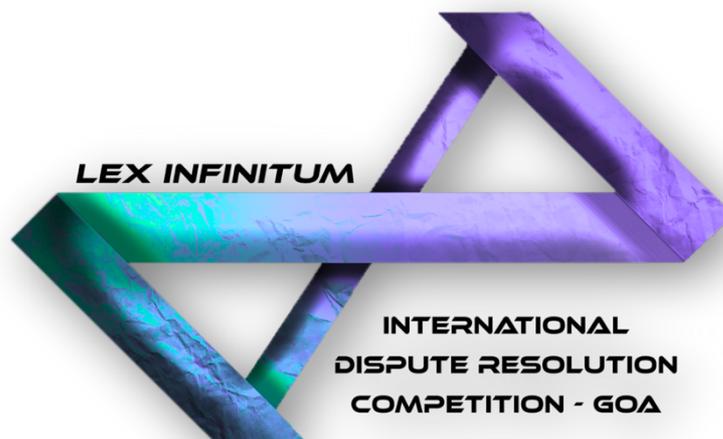




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LEX INFINITUM 2026
INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMPETITION

RULEBOOK



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Venue: V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Panjim, Goa – India





FOREWORD - LEX INFINITUM 2026

The Organising Committee is pleased to announce that V. M. Salgaocar College of Law will be hosting the 11th Edition of Lex Infinitum – International Dispute Resolution Competition in 2026.

As Lex Infinitum enters its 11th year, we take great pride in the journey that has transformed this competition into a global platform for dialogue, learning, and collaboration in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Each edition has brought together talented students, mediators, and professionals from across the world, fostering not only academic excellence but also cultural exchange and professional growth.

This year, as we celebrate over a decade of nurturing the spirit of mediation and negotiation, we are committed to curating yet another fruitful, engaging, and inspiring experience for all participants. It is our sincere hope that Lex Infinitum 2026 will continue to provide meaningful opportunities for learning, networking, and advancing the practice of dispute resolution.

We warmly welcome you to Goa and look forward to your participation in making the 11th Edition of Lex Infinitum a truly memorable one.

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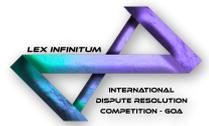


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1. DEFINITIONS

The terms and phrases used in this Rulebook shall have the meanings as defined hereunder, unless otherwise specified in any Rule.

- a. “Applicant Teams” refers to all Negotiating Teams and Mediators who duly fill the Application Forms.
- b. “Campus” refers to the grounds, buildings, and facilities of the host institution, including academic spaces, student accommodations, and areas for official activities. It also includes locations for the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies, as well as transport provided by the host institution.
- c. “Competition” refers to Lex Infinitum 2026: International Dispute Resolution Competition
- d. “Competition Problem” refers to the problem framed by the Problem Committee that will be used in the Competition Sessions.
- e. “Competition Room” refers to the room in the Host College where the Main Round is conducted.
- f. “Competition Session” refers to each round of the Competition, which involves four stages: the Confidential Information Session, the Main Round, Scoring, and Feedback.





- g. “Competition Session Participants” refers to the members of the two Negotiating Teams and one Mediator who are being assessed in the Competition Session.
- h. “Confidential Information” refers to the exclusive information provided to Negotiating Teams for the party they represent [Requesting or Responding Party].
- i. Confidential Information Session” refers to the time allotted for the Negotiating Teams to prepare after Confidential Information is provided to them.
- j. “Feedback” refers to the critique provided by Expert Assessors to the Participants about their performances in the Main Round.
- k. “Host Institution” refers to V.M. Salgaocar College of Law.
- l. “Institution/s” refers to all Colleges and Universities around the world.
- m. “Main Round” refers to the stage of Competition Session immediately following the Confidential Information Session, where the Selected Teams are tasked to negotiate/mediate, as the case may be, based on a specified Competition Problem
- n. “Mediator” refers to a participant designated as a Mediator.
- o. “Negotiating Team” refers to a team comprising two participants - one Counsel and one Client - from the same institution.
- p. “Official Website” refers to the official website of the Competition.
- q. “Registration Forms” refers to the forms for Negotiating Teams and Mediators, respectively, as provided on the Official Website.





- r. “Registration Fee” refers to the fee to be paid by Selected Teams for participation in the competition.
- s. “Rule/s” refers to the rule/s contained in this Rulebook, along with the sub-rules/ points thereunder.
- t. “Session Supervisor” refers to member/s of the Host Institution designated as such, in charge of overseeing the smooth conduct of every Competition Session.
- u. “Scoring” refers to the marks assigned by Expert Assessors to Competition Session Participants for their performance in the Main Round, in accordance with Rules 8 and 9.
- v. “Selected Teams” refers to the Applicant Teams selected to participate in the Competition Rounds of Lex Infinitum 2026, who have completed the Final Registration and paid the Registration Fees.
- w. “Team Code” refers to the unique identification code assigned to each team by the organisers.





2. GENERAL

- a. The 11th Edition of Lex Infinitum: International Dispute Resolution Competition, 2026, organized by V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, will be held at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa, India, from **22nd – 24th January 2026.**
- b. Lex Infinitum 2026 is a Dispute Resolution Competition, where the Negotiating Teams compete for the award of ‘Best Negotiating Team’ and the mediators compete for the award of ‘Best Mediator’
- c. The Rules are mandatory, and penalties for non-compliance shall be as per the relevant rules.

3. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

3.1 ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS

3.1.1 The Competition is open to *bonafide* students of any stream who are enrolled as full-time/ part-time students /exchange students in any undergraduate course at Institutions worldwide, for the Current Academic Year 2025-26. However, the ‘Counsel’ Member of a Negotiating Team shall be a law student.





3.1.2 Each Institution can apply for either one or both of the following:

- a) One Negotiating Team
- b) One Mediator

3.1.3 If a university is sending any teams as stipulated in the rule mentioned above, the members of the respective teams may be from different colleges affiliated with the university. However, if a specific College is sending any such teams, all student need to be from the same College.

3.2 TEAM COMPOSITION

3.2.1 Each Negotiating Team shall comprise two participants who shall be registered as a Client member and a Counsel member, respectively.

3.2.2 The Negotiating Teams shall indicate which participants are designated as Client and Counsel at the time of completing the Final Registration.

3.2.3 The designation of Participants as ‘Client’, ‘Counsel’, or ‘Mediator’ will remain unchanged throughout the Competition.

3.3 COACH

3.3.1 Each Team may register one Coach who may be:

- a. A Professor [Full-time or Adjunct] from their Institution, OR
- b. A Qualified Lawyer, OR

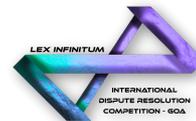




c. An ADR Professional

- 3.3.2** To register a Coach, a team shall pay the additional amount as stipulated under the heading “Registration Fees”.
- 3.3.3** The name of the Coach, if any, shall be indicated in the Form/s filled by the Applicant Team. The registered Coach alone will be permitted to interact with their Team during the CI session.
- 3.3.4** Registered Coaches will be entitled to the facilities provided to the participants, including meals and entry to the inaugural and valedictory events. However, accommodation and transport shall **not** be provided to the coach.
- 3.3.5** The teams are permitted to have one online coach. Registration is not required for an online coach. During the CI session, the teams are allowed to communicate with their online coach through video or audio calls/texts.
- 3.3.6** During the Main Round of a Competition Session, the Teams shall not communicate with anyone except the other Negotiating Team and the assigned Mediator.
- 3.3.7** The registered coaches may attend and observe the Competition Sessions involving their Team, but shall not communicate with anyone while the Competition Session is in progress.





3.3.8 A Coach shall not be a person who is attending Lex Infinitum 2026 as an Expert Assessor, now has attended Lex Infinitum as a participant in the last two years.

4. APPLICATION AND SELECTION OF TEAMS, AND FEES

4.1 APPLICATION AND SELECTION OF TEAMS

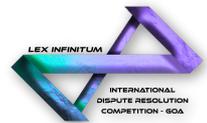
The Selection of Teams for the Competition involves three stages: (i) Application by the Teams, (ii) Selection by the Selection Committee, and (iii) Final Registration by Selected Teams.

4.1.1 The Google Form for applications is posted on the Official website- [https:// vmslaw.edu.in/lexinfinitum/](https://vmslaw.edu.in/lexinfinitum/). The applicant teams shall duly fill the same and submit on or before **1st November 2025, 23:59 Indian Standard Time.**

4.1.2 The organisers will select a total of 24 Negotiating Teams and 12 Mediators out of all the Applicants that have duly completed the Application by the above-mentioned deadline. The selection shall be on a first come first serve basis. In this regard, the decision of the organisers shall be final.

4.1.3 The names of the Selected Teams will be communicated to them through their registered email on **15th November 2025.**





- 4.1.4** The Selected Teams will have time till **24th November 2025, 23:59 Indian Standard Time**, to complete the Final Registration according to the instructions sent to the Selected Teams through registered email and pay the Registration Fee.
- 4.1.5** Any team that fails to comply with the deadline stipulated in **Clause 4.1.4**, or any Selected Team that fails to complete the **Final Registration and/or pay the whole or any part of the Registration Fee**, shall be deemed to forfeit its place in the competition, and the vacancy shall be allotted to the next team on the waiting list.
- 4.1.6** In case of failure in completing the Final Registration, and/or failing to make payment of the Registration Fee, will result in forfeiture of their selection, and the selection committee shall, in its discretion, replace the team from among the applicant teams.
- 4.1.7** Upon completion of the Final Registration and payment of the Registration Fee within the stipulated time limit, the Registration of the Team concerned as a participant in the Competition shall be confirmed, and such Team will be assigned a Team Code.
- 4.1.8** In addition to the completion of Final Registration as stated above, Selected Teams must mandatorily attend the Online Training Sessions [Negotiation Training Session, mandatory for Negotiating Teams; and the Mediator Training Session, mandatory for Mediators] being held on **17th January 2026**. If a Selected Team fails to attend the same, its participation in the Competition may be forfeited by the Host Institution.



4.2 REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees will have to be paid by the Selected Teams within the deadline/s stipulated.

4.2.1 Registration Fees- International Teams:

The Registration Fees for Applicant teams from Institutions outside India are as follows:

- International Negotiating Team [Two-member team] - **\$400/- USD**
- International Mediator [One-member team] - **\$200/- USD**
- A separate fee shall be charged for the Coach registered by the Teams, if any - **\$150/- USD**

4.2.2 Registration Fees- National Teams

The Registration fees for Applicant Teams from Institutions in India are as follows:

- National Negotiating Team [Two-member team] - **INR 23,000/-**
- National Mediator [One-member team] - **INR 13,000/-**
- A separate fee shall be charged for the Coach registered by the Teams, if any - **INR 7,500/-**

4.2.3 Teams are permitted to have a coach join them virtually for the duration of the CI Session. The teams that avail the above shall intimate the same through the registrations form.



4.2.4 The teams that avail the online coach facility shall be exempted from paying coach's fee mentioned above.

4.2.5 Mode of Payment of Registrations Fees

4.2.6 The fees shall be paid once the selection of a team is confirmed with the stipulated time via a Bank Transfer, Net Banking, NEFT Transaction, Wire Transfer or Remittance through SWIFT Payment or any other suitable means to the details that shall be sent to the selected teams. The selected teams shall be intimated via email regarding the payment of fees. Upon payment of Registration Fees, the teams shall email a screenshot or any other proof of the payment to the following email ID teams.lexinfinitem@gmail.com

5. ACCOMADATION & TRAVEL

The Organizing Committee will provide the following:

5.1 Accommodation to all Participating Teams (Accommodation will not be provided to the Coach)

5.2 Accommodation will be provided on a shared basis, with participants allotted rooms of two or three members each, grouped according to gender, irrespective of their college.

5.3 Transportation will be provided for the Participating Teams only (not including the Coach) for the Event days for the purpose of attending





the Competition and social/networking events. Teams are required to strictly adhere to the schedule (to be communicated) of the transport provision made by the Host Institution. In the alternative, if the teams intentionally / negligently avoid availing the transport facility, they will have to arrange for transportation in their personal capacity, for which the Host Institution will not bear the liability/responsibility. Please note, this does not include pick up and drop off from the airport/station to the Accommodation.

5.4 Please note that if any team wants to extend their stay at the accommodation, the same needs to be done by the team itself. No member of the Organising Committee will book/pay for the same.

5.5 ENTITLEMENTS

5.5.1 Participating Teams

- a. Accommodation
- b. Breakfast and Lunch on all competition days
- c. Transport (hotel to college and back)
- d. Invitation to Inaugural and Valedictory

5.5.2 Coaches

- a. Breakfast and lunch on all competition days
- b. Access to view the competition round
- c. Invitation to Inaugural and Valedictory





6. COMPETITION SESSIONS

6.1 LANGUAGE

6.1.1 The language that will be followed during the course of all the events and Competition Sessions of Lex Infinitum 2026 is English.

6.1.2 The use of any other language besides English is forbidden, especially during Workshops and all Competition Sessions. During Competition Sessions, the Negotiators of the same Negotiation Team are allowed to talk in other languages only during their breaks and CI Session.

6.2 TEAM PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITION SESSION

6.2.1 The Teams shall participate in a Competition Session: Negotiating Teams (the Requesting and Responding Parties respectively), and a Mediator.

6.2.2 For the Preliminary Rounds, the Organizing Committee, shall assign the Negotiating Teams and Mediator for each Competition Session and decide the roles of the Negotiating Teams (Requesting or Responding Party). To avoid any conflict of interest, the Mediators will not be assigned to Competition Sessions in which any Negotiating Team belongs to the same Institution as that of the Mediator.

6.2.3 Fixtures for the Quarter Finals will be decided on the basis of their rank obtained in the Preliminary Round. However, the side





(Requesting and Responding) as well as the opponent shall be determined by a draw of lots.

6.2.4 For the Semi-final and Final Rounds, the fixtures will follow a knockout (eliminator) format. However, the side (Requesting and Responding) as well as the opponent shall be determined by a draw of lots.

6.2.5 The final Round of the Competition will be mediated by a Professional Mediator selected by the Host Institution from the Expert Assessors.

6.3 COMPETITION SESSION TIMINGS

6.3.1 The schedule for the competition rounds will be available on the Official Website as well and will be sent to the Participants via email.

6.3.2 Each Competition Session will last for 120 minutes, and consist of the following stages:

CI Session – 30 minutes

Main Round – 60 minutes [including Caucus & Breaks]

Scoring by Expert Assessors – 10 minutes

Feedback for Session Participants- 10 minutes

6.4 ASSESMENT

6.4.1 Expert Assessors will be selected and assigned by the Organizing Committee to score the performance and provide feedback to the





Participants to help them move through the Competition rounds and improve their mediation and negotiation skills.

6.4.2 The Organising Committee will, as far as possible, make sure that in each Competition Session, Expert Assessors do not have conflicts of interest with the assigned Teams, in particular that Expert Assessors and Teams do not belong to the same Institution.

6.4.3 An Expert Assessor shall not be a Coach at Lex Infinitum 2026, nor shall have coached any participant for Lex Infinitum 2026 or for any competition before Lex Infinitum 2026.

6.4.4 Each Expert Assessor shall inform the OC of any relationship with a participant, Team, Coach, University or College that may raise, in the minds of any Team, Expert Assessor, Coach, or participant, the ability of that Expert Assessor to carry out his/her responsibilities impartially.

6.5 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SESSION

6.5.1 Prior to the Main Round, the CI will be made available to the Negotiating Teams only.

6.5.2 The Mediators will not be part to the CI Sessions as they are not provided with any Confidential Information.

6.5.3 Negotiating Teams shall have access to the CI for 30 minutes only.



6.5.4 Each Negotiating Team along with its Coach, if any, shall use the allotted CI Room to discuss the CI amongst themselves and prepare for the Main Round. The Negotiators and the Coach are not permitted to have any contact or communication whatsoever with any other person/s once the CI has been provided.

6.5.5 Failure to adhere to the above-mentioned rule will result in a penalty, which shall be decided by the Expert Assessors assessing the respective Main Round

6.6 BREAK

6.6.1 Each Negotiating Team and the Mediator may request for one Break each during every Main Round.

6.6.2 A break may be requested either by the Negotiating Team or by the Mediator, and shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The Negotiating Team/Mediator requesting the break will be responsible for adhering to the time limit. Any failure to comply will result in a penalty, as determined by the Expert Assessors of the respective Main Round.

6.7 CAUCUS

6.7.1 A Caucus (i.e., a private session) may be called by a Negotiating Team or by the Mediator. The Mediator may conduct only one Caucus with each of the Negotiating Teams. Each of the Negotiating Teams can call for one Caucus only.



6.7.2 The Competition Session Participants that are not part of the Caucus will be required to leave the Competition room during that time, along with their Coach. However, they shall not communicate with the coach or with any other person during the Caucus.

6.7.3 Caucus may last for a maximum of 5 minutes. The Mediator will be responsible for managing the Caucus and adhering to the time limit.

6.7.4 Failure to adhere to the time limit will result in a penalty, which will be decided by the Expert Assessors assessing the respective Competition Session.

6.7.5 A caucus may be called only if the Negotiating Team or the Mediator considers it necessary. There is no obligation on either the Negotiating Team or the Mediator to call a caucus. However, if a caucus has already been requested by a Negotiating Team, the Mediator shall not call for an additional caucus with the same team during that competition session.

6.8 TIMEKEEPING

6.8.1 A Session Supervisor will be appointed by the Organizing Committee during the Competition Sessions to manage the overall timekeeping of each Session. The Session Supervisor's decision on timekeeping is final.





6.8.2 The Negotiating Teams and the Mediator are, however, responsible for managing their time and adhering to their time limit according to the rules of the Competition.

6.9 REFERENCE MATERIAL, GADGETS, AND HANDOUTS

6.9.1 In a Competition Session, teams are permitted only the use of personal notes and stationery items.

6.9.2 During the Competition Session, the participants are prohibited from using any Electronic Gadget that allows any form of communication, including, but not limited to: laptops, tablets, mobile phones, smart bands, smartwatches, etc.

6.9.3 The use of calculators and watches that do not allow for any form of communication is permitted

6.9.4 During the Competition Session, the participants may provide the other party, mediator and the expert assessors with any pre-prepared handouts, like any diagrams or text, on an A4 size sheet to better their explanation. (Total 3 copies)

6.9.5 The use of any resource and/or exhibit other than those indicated in the Rules is strictly prohibited. Failure to adhere to the Rules contained will result in a penalty. The penalty will be decided by the Expert Assessors assessing the respective Main Round.

6.10 DRESS CODE





The Dress code for Lex Infinitum 2026 is Business Formal (Indian or Western).

6.11 PHOTOGRAPHY/FILMING

6.11.1 Competition Session Participants, Coaches, and Expert Assessors are deemed to have agreed to the use of photography and videotaping by the Host Institution during the entire duration of Lex Infinitum 2026.

6.11.2 Competition Session Participants, Coaches and Expert Assessors are deemed to have agreed without any reservation to the use of their photographed images/videos by the Host Institution.

6.11.3 Any special requests seeking exclusion/s to the above may be conveyed to the Host Institution by way of an email to teams@lexinfinitum.in, with the subject “Request for Exclusion from Photography/Filming”, no later than on the first day of the Competition.

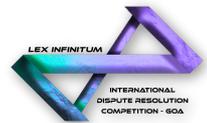
7. COMPETITION FORMAT

7.1 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS 1 (DAY 1) & (DAY 2)

7.1.1 All Negotiating Teams and Mediators will participate in two Preliminary Rounds.

7.1.2 Preliminary Rounds 1 and 2 will be held on Days 1 and 2, respectively. Preliminary Rounds 1 and 2 will consist of a total of 24 Competition Sessions. The Competition schedule (itinerary) shall be provided by





the Host Institution before the commencement of the event.

7.1.3 Each Negotiating Team will represent the Requesting Party once, and the Responding Party once, in the course of its two Preliminary Rounds.

7.1.4 Negotiating Teams will compete once using Problem No. 1. in the Preliminary Round 1; and once using Problem No. 2 in the Preliminary Round 2.

7.1.5 Each session will be evaluated and scored by two Expert Assessors assigned by the Host Institution

7.2 QUARTER FINALS ROUND: DAY 2

7.2.1 The 8 highest scoring Negotiating Teams and the 4 highest scoring Mediators from the Preliminary Rounds will proceed to the Quarter Finals Round.

7.2.2 The Quarter Finals Round will consist of a total of 4 Competition Sessions, involving two Negotiating Teams each. The pairings of competing Negotiating Teams will be decided in the following format.

7.2.3 The 8 qualifying Negotiating Teams will be ranked as “T1 – T8” based on their aggregate score of the Preliminary Rounds. (“T1” being the Negotiating Team securing the highest score.)



7.2.4 The Negotiating Teams competing against each other will be assigned in the following format:

T1	T8
T2	T7
T3	T6
T4	T5

7.2.5 The roles played by the Negotiating Teams (Requesting /Responding party) will be decided by a draw of lots.

7.2.6 The Mediators for the Competition Sessions shall be decided by a draw of lots.

7.2.7 The Quarter Final Round will be a Knock-Out round

7.2.8 The Host Institution reserves the right to make changes to the fixtures in order to ensure that a Mediator and Negotiating Team from the same institution are not placed in the same Mediation Room, and that the same teams do not compete against each other more than once. There will be four simultaneous Competition Sessions in this Round.



7.2.9 Each session will be evaluated and scored by Three Expert Assessors assigned by the Host Institution.

7.2.10 The winning Negotiating Teams of each competition room of the Quarter Finals shall proceed to the Semi-Final Round. The two highest scoring Mediators proceed to the Semi-Final Round

7.3 SEMI-FINALS ROUND: DAY 3

7.3.1 The Semi-Final Round will be the Final Round for the Mediators.

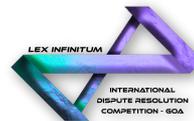
7.3.2 The Semi-Final Round is a Knock-Out Round, and there will be two simultaneous Competition Sessions for this Round.

7.3.3 The Negotiating Teams competing against each other will be assigned via draw of lots

7.3.4 The roles of the Negotiating Teams (as Requesting and Responding Party), for the Competition Sessions of the Semi Finals Round will be decided by a draw of lots.

7.3.5 The Mediators for the Competition Sessions shall be decided by a draw of lots.





7.3.6 The Host Institution reserves the right to make changes to the fixtures in order to ensure that a Mediator and Negotiating Team from the same institution are not placed in the same Mediation Room, and that the same teams do not compete against each other more than once.

7.3.7 Each Semi-Final Main Round will be evaluated by four Expert Assessors (two Expert Assessors for Negotiating Teams, and two Expert Assessors for the Mediator), assigned by the Organizing Committee.

7.3.8 The Winner and Runner-up in the Best Mediator category will be decided after the Semi-Finals Round itself, on the basis of the higher scoring mediator. However, the results for the same will be announced only at the Valedictory Function.

7.4 FINAL ROUND: DAY 3

7.4.1 The winning Negotiating Teams of the Semi-Finals Round shall advance to the Final Round.

7.4.2 The Roles (as Responding Party and Requesting Party) of the two Negotiating Teams will be decided by a draw of lots.





7.4.3 The Final Round of the Negotiation Competition will be mediated by the Professional Mediator selected by the Organizing Committee from the Expert Assessors.

7.4.4 The Final Round will be evaluated and scored by Five Expert Assessors, assigned by the Organizing Committee.

8. COMPETITION PROBLEMS

8.1.1 The Competition Problem shall be distributed to all Teams. There will be five separate Competition Problems used during Lex Infinitum 2026:

- (i) Problem 1 for the Preliminary Round 1
- (ii) Problem 2 for the Preliminary Round 2
- (iii) Problem 3 for the Quarter Final Round
- (iv) Problem 4 for the Semi- Final Round
- (v) Problem 4 for the Final Round

8.1.2 The Competition Problems will be made available on the Official Website and shall also be communicated to the Participants.

8.1.3 The Selected Teams must rely only on the facts mentioned in the Competition Problem. Neither the Negotiators nor the Mediators are empowered to create any new facts or change any of the fact of Competition Problem, but they may make arguments or statements that can be reasonably inferred only from the facts mentioned in the problem.





8.1.4 Failure to adhere will result in a penalty, which will be decided by the Expert Assessors assessing the Main Rounds of the Competition Session.

8.1.5 The Problem Committee of the Competition shall have the sole authority to interpret any Competition Problem.

8.1.6 Teams will have **7 days** from the release of the Competition Problems to email requests for clarifications to teams.lexinfinitum@gmail.com. Such emails must have the subject text in the following format: “Clarification re Problem: Team Code”.

8.1.7 Each Team may ask for up to three requests for clarifications per Competition Problem. Requests for clarification may be made only pertaining to any Competition Problems. The Clarifications shall be released by the Organizing Committee on the Official Website and communicated to the Teams.

9. SCORING

9.1.1 Throughout the Competition, the Negotiating Teams and Mediators will be evaluated and scored separately and may qualify for the subsequent Competition Sessions, independently of each other.





9.1.2 The scoring criteria for Negotiating Teams and Mediators are found in the Scoring Sheets. (See **Annexure A** for Scoring Sheet for Negotiating Team and **Annexure B** for Scoring Sheet for Mediator)

10. TIE-BREAKER

10.1 TIE- BREAKER FOR NEGOTIATING TEAMS

10.1.1 In case of a tie in the score of two or more Negotiating Teams in the Preliminary Rounds or the Quarter Final Round, the Negotiating Team that will advance to the next round shall be decided based on the marks secured for **Criteria 3 (Advocating Interests)**, and in case the tie continues, based on marks secured for **Criteria 8 (Use of Mediator)**.

10.1.2 In the unlikely event of a continuing tie, the Negotiating Team that will advance to the next round shall be decided by a draw of lots.

10.2 TIE- BREAKER FOR MEDIATORS

10.2.1 In case of a tie in the score of two or more Mediators, the Mediator who will advance to the next round shall be decided based on the marks secured for **Criteria 5 (Effective Mediating Skills)**, and in case the tie continues, based on the marks secured for **Criteria 9 (Facilitating option generation)**.





10.2.2 In the unlikely event of a continuing tie, the Mediator that will advance to the next round shall be decided by draw of lots.

11. AWARDS

11.1 Negotiation and Mediation Prizes are as follows:

- i) 1st Place- Negotiating Team- Winner’s Trophy+ Award Certificate+ Rs. 50,000/-**
- ii) 2nd Place- Negotiating Team- Trophy + Award Certificate + 25,000/-**
- iii) 1st Place – Mediator- Winner’s Trophy + Award Certificate + Rs. 20,000/-**
- iv) 2nd Place- Mediator- Trophy + Award Certificate + Rs. 15,000/-**
- v) Best Negotiating Team- Preliminary Round- Trophy + Award Certificate**
- vi) Best Mediator- Preliminary Round- Trophy + Award Certificate**

11.2 All Teams are entitled to participation Certificates and Award Certificates, respectively, which will be handed over to them during the Valedictory Ceremony. All Certificates will be handed over in **physical mode only**; there will be **no postage** of trophies or certificates to any of the participants. It is mandatory for all the Teams to show their presence at the Inaugural and the Valedictory Ceremony. Non – compliance of the above mentioned rules shall attract forfeiture of the Participation Certificate/Award Certificate.





11.3 The Trophies referred to above shall be handed over to the winning teams, while the Cash Prize shall be electronically transferred to a bank account specified by the winning teams.

12. VIOLATION OF RIGHTS

12.1 Any violation of the rules will be met either by way of deduction of points or by disqualifying the whole Team from the Competition by the Grievance Redressal Committee.

12.2 Non-compliance with the instructions of a Session Supervisor by the member/s of any Selected Team shall result in a penalty, which be decided by the Expert Assessors assessing the respective Main Round.

12.3 Any Penalty for any violation of the rules may be imposed on Teams by the Grievance Redressal Committee. The concerned Team will be given a fair chance to show cause why penalty should not be imposed on it. The decision of the Grievance Redressal Committee shall be final.

13. RESIDUARY RULES

13.1 The Host Institution reserves the right to change the mode of Lex Infinitum to an online mode or postpone or cancel the event, should any unforeseen circumstance render the organization of Lex Infinitum impossible and put the





participants, experts, volunteers, and all those part of Lex Infinitum 2026 at risk.

- 13.2** The host reserves the right to amend any of the rules if it deems it necessary to do so.
- 13.3** If clause 13.1 is brought into effect after the payment of Registration Fees, the Host Institution shall refund a part of the Registration Fees according to the circumstances due to which clause 13.1 was brought into effect.
- 13.4** Once an institution has completed the final registration process and the registration fee has been paid, the fee shall be deemed non-refundable under any circumstances. Institutions are therefore advised to carefully confirm their participation before submitting the registration fee.
- 13.5** Smoking/alcohol consumption and/or any other illicit activities and/or any other act amounting to misconduct are strictly forbidden during the competition days of Lex Infinitum on the campus of the host institution. Any non-compliance with this rule will lead to serious disciplinary measures, which may include suspension or expulsion from the host institution, thereby resulting in disqualification from the Competition and/or even withholding the Certificate and/or Awards and/or Prize money conferred on the awardee team and/or participating team.





13.6 A grievance must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Chairperson of the Grievance Redressal Committee, within 45 minutes from the time the complainant becomes aware of the event(s) that form the basis of the grievance. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Member Secretary of the Grievance Redressal Committee shall promptly acknowledge the grievance and convene the Committee as soon as practicable. The Committee will thoroughly review all relevant facts and claims/counter-claims/ of the parties involved in the matter, and issue a decision at the earliest. The decision will be informed to the concerned parties, and shall also be communicated via email or WhatsApp.

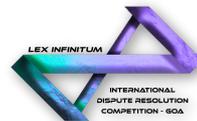
13.7 The above rules are subject to change and modification as decided by the Host Institution and the Rules Committee. All measures will be undertaken for the fair and orderly conduct of the Competition. The decision of the Organizing Committee in all matters regarding the Competition shall be final.

13.8 In case of any change of rules, all the participating teams shall be informed duly via email.

13.9 Time and deadlines will follow Indian Standard Time (IST).

13.10 All Communications, Queries, and Clarifications in relation to the Competition may be emailed to teams@lexinfinitem.in. Any such queries and clarifications





by Selected Teams must mention their Team Code in the subject of the email.

13.11 The Host Institution, through the Rules Committee and the Organizing Committee, has the sole authority to resolve ambiguities or inconsistencies involving the Rules, if any.



SCORESHEET FOR NEGOTIATING PARTY

Name of Institution:

Room No.:

Scoring Scale: 1= Poor, 2= Average, 3= Good, 4= Very Good, 5= Exceptional

No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Opening Statement Expressing confidence in the process, skilful articulation of facts to put forth the case, persuasive comments to influence the other party.	
2.	Relationship-building and Problem Solving Willingness to collaborate, taking initiative to build a problem-solving approach, decision on disclosure of confidential information, strategically sacrificing interests to build a relationship.	
3.	Advocating Interests Assessment of one's own strengths and weaknesses, identifying and developing client's real needs and interests, identifying common and conflicting interests.	
4.	Information Gathering Non-opinionated approach, reliance on information rather than emotions, relevant and probing questions, strategy for asking uncomfortable questions, questions designed to understand the other parties' interests.	
5.	Mutually Generating Creative Options Generating options to satisfy one's needs and interests, efforts made to satisfy other's interests, non-judgmental approach, objective evaluation of options generated by other party.	
6.	Collaborating with the Other party Interaction with other party and its object (find solution or fault), use of legal position, principled approach (to avoid soft and hard Negotiation), rapport and trust building, demonstration of listening skills, establishing positive atmosphere.	
7.	Team Work and Coordination Effectiveness of collaboration, reliance and faith on each other's ability, working together as a team, communicating with each other, sharing of responsibility, providing mutual support.	
8.	Use of Mediator Timely and effective use of mediator, mediators' interventions to secure the desired outcome.	
9.	Effective Negotiation Skills Extent of success in protecting interests, creative ways adopted to achieve goals, reasons for failure in negotiation (if any), conclusion of session, handling of emotions, handling of hard bargaining.	
10.	Negotiation Strategy Overall strategy developed to deal with the dispute, time spent on relation building, information gathering and slowly moving into negotiation; change of approach, adaptability.	
	Negative Marking (if any) - In case of non-adherence to rules, if party introduces elements which are not within the problem or the Confidential information, time penalty Glaring=5, Flagrant=4, Serious=3, Minor=2, Deliberate inaccuracies=1	
TOTAL		

Name:

Signature:

SCORESHEET FOR MEDIATOR

Name of Institution:

Room No.:

Scoring Scale: 1= Poor, 2= Average, 3= Good, 4= Very Good, 5= Exceptional

No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Opening Statement Conveying the importance of the process, tactics adopted to calm parties, effective explanation of the process with special reference to his/her role.	
2.	Establishing Working Atmosphere Explanation of the ground rules, balancing adherence to rules with kindness to parties, whether Mediator facilitates an informal discussion or stiff and formal approach (depending on the situation)	
3.	Mediation Process Patience, positivity, persistence and professionalism, building of trust and rapport with the parties, maintaining impartial and non-judgmental approach, adherence to ground rules.	
4.	Effective Communication Skills Adaptation of techniques of active and passive listening, body language, timely intervention to guide the process of mediation.	
5.	Effective Mediating Skills Use of common and conflicting interests to the advantage of the Mediation process, assisting parties to move ahead with the relationship, contribution for an effective process and outcome; assistance in developing a problem-solving approach.	
6.	Profiling Parties Interests Elucidating the parties' interests, identifying common and conflicting interests and helping parties generate interests.	
7.	Comprehending party's apprehension Encouraging the parties to open up and navigate towards settlement of issues.	
8.	Eliciting Information Framing of questions, manner of asking uncomfortable questions, collecting information while maintaining an unbiased image, optimum use of time by asking only relevant questions.	
9.	Facilitating Option Generation Approach adopted in assisting option generation, steps taken to keep options realistic and ethical, encouraging the parties to generate win-win options.	
10.	Sensitivity to ethical issues Handling of the ethical issues, being sensitive to the different cultural backgrounds of the parties.	
<p>Negative Marking (if any) - In case of non-adherence to rules or time penalty Glaring=5, Flagrant=4, Serious=3, Minor=2, Deliberate inaccuracies=1</p>		
TOTAL		

Name of Expert:

Signature of Expert: