

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CONCORDAT 2.0

‘Med-Arb COMPETITION’

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1. SHORT TITLE & COMMENCEMENT: The Competition will be called “CONCORDAT 2.0, Mediation – Arbitration Competition.

(i) The Mediation-Arbitration Competition shall hereinafter be referred to as “Concordat 2.0 Med-Arb Competition”.

(ii) The rules, awards and regulations of the Concordat 2.0 Med-Arb Competition are subject to changes. Any such amendment shall be notified to all the participants and jury panellist immediately until then reliance should be placed only on guidelines mentioned herein below.

2. DEFINITIONS: In these guidelines, unless otherwise stated, a reference to a guideline is reference to this guidebook of the “Concordat 2.0 Med-Arb Competition”. In these guidelines, unless the context otherwise requires:

(i) “**Centre for ADR & Centre for Sports Law, Economics & Policy (SLEP) - IFIM Law School, Bengaluru**” is the organizing and administrating body for the Competition.

(ii) “**Competition**” means the Concordat 2.0 Med-Arb Competition;

(iii) “**Organizing Committee**” means the members of the Centre for ADR-Centre for Sports Law, Economic & Policy-student-volunteer body, responsible for the administration and smooth conduct of the competition, including all other members conferred with powers.

(iv) “**Counsels**” means students participating for the competition and playing the role of legal practitioner.

(v) “**Bench**” refers to the members duly invited by the Organizing Committee, to adjudge/arbitrate any of the rounds.

(vi) “**Participant**” means any individual eligible for participating in the competition;

(vii) “**Team**” means any team comprising of not more than three participants and includes only bona fide representatives of any University, may that be State, Central or International or any other department recognized/authorized and who have applied and registered for the Competition by complying with the procedure prescribed in the present rules;

(viii) “**Team Code**” means a unique code assigned by the Organizing

Committee to the applied and registered team;

- (ix) “**Penalty**” refers to the deductions imposed on the participating team/individual in breach of any rules, as provided by the Organizing Committee.
- (x) “**Plagiarism**” refers to the direct or substantial duplication of the work from the memorial/strategy paper of any other team through offline or online source(s).
- (xi) “**Strategy Paper**” refers to the strategy drafted by the participants for the mediation rounds, which will be marked and be used in case of tie breakers only.
- (xii) “**Written submissions/Memorial**” means the written arguments submitted by each team participating in an arbitration competition, according to these Rules.

3. INTERPRETATION:

- (i) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to interpret the rules as it deems fit in order to ensure fairness and equality in the competition. Any such interpretation shall be conclusive and the decision of the Organizing Committee for the application of the rules shall be final and binding.
- (ii) The Organizing Committee may also amend, modify, change or repeal any rule from the same shall be communicated to the teams in due time. In case of any conflict, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Registration	5 th June 2022
Release of the Problems	15 th June 2022
Last Date for seeking clarifications	25 th June 2022
Release of Clarifications	28 th June 2022

Submission of Strategy Paper & Memorial	11 th July 2022
Preliminary Round	15 th July 2022
Quarter and Semi-Finals	16 th July 2022
Final Round	17 th July 2022

4. ELIGIBILITY:

Law Students duly enrolled and representatives of any University, may that be State, Central or International or any other department recognized/authorized may apply to participate in the Concordat 2.0 Med-Arb Competition.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- (i) A team shall consist of three members that must include Client, Counsel and Mediator for the mediation rounds and the same team shall adapt the role of two Counsels and one Researcher for the Arbitration Rounds. (There shall not be more than one team representing an Institution in the Med-Arb Format).
- (ii) Any team, intending to change composition of the team shall intimate the Organizing Committee by sending an e-mail at concordat@ifim.edu.in, the change will be allowed on discretion of the Organizing Committee.

6. REGISTRATION:

(i) General –

6.(i)(i). Each team shall register to CONCORDAT 2.0 Med-Arb Competition, by filing registration form, in the prescribed manner on or before 11:59PM 5th June, 2022.

6.(i)(ii). Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/168j3pCCDKhSHcV7A>

6.(i)(iii). For the Selection Process, the Organizing Committee will

shortlist a total of 16 Teams out of all the Applicant Teams on first-come-first basis, who have successfully completed the registration by the above-mentioned deadline.

6.(i)(iv). On receipt of the duly filled registration form the Organizing Committee shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the registration.

6(i)(v). After the deadline for the registration expires, the Organizing Committee shall respond to each registered team, as specified under the clause 6(i)(iv), with a unique team code, which shall be used to identify the teams during the competition.

(ii) Registration Fee –

6.(ii)(i). The registration fee for the competition is ₹4,500/- only. **In case of withdrawal no refund will be provided.**

6.(ii)(ii). The registration fee for the CONCORDAT 2.0 Med-Arb Competition, can be paid through electronic transfers. The payment shall be made to the following Bank Account:

Name of the Beneficiary: Centre for Development Education – ESCROW-1

Bank & Branch: Axis Bank Ltd., Koramangala Branch (KT)

Account No.: 921020044107680

IFSC/NEFT Code/RTGS Code/BRANCH Code: UTIB0000194

7. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS:

- (i) Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form during the Competition, except by the means of their Team Code allotted by the Organizing Committee.
- (ii) Any material presented to the Panel, should be devoid of any identification mark(s)/seal(s) of the Team. If any such mark(s)/seal(s) exist, it must be rendered unrecognizable before being presented to the judges.
- (iii) Any violation of the abovementioned rules shall attract severe penalty

or disqualification as determined by the Organizing Committee. The decision of the Organizing Committee in this regard shall be final and binding; not subject to challenge.

8. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

(i) GENERAL:

8.(i)(i). The formal commencement of the competition shall be from July 15th, 2022.

8.(i)(ii). The competition shall have one Preliminary Round, one Quarter Final Round, one Semi Final Round and the Final Round which will be followed by the valedictory ceremony.

(ii) ROUNDS:

8. (ii)(i). PRELIMINARY ROUND

- a. This Round shall be a Mediation Session, where, the teams shall be allotted a total of 40 minutes including the private caucus session.
- b. In the case of a tie only, strategy paper scores will be referred to break the same.
- c. Top 8 teams shall qualify for the Quarter Final Round

8.(ii)(ii). QUARTER FINAL ROUND

- a. The Quarter Final Round shall be a Mediation Session.
- b. The top 8 teams shall compete in this Round, & out of which top 4 teams with the highest total scores in this round shall qualify for the semi-final rounds.
- c. In the case of a tie only, strategy paper scores will be referred to break the same.
- d. Each round shall be of a total of 40 minutes, including a Caucus session.

8.(ii)(iii). SEMI FINAL ROUND

- a. The Semi Final shall be an arbitration round.
- b. A total of 50 minutes will be given to the teams to present their

case (Each team 25 mins inclusive of rebuttals).

- c. The time-frame of 50 minutes for this Round does not include the questioning time allotted to the judges.
- d. This Round will be a knock-out round, from where 2 teams shall qualify for the Final round.

8.(ii)(iv). FINAL ROUND

- a. The Final Round will follow the Semi-Finals Round, which would be an Arbitration round
- e. A total of 60 minutes will be given to the teams to present their case (Each team 30 mins inclusive of rebuttals).

(iii) ASSESSMENT CRITERION:

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

Preliminary and Quarter Final Rounds

a. Evaluation Criteria for the Mediator

- i. Opening Statement
- ii. Establishing Working Atmosphere
- iii. Mediation Process
- iv. Effective Communication and Mediation Skills
- v. Profiling Parties Interests
- vi. Comprehending Party's Apprehension
- vii. Eliciting Information
- viii. Facilitating Option Generation
- ix. Sensitivity to ethical and cross-cultural issues
- x. Closing Statement

b. Evaluation Criteria for the Client-Counsel

- i. Opening Statements
- ii. Relationship-building and Problem Solving
- iii. Advocating Interests

- iv. Information Gathering
- v. Mutually Generating Creative Options
- vi. Collaborating with the Other party
- vii. Teamwork and Coordination
- viii. Use of Mediator
- ix. Mediation Strategy

Semi Final and Finals Rounds

c. Evaluation Criteria for Arbitration Round

- i. Oral Rounds
 - Knowledge of Facts and evidence on record
 - Proper articulation of the Issues, Knowledge of law, its interpretation and application
 - Skill of advocacy, persuasiveness and response to questions
 - Use of authorities and Exhibits in Persuading the Arbitrators
 - General Impression and Mannerism
 - Coordination between the teams
 - Time Management

d. Memorial Marking

Proper inclusion of parties, identification of issues and nature of reliefsought	10 marks
Knowledge and Application of facts and law	15 marks
Quality of Analysis and organization	10 marks
Persuasiveness of argument	10 marks
Use of authorities and Exhibits/Other relevant evidence	15 marks

Proper citation and correct format	10 marks
Originality in presentation	10 marks
General impression and clarity of thought	10 marks
Grammar and style of presentation	10 marks

Memorial scores in semi-final rounds will be computed along with speakers score to qualify for Final Round.

Final Round results will be based on oral arguments only.

(iv) WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:

Each team will be required to submit two sets of Strategy Paper (from both the sides) for the Preliminary and Quarter Final Round; the problem which shall be given to the teams by the Organizing Committee. The papers would be provided to the judges at the time of Rounds and will be used by judges in their marking or for questioning.

8.(iv)(i). Components of Strategy Paper –

The strategy paper shall include the following components:

- I. Cover Page Annexure I
- II. Brief Facts
- III. Issues Involved
- IV. Strengths & Weaknesses of Both the Parties
- V. Interests of Both the Parties
- VI. Conflicting Interests of Both the Parties
- VII. Brief Arguments
- VIII. B.A.T.N.A.
- IX. W.A.T.N.A.

8.(iv)(ii). Format of Strategy Paper–

Font Style – Times New Roman;

Title Font Size – 14;

Body Font Size – 12;

Line Spacing – 1.5;

Team Code - The team codes provided by the Organizing Committee have to be mentioned on the top-right most corner of the first page of the Strategy Paper.

8.(iv)(iii). Structure of the Written Submissions:

- i. Each Written submission must contain all of, and only, the following components in the following order:
 - Cover page- Annexure II; (Claimant Cover Page- Blue in Color and Respondent Cover Page- Pink in Color)
 - Table of Contents;
 - Table of Abbreviations;
 - Index of Authorities;
 - Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - Statement of Facts
 - Issues Raised;
 - Summary of Arguments;
 - Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
 - Prayer.

(v) Official Language:

The official language of the Competition shall be English. All written and/or oral submission made to and/or before the judges shall be in English.

9. DRESS CODE:

The participants shall adhere to the following dress code while in the courtrooms:

- (i) Ladies: White shirt and black trousers or skirt along with a black blazer.
- (ii) Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers, a black tie, a black blazer and black shoes.

10. PENALTY:

(i) **Scouting:**

No member of any team other than the team he/she is a part of or the team which is not one of the participating teams whilst that team is a part of the competition or the person is not part of any of the participating team. If this rule is violated, the Organising Committee shall take strict actions, which may include but may not be limited to, the expulsion of the said team from the competition.

(ii) **Non-disclosure of Identity:**

Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e., the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

(iii) **Exceeding Time:**

If any team exceeds the time limit of the rounds provided in the rule then 0.5 marks will be deducted for each exceeding minute. Judges will have authority to waive the same.

11. AWARDS:

Participation certificates will be given to all the participants. Following awards will be distributed during the valedictory ceremony:

Winning Team – ₹20,000/-

Runner-up Team – ₹10,000/-

Best Counsel – ₹3,000/- (based on the Preliminary Round)

Best Client - ₹3,000/- (based on the Preliminary Round)

Best Mediator - ₹3,000/- (based on the Preliminary Round)

12. MISCELLANEOUS:

- (i) No team shall indulge in any act of misconduct during the competition, undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition. Any act to the contrary may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.

- (ii) All the teams shall be bound to follow the code of conduct and the rules laid down by the organisers.
- (iii) Any behaviour of indiscipline with the Organizing Committee or any other student or volunteer body shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- (iv) No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round. However, at the end of all the rounds the participants may talk to the judges, with minimum inconvenience caused to them.
- (v) Any attempt to approach the framer of the office memo or the panel of judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- (vi) No team is allowed to use mobile phones during any of the observation rounds, for the purposes of research, phone call, texting, or any other purposes.

CONTACT DETAILS:

For any queries, feel free to drop us an email at concordat@ifim.edu.in, the subject line should be “Clarifications: Problems or Rules”, or contact the following members of the Centre for ADR, IFIMLS:

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Annexure I

STRATEGY PAPER ON BEHALF OF CLIENT NAME

TEAM CODE

PARTIES FOR MEDIATION

(NAME OF THE PARTY) _____

Between

(NAME OF THE PARTY) _____

Annexure II

CONCORDAT 2.0

IFIM LAW SCHOOL

15TH JULY 2022- 17TH JULY 2022

TEAM CODE

MEMORANDUM FOR CLAIMANT/RESPONDENT

ON BEHALF OF:

AGAINST:

Name of the Party

Name of the Party

(CLAIMANT)

(RESPONDENT)