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Debate and Discussion Committee

To:

The Chairperson

Debate and Discussion Committee

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow

Through:

Faculty Coordinator

Debate and Discussion Committee

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow

SUBJECT - Debate Allotment, Open Challenge and Reimbursement Policy for the Academic Year 2023-2024

DEBATE ALLOTMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

I. Short Title, Extent and Commencement:

The following is the Debate Allotment and Reimbursement Policy for the Academic Year 2023-24.

1. This policy extends to all undergraduate students of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, for the Academic Year of 2023-24.
2. This policy is subject to any revisions on the part of the Debate and Discussion Committee.
3. In case of disputes or any conflicts, final say remains with the Debate and Discussion Committee convenors, who shall act upon the advice of the faculty incharge.
3. Students willing to participate in both international and national level university debate competitions shall strictly adhere to all the rules provided in the policy. **Non-compliance with**



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the policy shall lead to subsequent disqualification to file for reimbursement for the said debate.

It is the responsibility of the debater/adjudicator to communicate to the DDC about the tournament(s) in which they are participating, for which the reimbursement will be subject to DDC's approval.

II. Definitions:

1. DDC

The "DDC" refers to the Debate and Discussion Committee of RMLNLU.

2. OC

An "OC" here refers to an Open Challenge. Open Challenges in debating occur when there is an insufficient number of available slots to accommodate all participants or when otherwise intimated in the release of the claim.

3. SPAR

SPAR is short for Spontaneous Argumentation debates. Here, It refers to a simulation of an actual parliamentary debate. For the rules of an Asian Parliamentary Debate and a British Parliamentary Debate, refer to the latest editions of the UADC and WUDC manuals, respectively.

4. DEBSOC

Debsoc here refers to the Debating Society of RMLNLU.

5. INROUNDS

The preliminary rounds of a debate whose results determine what teams and adjudicators reach the outrounds are called inrounds.

6. OUTROUNDS

The teams and adjudicators that clear the preliminary inrounds and are deemed qualified to break reach the outrounds. Outrounds usually begin from quarterfinals, but that is also subject to the



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break size and criteria of individual tournaments. (For eg - Tournaments with a larger number of teams and adjudicators in order to make more number of individuals break keep octofinals before quarterfinals. Similarly, smaller sized tournaments sometimes break teams directly to semifinals.)

7. DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF COMPETITIONS

1. “**Category I Competition**” entails an International University-level debate competition in which the team/adjudicator clears the Open Challenge.
2. “**Category II Competition**” entails a National University-level debate competition by virtue of their performance in the Grand Intra
3. “**Category III Competition**” entails the team/adjudicator, who have either used up their reimbursed slots or have NOT participated in the Summer Grand Intra (under Category II) but have broken/qualified for the outrounds at a national level university debate competition.

III. AMENDMENT CLAUSE:

The Debate and Discussion Committee reserves all the rights to amend the policy from time to time, and the same shall be subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Committee. Any such amendment, as and when made, shall be notified to the student body.

IV. DEBATE CLAIMS

1. A person shall claim a debate through their Summer Grand Intra slots, which are given according to the team rankings in that edition of the Summer GI.
2. All teams that broke (breaking here is defined by the performance of a participant who qualifies for the out-rounds or final rounds of that particular GI) shall be given two fully reimbursed slots, which can be used to claim debates till the Grand Intra of the following year. The same shall apply to all breaking adjudicators.
3. All other participants of the Summer Grand Intra shall have one fully reimbursed slot, which can be used to claim debates till the Grand Intra of the following year. The same shall apply to all other participating adjudicators.
4. Non-participants of the Summer Grand Intra can claim a maximum of one debate through the make-and-break rule, which stipulates that in case a team/adjudicator hasn't participated in the



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Grand Intra but wishes to go for a National Debate and subsequently ends up breaking into Quarter Finals in the debate, they shall receive reimbursement of travel and registration fees according to stipulation made under Clause C (Reimbursement-Category III Competition).

5. A person can claim any number of debates throughout the prescribed time period; however, the above rules shall apply in terms of reimbursement.

6. No person shall file reimbursement for more debates than the rules authorize. Any attempt made against this rule shall lead to the person being debarred from reimbursed debates for the successive academic year.

7. No reimbursement would be provided for a participant against whom an equity proceeding in a tournament has been initiated and they have been proven guilty in respect of the same. A stay on their reimbursement would be imposed while the proceedings are ongoing, and the restoration for their eligibility to claim reimbursement would be contingent strictly on them being acquitted by the Equity Committee of the tournament in question. Further, on conviction, they may be denied reimbursement for any other remaining slot for the remainder of the session after an inquiry by the DDC.

Procedure for claiming a Debate:

1. The Debate and Discussion Committee shall put up claims for a debate regularly throughout the Academic Year.

2. If a person wishes to claim a debate, they shall send a mail to the **official DDC Email ID** (ddc.rmlnlu@gmail.com), which must include the following information:

a) Name of participants

b) Team ranking /Adjudicator rank as per the Summer Grand Intra

c) Phone number of all the participants

d) Name of the Competition/ Debate that is being claimed

3. A confirmation mail shall be sent to the participating team/adjudicator, if the claim has been confirmed, with details of the tournament as well as the point of contact (“**POC**”) allotted for the same. **It is strongly recommended that interested participants send their claims before the deadline for the same.**



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Point of Contact System (“POC”)

1. A POC from the Committee shall be appointed once a claim is brought out for a particular debate. They shall be the sole contact point for all details regarding the debate competition.
2. The name and contact number of the POC shall be provided in the acceptance mail to the participating teams.
3. The POC will act as a facilitator for the registration, and their work will include providing the registration details and the organisers' contact details.
4. However, the POC will **NEITHER** be duty-bound to register on behalf of the team/adjudicators **NOR** be responsible for any delay or incompetence on part of the participants.
5. The registration and reimbursement form must be filled by the participants themselves and shall not be the responsibility of the POC.

Procedure to be followed after claiming a debate:

1. A prerequisite for participating in a debate that one has claimed is to mandatorily attend 3 DebSoc sessions from the date of the claim to the date of the competition, subject to these being conducted. Failure to do the same shall result in disqualification from filing for reimbursement for the said debate.
2. All further formalities, such as filing of registration, payment of fees etc., shall be the responsibility of the team in their personal capacity. However, they can take the help of any DDC member in case they require it.
3. Further, the POC appointed shall oversee and assist the team in registration and accommodation.

Clarifications:

1. A person participating as an adjudicator in the Summer Grand Intra can claim a debate as a part of a team, and a person participating as a speaker in the Summer Grand Intra can claim a debate as an adjudicator.



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2. If there are limited slots for a competition, the Grand Intra participants with the higher rank will claim the slot, meaning that Grand Intra ranks will be the final decider in slot preference.
3. If participants, who were part of different teams in the Summer Grand Intra, team up together and claim a single slot, the average of the teams' ranks in the Grand Intra will be calculated. **Whichever team then, after such averages being taken out, and have the higher rank would have the first claim to that slot.**

[For example - A, whose team rank in the Grand Intra was 1, teams up with B and C, whose team rank in the Grand Intra was 5, for an Asian Parliamentary Debate. The rank for a slot for this team that would be considered shall be calculated as - $(1+5)/2 = 3$.]

If a member of one of the teams was not a participant in the Grand Intra, their rank would automatically be equivalent to $(N+1)$, where N = number of teams that participated in the Grand Intra.

4. If two Adjudicators apply for claiming a single slot, their rank in the Grand Intra will be calculated. **Whichever Adjudicator would have a higher rank would have the first claim to that slot.** If a person did not participate in the Grand Intra and applies for an adjudicator slot, their rank will automatically be equivalent to $(N+1)$ where N = number of participants that participated as adjudicators in the Grand Intra.
5. If two Grand Intra Participants have equivalent ranks in the speaker/adjudicator roles, then the slot will be claimed by whatever position is being applied for, that means that if it is an adjudicator slot, it will be given to the Grand Intra participant who was an adjudicator and vice versa for speaker slots.

Repercussions

1. If a person wishes to forfeit their claim to a debate, they shall do so **within 48 hours** after receiving the acceptance mail.
2. If a person forfeits their claim after 48 hours, they shall be issued a **show-cause notice to which they must reply within 48 hours.**
3. If the explanation is not deemed sufficient by the Committee, it may take steps including but not limited to **cancelling reimbursement for this disputed tournament, debarment for the rest of the academic year and debarment from future Grand Intras.**
4. Any dispute regarding the same shall be subject to the discretion of the Committee.



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5. Any step taken by the Committee shall be final and binding on the disputing party.

V. DEBATE REIMBURSEMENT

A. Reimbursement - Category I Competition:

1. Teams/adjudicators who are successful in qualifying for the International University level Debate Competitions listed as Category I competitions shall be entitled to reimbursement of the following for subsequent international rounds:

1. **Fifty per cent (50%)** of the travel fare;
2. Registration fees in **full**;

Eligibility Criteria -

1. Teams/adjudicators who cleared the Open Challenge (OC). The procedure for the OC is listed in Schedule-I.
2. At the time of filing reimbursement, the team/adjudicator should have qualified/broken into the outrounds at **five (5)** university-level debate competitions in the last **six (6) months**.

In case the team/adjudicator is the **Winner/Runner-up** of the international debate they were allotted, they will be eligible for **100%** travel reimbursement.

Note - This is independent of reimbursement allocated under Categories II and III. The reimbursement for International Debates and National Debates are separate heads.

List of University-level Debate Competitions under Category- I.

1. World Universities Debating Championship (WUDC) (British Parliamentary Debate)
2. Asian British Parliamentary Debate (ABP)
3. University Asian Debating Championship (UADC) (Asian Parliamentary Debate)
4. Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championship (Australis)
5. World Wxmen and Gender Minority Debate Open
6. North American Universities Debating Championship (BPD)
7. Oxford InterVarsity (BPD)



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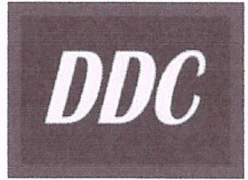
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8. Princeton InterVarsity (BPD)
9. Manchester InterVarsity (BPD)
10. Yale InterVarsity (BPD)
11. Oxford IV (BPD)
12. Shanghai International Debate Open (SIDO) (BPD)
13. European University Debate Championships (EUDC)





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SCHEDULE- I

OPEN CHALLENGES PROCEDURE

PROCEDURE FOR OCS FOR TEAMS:

1. Teams participating in an open challenge will compete against each other in a spar. The winning team(s) will be allotted a slot in the concerned tournament based on the number of available institutional slots.
2. The spar will be judged by the adjudicator(s) allotted by the DDC. The adjudicator(s) will be experienced members of the DebSoc as the DDC sees fit.
3. In case of unavailability within the University, the DDC may also allot an external adjudicator as it sees fit.
4. Post assignment of the adjudicator, the teams will have an opportunity to present any reasonable clashes to the DDC. The DDC reserves the right to accept or reject this claim and may reappoint the adjudicator as it sees fit upon appraisal.
5. In the case of a claim for an Asian Parliamentary Debate where the number of teams are odd, a swing team will be provided by the DDC as it sees fit.
6. In the case of a claim for a British Parliamentary Debate where the number of teams are not enough for a full BP, the DDC will have top-half debates or provide swing team(s), as they see fit in the situation.
7. The decision of the Adjudicator(s) shall be final and binding.

PROCEDURE FOR OCS FOR ADJUDICATORS:

1. In case of a claim for an Asian Parliamentary Debate:

- 1.1 Teams will be provided for an Asian Parliamentary spar by the DDC as they see fit.



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1.2 The panel will be Chaired by a competent Adjudicator assigned by the DDC as they see fit.

1.3 Every Judge participating in the OC will give an Oral Adjudication at the end of the round as per the Asian Parliamentary Debate convention.

1.4 The teams will score the Oral Adjudication of the judges participating in the OC as per the UADC 2023 Judge Feedback Scale.

1.5 The Chair of the room will also score the judges participating in the OC as per the UADC 2023 Judge Feedback Scale.

2. For a British Parliamentary Debate:

2.1. Teams will be provided for a British Parliamentary spar by the DDC as they see fit.

2.2. The Adjudicators participating in the OC will be panellists Chaired by a competent Adjudicator assigned by the DDC as they see fit.

2.3. After the debate ends, deliberation will happen as normal in the British Parliamentary Format, and the Chair will then score the Panelists as per the EUDC Judge Scale.

3. Post assignment of the Chairs in both cases, the Panelists will have an opportunity to present any reasonable clashes to the DDC. The DDC reserves the right to accept or reject this claim and may reappoint the Chair as it sees fit upon appraisal.

4. A judge test will also have to be taken by the Adjudicators participating in both the Asian Parliamentary and British Parliamentary formats.

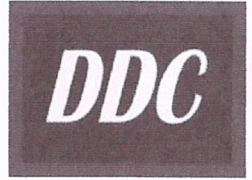
4.1. The test will be given as a Google Form with short, objective-type questions.

4.2 The test will have to be given in person in the presence of an appointed member of the DDC. No reference to external sources will be allowed during the test.

4.2. It will be set and evaluated by the DDC as it sees fit.



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5. All the scores attained by the Adjudicators participating in the OC (**Those mentioned in clauses 1.4,1.5/2.3,4 as applicable**) will be taken into consideration, and the Adjudicator(s) with the **highest arithmetic mean** will be eligible for the available slot(s).

6. In case of a tie, the DDC has the discretion to handle the situation as they see fit.

B. Reimbursement - Category II Competition:

1. Teams/adjudicators who are successful in qualifying for the national level debate competitions listed as Category II competitions are entitled to the reimbursement of the following:

1. **Hundred per cent (100%)** of the travel fare (3rd A.C. fare);
2. Registration fees in **full**;

Eligibility Criteria - Teams/adjudicators who have taken part in the Grand Intra are eligible for **one (1) offline paid slot**.

Speakers/adjudicators, who broke into the outrounds of Summer Grand Intra, are eligible for **two (2) paid slots**.

C. Reimbursement - Category III Competition:

1. Teams/adjudicators who participated in the Summer Grand Intra, and break into the outrounds at a national level university debate competitions are entitled to **two (2) make-or-break** slots, as well as the reimbursement of the following:

1. **Fifty per cent (50%)** of the travel fare (3rd AC fare);
2. **Fifty per cent (50%)** of the registration fees;

2. Teams/adjudicators who have not participated in the Summer Grand Intra, and break into the outrounds of a claimed debate, are entitled to **one (1) make-or-break** slot, with the same reimbursement conditions as mentioned above.

Eligibility Criteria -

1. The student must be enrolled in the undergraduate programme at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow.
2. The student must not have participated in the Summer Grand Intra or have used up all of their reimbursed slots.



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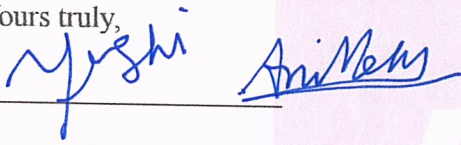
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IV. Travel Guidelines and Availability of Funds:

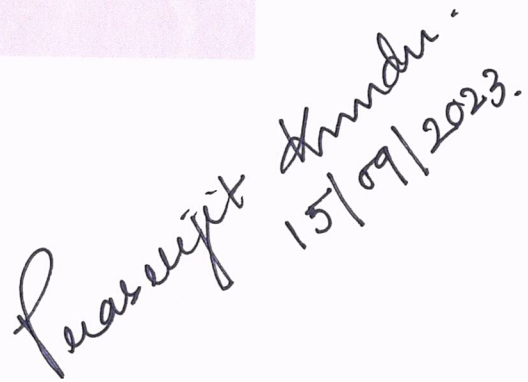
1. All travel reimbursement claims will be granted only if they meet the guidelines set by the administration of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University.
2. For Category II and Category III competitions, the mode of transport should be 3rd AC Trains, and the journey should be from Lucknow (i.e. the **destination of origin should be Lucknow**) and back to Lucknow (**the return journey should end at Lucknow**).
3. For Category I competitions, the mode of transport must take you from Lucknow and back to Lucknow.
4. All the funding/reimbursement of Category II and III Competitions shall be subject to the availability of the funds with the Debate and Discussion Committee.

Yours truly,



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Jt. Convenors, The Debate and Discussion Committee


Prasenjit Kumar
15/09/2023.



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DEBATE REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Name of the Competition-

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Allotted through (Please circle)– Grand Intra/Open Challenge/ Litigium
Participated as (Please circle): Team/Adjudicator

Name:
Semester, Year:
Mobile No:

Details of Travel:

Departure:	
From:	Mode of Travel:
To:	P.N.R. of Ticket(s)

Arrival:	
From:	Mode of Travel:
To:	P.N.R. of Ticket(s)



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Details of Travel:

Registration Amount Paid (In Rs.):	
Mode of Payment:	Transaction ID (if any)

Account details for reimbursement:

Account Number:	Name of Account Holder:
Bank/Branch:	IFSC Code:

Attachments for office use:

1. Tickets of all Participants (Yes/No)
2. Receipt of Registration Money (Yes/No)
3. Participation Certificates of all Participants (Yes/No)

Amount to be reimbursed:

Actual Expenditure on Travel	Corresponding 3AC Fare
Registration Amount	Total Amount Reimbursed

(Signature of Claimant)

(Recommendation of Convenor/Jt. Secretary, D.D.C)

Verified.
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