



RULES AND REGULATIONS

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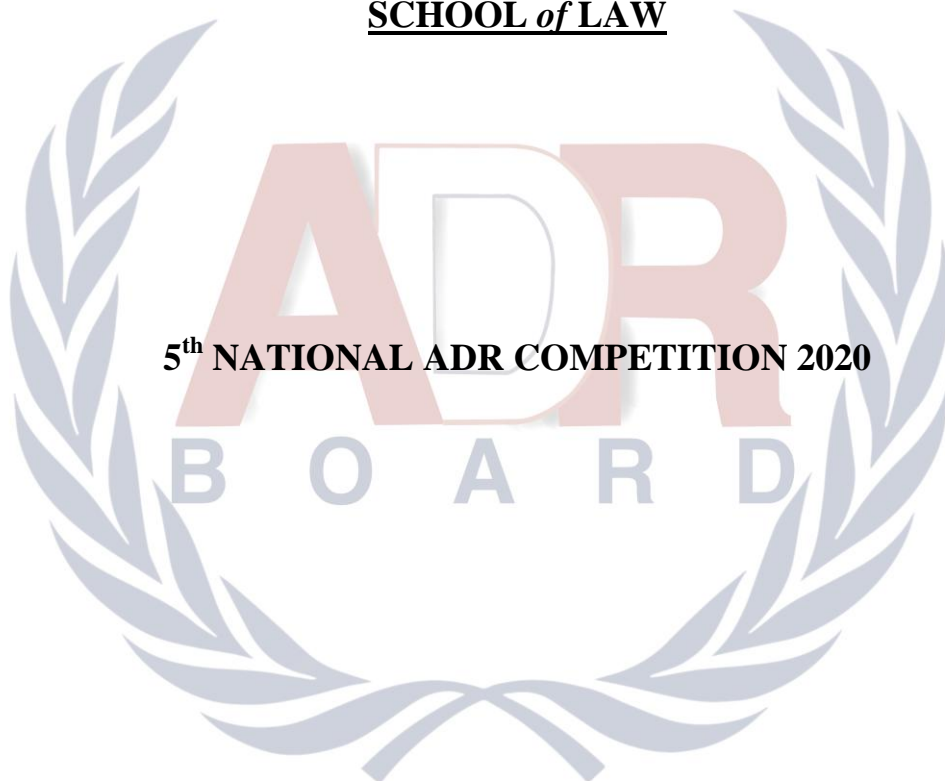


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GENERAL RULES

The School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be) University is conducting its 5th National ADR Competition 2020 on 16th, 17th and 18th January, 2020. The Competition comprises of the following events: Client Counseling, Negotiation and Mediation, each of which highlights various skills that will set one apart from the rest.

1. Eligibility

Only bona fide students of Law Colleges/Universities pursuing a Three Year/Five Year Degree in law are eligible to participate in the competition. Participation allotments shall be made on the basis of slots reserved from provisional registration for the respective Law College/University.

Only one team representing a Law College / University can take part in each Event, implying that a maximum of 3 teams shall be permitted to take part in the Competition.

A participant can take part only in one event in the Competition and every Law College/University has the liberty to take part in one, two or all the Events. However, it must be noted that there must be separate teams for each event representing the College / University in the Competition and that, a maximum of 7 students shall represent their Law College/University in the Competition.

2. Registration and Accommodation

The first 20 teams that shall complete the process of Provisional Registration, before 25th November 2019, shall be allotted Participant slots in the Competition. Spot registrations will not be entertained.

A Confirmation mail shall be sent to the Colleges/ Universities who successfully complete the process of Provisional Registration. In furtherance of which the teams shall have to send duly filled Registration form and payment details through Soft Copy and Hard Copy in the format prescribed in the mail

The participating teams are required to complete the process of Registration along with payment of the prescribed fee on or before **10th December, 2019 [11:59PM] [Soft Copy submissions]**.

Last Date for submitting the HARD COPY of the Registration form along with payment details is 15th December, 2019.

Team codes would be allotted to the respective teams post completion of registration formalities and shall remain the same till the completion of Final Rounds.

The problems for the competitions shall be released on 5th December, 2019.

The fixtures for the events will be decided by Draw of Lots conducted after the inaugural ceremony on the day of commencement of the Competition.

All meals and snacks will be provided by the Host University during the dates of the competition to all the participants, with the exception of dinner on the day of valedictory ceremony.

3. Payment Details:

The registration amount for each team is as follows:

Client Counselling	Rs. 3000
Negotiation	Rs. 3000
Mediation	Rs. 4500

Kindly note that the registration fee is exclusive of the accommodation. Accommodation for each Client Counselling and Negotiation team is Rs 2500 and for each Mediation team is Rs. 3750.

For all 3 events, the fees paid by the teams will remain non-refundable.

Payment must be made ONLY after receiving an acknowledgement mail from the Host University granting Provisional Registration. The Registration Process shall be completed only after submission of HARD COPY of the Registration form inclusive of Payment Details to the Host University.

The Law Colleges/Universities shall be informed about the details regarding payment shortly after the receipt of the mail from the Host University granting them the slots for participation.

4. Code of Conduct

The official language of the Competition shall be English.

The Participating Teams should mention only their allotted Team codes for the purpose of communication with Judges / Organizers. The identity of the Participating team or the name of their College / Uni-

versity shall not be disclosed to any other person during the course of the Competition. In addition, sporting any visible or distinguishable badges / card / uniform by any participant which provides an opportunity of inferring / disclosing their identity or the identity of the Law College / University being represented strictly is forbidden.

The teams shall uphold the integrity of the Competition at all times and any scouting, disclosure of confidential information or any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly barred; the practice of the same shall result in immediate disqualification. Any attempt to obtain the confidential information or any other information from any of the parties which may give the team an unfair advantage in the competition will result in immediate expulsion of the team and blacklisting of that college.

The use of any electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited during the rounds and the same may lead to disqualification of the teams.

All the participants are to adhere to Western Formals style of dressing.

The ADR Board reserves the right to disqualify any team for misconduct during the competition. In case of doubts, the decision of the Conveners and the Faculty Coordinators of the Board shall be final.

5. Grievance Redressal

All grievances are to be filed to the Conveners of the ADR Board by drafting a mail to the ADR Board within 6 hours of the arousal of the dispute/grievance. Non-compliance with this requirement will amount to a waiver of the dispute and subsequent filing of such grievance post the time allotted will not be entertained.

Decisions on all grievances shall be taken by the Conveners and the Faculty Coordinators of the ADR Committee and such decision shall be final and binding on all participants.

6. Anti-Scouting Policy

Scouting in all forms is strictly prohibited. Participating Teams will not be allowed to observe the Sessions of any other team(s) taking part in any event.

Illustration: A Mediation team is restrained from attending a Negotiation session of any other team from their / other Participating University.

The participants are to strictly refrain from contacting or attempting to contact any external source after the disclosure of the problem or / and Confidential Information.

Scouting shall result in immediate disqualification and any decision of the ADR Board in this regard shall be final and binding upon the Participating Team.

7. Awards

Awards including a trophy and a cash prize will be provided to:

Sl. No.	Events	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Best Mediator	8,000
2.	Winning Team, Mediation	20,000
3.	Runners up, Mediation	15,000
5.	Winning Team, Client Counseling Competition	15,000
6.	Runners up, Client Counseling	10,000
7.	2nd Runner-up team, Client Counseling	7,000
8.	Winning Team, Negotiation	15,000
9.	Runners up, Negotiation	10,000

All awards and certificates will be distributed at the Valedictory ceremony. Kindly note that attendance of all participants during the valedictory ceremony is mandatory.

8. Penalties and Disqualifications

The rules given above must be strictly adhered to by all the Participating Law Colleges / Universities, failing which shall attract either a penalty or disqualification based on the nature of the violation, which is at the discretion of the ADR Board.

9. Clarifications

For any clarifications, teams are requested to mail their queries and concerns to the ADR Board at: adrboard@law.christuniversity.in



RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLIENT COUNSELLING

1. Composition of the Team

Each participating team shall consist of two students from each Law College/University, who shall play the role of Advocates.

2. Nature of the Competition

The Competition mirrors a law office consultation between the client and lawyers in which two law students would be acting as Advocates who are presented with a hypothetical situation which will be brought before them by a Client. The Client shall be from the Host University who would have received training from the Organizers prior the date of the Competition.

The participants are expected to extract the relevant information from the Client within the time stipulated. They may do so by conducting an interview, presenting the Client with legal means and a range of alternatives to resolve the problem and a final remedy which they think is adequate.

The interview with the Client is followed by a Post-Reflection period during which the students, in the absence of the Client, analyze the interview and discuss the course of action with the application of relevant laws.

The post reflective period will be followed by a Question-Answer session by the judge on the concerned matter.

The Client Counseling Rounds shall be based on General Principles of Contract Law, Tort Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, Consumer Protection and Constitutional Law and other areas of law as decided by the organizing committee.

3. Time Limits

Each team shall be allotted a maximum of 30 minutes to complete a Session which is inclusive of the consultation with the Client (20 minutes), the Post -Reflective (5 minutes) and the Question –Answer (5 minutes) period.

The initial 20 minutes must be utilized to interview the Client, wherein the team must attempt to extract information pertaining to the simulation, delineate the issues that have arisen, and suggest tenable solutions that may be availed of by the Client.

After the interview session, the Client will leave the room, and the next 5 minutes of the Round are to be utilized to assess the problem (Post-Reflective), in which the student will ascertain the relevant course of action to be undertaken and summarize the Session and the consequent remedy.

After the Post-Reflective Session, for the next 5 minutes the judges will question the participants on the relevant area of law, knowledge of law, and their remedies which has been suggested by the participants.

No additional time will be given to any team to complete the Session.

Time limit for the Final Round may increase to 45 minutes.

4. Use of Props and Materials

The participants are permitted to bring books, stationery and office furnishings for their use during the session. While in electronic items, only laptops may be used as a part of the office set up. However, none of the aforementioned items can be used for any research. No electronic items are permitted to be used.

5. Marking Criteria

The Participating Teams will be evaluated by the judges based on the following criteria:

Sl.	Particulars	Marks
No.		
1.	Establishing an Effective Professional Relationship	10
2.	Presentation	10
3.	Introduction and Initial Discussion	10

4.	Obtaining Information and learning the Client's Goals, Expectations & Needs	10
5.	Problem analysis	10
6.	Courses of Action	10
7.	Assisting the Client to Make an Informed Choice	10
8.	Concluding the Interview and Teamwork	10
9.	Post Interview Reflection Period	10
10.	Ability to answer the Judge's questions	10
	TOTAL	100

6. Scoring Criteria

The teams shall qualify from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter- Finals on the basis of the following mechanism:

The marking method shall combine a team's Final Points across rooms along with relative rank within the room, to arrive at a Final Points. The teams with the top eight Final Points (numerically the lowest eight) shall qualify to the Quarter- Finals. In case of ties (where Final Points are the same), priority would be given to teams with the higher marks obtained in point 5, subsequently in point 1 and lastly on the basis of scores obtained in point 10.

The method of Calculation for Final Points is:

Final Points obtained = Round Rank 1 (Room) + Round Rank 1 (Absolute)

Draw of lots shall decide the fixtures for all knockout stages of the Competition.

7. Selection of Clients

The ADR Board, School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be) University shall be responsible for the selection of individuals to play the role of the Client in each of the Rounds and shall also provide them with a rigorous training program to ensure adeptness in the rounds.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MEDIATION

1. Composition

There shall be three participants per team from a Law College/ University taking part in the Mediation Competition consisting of a Mediator and an Advocate – Client team.

Switching of roles between the Mediator and the Advocate- Client Team is impermissible. However, the Advocate – Client team can interchange their roles during the Competition. Nevertheless, once a role is selected, they shall be in that role till the completion of that Round.

Illustration: If A and B are the Advocate – Client team, A can be the Advocate for the Preliminary Round and B can be the Advocate for the Quarter- Finals. But once A takes up the role of an Advocate in the start of Preliminary Rounds, he shall continue to be an Advocate during the entire Preliminary Rounds.

2. Nature of Competition

A Mediation Session will consist of two Mediators (Co-Mediators) and two parties to the dispute represented by an Advocate – Client Team on each side. Therefore, a single mediation session will involve 4 teams at once.

The two Mediators will be from different teams and will be Co- Mediating with an aim of reconciling the differences between the parties. There will be two Advocate – Client Teams representing the par-

ties to the dispute. They shall be make efforts to amicably resolve the dispute in the presence of the Mediators.

Each Round will have a Common set of facts and Confidential Information. The Common set of facts shall be known to both Advocate- Client Teams as well as the Mediators. The Confidential Information shall be known to only the Advocate- Client Teams to which they relate to. Both the Advocate- Client Teams will have different set of Confidential Information. The opposing client – advocate teams will be given their respective confidential information 5 minutes prior to the rounds.

The Co- Mediators have to facilitate an agreement between the disputing parties so as to be able to put forth all their problems and enable the parties to reach an amicable solution.

3. Time Limit

Each Mediation Session shall be for 30 minutes and no extra time will be granted.

A mediation Session comprises of:

- (a) Opening Statement of Co-Mediators [4 mins]
- (b) Opening Statement of Advocate-Client Team [3 mins each]
- (c) Caucuses and Conferences [18 mins] (Co-Mediators have the discretion)
- (d) Closing Statement of co- Mediators [2 mins]

It is the Mediators' discretion as to how they want to conduct the session including any procedure they deem fit for mediation.

There shall be a Post- Mediation Session for 5 minutes. During this Session, the judges may ask questions to the teams.

The time limit for the Final Round may extend to 45 minutes.

4. Caucuses and Conferences

Caucuses are meetings that the Mediator holds with only one side of the conflict. The disputants can clarify their interests, position and solidify their strategies and goals.

During each Mediation Session, it is to the Mediators' discretion as to when to call for Caucuses or Conferences. However, the Mediator has to call for caucus and a conference at least once to facilitate the mediation.

A Caucus or a Conference has to be in accordance with the following provisions:

- The Caucuses will occur between the Mediators and one Advocate – Client Team at a time.
- During Caucus, the other party shall leave the room. It is pertinent that the party which has stepped out of the room ensures that they shall not communicate anything to anybody outside the room. In case, they are found communicating this confidential information with third party or any other person, the ADR Board holds the right to disqualify such team(s).
- In a Session of Conference, both the parties shall remain in the same room.

5. Marking Criteria

The Mediators will be evaluated by the judges based on the following criteria:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Marks
1.	Opening statement	15
2.	Establishing Professional Relationship with the parties	10
3.	Identifying Key issues of Dispute	10
4.	Understand the needs and interests of the parties	10
5.	Knowledge and Application of Law	10
6.	Ability to Contribute to an effective process and outcome	10
7.	Effective use of Conference and Caucus	15

8.	Closing Statement	10
9.	Ability to answer Judge's questions	10
	TOTAL	100

The Client- Advocate will be evaluated by the judges based on the following criteria:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Marks
1.	Advocate- Client's opening statement	10
2.	Teamwork between Advocate and Client	10
3.	Caucus	10
4.	Conference	10
5.	Willingness to reach an amicable solution	10
6.	Strategic use of facts and confidential information	10
7.	Advocating Client's Interests	10
8.	Relationship building and Problem solving	10
9.	Closing Statement	10
10.	Ability to answer Judge's questions	10
	TOTAL	100

6. Scoring Criteria

The Mediators and the Advocate-Client team shall be scored on the criteria as given above. It is to be noted that the qualification of a Mediator is independent of the qualification of the Advocate -Client team.

i.e. the qualification of a mediator to the next round does not necessarily imply the qualification of the respective Advocate-Client team. They shall advance in the rounds in their individual capacity of either an Advocate-Client team or as a Mediator.

The teams shall qualify from the preliminary rounds to the Quarter- Finals on the basis of the following mechanism:

The marking method shall combine a team's Final Points across rooms along with relative rank within the room to arrive at a Final Points. The teams with the top eight Final Points (numerically the lowest eight) shall qualify to the Quarter- Finals.

In case of ties (where Final Points are the same), priority would be given to teams with the higher marks obtained in point 7, subsequently to point 1 and lastly on the basis of scores obtained in point 10 (for Advocate-Client Team) and Point 9 (for the Mediator).

The method of Calculation for Final Points is:

Final Points obtained = Round Rank 1 (Room) + Round Rank 1 (Absolute)

Draw of lots shall determine the fixtures for all knockout rounds of the Competition.

7. Written Submission

There will be no written submission for the mediation rounds.

8. Procedural Technicalities

All mediators must follow Rule 7 of the BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION, ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION CENTRE MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION RULES and ensure compliance with all rules mentioned herein.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NEGOTIATION

1. Composition of Team

Each participating team shall consist of two students from a Law College/ University.

2. Objective

The object of the Negotiation Competition is to provide a means for law students to practice and improve their Negotiating skills, as it forms the basic premise upon which any dispute can be resolved in an amicable manner.

3. Time Limit

Each participating team will participate in a 20-minute Negotiation Session which will be inclusive of Opening Statements and Deliberations by each team. The Deliberations will be followed by a 5-minute (per team) period of Post-Negotiation Analysis and a Question/Answer session by the judges for each team.

Each Round that shall continue for a maximum of 30 minutes (20 + 5 + 5).

The time limit for the Final Round may extend to 45 minutes.

4. Confidential Information

Confidential Information shall be released to the respective teams 5 minutes before the commencement of the negotiation session. This Information should not be disclosed to any other participant at any time during the course of the Competition. Disqualification of the respective team would be the end result, in the event of any such disclosure to any third party etc.

5. Strategy Paper

Each team will be required to submit a Strategy Paper on the Preliminary Round problem. The papers would be provided to the judges at the time of Rounds, and may be used by them to aid in their marking or for questioning the teams during self-analysis. The soft copy of the Strategy Paper must be submitted

on 16th January, 2020 along with three sets of hard copy should be brought by the teams at the day of arrival of the Competition which shall be collected by the Organizers before the draw of lots.

The strategy paper shall include the following components:

- I. Brief Facts
- II. Issues Involved
- III. Laws Applicable
- IV. Interests of First Party
- V. Conflicting Interests of Second Party
- VI. BATNA (Best Alternative To Negotiated Agreement)
- VII. Arguments

Note: Teams have the option to include additional components, if necessary; however they cannot edit or exclude any of the components listed above. Additional marks of 20 are reserved for the strategy paper for the prelims. The language of the Competition and the proceedings is English and the strategy papers should be in the following format:

- Font-Times New Roman
- Size-12
- Line Spacing – 1.5

Further, two copies from each side one in Microsoft word and one in PDF format should be sent. The team codes have to be written on the right top most corner of the first page of the paper. The name of the university or participant should not be disclosed in the paper, failing which it will attract penalty.

Each strategy paper must not exceed 5 sides. (Inclusive of all contents)

The soft copies of the strategy paper should be emailed to: adrboard@law.christuniversity.in. The subject of the mail should be - “Strategy Paper: *team code*”. The hard copies of the strategy paper should be submitted at the time of arrival for the competition.

6. Marking Criteria

The Negotiators will be evaluated by the judges based on the following criteria:

Sl. No.	Particulars Marks	Marks
1.	Opening Statement	10
2.	Co-ordination among team members	10
3.	Knowledge of Law	10
4.	Identifying Key issues of Dispute	10
5.	Application of Law to Facts	10
6.	Establishment of Relationship Between Parties	10
7.	Consideration of Best Interest of Party	10
8.	Originality in Suggested Alternative Courses of Action	10
9.	Post Negotiation Analysis	10
10.	Ability to answer judge's questions	10
	Total	100

7. Scoring Criteria

The teams shall qualify from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter- Finals on the basis of the following mechanism:

The marking method shall combine a team's Final Points across rooms along with relative rank within the room, to arrive at a Final Points. The teams with the top eight Final Points (numerically the lowest eight) shall qualify to the Quarter- Finals.

In case of ties (where Final Points are the same), priority would be given to teams with the higher marks obtained in point 5, subsequently to point 1 and lastly on the basis of scores obtained in point 10.

The method of Calculation for Final Points is:

Final Points obtained = Round Rank 1 (Room) + Round Rank 1 (Absolute).

Draw of lots shall determine the fixtures for all knockout stages in the Competition.

Teams in Negotiation Competition qualify from the Quarter- Finals to the Semi- Finals on the basis of the principle of Knock- outs only. However, the teams going in the same room will be deemed to be against each other i.e. the winner of each room shall qualify to the next higher round.

