

Object and Purpose

Whereas it is expedient to frame rules for the allocation of competitions, the NLUO ADR Board shall enact the present Rules in accordance with the powers granted by Article III(1)(i) and Article V of the Constitution of the NLUO ADR Board.

These Rules may be called the “NLUO ADR Rules on Allotment of Competitions, 2025”.

The Rules shall come into force on such date as the Board may notify and shall apply to all Students partaking in events pertaining to Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Chapter I: Interpretation Clause:

1. Unless the context requires otherwise, the following meanings shall be ascribed to the words, terms and phrases listed herein:
 - a. “Competition” means and refers to any competitive ADR activity wherein an organisation confers slots or restricts the number of participants permitted in any manner, which shall include but is not limited to, mediation competitions, negotiation competitions, mediation-arbitration competitions and negotiant plan drafting competitions.
 - b. “CV Challengers” shall refer to any allotment of a competition done by the Board requiring the submission and assessment of the CV of a prospective participant.
 - c. “International Competitions” shall refer to any Competition conducted outside the country of India or any virtual competition primarily conducted by organisers not belonging to India and having teams from countries apart from India.

- d. "IUMNC" shall refer to the Intra-University Mediation and Negotiation Competition.
 - e. "National Competitions" shall refer to any Competition conducted within the country of India or any virtual competition primarily conducted by organisers belonging to India.
 - f. "Open Challengers" shall refer to an internal assessment conducted by the Board for competitions so specified.
 - g. "Rules" shall refer to the NLUO ADR Rules on Allotment of Competitions, 2025.
2. In these Rules, words and expressions not expressly defined in this Chapter shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions provided by the Constitution of the NLUO ADR Board, and in the absence of such definition, as per their ordinary meaning.

Chapter II: Participation Competitions:

3. **Requirement of Authorisation:** No Student shall participate in any Competition without due authorisation of the Board.

Provided that a Student is deemed to have been granted due authorisation to participate in a Competition by the Board if such Student is allotted a competition by the Board.

Provided further that a Student shall not require due authorisation from the Board to participate in a Competition in case the registration is a cross-team registration.

Explanation: A registration to a Competition is deemed to be cross-team only if cross-teams are explicitly permitted by the organisers of the Competition and the

Students so registering clearly identify as a cross-team during the process of registration.

4. Cognisance of Competitions: The Board shall take cognisance of Competitions for the purpose of allotment in the following manner:

- (1) The Board shall take cognisance of Competitions for which formal invitations have been extended to the Board.
- (2) The Board shall take cognisance of Competitions for which invitations or any other official correspondence have been communicated to any authority of the University and such correspondence has further been communicated by such authority to the Board.
- (3) The Board shall take cognisance of Competitions which Students may bring to the notice of the Board.
- (4) The Board may take *suo moto* cognisance of Competitions.

5. Approval for allotment:

- (1) The Board shall verify the legitimacy and feasibility of allotment of Competitions that it has taken cognisance of.
- (2) The Board may decide to not approve a Competition for allotment under these Rules after verification in case such Competition is not found to be satisfactorily legitimate or feasible to allot.

Provided that in case a Competition, which has been brought to the notice of the Board by a Student under Rule 4(3) of these Rules, is not approved for allotment, the Board must communicate its reasons to such Student.

Chapter III: Allotment through CV Challenger

6. CV Challengers: Competitions that have been taken cognisance of shall be allotted by a CV Challenger in the case where the Curriculum Vitae of a Student has been explicitly given as a qualifying criterion in the Competition subject to which the participation of a Student in the Competition is determined.

Provided that Competitions which require the Curriculum Vitae of the University pertaining to ADR, or where the Curriculum Vitae of a Student is not a determinant factor for the participation of the Student in such Competition, shall not be allotted by CV Challengers.

7. Metric for CV Challengers: The metric for assessing Curriculum Vitae for the purpose of allotment of a Competition shall be prescribed by the Board before opening applications for allotment to Students.

Chapter IV: Allotment through Open Challengers

8. Competitions allotted by Open Challengers: Open Challengers shall be conducted for the following Competitions that have been taken cognisance of:

(1) International Competitions; and

(2) National Competitions specifically prescribed by the Board for the purpose of this Rule.

Explanation 1: The National Competitions prescribed by the Board for the purpose of this Rule shall be notified within one week of the reconstitution of the Board.

Explanation 2: The National Competitions prescribed by the Board for the purpose of this Rule shall include the Competitions listed in Annexure I and

other Competitions prescribed by the Board to be allotted under this Rule under Rule 9.

9. Allotment of additional National Competitions through Open Challengers:

The Members of the Board may prescribe additional National Competitions, apart from the Competitions prescribed in Annexure 1, to be allotted by Open Challengers during the tenure of the Board by conducting a vote amongst its Members.

10. Mode of conduct of Challengers: The Board shall prescribe the manner and format of the conduct of Open Challengers on the basis of the procedure of registration and format of the competition.

11. Exigent Circumstances: In case of exigent circumstances, the Board may allot a National Competition prescribed to be allotted by Open Challenger on the basis of IUMNC.

Chapter V: Allotment through IUMNC

12. IUMNC allotment: All Competitions which have been taken cognisance of and which do not fall within the scope of Chapter III and Chapter IV of these Rules shall be allotted on the basis of ranks received by Students in IUMNC.

Provided that any Competition that solely involves client-counselling or drafting shall not fall within the scope of this Rule.

13. Conduct of IUMNC: The Board shall conduct on an annual basis IUMNC for granting ranks for the purpose of allotment of Competitions in a manner and format that the Board may prescribe.

14. Procedure for IUMNC allotment:

- (1) For the purpose of allotment of a Competition through IUMNC, the Board shall release a call for registration for Students who have been granted ranks on the basis of IUMNC.
- (2) On receipt of registrations within a stipulated deadline, the Board shall allot slots of the Competition in ascending order of ranks of the Students who have registered.
Provided that a rank allotted to a pair of Students cannot be used individually by any one of the Students for the purpose of allotment.
Provided further that a Student who has been allotted a competition through IUMNC shall not be allotted another Competition falling under the scope of Chapter V.
- (3) In case of back outs, the Board shall allot slots for the Competition to the Students in who has registered in ascending order of ranks.
- (4) The Board may release a second call for registrations if no team is allotted a slot under Rule 14(3).

Chapter VI: Residual allotment

- 15. Allotment in case of non-applicability of Chapter III, IV and V:** In case a Competition does not fall within the scope of Chapters III, IV and V for allotment, the Board shall have the discretion of allotting a Competition it has taken cognisance of in any manner that the Board shall prescribe.

Annexure I

The following National Competitions shall be allotted by Open Challengers:*

*The competitions shall be notified as per Rule 8(2).