LIMA ELECTIO 5.0

Rules and Regulations

1. RULE 01 :: Definitions

1. "BATNA" refers to the Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement, and refers to the best thing a Party can do to satisfy their interest, without the consent of the other Party, if the Parties fail to reach an agreement.

2. "Caucus" refers to a separate meeting between the Mediator and a Competing Team. During the caucus, the overall time of the Mediation Session continues to run.

3. "Competing Team" refers to the two students from one Team competing in one specific Negotiation Session in the roles allotted to them in the form of Counsel and Client.

4. "Competition" refers to "LIMA-ELECTIO" rounds.

5. "Confidential Information" refers to the background factual information of the Problem for the exclusive use of a Party and the Judges.

6. "Counsel" and "Client" refer to the roles taken respectively by two members of a Team during each Negotiation Session; together they are referred to as a Competing Team or as a Party.

7. "General Information" refers to the background factual information of the Problem for the use by each Party and the Judges.

8. "Judge" refers to a Professional selected by The Organising Committee who evaluates and scores the Teams' performance during a Negotiation Session in accordance with the judging criteria.

9. "Negotiation Plan" refers to each Applicant's written case analysis.

10. "Organising Committee" refers to members of the Executive Board who are in charge of organizing and managing the Competition.

11. "Problem" refers to the dispute case distributed by The Organising Committee, as supplemented or corrected by any Problem Clarifications, which Teams will attempt to resolve.

12. "Requesting Party" and "Responding Party" refer to the Competing Team which argues on behalf of the Party requesting the negotiation and the Party responding to the request for negotiation at any given point in the Competition.

13. "Organising Committee" refers to the Executive Board of LIMA and the volunteers who are engaging in the organizing of Electio 5.0.

14. "Rules" refer to the Competition Rules.

RULE 02 :: Dress Code

Girls & Boys :: White Shirt, Black Trousers & Black Blazer.

RULE 03 :: Language

The official and only language of the Competition is English.

RULE 04 :: Competition Structure

1. The Competition will be held in two stages, Stage 1 is the Negotiation Plan Submission Stage. This stage will be an Elimination Stage.
2. The registered participants are required to submit a negotiation plan outlining the format given in **RULE 6.**
3. The participants submitting the negotiation plan will be shortlisted and will then proceed to the Stage - 2 Mediation Session Stage.
4. The Mediation Session will comprise of a total 6 people, 2 - Mediator, 2 – Requesting Side (Client and counsel), 2 – Responding Side (Client and counsel).
5. Individual Roles will be allotted by LIMA after the announcement of the Results of Stage – 1.

RULE 05 :: Submission of Negotiation Plan - Stage - 1

Each Applicant must individually submit the Negotiation Plan in the form of **soft copy by 02:00 p.m., Friday, 10th April 2026** and **hard copy** by **02:30 - 03:30 PM, Friday, 10th April 2026**. It should not exceed 02 pages (excluding the cover page). The Uniform Font style should be used throughout the Negotiation Plan.

- Font Size – 12, Font – Arial, Line Spacing – 1.5
- The Hard copies should be submitted at LIMA Centre, First Floor, Lloyd School of Law, between 02:30 - 03:30 p.m. only, on or before Friday, 10th April 2026.
- The Soft copies of the Negotiation plan should be submitted before 02:00 p.m., Friday,

10th April 2026; in the given submission link.

Submission link : https://forms.gle/eDSZpmauocfR4NvZ9

RULE 06 :: Negotiation Plan (Format)

The Negotiation Plan should contain a brief evaluation under each of the following headings:

1. Requesting Side's Negotiation Strategy - outline the Team's strategy including its goals, objectives, and its likely success in resolving the conflict;

2. Responding Side's Negotiation Strategy - outline the Team's strategy including its goals, objectives, and its likely success in resolving the conflict;

3. Division of responsibilities and tactics between Client and Counsel during the Mediation Session – explain how the Team plans to share responsibilities between Counsel and Client in the Mediation Session – explain why the Team chooses the particular responsibility sharing by reference to the Mediation Problem;

4. Requesting Side's Underlying Interests – describe the interests that the Party plans to advance in the Mediation Session by reference to the Mediation Problem;

5. Requesting Side's BATNA – The Best Alternative to a Negotiated agreement, that is the best alternative available for the party to fulfil their interest in case an agreement is not reached.

6. Responding Side's Underlying Interests – describe the likely interests of the other Party by reference to the Mediation Problem;

7. Responding Side's BATNA – describe the likely BATNA of the other party by reference to the Mediation Problem.

RULE 07:: Mediation Session – Stage 02

- Participants advancing in Stage 02 must mandatorily be present 02 hours prior to their rounds at the announce venue.
- Participants backing out after advancing to the stage - 02 will be blacklisted from LIMA and will not be considered in any activities hosted by LIMA.
- Any request to change the role or a teammate will not be entertained.

- The Mediation Session will comprise of a total 06 people, 02 - Mediator, 02 – Requesting Side (Client and counsel), 02 – Responding Side (Client and counsel). Additionally, the judges and a session supervisor shall also remain in the session.

- The Negotiation teams (Client & Counsel) both Requesting and Responding side will be provided with Confidential information in hardcopy, 01 hour prior to their scheduled round. The hardcopy will be taken back from the teams after their rounds.

- Mediators are not allowed to know the confidential information.

- None of the participants may disclose confidential information to any participant of the Championship. If any participant or student is found recording or disclosing the Confidential Information, such participant shall be blacklisted from LIMA and would be referred to CDC.

- The mediation session will be 45 minutes an additional 15 minutes for judge's feedback and scoring.

RULE 08:: MISCELLANEOUS

In case of failing or non-compliance with any of the above Rules, the student would be disqualified from participating in the Competition.

- A qualification to quarter or any other further rounds does not necessarily imply the participant's selection as a LIMA member, the final selection list shall be at the discretion of the chairperson of LIMA and will be announced later.

- Any kind of inappropriate behavior; cheating and using any other unfair means in the competition would lead to direct disqualification of the participant.

- In case of any difficulties arises the organising committee has complete authority to resolve the matter. The decision of the committee would be the final and binding decision.

- The selected participants would be eligible to participate in all LIMA activities and would be considered members of LIMA.

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