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DEFINITIONS

1. **“Breakout Rooms”** pertains to the virtual sub-meeting rooms on the designated virtual platforms (as agreed by the organizing committee) that are used for the main rounds, confidential information, distribution, and caucus breakout sessions.

2. **“Competition Problems”** pertains to the problem framed by the organizing committee to be used throughout the competition, in the competition sessions/rounds.

3. **“Competition”** pertains to the “National Mediation Competition, 2023” organized by Attorney’s Bar in collaboration with Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad.

4. **“Confidential Information Session”** pertains to the time in which the participating teams will analyze the confidential information. This time the paired mediators’ can discuss or plan the further strategy for the competition round.

5. **“Confidential Information”** pertains to the essential key points provided to the participating teams concerning the party they represent.

6. **“General Information”** pertains to factual information about a Competition Session, which shall be available to all competitive Teams.

7. **“General Lobby”** pertains to the virtually created room (as agreed by the Organizing Committee) where all parties and assessors will assemble before the Main Round commences and to which a Negotiating Team documents during a Caucus. The Session Supervisors and all members furnishing specialized aid to parties and assessors will continue existing in this General Lobby throughout. It can be considered a waiting room.

8. **“Administrators”** pertains to Attorney’s Bar and team.

9. **“Institution/s”** pertains to all Colleges and Universities across India.

10. **“Mediator”** pertains to a participant who has enrolled or is appointed as a Mediator

11. **“Main Round”** refers to the phase of the Competition Session instantly pursuing the Confidential Information Session, where the Teams are commissioned to reconcile the Competition Problem.

12. **“Session Supervisor”** pertains to the member/s of the Organizing Committee appointed as such, in charge of supervising the steady procedure of every Competition Session.

13. **“Negotiating Team”** pertains to a team comprising two participants - one Counsel and one Client - from the same institution.

14. **“Organizing Committee”** – The Organizing Committee for the Competition refers to Attorney’s Bar and team.

15. **“Penalty”** pertains to the reduction in marks or disqualification of participants or any other disciplinary procedure taken by the Organizing Committee on reporting any infringement of these regulations.

16. **“Problem Committee”** pertains to the Attorney’s Bar and team, accountable for drafting and participating in the Competition Problem(s).

17. **“Advanced Rounds”** refer to the Quarter-Final Round, Semi-Final Round and Final Round.

18. **“Registration Fee”** pertains to the expense to be paid by Selected Teams for participation in the competition.

19. **“Room Coordinator”** pertains to a member/s of the Organizing Committee appointed as such, in charge of supervising the steady procedure of a special Competition Room.

20. **“Rule”** pertains to a special individual regulation comprised in this Rulebook, along with the sub-rules/ suggests thereunder. The Participants are considered to understand and submit these regulations on the report of their enrollment in the Competition.

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION



Language - The official language of the competition shall be English.



Dates of the Competition - 23-25 June 2023



Dress Code - The Dress code for Competition is Western Business Formal.



Eligibility - 1. All law students (5-year integrated or 3-year course) enrolled in any University in India are competent to register for the Competition.

2. Every university may enroll a maximum of six teams.

3. By pertaining to the competition, the teams shall be considered to have accepted the regulations, terms, and circumstances of the circumstances as asserted in this document.



Team Composition- Every participating team shall comprise of three students (one student as Client, one student as Counsel, and one student as the Mediator).



Clarification- Clarifications regarding the Negotiation Problem or the Rules may be requested online at attorneysbar@gmail.com.



Anonymity- Each team shall be allotted a team code upon final registration. Teams are forbidden from disclosing their identities to the judges or other participating teams, and must only use their respective team codes for all correspondence for the purpose of this Competition except with the administrators. Disclosure of identity shall ensure immediate disqualification.

IMPORTANT DATES

PARTICULARS	DATE
Last date for Provisional Registration	25 May 2023
Last date for Final Registration	10 June 2023
Release of Problem	13 June 2023
Last date of Seeking Clarification	17 June 2023
Dates of the Competition	23-25 June 2023

- UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE, THE DATES MENTIONED SHALL REFER TO 11:59 PM (INDIAN STANDARD TIME/IST) ON THAT DATE. FOR E.G., THE LAST DATE FOR REGISTERING IS MAY 20, 2023, WHICH SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS MARCH 5, 2023, 11:59 PM (IST).
- THE ADMINISTRATORS RETAIN THE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE DEADLINES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL TEAM.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

General

- Each team shall provisionally register for the competition by filling out the online registration form latest by April 05, 2023. The online google form for Provisional Registration that needs to be filled is available at: <https://forms.gle/1W8oRX5DM9F5jw2u8>.
- The Organizing Committee will communicate the acceptance of the provisional registration and email the final registration form for the completion of registration formalities. The teams are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form at the earliest possible. The Final Registration form is also available at: <https://forms.gle/Zw5cR9vrt3RaEezCA>
- The registration form requires teams to specify the roles of each individual member. Once registered, a team will not be permitted to vary the composition of the team in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the administrators (at their discretion), if the due reason is shown for the same.
- The registration is restricted to a maximum of 40 teams for this competition.

Registration Fees

1. The registration fee for the competition is INR 4,500. This fee is non-refundable and has to be paid by all teams.
2. There shall be no refund of the registration fee under any circumstance unless the competition is called off.
3. The administrators reserve the absolute discretion to refuse or cancel the registration of any team.

Bank Details

The participants can send the money through-

- a. BHIM-UPI supported apps, like Google pay or Phone Pay on the number – 9690129566
- b. NEFT or any other possible way on the account:
 - Account Number – 1070104000116657
 - Bank Name - IDBI Bank
 - IFSC CODE – IBKL0001070
 - Name of the Account Holder – Abhinav Kathuria

COMPETITION FORMAT

General

- The competition shall comprise of two Preliminary Rounds, pursued by the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and Final rounds.
- The Preliminary Rounds shall be merit-based rounds. The advance rounds will be knock-out rounds.

Structure

1. The Competition will be held virtually over an online platform, which shall duly be communicated to the teams.
2. Four Participating Teams will participate in one Competition Round: Two Negotiating Teams (the Requesting and Responding Parties respectively), and two Mediators from two distinct Participating Teams.
3. The Team Members of a Negotiating Team need not be physically attending in the same room for the objective of participating in a Competition round/Session.
4. To avoid any conflict of interest, the Organizing Committee will attempt to ensure that the Mediators are not assigned to Competition Sessions in which any Negotiating Team belongs to the same Institution as that of the Mediator.

Caucus

1. A Caucus (i.e., a personal session) may be named by a Negotiating Team or by the Mediators.
2. During the interval of the Main Round, the Breakout Room assigned for the Rounds shall purpose as the Caucus Breakout Room.
3. The Room Coordinator will promote the activity of parties to the General Lobby from the breakout room and vice-versa.
4. A Caucus may remain for a maximum of 5 minutes. The Mediators will be accountable for governing the Caucus and attaching to the time barrier. Nonetheless, in case the caucus gets on beyond the designated time period, participants will be evaluated on the timing, justification, and productivity of the expansion.
5. There is no barrier on the number of caucuses called. Likewise, it is not necessary to call for a caucus. It is up to the constraint of the negotiators and mediators to call for a Caucus. They will be examined on the timing, justification, and productivity of the caucus, if called for.

COMPETITION ROUNDS- TIME AND GUIDELINES

1. TIME DIVISION

Sr. No	Rounds	Time Division
1	2 Preliminary Rounds	45 minutes
2	Quarter- Final Round	50 minutes
3	Semi- Final Round	60 minutes
4	Final Round	90 minutes

2. STRUCTURAL GUIDELINES

A. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

1. All Negotiating Teams and Mediators will participate in two Preliminary Rounds.
2. During each Preliminary Round, 2 negotiation teams and 2 mediators shall participate. No mediator shall be enabled to participate in a match-up implicating their negotiation team.
3. Every session will be assessed and scored by Expert Assessors appointed by the Organizing Committee.

B. ADVANCED ROUNDS

1. The Advanced Rounds shall be Knock-Out Rounds and each Negotiating Team/Mediator defeating in each round will authorize for the successive stages.
2. The positions played by the Negotiating Teams (Requesting /Responding party) and the pairings will be agreed upon by draw of lots.
3. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make any differences to the equipments in order to prevent the Mediator and Negotiating Team from being the same team in the same Mediation Room.

COMPETITION PROPOSITION

General

1. Every Competition Problem comprises of General Information, allocated to all Teams, and Confidential Information for the Requesting Party and Responding Parties allocated before the respective Competition sessions.
2. There will be Five (5) different Competition Problems obtained during the Competition: different propositions for each round.

Confidential Information (CI)

- The Confidential Information shall be emailed to the participants on the email ID's furnished, and
- The Negotiating Teams shall have access to the CI 30 minutes prior to the rounds

Interpretation of Proposition

- The General Information on Competition Problems will be shared via mail.
- The Teams must depend merely on the facts remembered in the Competition Problem. Neither the Negotiating Teams nor the Mediators are authorized to establish any new facts or alter any of the facts of the Competition Problem but may make an adequate inference(s) only from the facts provided in the problem.
- Failure to stay within a reasonable interpretation of the Negotiation Proposition may result in a Penalty. In case of any doubt in the understanding or interpretation of any matter concerning the Competition, the decision of the Competition Administrator will be final and binding.
- The Organizing Committee has the single and sole right to administer anything and everything pertaining to any competition problem.

SCORING & PENALTIES

Scoring Criteria

1. Through the Competition, the Negotiating Teams and Mediators will be assessed and marked individually and may authorize for the successive Competition Sessions, unassisted of each other.
2. The achieving standards for Negotiating Teams and Mediators may be found in the Scoring Sheets.
3. TIE-BREAKERS
 - Negotiating Teams and Mediators will be ranked and assigned primarily for the purpose of overall scores.
 - In case of a tie in the score of two or more Negotiating Teams in the Preliminary Rounds or the Knock Out Rounds, the Negotiating Team that will progress to the next round shall be agreed on the purpose of (i) firstly, the total number of score sheets designating 'wins', and (ii) secondly, a considerable quantity of points scored during the joint session.
 - In case of a tie in the score of two or more Mediators in the Preliminary Rounds or the Knock Out Rounds, the Mediator who will progress to the next round shall be agreed on the basis of (i) firstly, the greatest number of scores ensured during Caucus and (ii) secondly, a considerable number of points scored in the Opening and Closing Statement.

INFRINGEMENT OF THE RULES

- Any infringement of the regulations will be punished by the Organizing Committee, either by way of reduction of degrees or by disqualifying the entire Team from the Competition.
- Non-compliance with the teachings of the Organizing Committee by the member/s of any Selected Team shall occur in a liability, which be agreed by the Expert Assessors evaluating the respective Main Round.
- Every Penalty for any infringement of the regulation may be assessed on Teams by the Organizing Committee. The apprehensive Team will be provided a reasonable opportunity to indicate result in why penalty should not be assessed on it. The ruling of the Organizing Committee shall be final.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

1. The above regulations are accountable to alter and improvement as agreed by the organizing Committee. All measures will be undertaken for reasonable and standardized procedure of the Competition. The ruling of the Organizing Committee in all courses regarding the Competition shall be ultimate.
2. Information given to any participant of a team shall be deemed to be communicated to the whole team.
3. The Propositions are neither intended to nor attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The Propositions are a fictitious factual account prepared for the present Competition only and they do not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.
4. Time and deadlines will pursue Indian Standard Time (IST). Rounds will be adjusted/scheduled, as far as possible, to avoid extreme inconvenience/ problems to teams and judges across different time zones.
5. The Organizing Committee, through the Rules Committee and the Organizing Committee, has the sole authority to settle ambiguities or inconsistencies pertaining to the Rules, if any.
6. The Administrators reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period.
7. All Communications, Queries and Clarifications in relation to the Competition may be emailed to attorneysbar@gmail.com. Any such examinations and clarifications by Selected Teams must remember their Team ID in the content of the email.

PRIZES & AWARDS

PARTICULARS	CASH PRIZE
Best Negotiating Team	INR 11,000/-
Best Mediator	INR 5,500/-
Runner-Up Negotiating Team	INR 5,500/-
Runner-Up Mediator	INR 2,500/-
Best Team in Preliminary Rounds	INR 4,000/-


Internship Opportunity

Internships may be offered to any three award winning participants at **Nishit Desai Associates**. Any other such decision pertaining to the same shall solely be taken by the organizing committee.


Contact Us for Further Inquiries

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