



## **GOVERNMENT CENTRE OF LEGAL EDUCATION** **MOOT COURT AND DEBATING SOCIETY RULES 2025**

### **Article 1: Name & Objectives**

1. The Society shall be named the “GCLE Moot Court & Debating Society” (hereinafter referred to as “**the Society/ GCLE MCDS**”) as enumerated under this Government Centre of Legal Education Moot Court and Debating Society Rules 2025.

2. The objectives of the Society are:

- To enhance the legal research, drafting, and advocacy skills of its members and students of GCLE in general.
- To promote debating and public speaking on legal and non-legal issues.
- To organize intra-college and inter-college moot court and debate competitions.
- To represent the institution at State, National, and International moot courts and debating events.

### **Article 2: Membership**

1. Membership shall be open to all students enrolled at the Government Centre of Legal Education.

2. There shall be Core Committee Members: Selected based on a screening process and at the discretion of the faculty coordinator and faculty advisors.

3. Members must actively participate in the activities of the Society.

### **Article 3: Structure of the Society**

1. The Society shall function under the following hierarchy:

- Officer-in-Charge, GCLE: Patron of the GCLE MCDS.
- Faculty Co-ordinator & Faculty Advisors: The convenor of the Faculty Moot Court Committee and other faculty members of the said Committee, respectively
- Student Co-ordinator: Overall managing moot related matters under the instructions of OIC and Faculty Coordinator and serving as the link between Society’s student members and officials.
- Core Society Members: Tasked with specific responsibilities such as organizing events, managing logistics, and coordinating with external bodies.

#### **Article 4: Selection Process for Members and Other Posts**

Following shall be the selection criteria for appointing members to the GCLE MCDS:

1. Six students of each Semester shall have representation as members of the committee.
2. Students will be selected based on a screening test.
3. The Faculty Moot Court Committee shall have discretionary power to nominate members directly as a core member of the Society.
4. The selection to the Society shall be for one academic year.
5. A member can be removed from the committee at the discretion of the faculty co-ordinator or he may be informed to do so by a resolution signed by a minimum of 1/3rd of the total members of the Society and the faculty co-ordinator after considering the resolution shall have the power to remove the member from the Society or remove any member from his post.

#### **Article 5: Meetings**

1. The GCLE MCDS shall meet at least once in a month.
2. The requisite quorum for any meeting shall be not less than four members.
3. No member shall be absent for two consecutive meetings in case of absence a member has to present reasonable justifications.
4. The Faculty Co-ordinator shall preside over the meetings and in his absence, a faculty of GCLE appointed by the Faculty Co-ordinator shall preside over.
5. An emergency meeting of the GCLE MCDS may be called by the Faculty Co-ordinator, on a prior notice of one day

#### **Article 6: Working**

The following provisions shall govern the general working of the GCLE MCDS:

1. The GCLE MCDS shall be responsible for administering and supervising all the Moot Competitions and Debates at the institutional level and International/National/Regional levels.
  - a. The detailed rules and regulations for each Moot Competition and debate in an academic year shall be determined by the GCLE MCDS.
  - b. The GCLE MCDS may constitute sub-committees comprising of volunteers for conducting various events. In no circumstance, the volunteers shall be considered official members of the GCLE MCDS.
2. The GCLE MCDS shall be responsible for administering and supervising the participation of students participating/representing the at institutional level and International/National/Regional levels.

- a. Detailed rules and regulations concerning the selection for, and representation of students in, competitions in an academic year shall be determined by the GCLE MCDS, with the approval of the Faculty Co-ordinator.
- b. The GCLE MCDS shall notify all the students of such competitions and the procedure for selection and representation.
- c. The GCLE MCDS shall conduct intra-moot Court Competitions or particular benchmarking sessions for selecting the students to represent the Institution in such competitions.

### **Article 7: Code of Conduct**

1. Members must conduct themselves with decorum and professionalism during all Society based activities, both within and outside the institution.
2. Plagiarism or unethical practices in legal research or debates are strictly prohibited.
3. Any member found guilty of misconduct shall face disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from the Society.
4. Respectful communication must be maintained with peers, faculty, guest speakers, and participants in events.
5. Members must not disclose any sensitive information about the Society's strategies, preparations, or discussions to unauthorized persons.
6. Members are expected to use the Society's resources (e.g., library, funds, equipment) responsibly.
7. Any act of harassment, bullying, discrimination, or misconduct by a member will lead to severe penalties, including expulsion from the Society and referral to institutional authorities.
8. Violation of the Code of Conduct shall result in a written warning for minor infractions. Repeated or serious violations may lead to suspension or permanent removal from the Society, as decided by the Officer in Charge in consultation with the Faculty Advisors.

### **Article 8: Amendments**

1. The Faculty Coordinator in consultation with the Faculty Advisors and Officer-in-Charge, GCLE shall have the powers to amend any part of the rules.
2. Amendments can be proposed by core team members after a resolution in writing is proposed by them and signed by no less than 1/3rd of the total strength of the Society. After such a resolution is made the faculty coordinator shall have the power to amend the provisions of these rules.

### **Article 9: Notifications**

1. Any Official notification relating to the GCLE MCDS shall be published on the notice board or other social medium of GCLE and it shall be circulated among the Society members who have the responsibility of sharing relevant information with their respective batchmates.

#### **Article 10: Grievance Redressal**

1. Any person aggrieved by any action or omission of the committee may communicate such grievance in writing to the Faculty Coordinator of the GCLE MCDS.
2. If the action or inaction of the committee complained against is in respect of a particular competition organized by the committee, any participant in such competition communicating a grievance will be deemed to have been an aggrieved person.
3. In all other circumstances where a grievance is communicated, the complainant shall, in his communication, specifically demonstrate his interest in the matter and how he is aggrieved by the action or omission complained of.
4. The faculty coordinator may convene a meeting to discuss the grievance and remedy the same if required or may decide it at his discretion.

#### **Article 11: Practice Sessions**

1. Each Team before proceeding for participation shall be required to practice at least 2 sessions. Any team not abiding to the provision shall be barred from participating in the respective moot

#### **Article 12: Miscellaneous**

1. The GCLE MCDS shall operate as per the policies and guidelines of the Government Centre of Legal Education.
2. In case of any dispute, the concordant decision of the Faculty Coordinator, Faculty Advisors and Officer-in-Charge, GCLE shall be final and binding.