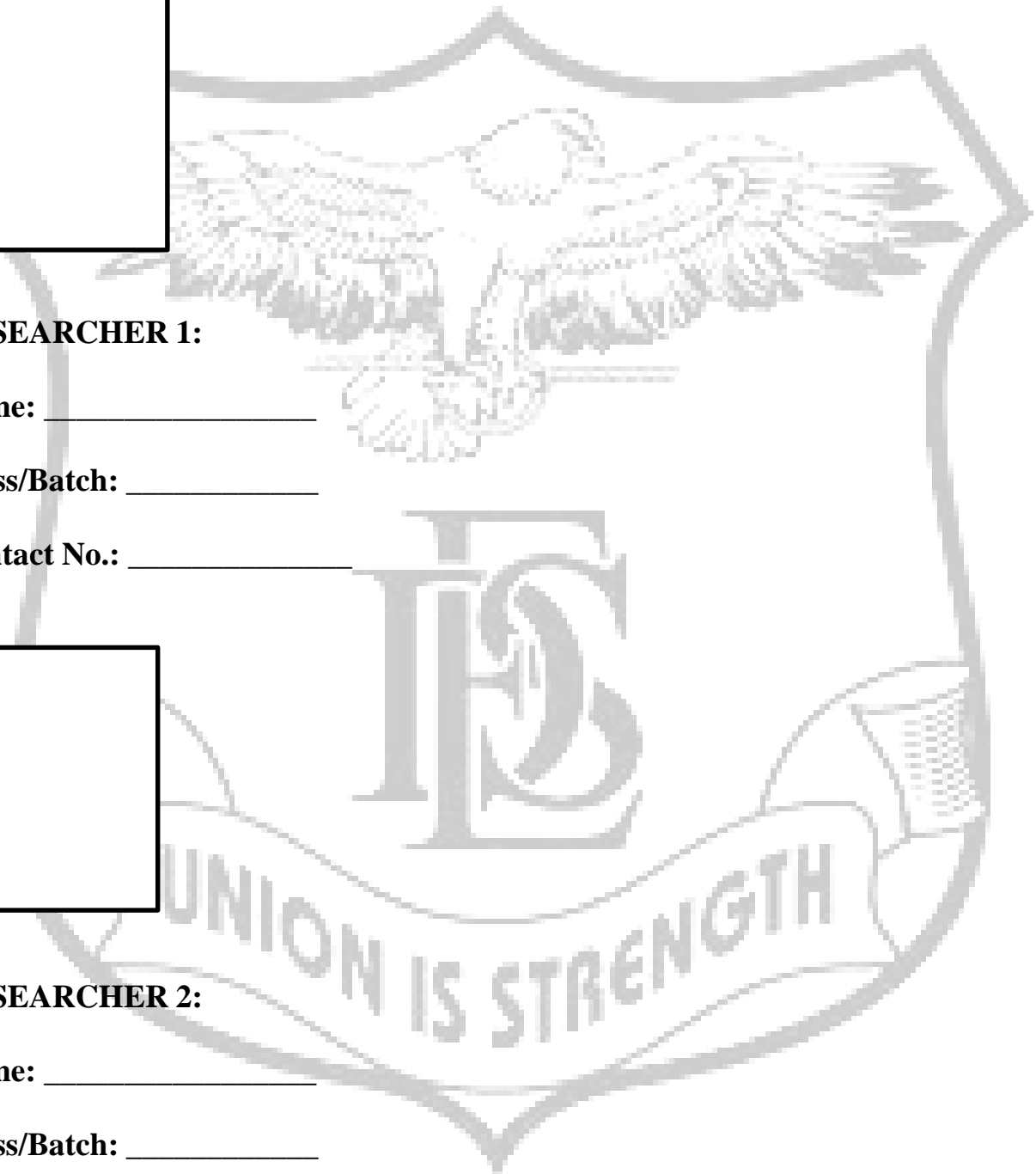


RESEARCHER 2:

Name: _____

Class/Batch: _____

Contact No.: _____

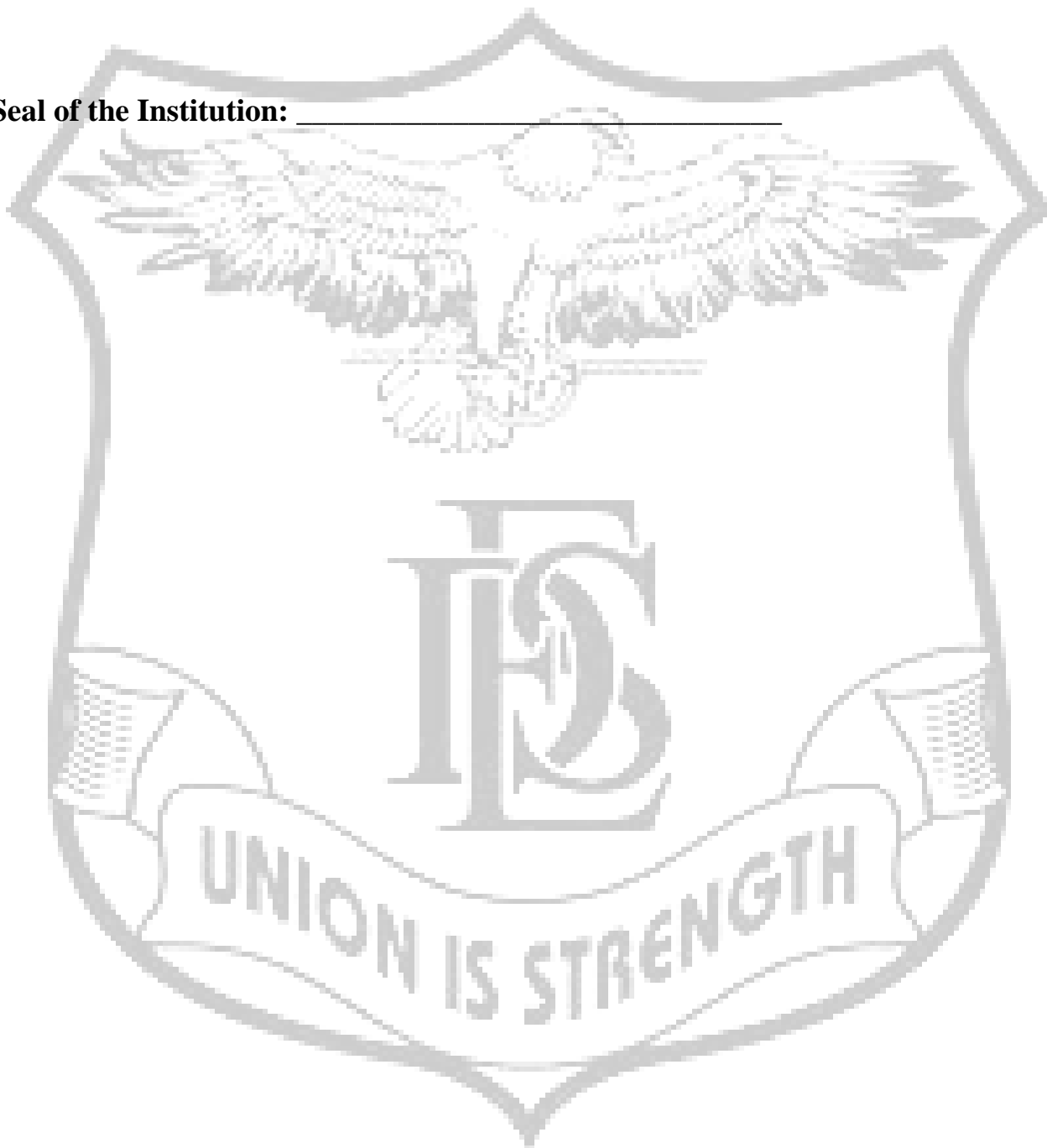


NAME & SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL/HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Seal of the Institution: _____



ANNEXURE 2:



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UNDERTAKINGS:

I, _____ (Name of Participant), from _____ (Name of the Institution) with Team Code _____ allotted to me for Lokmanya Tilak National Appellate Moot Court Competition (15th Edition) 24th March and 25th March, 2023 undertakes 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 my self 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 organisers shall not be responsible for the consequences emerging therefrom. I hereby undertake to co-operate and abide by all the rules.

Signature of the Participant:

Date:

