



## **Bucerius Mediation Competition Rules**

### **§ 1 Language**

The official and only language of the Competition is English.

### **§ 2 Format**

The Competition consists of three preliminary rounds, one semi-final and one final. A Mediation Session will consist of two Competing Teams, with two Team members on each side representing the Requesting Party and the Responding Party. Additionally, the Mediator and two Judges in the Preliminary Rounds and three Judges in the Final Round will be present. Each university may nominate at least two students to participate on a Team. Each Team can be accompanied by a maximum of two Coaches.

### **§ 3 Session Procedures**

In advance of the Competition, the Bucerius Organising Committee will randomly assign Teams for the Preliminary Rounds (as Requesting Party or Responding Party). Every attempt will be made so that no two Teams will compete against each other more than once during the Preliminary Rounds.

#### **§ 3.1.1 Timing**

Each Mediation Session will run for eighty-five minutes, followed by a post-analysis of the Mediation Session, which can be up to seven minutes long. Finally, the judges and mediators will be given thirty minutes for feedback to the teams.

The overall time allowance of 85 minutes for the Mediation continues to run during any Caucus or Break.

#### **§ 3.1.2 Breaks**

Each Competing Team may take one Break of no more than three minutes during the Mediation Session. If a Competing Team calls for a Break, both Competing Teams must leave the room during such Break. Coaches, other members of the Teams not participating orally in the Mediation Session, and all other persons must remain inside the room.

#### **§ 3.1.3 Caucuses**

During each Mediation Session, the Mediator and the Competing Teams have the right to call for Caucuses. Each Caucus may last no longer than five minutes. Caucuses can take place between the Mediator and both members of a Competing Team (a Caucus) or between the Mediator and only member of each Competing Team (a Cross-Caucus).

### **§ 3.2 Judging Criteria**

The Judging Criteria are applied to the performance of both team members in the Competing Team and are set out in the Score Sheet and are further explained in the Guidance Sheet. There is no requirement to reach a settlement, ensuring that a party's short-term aims are met however, may be rewarded by the judges.

### **§ 3.3 Handout**

Teams may present during each Mediation only one handout, limited to one A4 sheet of paper (one-sided), which can include any kind of content (pictures, diagrams, graphic



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representations, drawings, text or other). Copies of this handout shall be given to the Mediator and the Judges when first produced by a Competing Team.

#### **§ 4 Mediation Plans**

We will not be asking for Mediation Plans.

#### **§ 5 Health and Safety**

All instructions by the Organising Committee with regard to hygiene and social distancing must be adhered to.