

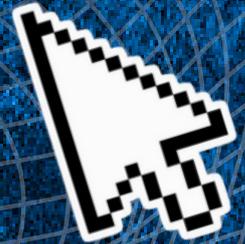
CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION,
RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW,
PUNJAB
PRESENTS

8th SEMC '26

8th RGNUL SPORTS &
ENTERTAINMENT LAW
MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2026

MARCH 7-8, 2026

APRIL 3-4, 2026



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ABOUT RGNUL

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, was established by the State Legislature of Punjab by passing the RGNUL, Punjab Act, (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006). The Act incorporated a University of Law of national stature in Punjab, thereby fulfilling the need for a Centre of Excellence in legal education in the modern era of globalization and liberalization.

ABOUT CADR

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) at RGNUL has been established to promote students' and researchers' interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution constituting of dispute resolution methods like Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation and Conciliation. It aims to promote and develop ADR as a vehicle for socioeconomic and political justice. The ultimate objective of the Centre is to strengthen the ADR mechanism in the country by emerging as a platform for students to further their interest in the field. A strong team of teachers and students is working towards achieving this end.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

To further its avowed aim, CADR has been organising the RGNUL Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition (SEMC) since 2019. SEMC is one of India's most premier competition in the field of mediation, pitting the best budding ADR enthusiasts against one another. We are delighted to announce the Eighth Edition of the RGNUL Sports & Entertainment Law Mediation Competition 2026, organised by the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. The competition is scheduled to take place from 7th to 8th March, 2026, in online mode and 3rd to 4th April, 2026, in offline mode. The competition will host teams from all across India, chosen based on the experience and accomplishments of the universities in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. The objective of the competition is to instill soft-skills of mediation and commercial awareness in law students, particularly in the field of Sports and Entertainment Law.



ABOUT PREVIOUS EDITIONS

1st Edition

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, in association with The Peacekeeping and Conflict Resolution Team (PACT), organized a first of-its-kind Mediation Competition from 12–14 April, 2019. The Winning Negotiating Team of Diyanshu Sinha and Adwitya Grover (RGNUL) went on to represent India in IMSG 2019 and secured the Gold Medal in the competition.

2nd Edition

The 2nd Edition aimed to enhance advocacy and communication skills, culminating in a final round between MNLU Mumbai and NLIU Bhopal. MNLU Mumbai emerged victorious, represented by Mudit Mahajan and Kartik Gupta in IMSG 2020. Vasundhara Mahajan earned Best Mediator, while Gaurang Samel and Riya Punamiya from GLC Mumbai and Roshni Mulchandani gained automatic qualification for IMSG 2020.

3rd Edition

The 3rd edition of the RGNUL National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition successfully transitioned to a virtual format while maintaining the high standards of previous editions. Thirivikram Balaji and Shubhangi Nangunoori from SLS Hyderabad won the Best Negotiation Team, with Sharmila Adyanthaya as the Best Mediator. They represented India in the Singapore International Mediation Competition 2021, along with Akul Khandelwal and Manasvi Ahuja from SLS Pune and Tushmi Udyalak, who received automatic qualification by the PACT Jury.

ABOUT PREVIOUS EDITIONS

4th Edition

The 4th edition of the RGNUL National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition, conducted virtually, showcased adeptness in mediation from negotiating teams and mediators. In a closely contested final, NLUO, Odisha secured Best Negotiating Team, with SLS Pune as Runners-Up. Advait Raghunath from SLS Pune was named Best Mediator, contributing to the event's grand success.

5th Edition

The 5th RGNUL National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition 2023, hosted by CADR along with Indus Law and Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR at RGNUL, took place from March 31st to April 2nd, 2023. With 32 different colleges participating, the competition covered various nuances of sports and entertainment law. Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, secured the Best Negotiating Pair, while NLSIU, Bangalore, won Best Mediator. The event was declared as the biggest SEMC edition ever because of the massive participation, setting a benchmark for future editions.

6th Edition

The 6th edition of RGNUL National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition 2024, hosted by CADR along with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR at RGNUL, took place from March 29th to March 31st, 2024. The competition hosted teams from all across India, chosen based on the experience and accomplishments of the universities in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

ABOUT PREVIOUS EDITIONS

7th Edition

The 7th RGNUL Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition was organised by the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, from 25th to 27th April, 2025. The competition was conducted with Zeus Law as the Principal Knowledge Partner, Markanda Advocates (Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR) as the Expert Partner, Manupatra as the Knowledge Partner, LiveLaw as the Media Partner, and the Asian School of Cyber Laws (ASCL) as the Training Partner. The edition brought together negotiating teams and student mediators from law universities across India and focused on advanced mediation techniques within sports and entertainment law disputes. Through structured rounds, expert interactions, and training-led engagement, the 7th Edition reinforced SEMC's position as a specialised national platform for experiential learning in mediation and negotiation.



GLIMPSES FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS



OTHER DETAILS

Eligibility

- The competition is open to full-time law students (5-year and 3-year course) registered in any university in India for the academic year 2025-2026.
- The competition is not open to LL.M. students.
- Each University may nominate up to 1 team to participate in the competition. Universities interested in sending more than one team are requested to express their intention by reaching out to the organizing committee by writing an email at cadr@rgnul.ac.in. The allotment of second slot is subject to availability of total number of slots.

Declaration

- The Organizing Committee (OC) for this competition has no conflict of interest to declare.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend or modify any rule/s regarding the competition. All measures will be undertaken for fair and orderly conduct of the Competition.
- The decision of the Organizing Committee in all matters regarding the Competition shall be final.

Awards*

- Winning Negotiating Team
- Runners-up Negotiating Team
- Winning Mediator
- Runners-up Mediator
- Best Negotiating Team of the Preliminary Rounds
- Best Mediator of the Preliminary Rounds

*A detailed list of prize money and other exciting awards will be soon unveiled on our websites and other social media platforms.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

TEAM STRUCTURE

Each participating team shall consist of a Client-Counsel pair (i.e., the Negotiating Team) and one student as the Mediator.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Universities/Colleges interested in sending their teams must complete the provisional registration by filling the below mentioned google form latest by February 12, 2026.
- The final registration form requires teams to specify the roles of each individual member. The roles which have been pre-assigned by the team will be carried forward throughout the competition. Change of roles after the registration will only be permitted on the Organising Committee's approval. The link for the said form will be sent through mail upon confirmation of provisional registration of the University.
- Upon selection by the Organizing Committee, teams must complete the payment of the registration fee within the stipulated time period as mentioned in the concerned email. Details for making payment of the registration fee shall be separately e-mailed.
- The Registration Fee for the competition is INR 12,000/- per team (exclusive of GST), which is inclusive of the cost of food, accommodation and other logistics. This fee is non-refundable. The registration fee is applicable for both the online and offline rounds of the competition. No separate or additional fee shall be charged from teams qualifying for the advanced rounds.
- Final registration of the teams is subject to the successful payment of the registration fee within the stipulated time. In case of non-payment, the slot will be forfeited and re-allotted to another university.

Provisional Registration Link: [Access Here](#)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**Provisional Registration
Opens**

03/02/2026

**Provisional Registration
Deadline**

12/02/2026

Release of Clarifications

18/02/2026

Offline Rounds

03/04/2026 - 04/04/2026

**Release of Preliminary
Problem**

05/02/2026

**Last Date to submit
Clarifications**

15/02/2026

**Online Preliminary
Rounds**

07/03/2026 - 08/03/2026

ORGANISING TEAM

PATRON-IN-CHIEF

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Sethi | Devashish Dixit | Divyanhsu Sankrit | Harshdeep Singh | Khushank Kaushik | Kriti
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