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1ST ILNU INTERNATIONAL
MEDIATION COMPETITION

COMPETITION RULES

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RULES FOR THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2021

1. GENERAL:

- 1.1. 1st Institute of Law Nirma University- International Mediation Competition, 2021 (ILNU-IMC) is administered by the Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee at Institute of Law, Nirma University.
- 1.2. It is a virtual mediation competition.
- 1.3. The Competition will be held from the 5th to 7th of March, 2021.

2. REGISTRATION:

- 2.1 The registration fees for the teams is as follows:
Indian Teams: INR 4500
Foreign Teams: USD 65
- 2.2 Last date of Team Registration is 15th February, 2021
- 2.3 The aforementioned registration fee is inclusive of Competition fees and fees for the Training Sessions to be conducted by AIDR Experts on 5th March, 2021.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1. Students must be enrolled in five-year integrated undergraduate law programme or any other form of Bachelor's degree in law (LLB, BCL, JD or equivalent).
- 3.2. Students with practical experience of mediation outside their university are not eligible to participate as a mediator or a negotiator.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- 4.1. Each team shall comprise of 3 students- one mediator, one client and one counsel.
- 4.2. Each round will include co-mediators from other institutes who will not mediate for their own institute in any round.
- 4.3. Each round will have 1 client – counsel pair as the requesting party and 1 client – counsel pair as the responding party.
- 4.4. The roles of the participants cannot change in rounds.

5. FORMAT:

- 5.1. There will be 2 preliminary rounds.
- 5.2. The total scores (client + counsel + mediator scores) of the teams will be taken into consideration and the top 8 teams will qualify for the quarter-finals.

- 5.3. The total scores (client + counsel + mediator scores) of the teams in quarter-finals will be taken into consideration and the top 4 teams will qualify for the semi-finals.
- 5.4. There will be a knockout round in semi-finals and two teams will progress from there to finals.

6. UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATION:

Considering the limitation on the number of teams, each University is permitted to be represented by only one team.

7. DURATION AND TIMEKEEPING:

- 7.1. Each round of mediation (breaks and caucus included) will extend upto 80 minutes.
- 7.2. Feedback by the judge must be completed within 10 mins.
- 7.3. 60 minutes prior to the start of the round shall be the preparation time for the teams with the confidential information.
- 7.4. In case of any technical glitch, the host of the meeting will have complete discretion to proceed accordingly.

8. ONLINE PLATFORM:

- 8.1. ILNU-IMC will be conducted on Cisco WebEx Platform.
- 8.2. A demonstration on the conduct of sessions on Zoom will also be provided to the Participant Teams as part of the Technology Training Session on 5th March, 2021.
- 8.3. All participants must have an internet connection sufficient to smoothly run Cisco WebEx. In case of the team not being present at the allotted time or bad connectivity, the team will be given 10 minutes to reconnect with alternative internet connection/s. The affected negotiating team/mediator must immediately contact the host institute in case such an issue arises. If still the problem persists after the lapse of 10 minutes, a walkover will be given to the opposing team.

9. SCORING SCHEME:

- 9.1. Mediators and the advocates/clients will be scored separately.
- 9.2. In each round of mediation, Co-mediators will be marked against each other and the teams representing the two sides will be marked against each other.

10. PROCEDURE FOR JUDGES:

- 10.1. The judges will score independently of each other.
- 10.2. Judges are provided a statement of the case as well as the confidential information provided to each team.
- 10.3. Students may not at any time confer with the judges until their scores have

- 10.4. Thereafter the judges may provide a short critique.
- 10.5. During the round, if a judge feels a team has gone beyond a reasonable inference of facts, then he/she may score the team accordingly.

11. CASES TO BE MEDIATED:

- 11.1. A common set of facts (“General Information”) will be disclosed to both sides and the co-mediators.
- 11.2. Each of the two preliminary rounds, the quarter-finals, the semi-final and the final rounds will involve different issues based on an underlying set of facts.
- 11.3. Additionally, a separate confidential fact sheet/information will be given to each negotiating team (“Confidential Information”) 60 minutes prior to the rounds.
- 11.4. The mediators will not receive the confidential fact sheets.
- 11.5. The Competition Problems shall be based on hypothetical facts and shall not be subject to domestic laws of any Nation (unless specifically mentioned in the General Information). Similarity to any real event is to be treated as purely coincidental.
- 11.6. The General Information for all Competition Problems shall be released on 17th February, 2021.
- 11.7. The Participant Teams may request clarifications on the General Information on and before 22nd February, 2021 by mailing the same at adrc.il@nirmauni.ac.in with the subject line as “Clarification on General Information”.
- 11.8. Answers to clarifications requested with regard to the General Information shall be released on 25th February, 2021.
- 11.9. Right to dismiss answering of any clarification is the sole prerogative of the Author the General Information.

12. PERMITTED USE OF TECHNOLOGY:

- 12.1. No pre-prepared materials may be brought into the round by the teams or the mediators to be presented to the judges or other competitors in the round.
- 12.2. This includes any use of PowerPoint or any other presentation software.
- 12.3. Competitors may themselves use any competition-supplied materials (general and confidential information) or personal notes they have prepared to assist them during the round.
- 12.4. Each participant is required to join the session via a separate device.
- 12.5. Participants are allowed to use headsets, bring calculators, watches or other dedicated timing devices.

13. IN EVENT OF TIE:

In the event of a tie, victory of the team will be determined by comparing the mediator scores.

14. CRITERIA FOR AWARDS:

- 14.1. The best team of the competition will be awarded prize money of Rs.30,000 + 1-year subscription to SCC Online Web Edition to each team member + Flagship mediation course offered by Mediator Academy.
- 14.2. The runner-up team will be awarded prize money of Rs. 20,000 + 1-year subscription to EBC Learning to each team member + Flagship mediation course offered by Mediator Academy.
- 14.3. The prize money for individual participants are as follows:
 - A. Best Mediator – Rs. 5,000
 - B. Best Client – Rs. 5,000
 - C. Best Counsel – Rs. 5,000
- 14.4. One-month access to the SCC Online Web Edition to all participants.
- 14.5. Individual awards will be determined by the scores of preliminary rounds.

15. CERTIFICATES:

- 15.1. One certificate of accomplishment will be issued to each winning team.
- 15.2. Certificates of participation will be issued for all participants.

16. AGREEMENT FOR RECORDING OF SESSION:

- 16.1. Participants agree to the use of photography and recording, or equivalent, and the discretionary use of all such material by the Organizers of the Competition.
- 16.2. Recording of the Sessions by anyone else is prohibited and subject to explicit permission by the Organizing Committee.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

- 17.1. The competition will be held in English Language
- 17.2. The dress code will be formals
- 17.3. In case of any dispute, the Organizing Committee will be having the sole discretion regarding it.

18. CONTACT INFORMATION:

In case of any queries pertaining to the rule or procedure of the competition, kindly contact via the information provided below.

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