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15th-17th September (offline)

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ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW, UPES

UPES, Dehradun, founded in 2003, is one of the top-ranking universities in India and offers multiple courses and specialisations. With a wide variety of constituent colleges, including business, law, engineering, and design, the university has expanded over the years. The university has been accredited with a grade of "A" by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Government of India, in 2021 and strives to achieve more heights in the coming years.

The School of Law, a wing of UPES, envisions an assemblage of specialist legal professionals able to contribute to an increasingly diverse field wherein courses involve energy law, corporate law, cyber law, banking, finance, disruptive technology, and intellectual property rights' specialisation. It has been ranked 21st among law schools in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework in 2021.



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

We are proud to organise Madhyastham UPES ADR Fest 2023. This competition will be organised in hybrid mode. Alternative Dispute Resolution, or ADR, as it is commonly known, is almost a movement that has quickly gained momentum in the Indian as well as the international legal fraternity. As almost all legal systems across the globe are feeling the burden of the backlog of cases and justice being denied through its delay, alternative dispute resolution is showing itself to be the messiah of the overworked judicial system.

The easiest way to popularise the practise of ADR in the legal fraternity is to give budding lawyers exposure to the various mechanisms of ADR, such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, and thus show them the merits of the same. When parties are unwilling or unable to resolve a dispute, one good option is to turn to negotiation. Dispute resolution is a method by which people settle differences. It is a process by which compromise or agreement is reached while avoiding argument and dispute. It is a bargaining process between parties when both seek to reach an agreement that settles a matter of mutual concern or resolves a conflict.

We participate in negotiations every day of our lives. They are reached through discussions made between the parties or their representatives, with or without the involvement of a third, neutral party. Each party should consult or see a lawyer before settling the matter so that they are well aware of their rights and duties with respect to the dispute that they are willing to solve. The process of dispute resolution is a win-win outcome where both sides feel they have gained something positive through the process of negotiation, and both sides feel their point of view has been taken into consideration.

TIMELINE

Last Date for Provisional Registration	15th June, 2023
Confirmation of Provisional Registration	25th June, 2023
Final Registration (Open)	30th June, 2023
Final Registration (Close)	25th July, 2023
Problem Release	10th August, 2023
Last Date to seek Clarifications	18th August, 2023
Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Finals	25th- 26th August, 2023
Semi-Finals and Finals (Offline)	15th-17th September, 2023
Valedictory Ceremony	17th September, 2023

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The banner features a white background with a blue geometric design on the right side. The design includes a large blue triangle pointing right, with several white chevron symbols pointing up and to the right. Below the triangle, there are several thin, light blue curved lines that sweep across the white space. On the left side, there are two blue geometric shapes that frame a photograph of a university campus. The photograph shows a large, modern building with a glass facade, surrounded by greenery and a paved walkway. In the background, there are mountains under a clear sky. The text is centered in the white area.

**3rd NATIONAL
NEGOTIATION
COMPETITION**

GENERAL INFORMATION

All the below-mentioned rules and regulations will be considered general information for the 3rd National Negotiation Competition (referred to as 'this competition').

1. General Format:

A. This competition will comprise a total of five rounds:

- Preliminary Round-1
- Preliminary Round-2
- Quarter-Final Round
- Semi-Final Round
- Final Round

B. Each participating team shall comprise two members:

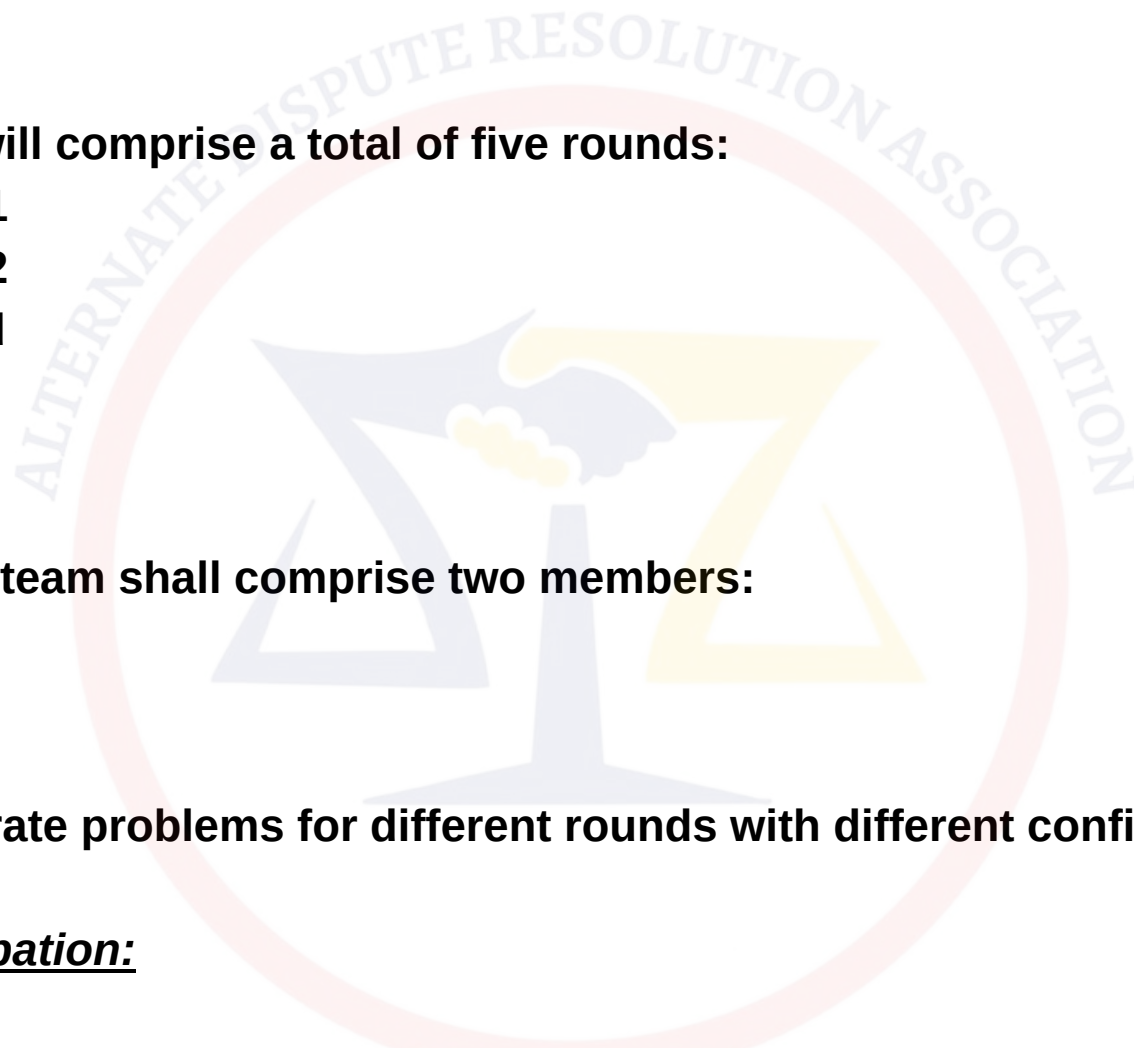
- One Client
- One Counsel

C. There will be separate problems for different rounds with different confidential information.

2. Eligibility & Participation:

A. The registration is restricted to 24 teams for the 3rd National Negotiation Competition.

B. Each participant must be a current undergraduate student (5-year or 3-year course) at their respective institution. In exceptional circumstances, the organising committee may grant eligibility to institutions with degree programmes in International relations, provided that adequate instructions in international law will be available to all members of the team.



GENERAL INFORMATION

3. Registration:

Any Interested team across the world can register for this Competition .

4. Team Identification and Anonymity Rule:

A. After registration, each participating team will be provided with a team code, which will be served to all the teams. All communications must be made in reference to this Team Code known as Negotiation Team Code (NTC).

B. None of the teams are supposed to reveal their institution's name or any other details to other teams or the judges. All communication must be made with regard to the Team Code known as Negotiation Team Code (NTC).

5. Dresscode:

Each member of the participation team shall be dressed in formals (Indian or Western) for the duration of the competition.

6. Language:

The official language of the competition will be English. All written or oral submissions before the judges shall be in English.

ROUNDS

Each round includes two negotiation pairs (client and counsel), from different teams, representing each side.

- The preliminary rounds shall be in session for a maximum of 45 minutes. The top 8 negotiating pairs and top 8 mediators will qualify for the quarterfinals.
- The quarterfinals shall be in session for a maximum of 45 minutes. The top 4 negotiating pairs and top 4 mediators will qualify for the semi-finals.
- The semi-Finals shall be in session for a maximum of 60 minutes. The top 2 negotiating pairs and the top 2 mediators will qualify for the finals.
- The final rounds shall be in session for a maximum of 90 minutes.

The banner features a white central area with a blue geometric background. On the left and right, there are blue-tinted photographs of a university campus with buildings and mountains. The text is centered in the white area. The word 'MEDIATION' is highlighted in orange, while the other words are in dark blue. In the top right blue corner, there are three white upward-pointing chevrons. The bottom right corner shows a blue geometric shape overlapping the campus photo.

5th NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

GENERAL INFORMATION

All the below-mentioned rules and regulations will be considered general information for the 5th National Mediation Competition (referred to as 'this competition').

1. General Format:

A. This competition will comprise a total of five rounds:

- Preliminary Round- 1
- Preliminary Round- 2
- Quarter-Final Round
- Semi-Final Round
- Final Round

B. Each participating team shall comprise three members:

- One neutral Mediator
- One Client
- One Counsel

C. There will be separate problems for different rounds with different confidential information.

2. Eligibility & Participation:

A. The registration is restricted to 24 teams for the 5th National Mediation Competition.

B. Each participant must be a current undergraduate student (5-year or 3-year course) at their respective institution. In exceptional circumstances, the organising committee may grant eligibility to institutions with degree programmes in International relations, provided that adequate instructions in international law will be available to all members of the team.

GENERAL INFORMATION

3. Registration:

Any Interested team across the world can register for this Competition.

4. Team Identification and Anonymity Rule:

A. After registration, each participating team will be provided with a team code, which will be served to all the teams. All communications must be made in reference to this Team Code known as Mediation Team Code (MTC).

B. None of the teams are supposed to reveal their institution's name or any other details to other teams or the judges. All communication must be made with regard to the Team Code known as Mediation Team Code (MTC).

5. Dresscode:

Each member of the participation team shall be dressed in formals (Indian or Western) for the duration of the competition.

6. Language:

The official language of the competition will be English. All written or oral submissions before the judges shall be in English.

ROUNDS

Each round includes two mediators (who will co-mediate the session) who are from different schools and two negotiation pairs (client and counsel), from different teams, representing each side. The co-mediators and the negotiating pairs are all from different teams.

- The preliminary rounds shall be in session for a maximum of 45 minutes, inclusive of a maximum of 5 minutes (for each team) for the caucus. The top 8 negotiating pairs and top 8 mediators will qualify for the quarterfinals.
- The quarterfinals shall be in session for a maximum of 45 minutes, inclusive of a maximum of 5 minutes (for each team) for the caucus. The top 4 negotiating pairs and top 4 mediators will qualify for the semi-finals.
- The semi-Finals shall be in session for a maximum of 60 minutes, inclusive of a maximum of 5 minutes (for each team) for the caucus. The top 2 negotiating pairs and the top 2 mediators will qualify for the finals.
- The final rounds shall be in session for a maximum of 90 minutes, inclusive of a maximum of 5 minutes (for each team) for the caucus.

AWARDS

Mediation Segment

- Winner Negotiating Pair
- Winner Mediator
- Runner- Up Mediator
- Runner-Up Negotiating Pair
- Best Team (Based on Preliminary Rounds)

Negotiation Segment

- Winner Negotiating Pair
- Runner-Up Negotiating Pair
- Best Team (Based on Preliminary Rounds)

Note:

Award holders will be awarded with Cash Prizes and Internship Opportunities.

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