

# ALLOTMENT POLICY

For Client Counselling, Negotiation cum  
Mediation Tournaments for the  
Academic Session 2023-2024\*

*\*[Drafts inviting suggestions]*

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## 1. SHORT TITLE, EXTENT AND COMMENCEMENT

1.1. This policy is to be referred as 'Allotment Policy for Inter-University Client Counselling or Negotiation Cum Mediation Tournaments, 2023-24' [hereinafter "Allotment Policy" or "Policy"].

1.2. This policy extends to all Client Counselling, Mediation and Negotiation tournaments wherein the undergraduate students of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow participate.

1.3. This policy shall remain in force for the academic year 2023-24, until a new subsequent policy is announced, or as otherwise notified.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. **CLINEME 9.0-** The intra-university competitions for Client-Counselling and Negotiation cum Mediation conducted during the academic year 2023-24 at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow.

2.2. **Organising Committee-** The Legal Aid Committee of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, or LAC.

2.3. **Competition-** Those competitions, the host institution of which is a university or body situated within the territory or India.

2.4. **Capped Competition-** Any inter-university competition where a fixed number of slots have been allotted to the University by the respective Organising Committee. Such competitions can only be claimed through the Legal Aid Committee.

2.5. **Pure Team-** A team consisting of participants (Negotiating pair or Client Counseling pair) who have registered and participated together in CLINEME 9.0.

2.6. **Cross Team-** A team consisting of individual members who participated as members of separate teams in CLINEME 9.0 and wish to participate as a team for an inter-university competition.

2.7. **Tier system (Negotiator Teams)-** Participants (Negotiators) of CLINEME 9.0 (Negotiation Cum Mediation segment) will be categorized as follows, based on their ranks as per the final tabulation of the Oral Rounds of the Negotiation Cum Mediation segment of CLINEME 9.0:

**Tier I-** This category comprises the Quarter-finalist negotiators of the Negotiation- Mediation segment of CLINEME 9.0, i.e., team ranks 1 to 8.

**Tier II-** This category comprises Negotiators not falling under Tier I or Tier III, i.e., team ranks 9 to 16.

**Tier III-** This category comprises Negotiators awarded the bottom eight team ranks, i.e., team ranks 17 to 24.

**2.8. Screening Round-** Any method deemed suitable by the Organising Committee to evaluate and ascertain the eligibility of a student/ student team to participate in any competition allotted under this Policy.

**2.9. Slot-** The sequence of slots provided to the team out of the total number of slots allotted to the University by the host institution of a competition.

**2.10. Claim-** The application made by a team for availing a slot for any competition under this Policy.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY IN INTER UNIVERSITY CLIENT COUNSELLING, NEGOTIATION CUM MEDIATION COMPETITIONS**

Students, for the purpose of claiming a competition under this Policy, have been divided into the following groups, in order of their precedence during allocation process (category system):

#### **For Client-Counselling Competitions:**

**Category I: Participant-** Any student of RMLNLU who has participated in CLINEME 9.0 and qualified for the oral rounds of the respective segment of the competition.

**Category II: Non-Participant-** Any student of RMLNLU does not participate in the Oral Rounds of the Client Counselling segment of CLINEME 9.0.

#### **For Negotiation Cum Mediation Competitions:**

**Category I: Oral Round Participant-** Any student of RMLNLU who has participated in CLINEME 9.0 and qualified for the oral rounds of the respective segment of the competition.

**Category II: Plan Selection Participant-** Any student of RMLNLU who registers for the respective competition in CLINEME 9.0 and submits the Negotiation Plan but does not qualify for the oral rounds.

**Category III: Non-Participant-** Any student of RMLNLU who does not register for the respective competition in CLINEME 9.0 and does not submit the Negotiation Plan.

**Clarification regarding application of the category system:**

- In accordance with the previous rule, the claim by a Category I team takes clear precedence over the claim by a Category II team; and the claim by a Category II team takes clear precedence over the claim by a Category III team.
- A Cross Team comprising members from two different categories shall be treated as belonging to the lower of the two categories for the purposes of allotment.
- In case of conflict between two or more teams belonging to Category I, the Table of Illustrations, read with Clauses 4 to 7 shall be applied.
- In case of conflict between two or more teams belonging to Category II, a Screening Round shall be applied, as deemed fit by the Organising Committee. The same process will apply in case of conflict between two or more teams belonging to Category III.
- For a Negotiation slot, the claim of a Category I team comprising members from the Mediation rank list will take precedence over claims by teams belonging to Categories II or III.
- For a Mediation slot, the claim of a Category I participant or team comprising members from the Negotiation rank list (pure or cross) will take precedence over claims by participants or teams belonging to Categories II or III.

#### **4. RANKING**

**4.1.** The two-member teams participating in Client Counselling segment of CLINEME 9.0 shall be allotted team ranks based on their performance in Oral Rounds.

**4.2.** The two-member teams participating as Negotiators in the Negotiation cum Mediation segment of CLINEME 9.0 shall be allotted team ranks based on their performance in Oral Rounds.

**4.3.** Team ranks will be communicated in the final tabulation released after the culmination of Oral Rounds of each segment. These ranks will be applicable to individual team members when making a team with a student other than their teammate for CLINEME 9.0.

**4.4.** The Mediators in the Negotiation cum Mediation segment of CLINEME 9.0 shall be allotted individual ranks based on their performance.

**4.5.** A cross-team will be ranked on the basis of the sum total of the members' individual ranks in CLINEME 9.0 and the team with the lowest sum total will take preference.

4.6. In case, the sum-total of the ranks of two teams claiming the same competition is equal, the competition shall be allotted to the team with the participant who has the best rank from within the claiming participants.

4.7. If any Tier I team having already claimed one competition, sends a claim for a second competition, such claim shall supersede the first claim of a Tier III team.

4.8. If a Cross Team formed between Category I participant and participant from Category II or III submits a claim for a slot, then such claim would exhaust the first claim of the Oral Round Participant.

4.9. The claim number of a Cross Team will be the higher figure of the claim number of the members making up the team. The team with the lower claim number will take preference.

For example, if one teammate is claiming the second competition and the other teammate is claiming the third competition, the team will be deemed to be claiming the third competition.

4.10. In case of any situation that arises apart from the ones stipulated in the Table of Illustrations that follows, the Organising Committee reserves the power to settle the issue via a Screening Round.

### TABLE OF ILLUSTRATIONS

Case Scenarios and Illustrations for *Negotiators*:

CASE	SITUATION	ILLUSTRATION	RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT
1.	Pure vs Pure	<p>There are two pure teams A and B. Both teams are claiming the competition for the first time.</p> <p>Team A's rank: 2</p> <p>Team B's rank: 5</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Team A since it is ranked higher.</p>

<p>2.</p>	<p>Pure vs Pure</p>	<p>There are two pure teams A and B.</p> <p>Team A is claiming a competition for the first time, whereas it is Team B's second claim.</p> <p>Situation 1:</p> <p>Team A's rank: 12 (Tier II)</p> <p>Team B's rank: 3 (Tier I)</p> <p>Situation 2:</p> <p>Team A's rank: 20 (Tier III)</p> <p>Team B's rank: 3 (Tier I)</p>	<p>Situation 1: In this case, the competition shall be allotted to Team A since it is their first claim.</p> <p>Situation 2: In this case, the competition shall be allotted to Team B, as stipulated under Rule 4.7.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Pure vs Cross (Tier I vs Tier I – First Claim)</p>	<p>There is a pure team A and a Cross Team B. Both the teams are claiming a competition for the first time. Team A has two members X and Y. Team B has two members L and M. (X, Y, L, M were Negotiators in CLINEME 8.0)</p> <p>X's rank: 5</p> <p>Y's rank: 5</p> <p>Team A's total rank: 10</p> <p>L's rank: 8</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Team B since it has the lowest sum-total of individual ranks.</p>

		<p>M's rank: 1</p> <p>Team B's total rank: 9</p>	
4.	Pure vs Cross  (Tier III vs Tier II)	<p>There is a pure team A (Tier III) and a Cross Team B (Tier II). Team A is claiming a competition for the first time, whereas it is Team B's second claim.</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Team A since it is Team A's first claim.</p> <p>Clarification: The second claim by a Tier II team <u>does not</u> trump the first claim by a Tier III team.</p>
5.	Pure vs Cross  (Tier I vs Tier III)	<p>There is a pure team A and a cross team B.</p> <p>Team A is claiming a competition for the second time whereas it is Team B's first claim.</p> <p>Team A has two members X and Y. Team B has two members M and N. (X, Y, M, N were negotiators in CLINEME 8.0)</p> <p>X and Y's rank: 8</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Team A, in accordance with Clause 4.7.</p>



		<p>Team A's total rank: 16</p> <p>M's rank: 21</p> <p>N's rank: 22</p> <p>Team B's total rank: 39</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Pure vs Cross (Tier I vs Tier I- Second Claim)</p>	<p>There is a pure team A and a Cross Team B. Both the teams are claiming a competition for the second time. Team A has two members X and Y.</p> <p>Team B has two members L and M. (X, Y, L, M were negotiators in CLINEME 9.0)</p> <p>X's rank: 5</p> <p>Y's rank: 5</p> <p>Team A's total rank: 10</p> <p>L's rank: 8</p> <p>M's rank: 1</p> <p>Team B's total rank: 9</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Team B since it has the lowest sum-total of individual ranks.</p>

<p>7.</p>	<p>Cross vs Cross  (Tier I vs Tier I –  First Claim)</p>	<p>There are two cross teams A and B. Both the teams are claiming a competition for the first time.  Team A has two members X and Y. Team B has two members L and M. (X, Y, L, M were negotiators in CLINEME 8.0)  X's rank: 5</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Team B since it has the lowest sum-total of individual ranks.</p>

		<p>Y's rank: 6</p> <p>Team A's total rank: 11</p> <p>L's rank: 8</p> <p>M's rank: 1</p> <p>Team B's total rank: 9</p>	
8.	Cross vs Cross	<p>There are two Cross Teams A and B. Team A is claiming a competition for the first time, whereas it is Team B's second claim.</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Team A since it is their first claim.</p>
9.	Cross vs Cross (Tier I vs Tier I – Second Claim)	<p>There are two Cross Teams A and B. Both the teams are claiming a competition for the second time.</p> <p>Team A has two members X and Y. Team B has two members L and M. (X, Y, L, M were negotiators in CLINEME 8.0)</p> <p>X's rank: 5</p> <p>Y's rank: 6</p> <p>Team A's total rank: 11</p> <p>L's rank: 8</p> <p>M's rank: 1</p> <p>Team B's total rank: 9</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Team B since it has the lowest sum-total of individual ranks.</p>

Case Scenarios and Illustrations for *Mediators*:

CASE	SITUATION	ILLUSTRATION	RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT
1.	Mediator vs Mediator	<p>There are two Mediators A and B. Both the Mediators are claiming a competition for the first time.</p> <p>A's rank: 10</p> <p>B's rank: 14</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Mediator A since they have the lower individual rank.</p>
2.	Mediator vs Negotiator	<p>There is a Mediator A and a Negotiator B. Both the individuals are claiming a competition for the first time.</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Mediator A since Negotiators will be allotted a Mediation slot only when no Mediator claims.</p>
3.	Negotiator vs Negotiator	<p>There is a Negotiator A and a Negotiator B. Both the individuals are claiming a competition for the first time.</p> <p>A's team rank: 10</p> <p>B's team rank: 14</p>	<p>The competition shall be allotted to Negotiator A since they have the lower rank.</p>

4.	Negotiator vs Non-Participant (category 2-3)	There is a Negotiator A and a Non-Participant, both claiming a competition for the first time.	The competition shall be allotted to Negotiator A.
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## 5. REGISTRATIONS FOR CLIENT COUNSELLING

**5.1.** As and when Client Counselling invites are received, claims shall be opened by the Organising Committee and a post regarding the same shall be put up only on the Facebook Group- RMLNLU LAC ADR Wing.<sup>1</sup> Students willing to claim the aforesaid competition are requested to send claims accordingly.

**5.2.** Allotment of Client Counselling Competitions shall be based on team ranks as well as previously allotted competitions (claim number).

**5.3.** In case of non-adherence to the specified deadlines, claims shall not be considered unless there has been an unforeseen situation, subject to approval by the Organising Committee.

**5.4.** No team that has been allotted a competition shall be allowed to change the composition of the team for that competition except with the express permission of the Organising Committee.

**5.5.** In case no team from within Category I participants (pure or Cross Team) claims a competition, Category II participants shall be entertained subject to a Screening Round conducted by the Organising Committee.

## 6. REGISTRATIONS FOR MEDIATION

**6.1.** As and when Mediation invites are received, claims shall be opened by the Organising Committee and a post regarding the same shall be put up only on the Facebook page of the RMLNLU LAC ADR Wing.<sup>2</sup> Participants from Categories I, II, or III are eligible to send claims for any such competition. However, the claim from a Category II or III team will only be considered if no claim is received from a Category I team. Such claims shall be decided on the basis of a Screening Round conducted by the Organising Committee.

<sup>1</sup> URL: [www.facebook.com/groups/rmlnluadrwing](http://www.facebook.com/groups/rmlnluadrwing)

<sup>2</sup> URL: [www.facebook.com/groups/rmlnluadrwing](http://www.facebook.com/groups/rmlnluadrwing)

**6.2.** Mediation competitions that require a single participant shall be allotted as per the individual Mediation rank-list of CLINEME 9.0. All such allotments shall be subject to previous allotment in other competitions.

**6.3.** In case of competitions that require a two-member team, any two participants that participated in the Negotiation Cum Mediation competition as Mediators in CLINEME 9.0 or participants from any other category mentioned herein may form a team and send claims accordingly

**6.4.** A two-member team may be formed by one person from the Mediation rank list and the other person from the Negotiator rank list. Such a team will be allotted a competition only if no two mediators from the Mediation rank list claim a competition. The rank of the negotiator will be the same as his team rank.

**6.5.** A team from within the Negotiation rank list may claim a two-member team mediation competition. Such a claim will only be given to the team if no claims are received from a team formed as specified in Clause 6.3 of this Policy.

**6.6.** In case of non-adherence to the specified deadlines, claims shall not be considered unless there has been an unforeseen situation, subject to approval by the Organising Committee.

**6.7.** No team that has been allotted a competition shall be allowed to change the composition of the team for that competition without the permission of the Organising Committee.

## **7. REGISTRATIONS FOR NEGOTIATION COMPETITIONS**

**7.1.** As and when Negotiation invites are received, claims shall be opened by the Organising Committee and a post shall be put up only on the Facebook page of the ADR Cell.<sup>3</sup>

Participants from Categories I, II, or III are eligible to send claims for any such competition. However, the claim from a Category II or III team will only be considered if no claim is received from a Category I team. Such claims shall be decided on the basis of a Screening Round conducted by the Organising Committee.

**7.2.** Participants from within the Mediation rank list may also form a team with a participant from the Mediation rank list or Negotiator rank list and submit claims. Such a team will be treated as a cross team and its claim will only be considered if no claim is received from a team comprising both members from the Negotiator rank list.

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**7.3.** In case of a claim for a Negotiation Cum Mediation Tournament wherein the format of such mediation tournament requires a Mediator along with a Client-Counsel pair, claims for the role of Client-Counsel pair shall be allotted as per Clause 7 of this Policy and claims for the role of Mediator shall be allotted as per Clause 6 of this Policy.

**7.4.** In case of non-adherence to the specified deadlines, claims shall not be considered unless there has been an unforeseen situation, subject to approval by the Organising Committee.

**7.5.** No team that has been allotted a competition shall be allowed to change the composition of the team for that competition without the permission of the Organising Committee.

## **8. UNCAPPED COMPETITIONS**

Any inter-university competition that does not restrict the number of teams participating from a university is an uncapped competition.

Students may participate in such competitions without relinquishing their CLINEME 9.0 claims, if registering directly with the competition's organisers. Such participation is open to both Participants and Non-Participants of CLINEME 9.0 and will not result in exhaustion of claim of Participants of CLINEME 9.0.

However, such participation will not be subject to any reimbursements.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to release claims for uncapped competitions. The slots so released will be subject to usual allotments and reimbursements under this Policy.

## **9. MISCONDUCT**

**9.1.** If a team fails to register for the allotted competition and the same is not informed to the Organising Committee well before the last date for registration or refuses to represent the university after having registered for the competition, the team shall be penalised. The penalty may include, but not be limited to, a ban for the current academic year in both the inter-university competitions as well as the intra-level events organized by the Organising Committee.

**9.2.** Any participating team found disregarding the basic disciplinary rules of any intra- or inter-college event shall be served with a Show Cause Notice. Furthermore, if after the hearing conducted by the Organising Committee, such charges are found to be true, then the participant shall be subject to penalty as deemed fit by the Organising Committee.

In case of any dispute relating to interpretation of this Policy, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be binding and final.