

FDI Moot 2009

Guidelines: Requests for Clarifications

Number and Timing of Requests

Each team may submit eight (8) requests for clarification on or before 5 June and on or before 14 August. In other words each team may submit up to a total of sixteen (16) requests.

Each question shall be deemed a request. A request containing multiple questions shall be treated as multiple requests and count against the team's quota accordingly.

Requests not utilized in one period are forfeited and may not be transferred to another period.

The organizers will respond on 29 June and 31 August, respectively.

Method

Each team should post its requests by going to this page http://www.fdimoot.org/teams/bb_categories.php, logging in and selecting the appropriate link. On the next page, you can review requests already submitted and submit a request by clicking the link "Add A Request" at the bottom of the page. The server will apply a time stamp, which will determine whether a request was submitted on time.

The organizers will post their replies on the dates indicated above. These can be seen by clicking the title link of each request.

All requests are viewable by all registered teams, so each team should check to see if a question has already been asked before expending one of its eight requests per period.

Explanatory Remarks

This new approach might be viewed in the spirit of "limited discovery".

As a practical matter, it is intended to reduce the on average 30, often overlapping requests we received from each team in 2008 (for a total approaching 600), especially since we expect more teams this year.

The two deadlines reflect that questions might evolve over time and that teams from different countries have different academic calendars.

That all submitted requests are immediately viewable by all might encourage some gamesmanship with respect to timing and using the quotas, but that is neither unfair nor unmanageable.

Good luck!