

1ST LEX MACULA NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

**(15TH MAY 2021 - 17TH MAY 2021)
RULEBOOK AND BROCHURE**



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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The following are the rules for the 1st Lex Macula National Mediation Competition.
2. The competition will be held virtually for a period of 3 days from 15th to 17th May 2021.
3. The registration fee for the Competition is INR 1500 per team.
4. Each team shall consist of 3 participants (a Mediator and a Mediating pair consisting of a Counsel and a Client) all of whom must satisfy the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the rulebook.
5. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein. The Organisers may at any time amend the rules of the competition with due notice to all the participants.
6. Official email for all correspondence with respect to the competition is info@lexmacula.org.
7. The Inaugural Function and Orientation of Participants will be held on 15th May 2021 at 9:00 am and is to be attended by all participants.
8. The Competition shall consist of the following Rounds:
 - a. The Preliminary Rounds (15th May 2021)
 - b. The Quarter- Final Rounds (16th May 2021)
 - c. The Semi-Final Rounds (16th May 2021)
 - d. The Final Round (17th May 2021)
9. Please note the schedule of rounds may be changed by the organisers with due notice to the participants.
10. There are a limited number of seats and the registration of participants will be confirmed on a 'first come first serve' basis.
11. No approval from the respective institute of the participants is required for participation.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Participants must be bonafide students three year and five-year law courses from any University/Law School/College/Department/Faculty recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to apply for the competition.
2. There is no cap on the number of teams that may participate from an Institution.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each team shall comprise of three students consisting of one Mediator and two team members acting as the client-counsel pair (referred to as the “Mediating Pair”).
2. One member of the team will be designated as Mediator, whose role shall remain unchanged throughout the Competition. The other two members of the team will form the Mediating pair, representing a Client and his/her Counsel. The respective roles though not interchangeable within a round, are changeable in different rounds.
3. The two mediators in one competition session (from different teams) for all purposes will be referred to as Mediator 1 (M1) and Mediator 2 (M2) as designated in the matchups.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. The last date for registration is 11:59 p.m., 5th May 2021.
2. The registration fee shall be Rs. 1500/- (fifteen hundred only) for each team. The registration fee shall be non-refundable and non-transferable.
3. ONLINE GOOGLE FORM to register with Payment link at the end-
[CLICK HERE](#)
4. Once a team registers by completing the formalities given, a Code (hereinafter “Team Code”) shall be assigned to the team by 10th May 2021.

5. According to Draw of lots, which will be conducted on 14th May 2021, the office for all the sessions will be conveyed to the participants prior to the event.

6. The organizing committee has the exclusive right to decide in case of any dispute related to the registration. The decision of the organizing committee in such a case shall be final.

LANGUAGE

The official language for the Competition shall be English.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for the competition is business formals. Gowns and bands are not permitted to be worn by the participants in the competition. Nonadherence to dress code shall attract a penalty.

TRAINING SESSION

The Organising Committee for the Lex Macula National Mediation Competition strongly believes equality of opportunity and to foster this spirit along with the competition we have scheduled a training session for all our enthusiastic participants. Sessions like these provide the team from all over the country to be exposed to high quality training which allows them to perform exceedingly well during the competition. The training session for our previous events have been taken by former justices, practising advocates and other legal practitioners which bring years of practical knowledge and pedigree to guide the participants to under the nuances of the law and it's application.

The training session for the Lex Macula National Mediation Competition will attempt to systematically breakdown the process of mediation for the participants. This would include explaining the role of the mediators, the counsels and the clients.

Understanding how to use different session in the mediation process is crucial as the session would explain the working of private caucus session and discussion sessions to the young participants. Furthermore, the session will hope give a glimpse of the collaborative approach that is crucial to the process of mediation.

Such initiatives have previous been praised by judges of our past events as it allowed even young law students to perform to the best of their abilities.

DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION

- **PRELIMINARY ROUND (15th May 2021)**

The competition will have one preliminary round for a period of 25 minutes. This time is inclusive of the entire mediation process and the private caucus. Each mediating pair is permitted to call for one private caucus with either of the mediators where the participants involved in the caucus are shifted to a private session. A caucus may last for a maximum period of 5 minutes.

- **QUARTERFINALS (16th May 2021)**

Eight teams selected from the preliminary rounds on “Knock-Out” basis will qualify for the quarter finals which will be for a total period of 30 minutes. This time is inclusive of the entire mediation process and the private caucus. Each mediating pair is permitted to call for one private caucus with either of the mediators where the participants involved in the caucus are shifted to a private session. A caucus may last for a maximum period of 5 minutes.

- **SEMI FINALS (16th May 2021)**

The four teams qualifying for Semi-Finals will be selected on a “Knock-Out” basis from the quarter finals rounds. The Time limit of the Semi-Finals will be 30 minutes. This time is inclusive of the entire mediation process and the private caucus. Each mediating pair is permitted to call for one private caucus with either of the mediators where the participants involved in the caucus are shifted to a private session. A caucus may last for a maximum period of 5 minutes.

• FINALS (17th May 2021)

The teams selected for finals on a “Knock-Out” basis from the Semi-final rounds will compete in the Finals for a total time period of 40 Minutes. This time is inclusive of the entire mediation process and the private caucus. Each mediating pair is permitted to call for one private caucus with either of the mediators where the participants involved in the caucus are shifted to a private session. A caucus may last for a maximum period of 7 minutes.

GROUND FOR DISQUALIFICATION

1. Misconduct, whether behavioural or otherwise, is not allowed and if indulged shall result in disqualification of the team.
2. Any discussion with Judges before the competition.
3. Cheating or using unfair means.
4. Intimidation in any form is prohibited, and if found indulged shall result in disqualification of the team.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss due to slow or non-functional Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a sound Internet Connection.
2. The decision of the Judges shall be final regarding the outcome of the Rounds.
3. No additional documentation or screen sharing will be allowed .
4. The Organizers reserve the right to take any action against unethical, wrongful or unprofessional conduct.
5. Scouting is not allowed under any circumstances and may lead to disqualification. You are requested to exit the meeting room after your session is over.

6. If there is any situation, not covered by the Rules, the decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.

7. The Organizers reserve the right to amend the rules. However, due notice shall be provided to all participating teams.

8. Selection will be on first come first basis as there will be limited seats.

9. The participants are always required to comply with the rules formulated by the Organizing Committee during the competition.

In case of any non-compliance with the rules of the competition, penalty may be imposed by deduction of marks and the teams may also be disqualified after they have been warned once.

PRIZES

1. Best Team- INR 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only)

2. 1st Runner up Best Team- INR 7,000/- (Seven Thousand Only)

3. Best Mediator- INR 4,000/- (Four Thousand Only)

4. Best Mediating pair- INR 4,000/- (Four Thousand Only)

PRIZES BY OUR PARTNERS

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1. Internship opportunities for the winning participants

2. Discounted rates at their training workshops.

The announcement of the results will be provided on our Website, our social media handles as well as through the emails. All participants will be given an e-certificate to acknowledge their efforts and hard work throughout the course of this event.