

**3rd NATIONAL A.D.R
(Virtual) COMPETITION.**

**Hosted by,
THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY LAW
COLLEGE,
Peroorkkada, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**

DATE: 12th - 14th OCTOBER, 2022

RULES

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Amidst COVID-19 pandemic, the 3rd National ADR Competition, hosted by the Kerala Law Academy Law College, will be held via virtual mode on 12th OCTOBER 2022, from the Kerala Law Academy Campus, Peroorkada, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The competition will be conducted through the online platform ZOOM.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

- a) The Competition is open to all Law Colleges / Law Schools and Faculties / Universities; Departments of Law in India (hereafter “participating institutions”) recognized by the Bar Council of India. Students doing post-graduation in law and students undergoing correspondence courses are not eligible to participate in the Competition.
- b) Only one team from each participating institution can register for the competition. Each team shall comprise of three members (a claimant, a defendant and a rapporteur).

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Only one team per College/Institution shall be permitted to take part in the Competition.
- Provisional Registration - Institutions/Teams interested in participating in the Competition can provisionally register by sending an e-mail to klaadr2022@gmail.com
- Direct Registration - The team intending to participate must register **on or before 28th September 2022, Sunday (28.09.2022)** by submitting the duly filled Proforma provided in the Kerala Law Academy website; <https://keralalawacademy.in/3rd-virtual-national-adr/> and making an online payment of Rs 2500/- (Two thousand five hundred Only), as registration fee through the online link provided in the Kerala law academy website (<https://keralalawacademy.in/forms/3rd-national-adr/>)
- **Registration Fees: Rs 2,500/- per team.** (Includes the cost of taking Printout of the Script Memorandum)
- Team codes shall be allotted on **2nd October 2022, Sunday (02.10.2022)**

DRESS CODE:

The dress code for the participants during the sessions shall be as follows:

- **Female participant:** Black or white salwar kameez for the parties. The Rapporteur shall wear black coat also.
- **Male participants:** White or black pants and white shirt for the parties. The rapporteur shall wear black coat and tie also.

COMPETITION PROCEDURE:

Hypothetical problems with legal subject matter and disputes which may be assimilated and developed into the role play format through imagination and individual skill of the participants.

Separate problems shall be provided for each round. Problem No.1 is for the preliminary round. Problem No.2 is for semi-finals and Problem No.3 is for the finals.

In the semi-finals and finals, the rapporteurs of the competing teams will be exchanged. Therefore, there will also be an advance exchange of memorials.

Role play shall be based on real situation performance by the complainant/claimant, respondent and rapporteur respectively according to the opted ADR methodology. Congenial methodology shall be selected.

PRESENTATION

For the preliminary round, the time allotted for each team is 30 minutes.

In the semi-final rounds and final round, the time allotted for the session is 40 minutes.

Caucus Session

If any party to the dispute wishes to share any confidential or private details regarding the dispute to the rapporteur alone, he/she can do so by calling for a Caucus Session.

The total time allotted for the Caucus Session is 5 minutes. This 5-minute allotted is not extra time, it will be from the total time allotted for the session.

During the caucus session the opposite party will be removed from the meeting to a secret room till the Caucus Session is over.

For example,

If the claimant calls for a Caucus Session, then the respondent will be moved to a secret room and won't be allowed to listen to the conversation between the rapporteur and the claimant.

If the respondent calls for a Caucus Session, then the claimant will be moved to the secret room.

No extra time will be allotted for Caucus Session. Once the 5 minutes is over, the opposite party who's in the secret room will automatically be readmitted to the main session.

It is the discretion of the team whether to incorporate a Caucus Session or not, it is not a mandatory requirement.

MEMORANDUM:

Script memorandum should be prepared for all the three rounds. The script memorandum shall consist of a maximum of 20 pages (A4 size paper). The written scripts for the either side shall consist of a general introduction, briefing on ADR, explanation of the given method, facts in issue, depositions and the claims/demand/prayer along with exhibits or evidence, extracts etc. Soft copies of the script in Word and PDF Format shall be mailed to klaadr2022@gmail.com on or before **5th October, 2022, Wednesday (05.10.2022)**

FIXTURE OF COMPETITION AND EVALUATION: The fixture of the competition will be shaped through draw of lots well before the commencement of the various sessions. The college reserves the right to make any necessary alterations.

Competition rounds	Basis	Criteria
Preliminary rounds	League	Aggregate total
Semi Finals	Knock out	Aggregate total

EVALUATION:

Individual prizes are awarded on the basis of the total marks secured by each participant in all the rounds and their performance shall be adjudged separately.

Team prizes are awarded on the basis of the selection round and total outlay marks in all the rounds. If a person participates in more than one round, his/her average marks shall be counted for adjudging their position.

There shall be a Quorum of judges selected for each forum from among a panel of judges constituted for the purpose. The panel includes eminent Judges, Lawyers and Law Teachers from all over India. They will assign marks for oral arguments to each individual participant of the team. Marks will be awarded to the memorials by a separate Committee of Judges.

Each participant's marks for oral arguments will be added with their memorial marks to make the individual's marks out of **100**.

The division of marks for each individual participant is as follows:

- Written Script- **20 marks**
- Oral Presentation -**80 marks**

PLAGIARISM:

The organizers reserve the right to impose penalty on a team, at any stage of the competition, if the memorial or any other part thereof, if found to be plagiarized.

MISCELLANEOUS:

➤ Secrecy of Identity: During the course of the Oral Submissions, the speaker shall neither reveal his/her identity nor the identity of their College/University by any means whatsoever. Such actions on part of any member of the team will lead to disqualification of the team from the competition.

➤ Scouting: Scouting is strictly prohibited. Teams found scouting will be disqualified immediately.

ONLINE PLATFORM:

The competition will be conducted through the online platform ZOOM. The Meeting ID, Password and Link will be communicated to the teams via email 15 to 25 minutes before each round in which they are participating. All the participating teams should have good access to the internet and be able to access

the above said online platform with a good camera. This is a mandatory requirement for participation.

AWARDS:

Ever rolling trophies, cash prizes and individual trophies for the winners. Every participant will be awarded with a certificate of participation. Honours in this competition include:

- 1. Best Team – Rs 15,000/-**
- 2. Second Best Team - Certificate of Honour**
- 3. Best Counsellor - Certificate of Honour**
- 4. Best script format - Certificate of Honour**

APPEAL COMMITTEE:

The organizers are entitled to change the format of the competition, without prior intimation. In case of complaints/disputes, the same shall be submitted to the appeal committee, which shall consist of Sri. K. Hareendran, the Professor in charge of Principal of KLA as its President and two other faculty members of the host institution. *The decision of the Appeal committee shall be final.*

SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION:

- Registration – **On or before 28th September 2022, Sunday (28.09.2022)**
- Allotment of Team Code – **2nd October 2022, Sunday (02.10.2022)**
- Submission of Memo Script – **5th October 2022, Wednesday (05.10.2022)**
- Inaugural Session – **12th October 2022, Wednesday (12.10.2022)**
- Preliminary Round – **13th October 2022, Thursday (13.10.2022)**
- Semi Final Round – **14th October 2022, Friday (14.10.2022)**
- Final Round – **14th October 2022, Friday (14.10.2022)**
- Valedictory Session - **14th October 2022, Friday (14.10.2022)**

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLINE ARGUMENTS:

1. The competition will be held either in Zoom. All the Participants are required to have the respective app in their Desktop or Laptop.
2. During the competition, participants are required to use Desktops or laptops. Mobile phones can cause technical issues and therefore not permitted for video conference, for the purpose of participate in the competition.
3. Sound internet connection is a mandatory requirement. The organizers will not be responsible for any such connection errors from the side of the participants.
4. In each panel or section there will be a technical assistant who will be helping the participants and judges to deal with the technical issues.
5. The organizing team will take all the responsibility in case of any technical error on the part of the organizers.
6. Screen Sharing or any kinds of malpractices are not allowed and if found, such team will be disqualified.
7. When the competition starts, the team members are asked to switch on their videos till the end of the session. With respect to the mike, the team member has to unmute it while they are speaking and mute when they are not speaking in order to avoid disturbances, failing which, points may be deducted from the score by the judges at their discretion.
8. Team members are requested to participate in the competition in a closed or disturbance free area for the smooth conduct of the competition.
9. Link, passcode or entry for the particular slot will be sent to the WhatsApp group created by Participant Management Committee, before the rounds. The teams are supposed to join the slot 20 minutes prior to the actual time.
10. Every participant should use earphones during the rounds except in cases of medical conditions which should be intimated to the organizers in advance.
11. There should be a distance of 1 meter between the webcam and the participants.
12. There should not be anyone present in the room with the participants, in case of any malpractices the team will be disqualified.

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