



Chettinad Vidyashram



LEGIS FESTIS 2026

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MOOT COURT RULE BOOK

ABOUT US

Legis Festis is the flagship inter-school legal fest hosted by Chettinad Vidyashram's Department of Legal Studies, bringing together young minds to explore the principles of law, justice, advocacy, and public speaking. It is the largest school-based law-oriented competition in Chennai.

Now celebrating its 11th edition, Legis Festis provides a platform for law aspirants and orators alike to partake in various curated events and showcase their talent and expertise in legalities and debate.

Participants engage in simulated court proceedings, legal analysis, and structured argumentation, helping them develop critical thinking, reasoning, advocacy, and leadership skills.

MOOT COURT

In a Moot Court, a hypothetical legal matter is analysed and argued on behalf of both sides by students. This is an instructional approach for teaching law and legal skills that borrows methods from state and federal appellate courts. The competition aims to simulate a real Court proceeding, with participants presenting legal arguments and evidence, responding to questions from the judges, and advocating for their client's position. Moot court competitions are a crucial component of the law school curriculum as they provide students with practical experience and skills that are essential for their future careers. The competition strives for the budding lawyers at school level to imbibe analytical skills in real-time situations. The aim is to engage with students and allow them to have first hand experience of the complexities of the law.

RULES

- Every team will be allotted 20 minutes to present their case (extensions may be granted at the discretion of the judges.)
- The teams can decide on the division of time amongst the speakers.
- Any argument raised beyond the scope of the memorial submitted shall not be considered by the judges.
- Rebuttals and Sub-rebuttals shall be allowed at the discretion of the judges.
- Strict adherence to court manners is expected.
- Mode of communication is strictly ENGLISH.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team shall:

- consist of 3 members
 - consist of 2 speakers
 - consist of a researcher
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- Inter grade teams are permitted.
 - A team comprising both internals and externals will not be permitted.

MEMORANDUM

A sample Memorandum will be provided. The Memorials shall necessarily consist of only the following sections:

- I. Cover Page
- II. Table of Contents
- III. List of Abbreviations
- IV. Index of Authorities
- V. Statement of Jurisdiction
- VI. Statement of Facts
- VII. Issues for Consideration
- VIII. Summary of Arguments
- IX. Arguments Advanced
- X. Prayer

Colour Code: BLUE - Petitioner/Plaintiff

RED - Defendant/ Respondent

PAGE LIMIT - 35

RESEARCHER'S TEST

Every team is required to consist of a researcher who will research on the case and can aid the speaker through chits during the trials.

USAGE OF INTERNET AT ANY TIME DURING THE COURT PROCEEDINGS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

An MCQ test will be conducted for the researcher on the day of the event.

Questions on this test will revolve around the facts and the legalities and precedents related to them.

ROUNDS

There will be three rounds. Plaintiffs and defendants will be assigned based on a pick of lots system. PICK OF LOTS DETERMINE THE SIDE THAT THE TEAM WOULD EMULATE DURING THE EVENT. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE POST INAUGURATION.

REBUTTALS

Rebuttals and Sub-rebuttals shall be allowed at the discretion of the judges. The counsels are expected to remain professional while stating their rebuttals. Any unprofessional conduct may lead to disqualification or demarking. The counsels are expected to engage in the proceedings while making the arguments.

GUIDELINES FOR MEMORANDUM

Basic Instructions:

Each team shall prepare a memorial for both sides (petitioner/respondent)

Teams are to avoid plagiarism.

In the memorial or during the oral arguments ,teams are not permitted to mention their names, the name of their institution or any of the participants ' names.

Once the memorial is submitted, no changes can be made.

COVER PAGE

The cover page of the petitioner should be in blue and in A4 size sheet only .

The cover page of the respondents should be in red and in A4 size sheet only.

The cover page of the memorial should clearly specify the representing side.

The cover page of the memorial must have the following contents:-

1. Name of the court
2. Case title
3. The side of the memorial (Petitioner/ Respondent)
4. Team code (to be written on the top right corner)

MORE DETAILS

A few more details regarding the Alignment (Body & Footnotes) of the memorandum are mentioned below:

Justified Margin: 1 inch on all 4 sides.

Each page of the memorial must have a margin of 1 inch on all four sides.

No text must be placed within this margin, other than the page numbers.

Text & Font:

Times New Roman

Size - 10

Line spacing - 1.0

There must be no additional space between two footnotes.

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM

SOFT COPY: All teams must send a soft copy of memoranda for each side in both google docs and PDF formats, via mail: cvlegisfestis.mootcourt@gmail.com

Deadline: 28th July, 2026

Late submissions will be disqualified.

HARD COPY: Every team must carry 4 physical copies of their respective memorial, both Petitioner and Respondent, out of which two shall be submitted after registration. It must be SOFT-BOUND.

NOTE - Memorial must be printed only on one side and adhere to the page limit. Judgement copies and relevant legislation can be given as annexures

CODE OF CONDUCT

Any derogatory behaviour with judges, organising committee, student volunteers or any other staff member of the school shall be dealt with strictly.

Any attempt to approach the panel of judges prior to the competition will lead to immediate disqualification.

The rule of Contempt of Court will be followed and the decision of the judges will be final.

Each team shall be assigned codes for the competition and the same shall be the sole source of identity for the respective teams throughout the competition.

DISQUALIFICATION

Late submission of the Memorandum will lead to disqualification.

Unnecessary noise, outbursts, and other inappropriate behaviour which may distract the court from the argument's progress may amount to disqualification.

To avoid interruption, only written communications between team members at the counsel table and in the courtroom are permitted.

Breach of code of conduct will result in immediate disqualification and strict actions will be taken.

MORE DETAILS

EVENT DATE: 1st AUGUST, 2026

ELIGIBILITY: 11TH & 12TH

REGISTRATION FEES: ₹750 per participant

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 28th JULY, 2026

The registration fee can be paid through GPay/ Paytm to the number given below.

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DRESS CODE

FOR GIRLS: WHITE SHIRT/ WHITE KURTI ,BLACK FORMAL PANTS ,BLACK SHOES ,BLACK BLAZERS

FOR BOYS: WHITE SHIRT (FORMAL TIE OPTIONAL), BLACK PANTS ,BLACK BLAZERS ,BLACK FORMAL SHOES.

AWARD STRUCTURE

INTERNALS

BEST SPEAKER 1st , 2nd, 3rd

Special Mentions 1,2,3

BEST RESEARCHER 1st , 2nd, 3rd

Special Mentions 1,2,3

BEST MEMORANDUM 1st, 2nd

Special Mention 1,2,3

BEST TEAM 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Special Mention 1,2,3

EXTERNALS

BEST SPEAKER 1st , 2nd, 3rd

Special Mentions 1,2,3

BEST RESEARCHER 1st , 2nd, 3rd

Special Mentions 1,2,3

BEST MEMORANDUM 1st, 2nd

Special Mention 1,2,3

BEST TEAM 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Special Mention 1,2,3

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