



# **WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND DEBATE RULES**

## **Part One – The Status of These Rules**

### **1.1 The Status of These Rules**

These rules govern –

- (a) any debating tournament organised by the World Schools Debating Championships Limited,
- (b) the procedures of the Tournament Committee of the World Schools Debating Championships Limited.

### **1.2 Conflict**

In the event of any conflict with the Byelaws of the World Schools Debating Championships Limited, the Byelaws prevail.

## **Part Two - The World Schools Debating Championships**

### **2.1 The World Schools Debating Championships**

- (a) Every year, there shall be a debating tournament called the World Schools Debating Championships (“the Championships”).
- (b) The Championships shall be held wholly within the period 1 January to 29 February, or 1 July to 31 August.

*Note: the Tournament Committee may vary the dates for a particular championships under Rule 2.6*

## **2.2 The Host**

The organisation that will host the Championships in a year ("**the Host**") is chosen by the Tournament Committee up to three years in advance of the Championships, in accordance with the Byelaws and these Rules.

## **2.3. Applications to Host**

- (a) An organisation applying to host the Championships must lodge its application with the Tournament Committee Executive at least 35 days in advance of the meeting of the Tournament Committee at which the host for the Championships is to be decided.
- (b) An application to host the Championships must include the information set out in Schedule 1 (Hosting Criteria).
- (c) The Tournament Committee Executive shall send a copy of all applications to host a Championships at least 28 days in advance of the meeting of the Tournament Committee at which the host for the Championships is to be decided.

## **2.4 Choosing the Host**

- (a) The Tournament Committee shall choose the Host for a Championship in accordance with this rule.
- (b) The Tournament Committee must first select the Final Applicant in the following way:
  - (i) where there is only one application to host a Championship, that applicant is the Final Applicant,
  - (ii) where there are two or more applications, the applicant with the highest number of votes of the Committee is the Final Applicant.
- (c) The Tournament Committee must then approve a resolution that the Final Applicant be the Host for a Championship by a majority of members voting on that resolution.

## **2.5 Conducting the Championships**

The Championships must be conducted in accordance with these Rules.

## **2.6 The Dates of a Championship**

- (a) At the time the Tournament Committee chooses the Host for a Championship, the Committee must determine the dates for the Championship.
- (b) The Tournament Committee must determine the venue and dates for a Championship at least 12 months before the Championship is to take place.
- (c) The Tournament Committee may by resolution vary the dates or venue already determined for a Championship, provided that
  - (i) the resolution is passed by a two thirds majority of members voting on the resolution, and
  - (ii) if the resolution is proposed less than 12 months before the Championship is due to begin, the reason for the variation is one or more of the following:
    - A. a genuine emergency or disaster,
    - B. a failure by the Host to abide by the Charter,
    - C. a lack of preparedness of the Host.

## **Part Three – National Representation**

### **3.1 Meaning of “Nation”**

- (a) For the purposes of these Rules, every Participant represents or is attached to a Nation.
- (b) In these Rules, “Nation” means either -
  - (i) a member state of the United Nations, or
  - (ii) a territory recognised as a Nation under this Rule.
- (c) A territory may be recognised as a Nation under these Rules if it is eligible to enter competitions organised by at least two of the following organisations (or the successors to those organisations):

- (i) the Federation Internationale de Football Association,
- (ii) the International Olympic Committee,
- (iii) the Commonwealth Games Federation, or
- (iv) the International Rugby Board.

*Note: this sub-rule recognises that some territories are recognised by major international sporting bodies as eligible to participate in international competitions even though the territory is not a separate member of the United Nations. Examples in 2011 include Hong Kong, Palestine, Bermuda, and the nations of the United Kingdom.*

- (d) A territory may be recognised as a Nation under these Rules if the Tournament Committee, by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of members voting on the resolution, agrees to recognise the territory as a Nation.
- (e) Two or more territories may be recognised as a single Nation under these rules if the Tournament Committee, by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of members voting on the resolution, agrees to recognise the territories as a single Nation.

### **3.2 Change of National Status**

- (a) If, immediately before a Championship begins, the national status of a territory changes, a debating organisation representing that territory may apply to be recognised as a Nation.
- (b) If that territory's status is not recognised by Rule 3.1(b) or (c), the Tournament Committee Executive may recognise the territory as a Nation for the purposes of that one Championship only.
- (c) In deciding whether to recognise the territory as a Nation under sub-rule (b), the Executive must consider the organisational needs of the territory and the Host.
- (d) Notwithstanding sub-rule (b), the Tournament Committee may decide that the territory is not a Nation for future Championships, but may not disqualify the territory from participating in the Championship approved by the Executive.

### **3.3 National Representation**

- (a) A Nation may be represented by only one team at a Championships.
- (b) In the event of a dispute as to which team may represent a Nation, the Tournament Executive Committee shall decide which team represents the Nation.
- (c) The Host must ensure that every team represents a Nation in accordance with these Rules.

### **3.4 National Identification**

- (a) A team representing a Nation is entitled to use the name, flag and symbols of the Nation that are recognised by all four organisations in sub-rule 3.1(c).
- (b) If –
  - (i) the four organisations do not agree on the name, flag and symbols of a Nation, or
  - (ii) a team represents a Nation recognised by the Tournament Committee under sub-rule 3.1(d) or the Tournament Executive Committee under sub-rule 3.2(b),the Tournament Executive Committee must determine under what name the team may participate and the flag and symbols it may use.
- (c) For the purposes of the Charter, neither a Host nor any other Participant may prevent a team from using a name, flag or symbol permitted by this Rule.

## **Part Four – Eligibility of Participant**

### **4.1 Teams**

A team shall have at least 3 and no more than 5 members.

### **4.2 Age**

A member of a nation's team must:

- (a) have reached their 14th birthday by the first day of debates at the Championships, and

- (b) not have reached their 20th birthday by the day of the grand final at the Championships.

#### **4.3 Education Status**

- (a) A member of a nation's team must have been attending classes as a full-time student at a secondary school in the nation within six months of the first day of debates at the Championship.
- (b) A member of a nation's team must not be enrolled at a tertiary or post-secondary-school institution where their first term of study begins on or before the first day of debates at the Championship.
- (c) For the purposes of this rule,
  - (i) Students completing an extra year of schooling beyond normal requirements at an institution that is plainly a secondary school only, but which gives no tertiary credits, are eligible providing they meet the age criteria,
  - (ii) Students completing an extra year of schooling beyond normal requirements at an institution that is plainly a secondary school only, but who may be given credits at some subsequent tertiary institution, are eligible providing they meet the age criteria,
  - (iii) Students completing at least one year or more, at an institution that spans both secondary and tertiary levels, but who may be given credits at the tertiary level, are eligible providing they meet the age criteria and are not clearly completing the first year at a tertiary level,
  - (iv) Students completing at least one year or more, at an institution that gives credits at the tertiary levels for entry into another tertiary institution at the third year or above, are ineligible even if they meet the age criteria.

#### **4.4 Team Coach**

- (a) Every team must be accompanied by a team coach.
- (b) A team coach must have reached their 19th birthday by the first day of debates at the Championship.

#### **4.5 Team Manager**

- (a) Every team must be accompanied by a team manager.
- (b) A team manager must be a coach, adjudicator or registered observer.
- (c) A team manager must -
  - (i) have reached their 19th birthday, and
  - (ii) have reached the age of majority in both the host nation and the nation the team represents,by the first day of debates at the Championship.
- (d) A team manager is responsible for taking all reasonable steps to -
  - (i) look after the welfare of the members of the team, and
  - (ii) ensure the members of the team comply with the Code of Conduct.

### **Part Five – Format of Debates**

#### **5.1 Teams in a Debate**

- (a) In a debate there are two teams.
- (b) One team proposes the motion for debate, the other team opposes it.

#### **5.2 Speakers in a Team**

- (a) In a team in a debate, there are three speakers.
- (b) Before a debate begins, each team must inform the chairperson of the names of their three speakers and the order they will be speaking in.
- (c) The only persons who may speak in a debate are the three speakers for each team announced by the chairperson at the start of that debate.

- (d) Each speaker speaks only once.
- (e) After each speaker has spoken, the first or second speaker for each team gives a reply speech, with the opposition reply going first and the proposition reply second.

### **5.3 Substitute Speeches**

- (a) During a debate, if a speaker declares that they are unable to make their speech, another speaker from that team who was announced by the chairperson as speaking in that debate may give a speech in substitution.
- (b) If a substitute speech is given in accordance with this rule, judges shall award that speech the lowest possible score within the Marking Standard in the Judging Schedule, regardless of the quality of the speech.
- (c) The marks for a substitute speech shall not be used in the calculation for any individual speaker rankings or awards.
- (d) However, paragraphs (b) and (c) do not apply if a substitute reply speech is given by the first or second speaker of the team, and judges shall award that speech the appropriate score in accordance with the Judging Schedule.

### **5.4 Timing of Speeches**

- (a) The speaking time for substantive speeches is 8 minutes, and for reply speeches 4 minutes.
- (b) The Host shall provide time signals for each speech.
- (c) In addition to the time signals provided by the host, team members or the team coach may give time signals to a speaker provided that the signals are discreet and unobtrusive.

### **5.5 Communication**

During a debate speakers may not communicate with their coach, other team members who are not speaking in that debate, or any person in the audience, except to receive time signals in accordance with rule 5.4.

## **Part Six – The Draw**

### **6.1 Ten or Fewer Teams**

If the total number of teams at the Championships is 10 or less, every team shall debate every other team in the preliminary rounds.

### **6.2 More Than Ten Teams**

- (a) If the total number of teams at the Championship is more than 10, every team shall debate 8 other teams in the preliminary rounds.
- (b) The draw for the preliminary debates is to be conducted by the Host using a system to achieve approximately equal and fair sets of opponents for all teams.

### **6.3 Debates in a Day**

- (a) As far as possible, each team shall have the same number of debates on any day as any other team.
- (b) A team may not debate more than three times in a day in the preliminary rounds unless the team agrees prior to the first day of debates at the Championships.

### **6.4 Alterations to the Draw**

- (a) At least 2 weeks before the first day of debates at the Championship, the Host shall send to the teams participating in the Championship the draw for the preliminary rounds.
- (b) If a team withdraws after the draw has been sent to the teams, the Host may make a new draw only if:
  - (i) to do so would not alter the sides nor topics of any team, and
  - (ii) all teams affected by the new draw agree.
- (c) Where a new draw has not been made, all teams who would have debated against the team that has withdrawn are taken to have won the debate by forfeit if they win at least a majority of their other debates, but are otherwise taken to have lost the debate by forfeit.

- (d) Where a team has either won or lost a debate by forfeit, the team will be taken to have received the following number of judges in its favour for that debate:
- (i) if the average number of judges in its favour in its other debates is higher than 2.5, it receives 3 judges for that debate;
  - (ii) if the average number of judges in its favour in its other debates is higher than 1.5 but less than or equal to 2.5, it receives 2 judges for that debate.
  - (iii) if the average number of judges in its favour in its other debates is higher than 0.5 but less than or equal to 1.5, it receives 1 judge for that debate;
  - (iv) if the average number of judges in its favour in its other debates is less than or equal to 0.5, it receives no judges for that debate.

## **Part Seven – The Break**

### **7.1 The Break**

- (a) At the end of the preliminary rounds, teams shall be ranked according to the number of wins.
- (b) If teams are tied on the same number of wins, they shall be separated where practicable by elimination debates and otherwise on the following priority:
  - (i) number of adjudications in favour of the team, then:
  - (ii) average judges' scores for the team.

### **7.2 Break Rounds - 12 Teams or Less**

If the total number of teams in the Championship is 12 or less, the top 4 teams ranked according to rule 7.1 shall debate in semifinals as follows:

Semifinal A – Team 1 against Team 4

Semifinal B – Team 2 against Team 3

### **7.3 Break Rounds - 13 to 24 Teams**

- (a) If the total number of teams in the Championship is more than 12 but 24 or less, the top 8 teams ranked according to rule 7.1 shall debate in quarterfinals as follows:

Quarterfinal A – Team 1 against Team 8

Quarterfinal B – Team 2 against Team 7

Quarterfinal C – Team 3 against Team 6

Quarterfinal D – Team 4 against Team 5

- (b) The winning teams in the quarterfinals shall debate in semifinals as follows:

Semifinal A – Winner Quarterfinal A against Winner Quarterfinal D

Semifinal B – Winner Quarterfinal B against Winner Quarterfinal C

#### **7.4 Break Rounds - More Than 24 Teams**

- (a) If the total number of teams in the Championship is more than 24, the top 16 teams ranked according to rule 7.1 shall debate in Octofinals as follows:

Octofinal A – Team 1 against Team 16

Octofinal B – Team 2 against Team 15

Octofinal C – Team 3 against Team 14

Octofinal D – Team 4 against Team 13

Octofinal E – Team 5 against Team 12

Octofinal F – Team 6 against Team 11

Octofinal G – Team 7 against Team 10

Octofinal H – Team 8 against Team 9

- (b) The winning teams in the octofinals shall debate in quarterfinals as follows:

Quarterfinal A – Winner Octofinal A against Winner Octofinal H

Quarterfinal B – Winner Octofinal B against Winner Octofinal G

Quarterfinal C – Winner Octofinal C against Winner Octofinal F

Quarterfinal D – Winner Octofinal D against Winner Octofinal E

- (c) The winning teams in the quarterfinals shall debate in semifinals as follows:

Semifinal A – Winner Quarterfinal A against Winner Quarterfinal D

Semifinal B – Winner Quarterfinal B against Winner Quarterfinal C

#### **7.5 Break Rounds – Type of Debate**

- (a) All Octofinal, Quarterfinal and Semifinal debates shall be Impromptu Debates.
- (b) The team to propose the motion in each debate in the break rounds shall be determined by the toss of a coin between those teams at the start of the preparation period for the debate.

## **7.6 The Grand Final**

- (a) The winners of the Semifinals shall debate in the Grand Final.
- (b) The motion for the Grand Final shall be a motion announced at the same time as the motions for the preliminary rounds.
- (c) The team to propose the motion in the Grand Final shall be determined by the toss of a coin between those teams at the end of the second Semifinal.

## **Part Eight – Motions**

### **8.1 The Motions Sub-Committee**

There shall be a Motions Sub-Committee for a Championship.

### **8.2 Composition of Motions Sub-Committee**

- (a) The Motions Sub-Committee consists of:
  - (i) two members nominated by the Host, and
  - (ii) five members elected by the Tournament Committee no later than five months before the first day of debates of a Championship.
- (b) The Motions Sub-Committee will also have two advisers who shall be nominated by the Tournament Committee Executive no later than three months before the first day of debates of a Championship
- (c) When electing members and selecting advisers for the Motion Sub-Committee, the Tournament Committee and Tournament Committee Executive should aim to reflect the geographic, cultural and linguistic diversity of the teams participating at the Championship.

- (d) A coach of a team at the Championship is not eligible to be a member of the Motions Sub-Committee or an adviser to the Motions Sub-Committee for that Championship.

### **8.3 Role of Motions Sub-Committee**

The Motions Sub-Committee shall select all motions for debate at a Championship.

### **8.4 Prepared Debates**

- (a) At least twelve weeks prior to the first day of debates at a Championship the Motions Sub-Committee shall forward to the two advisers a list of the motions it proposes to use for the prepared debates including the Grand Final.
- (b) The advisers shall either approve the list of proposed motions for the prepared debates, or suggest that the wording or topic areas for some or all of the motions on the list should be reconsidered.
- (c) If the advisers suggest that any motions on the list should be reconsidered, the advisers will then participate in the Motions Sub-Committee's remaining discussions in the capacity of non-voting members until the list of motions for the prepared debates is finalised.
- (d) At least 8 weeks prior to the first day of debates at a Championship, the Motions Sub-Committee shall forward to the Host the motions it has selected for the prepared debates including the Grand Final.
- (e) The Host shall assign motions to particular rounds of debates and forthwith notify all teams of prepared motions for the Championship and the debates to which those motions are assigned.

### **8.5 Impromptu Debates**

- (a) At least four weeks prior to the first day of debates at a Championship the Motions Sub-Committee shall forward to the two advisers a list of the motions it proposes to use for the following purposes:
  - (i) motions for all the preliminary round impromptu debates,
  - (ii) motions for the Octofinals, Quarterfinals and Semifinals, and

- (iii) at least one additional motion to be used if necessary as a spare.
- (b) The advisers shall either approve the list of proposed motions for the impromptu debates, or suggest that the wording or topic areas for some or all of the motions on the list should be reconsidered.
- (c) If the advisers suggest that any motions on the list should be reconsidered, the advisers will then participate in the Motions Sub-Committee’s remaining discussions in the capacity of non-voting members until the list of motions for the impromptu debates is finalised.
- (d) At least one day before the first day of debates at a Championship, the Motions Sub-Committee shall give to the Host the list of motions it has selected for impromptu debates, plus at least one additional motion to be used as a spare.
- (e) Motions selected for the impromptu preliminary rounds shall be assigned to these rounds randomly by the host.

## **8.6 Break Round Motions**

At least one day before the first debate in the Break Rounds, the Motions Sub-Committee shall give to the Host the list of motions it has selected for the Octofinals, Quarterfinals and Semifinals, plus at least one additional motion for the Break Rounds to be used as a spare.

## **Part Nine – Language**

### **9.1 Language**

All Championship debates shall be in English.

### **9.2 EFL and ESL Awards**

- (a) Before the first day of debates at a Championship, the coach of a team may apply to the Chief Adjudicator(s) for -
  - (i) the team, or
  - (ii) one or more members of the team,

to be considered for English as a Foreign Language (“**EFL**”) and English as a Second

Language (“ESL”) Awards.

- (b) In the application, the coach must provide the following information in relation to each speaker:
  - (i) the language of the speaker’s family,
  - (ii) the name of the school the speaker attends or most recently attended, and
  - (iii) the language of instruction of that school.

### **9.3 EFL Speaker**

Members of a team shall be classified as EFL if: -

- (a) they do not come from a first-language English-speaking family, and
- (b) they attend a school where English is not used as a medium of instruction (except for classes in the teaching of English).

### **9.4 ESL Speaker**

Members of a team shall be classified as ESL if: -

- (a) they do not come from a first-language English-speaking family, and
- (b) they attend a school where English is used as a medium of instruction in addition to classes in the teaching of English.

### **9.5 Native English Speakers**

Members of a team shall be classified as Native English speakers if they come from a first-language English-speaking family.

### **9.6 EFL Teams**

Teams shall be classified as an EFL Team if –

- (a) English is not an official language of the nation they represent, and

- (b) no more than one team member does not meet the requirements of an EFL Speaker in accordance with rule 9.3.

### **9.7 ESL Teams**

Teams shall be classified as an ESL Team if –

- (a) English is not an official language of the nation they represent,
- (b) the team is not classified as an EFL team in accordance with rule 9.6, and
- (c) no more than one member of the team meets the requirements of a Native English speaker in accordance with rule 9.5.

### **9.8 Native English Teams**

Teams shall be classified as Native English teams if they are neither an EFL nor an EFL team.

### **9.9 Determination Of Speaker And Team Status**

- (a) Before the end of the first day of debates at a Championship, the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall determine all applications for ESL and EFL status and publish the list of teams and speakers eligible for ESL and EFL awards.
- (b) In making the determination, the Chief Adjudicator(s) may consider the information in the application forms and any other available published information that the Chief Adjudicator(s) believes to be reliable.

### **9.10 Appeals**

- (a) The coach of a team may appeal, on behalf of the team, against the -
  - (i) inclusion of, or
  - (ii) exclusion from,a speaker or a team from the published list of EFL and ESL speakers and teams.
- (b) An appeal shall be in writing and given to the Chairperson of the Tournament Committee no later than 48 hours after the Chief Adjudicator(s) publishes the list of

EFL and ESL speakers and teams.

- (c) The Tournament Committee shall determine, in accordance with these Rules, the status of each person or team the subject of an appeal.
- (d) The Tournament Committee shall make its decision under paragraph (c) by simple majority prior to the announcement of the EFL and ESL Awards.

## **Part Ten – Impromptu Debates**

### **10.1 Impromptu Debates**

This part of the rules applies to any impromptu debates held during the preliminary rounds, and to the impromptu debates in the break rounds.

### **10.2 Preliminary Rounds**

- (a) At the discretion of the Host, up to one half of the debates for any team in the preliminary rounds may be Impromptu Debates.
- (b) If impromptu debates are included in the preliminary rounds, every team must have as close as possible to the same number of impromptu debates as every other team.
- (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), where -
  - (i) the total number of teams in the preliminary rounds is an odd number, and
  - (ii) the Draw includes a Bye round for teams who have a bye in the other rounds,teams in the Bye round may have up to 5 of their preliminary rounds as Impromptu Debates.

### **10.3 Preparation Time and Procedure**

The preparation time and procedure for Impromptu Debates is at the discretion of the Host, provided that –

- (a) both teams in a debate receive the motion at the same time, and
- (b) both teams in a debate are given similar preparation rooms and conditions.

#### **10.4 Participation In Preparation**

Where the preparation time for an Impromptu Debate is longer than half an hour, only the members of the team may take part in the preparation.

#### **10.5 Materials**

Teams may not bring any handwritten, printed or published materials with them into their preparation room for Impromptu Debates, with the exception of an English Language dictionary, a bilingual dictionary, and a single-volume encyclopaedia or almanac per team.

#### **10.6 Communication**

A person taking part in the preparation of an Impromptu Debate may not take into the preparation room a telephone, computer or any other device capable of communicating or accessing information outside the preparation room.

### **Part Eleven – Judges**

#### **11.1 Eligibility to Judge**

- (a) To be eligible to judge at a Championship, a person must be -
  - (i) experienced at judging the highest level of senior school or university debates in that person's nation and have judged such debates regularly during the two years prior to the Championship, and
  - (ii) nominated by the organisation or team representing that person's nation on the Tournament Committee.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Chief Adjudicator(s) may accept a person to be a judge at a Championship who does not meet the requirements of paragraph (a) if -
  - (i) that person has judged at a previous championship, or
  - (ii) in the opinion of the Chief Adjudicator(s), the person is sufficiently experienced and competent to be a judge.

#### **11.2 Number of Judges**

All championship debates shall be judged by an odd-numbered panel of at least three judges.

### **11.3 National Association**

- (a) A judge shall not judge the team from their own nation.
- (b) A judge shall not judge a team where to do so would lead a reasonable person to believe that the judge could not judge the team impartially.

### **11.4 Judging and Coaching**

- (a) A team coach may not judge at the Championship at which they are a coach.
- (b) A judge shall not assist in the coaching of a team at the Championship at which they are judging

### **11.5 Judging the Same Team**

A judge may judge the same team more than once, provided that the judge does not judge that team a disproportionate number of times.

### **11.6 Winning a Debate**

- (a) A debate is won by the team which has the majority of the votes of the judges.
- (b) The cumulative judges' scores or cumulative winning margins are not used to determine which team wins the debate, though they may be used to rank teams for the purposes of the Break Rounds and the final awards.

### **11.7 The Judging Schedule**

- (a) The marking standard, rules of debate, and principles of judging, are set out in Schedule 2 (The Judging Schedule).
- (b) The Tournament Committee may authorise instructional material and guidelines for judges ("Authorised Material"), consistent with the Judging Schedule and the Rules.

- (c) The Chief Adjudicator(s) shall ensure that judges are familiar with the Judging Schedule and any Authorised Material.
- (d) All judges shall judge in accordance with the Judging Schedule and any Authorised Material.

### **11.8 Allocation of Judges**

- (a) The Chief Adjudicator(s) shall allocate judges to debates in accordance with the Rules.
- (b) Judges for all Championship debates, including the Grand Final, are to be selected for their ability to judge, not because they hold any particular office or occupation.

## **Part Twelve – The Chief Adjudicator(s)**

### **12.1 The Chief Adjudicator(s)**

There shall be at least one and no more than two Chief Adjudicators for a Championship.

### **12.2 Appointment**

- (a) The Host shall nominate the Chief Adjudicator(s).
- (b) The nomination must be approved -
  - (i) by the Tournament Committee, or
  - (ii) by the Tournament Executive Committee if the nomination is made after the last meeting of the Tournament Committee prior to the Championship.

### **12.3 Functions**

In accordance with the Rules, the Chief Adjudicator(s) is responsible for –

- (a) determining the eligibility of judges,
- (b) training judges prior to the start of the championship,
- (c) assessing whether judges are competent to judge debates,

- (d) assigning judges to debates,
- (e) recording results of debates,
- (f) determining the team rankings at the end of the preliminary rounds,
- (g) determining the draw for the Break Rounds and Grand Final, and
- (h) any other matter connected with the adjudication of debates at the Championship.

#### **12.4 The Chief Adjudicator's Panel**

- (a) Prior to the start of a championship the Chief Adjudicator(s) may nominate a panel of senior and experienced judges from different nations to assist the Chief Adjudicator(s) in his or her responsibilities.
- (b) A member of the Chief Adjudicator's panel may advise and assist the Chief Adjudicator(s), but may not independently carry out any of the Chief Adjudicator's responsibilities or exercise the Chief Adjudicator's powers.

#### **12.5 Two Chief Adjudicators**

Where there are two Chief Adjudicators for a Championship, any function given to a Chief Adjudicator by the Rules may be exercised by either of the Chief Adjudicator.

### **Part Thirteen – Assessment of Judges**

#### **13.1 Assessment of Judges**

- (a) At any time before or during a Championship, the Chief Adjudicator(s) may assess a judge to determine that judge's -
  - (i) competence to judge, or
  - (ii) understanding of the Rules, the Judging Schedule, or any Authorised Material.
- (b) In undertaking an assessment under paragraph (a), the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall take into account -
  - (i) whether the judge has been able or unable to give sufficient reasons for awarding

the debate to one team as against another,

(ii) whether the judge has misdirected himself or herself as to some or more of the rules of debate to a significant extent,

(iii) whether the judge has made remarks to a team or other participant at the championship in a way that casts significant doubt as to the judge's competence or impartiality,

(iv) whether as a result of excessive consumption of alcohol or other substances or tiredness or sickness or other such factors, the ability or perceived ability of the judge to judge competently is seriously in question,

(v) whether a complaint has been upheld against the judge pursuant to the Rules,

(vi) any representations made by the judge in question, and

(vii) any other matter the Chief Adjudicator(s) considers relevant.

(c) In undertaking an assessment provided for in paragraph (a) the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall -

(i) inform himself or herself of evidence and facts as he or she deems fit, and

(ii) consult with the Chief Adjudicator's Panel.

(d) The Chief Adjudicator(s) may at any time, as a result of an assessment in accordance with paragraph (a) , decide that that judge should not

(i) judge any debates, or

(ii) judge any further debates without a further assessment,

if the Chief Adjudicator(s) is satisfied that there is sufficient doubt about that judge's ability to judge competently or impartially.

(e) Before deciding whether a judge should not judge a further debate or debates, the Chief Adjudicator(s) in conjunction with the Chief Adjudicator's panel shall determine whether the matter could be more appropriately resolved by counselling or other appropriate procedure.

- (f) Notwithstanding any assessment made under this rule, no result of any debate shall be overturned.

### **13.2 Complaints about Judges**

- (a) A complaint about a judge may be made to the Chief Adjudicator(s), in accordance with this rule, about the competence or impartiality of a judge to judge a debate.
- (b)
  - (i) A judge on a panel of judges for a debate may complain about another judge on the panel.
  - (ii) The coach or team manager of a team in a debate may complain about a judge in a debate involving that team.
- (c) A complaint shall be in writing.
- (d) A complaint shall be made within 24 hours of the end of the debate out of which the complaint arises.
- (e) Without limiting the scope of a complaint, a complaint may allege that a judge -
  - (i) has misdirected himself or herself as to a matter set out in the Rules, the Judging Schedule, or any Authorised Material, or
  - (ii) has made remarks prior to, during or after a debate in a way that raises significant doubt as to his or her impartiality for that debate.

### **13.3 Investigation of a Complaint**

- (a) Upon receipt of a complaint made in accordance with the Rules, the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall determine whether -
  - (i) the complaint should be referred to the Complaints Officer(s), or
  - (ii) the complaint can be resolved without further investigation.
- (b) If the complaint requires further investigation, the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall undertake such further investigation.

- (c) Without limiting the scope of an investigation, the Chief Adjudicator(s) may talk to -
  - (i) the judge the subject of the complaint,
  - (ii) other judges on the panel for the debate out of which the complaint arose,
  - (iii) coaches present at the debate out of which the complaint arose, and
  - (iv) any other person.

#### **13.4 Determination of a Complaint**

- (a) In conjunction with the Chief Adjudicator's Panel, the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall determine the complaint by dismissing or upholding the complaint.
- (b) The Chief Adjudicator(s) shall not uphold the complaint without -
  - (i) conducting an investigation under rule 13.3(b), and
  - (ii) talking with the judge the subject of the complaint.
- (c) If the Chief Adjudicator(s) upholds the complaint, the Chief Adjudicator(s) may also -
  - (i) counsel the judge,
  - (ii) direct that the judge act as a shadow judge for such portion of the Championship as the Chief Adjudicator(s) thinks appropriate,
  - (iii) direct that the judge undergo further training before being assigned to any future debate at the Championship,
  - (iv) stand the judge down for such portion of the Championship as the Chief Adjudicator(s) thinks appropriate,
  - (v) refer the complaint to the Complaints Officer,
  - (vi) decide to take no further action.

#### **13.5 Notification of Outcome**

- (a) The Chief Adjudicator(s) shall notify in writing -
  - (i) the person who made the complaint, and
  - (ii) the judge the subject of the complaint,of the outcome of the complaint.
- (b) Where the Chief Adjudicator(s) has upheld a complaint, he or she shall also notify in writing the Chief Adjudicator(s) of the next Championship of the outcome of the complaint.

### **13.6 Result of a Debate**

Notwithstanding the outcome of a complaint, the result of a debate shall not be overturned.

## **Part Fourteen – The Code of Conduct**

### **14.1 The Code of Conduct**

The Code Of Conduct is set out in Schedule 3.

### **14.2 Abiding by the Code of Conduct**

- (a) Each participant at a Championship shall abide by the Code of Conduct.
- (b) Before attending a Championship, each participant must sign the agreement in Schedule 3 to abide by the Code of Conduct.

## **Part Fifteen – Awards**

### **15.1 Championship Awards**

After the Grand Final, the Host shall present awards to -

- (a) the team which wins the Grand Final,
- (b) the team which is runner-up in the Grand Final,

- (c) the other teams which reached the Semifinals,
- (d) the highest ranked EFL team in accordance with Part 9
- (e) the highest ranked ESL team in accordance with Part 9,
- (f) the highest ranked new team at the Championship,
- (g) the highest ranked speaker at the Championship,
- (h) the highest ranked EFL speaker at the Championship in accordance with Part 9,
- (i) the highest ranked ESL speaker at the Championship in accordance with Part 9,
- (j) the highest ranked speaker from a new team at the Championship.

## **15.2 New Teams and Speakers**

For the purposes of rule 15.1 -

- (a) a new team is a team from a nation competing at the Championship for the first time,
- (b) a speaker from a new team is a member of a new team and who has not previously competed at a Championship.

## **15.3 Other Awards**

This Part does not prevent the Host from making other awards at a Championship.

## **15.4 Form of Awards**

The Host is responsible for the form of awards made under this Part.

## **15.5 Awards for Outstanding Contributions**

- (a) The Tournament Committee may make appropriate awards to individuals considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the World Schools Debating Championships.

- (b) The Tournament Committee shall make such awards according to criteria that the Tournament Committee shall determine from time to time.

# SCHEDULE 1

## The Judging Schedule

# SCHEDULE 2

## WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS CODE OF CONDUCT

### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose of the Code of Conduct

The World Schools Debating Championships brings together participants from around the world to compete in a short, intensive debating event. Normally the participants stay together in one host venue, engage in debates at several different host schools during the event, and attend a variety of tours or social events together.

In this environment, it is very important that all the participants have a common understanding of the standards of behaviour expected of them in order to maintain a safe and enjoyable event for everyone involved. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is thus to help maintain a pleasant, safe and healthy environment for all participants in each Championship.

#### 1.2 To whom does the Code of Conduct apply?

This Code of Conduct shall apply to the following participants in the Championship:

- (a) debaters
- (b) team coaches
- (c) team managers
- (d) adjudicators (including shadow adjudicators)
- (e) registered observers
- (f) individuals assigned other roles by the host organising committee.

#### 1.3 All participants must agree to abide by this Code of Conduct

(a) Before the start of each Championship, all participants shall sign the undertaking at the conclusion of this Code of Conduct that they will abide by this Code of Conduct for the duration of the tournament.

(b) At least one parent or guardian of every debater attending the Championship shall also sign the undertaking.

(c) No participant shall be allowed to be involved in the Championship event unless:

(i) he/she has signed such an undertaking

(ii) in the case of a participant who is a debater, one parent or guardian has signed the undertaking.

#### **1.4 Who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Code of Conduct during the Championship?**

(a) All participants shall ensure that they comply with the Code of Conduct for the duration of the Championship.

(b) In addition, each nation which sends a team to the Championship shall appoint a coach, an adjudicator or a registered observer to serve as the team manager as defined in Rule 4A of the Rules and who shall be responsible for ensuring that the debaters comply with the Code of Conduct for the duration of the Championship.

(c) The team manager shall:

(i) attend the Championship; and

(ii) be at least 19 years of age; and

(iii) be deemed legally an adult or have attained the age of majority in both the host nation and in the nation the team represents.

(d) No team of debaters shall be allowed to participate in the Championship unless such a person is appointed.

#### **1.5 What do the terms in this Code of Conduct mean?**

Most of the terms used in this Code of Conduct should be self-explanatory. However, to be clear:

(a) **“Age of majority”** means the age at which an individual becomes an adult as specified by either the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child or the legislation of the host nation, whichever is the older age

(b) “**Championship**” means the World Schools Debating Championship in which the people listed in paragraph 1.2 are participating

(c) “**complainant**” means a person who has complained about a breach of the Code of Conduct

(d) “**host**” means the organising committee of the country which is hosting the Championship for that year

(e) “**laws of the host country**” include the law of the state or region within the host country in which the championship is being held, as well as the host country’s national law

(f) “**nation**” is as defined in Rules 4 and 5 of the World Schools Debating Championship Rules

(g) “**sexual harassment**” means any unwanted, unwelcome or uninvited behaviour of a sexual nature which makes a person feel humiliated, intimidated or offended. Sexual harassment can take on many different forms and may include physical contact, verbal comments, jokes, propositions, the display of offensive material or other behaviour which creates a sexually hostile environment. Examples of sexual harassment include but are not limited to uninvited touching, smutty jokes or comments, sex-based insults, repeated invitations to go out after prior refusal, persistent insinuations about a person’s private life. Sexual harassment is not behaviour which is consensual, welcome and reciprocated but for the purposes of the Championships does also include behaviour specified in paragraph 2.4.

(h) “**start of the Championship**” means the commencement of the first formal event or function of the Championship

## **The Code of Conduct**

### **2. What is expected of participants?**

#### **2.1 What participants must do**

During the championship, all participants must:

(a) behave in a respectful and courteous manner towards other participants in the event, guests and sponsors of the championship, and members of the public attending championship events

(b) abide by the laws of the host nation

(c) abide by any rules, guidelines and restrictions set by the host organising committee to keep the event regulated and ensure the safety of participants.

## **2.2 What participants must not do**

During the championships, participants must not:

(a) make insulting comments, jokes, insults, or insinuations about another person's culture, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation or which may be construed as being derogatory or as harassment, whether in the presence of that person or in any other forum in which the person may not be present.

(b) stalk or physically harass another individual

(c) engage in any form of violence or threats of violence

(d) engage in any form of sexual harassment [as defined in paragraphs 1.5 (d) and 2.4]

(e) take or use other people's property without permission

(f) intentionally cause damage to the property of other individuals or of any host venues

(g) consume any substance which they are not legally entitled to consume in the host country, or supply any such substances to others

(h) consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs in a way which may bring the championships into disrepute.

## **2.3 Behaviour during debates**

(a) Participants in the Championship, especially coaches and debaters, must not confront adjudicators in an aggressive manner after a debate.

(b) Feedback between teams and adjudicators must be given and received in a constructive and non-confrontational manner.

## **2.4 Relationships**

Any romantic or sexually-based relationship during the Championship between a debater and an adult acting as a coach, adjudicator, shadow adjudicator, team manager, observer or in any other capacity will not be tolerated and shall be treated as sexual harassment regardless of intention or apparent consent.

## **Enforcement of the Code of Conduct**

### **3. What happens if a participant breaches the Code of Conduct?**

#### **3.1 Breaches can be reported to a Complaints Officer**

If a participant believes that another participant has breached this Code of Conduct, s/he may report the breach to an appointed Complaints Officer.

#### **3.2 Who are the Complaints Officers?**

Before each championship, the Convenor shall nominate two Complaints Officers – one male and one female. The nominations for Complaints Officers must be approved by:

- (a) the World Schools Debating Council at its meeting at the previous year, or
- (b) the World Schools Debating Council Executive Committee at least 90 days before the Championship begins, if the nomination was not approved at the previous meeting of the Council.

#### **3.3 What will the Complaints Officers do?**

Each Complaints Officer shall be responsible for:

- (a) being available to participants to receive complaints about breaches of this Code of Conduct
- (b) investigating complaints
- (c) supporting the complainant appropriately, which could include referring him/her to:
  - (i) a counsellor
  - (ii) a doctor
  - (iii) a lawyer
  - (iv) the police
  - (v) their parents
  - (vi) an adult member of their family or contingent.

#### **3.4 Complaints Officers can deal with some complaints themselves**

If the Complaints Officer considers it appropriate, they may discuss the complaint with the complainant and the person about whom the complaint has been made to try to resolve the matter by mediation so that both parties are satisfied with the outcome of the matter.

### **3.5 Complaints Officers can refer complaints to the Complaints Committee**

(a) A Complaints Officer may refer a complaint to the Complaints Committee. Such a referral must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee.

(b) Complaints of the following nature must be referred to the Complaints Committee:

- (i) any form of violence or threat of violence
- (ii) sexual harassment
- (iii) stalking or physical harassment
- (iv) the consumption or supply of substances which are illegal in the host country
- (v) a participant's being under the influence of alcohol or drugs in a manner which has brought or threatens to bring the Championship into disrepute
- (vi) any form of inappropriate relationship between a debater and any other participant
- (vii) wilful damage to public property or the property of a host venue.

## **4. What happens if a complaint is referred to the Complaints Committee?**

### **4.1 Who forms the Complaints Committee?**

(a) Every championship shall have a Complaints Committee comprising

- (i) at least three members; and
- (ii) at least one person of each gender; and
- (iii) at least one but no more than two members from the host nation; and
- (iv) neither of the Complaints Officers who have been approved for the same Championship as the Complaints Committee.

(b) The members of the Complaints Committee shall be approved by:

(i) the World Schools Debating Council at its meeting at the previous year, or

(ii) by the World Schools Debating Council Executive Committee at least 90 days before the championship begins if the nomination was not approved at the previous meeting of the Council.

(c) The Complaints Committee shall appoint one of its members to serve as Chairperson by the start of each Championship at which it will operate.

(d) Subject to 4.1 (b), each member of the Complaints Committee shall serve until such time as a replacement is appointed.

#### **4.2 When must the Complaints Committee meet?**

(a) The Complaints Committee's Chairperson shall convene a committee meeting:

(i) if a Complaints Officer refers a complaint to them in writing

(ii) if the Complaints Committee otherwise considers it appropriate.

(b) The Complaints Committee shall convene a meeting within 24 hours of receiving a complaint in accordance with 4.2 (a) above.

#### **4.3 What can the Complaints Committee do?**

(a) At a meeting to discuss a complaint, the Complaints Committee may:

(i) decide to take no further action

(ii) make a decision about the complaint without a hearing (but it may not suspend or expel the person complained about without a hearing) or

(iii) hold a hearing about the complaint.

(b) Regardless of which option it takes, the Complaints Committee may also refer the complaint to the host country's relevant authorities (such as the police) if it considers that this is appropriate.

#### **4.4 What are the rights of a person complained about at a hearing?**

If the Complaints Committee holds a hearing, the person complained about must:

- (a) be told what the complaint is about
- (b) be told the date and time of the hearing
- (c) be allowed to participate in the hearing and to be heard
- (d) be allowed to bring a person of their choice with them to the meeting with whom s/he may confer before and during the hearing
- (e) be allowed to remain silent during the hearing if s/he so chooses
- (f) be allowed not to attend the hearing if s/he so chooses.

**4.5 A person complained about who is not legally an adult in the host country shall have special protection and assistance**

- (a) If the Complaints Committee holds a hearing and the person complained about is not legally an adult in the host country, the Complaints Committee shall:
  - (i) ensure that the person complained about fully understands his/her rights as set out in paragraph 4.4 above before the hearing begins
  - (ii) ensure that an adult chosen by the person complained about attends the hearing to support the person complained
  - (iii) if the person complained about is unable to choose an adult to attend with him or her, select an adult to take on this role.

(b) The adult chosen in accordance with paragraph 4.5(a) shall attend the hearing and shall be able to speak on behalf of the person complained about at the hearing.

**4.6 Hearings are confidential**

Until the Complaints Committee makes a decision about a complaint, details of the complaint and the hearing shall be kept confidential and shall be discussed only with the people participating in the hearing.

**4.7 What can the Complaints Committee do without a hearing?**

If the Complaints Committee reaches a decision about a complaint without a hearing, it may:

- (a) dismiss the complaint, or

(b) uphold it and:

(i) take no action

(ii) counsel the person complained about

(iii) warn the person complained about.

#### **4.8 What can the Complaints Committee do at the conclusion of a hearing?**

If the Complaints Committee holds a hearing, it may:

(a) dismiss the complaint, or

(b) uphold it and:

(i) take no action

(ii) counsel the person complained about

(iii) warn the person complained about

(iv) suspend the person complained about from the Championship for as long as it thinks appropriate

(v) expel the respondent from the Championship

(vi) ban the person complained about from all future Championships or a specified number of future Championships.

#### **4.9 What the Complaints Committee can consider at a hearing.**

The Complaints Committee shall inform itself at a hearing and generally as to evidence and facts in its absolute discretion and as it sees fit, subject to this Code of Conduct.

#### **4.10 The Complaints Committee's decision is final**

The Complaints Committee's decision shall be final. The person complained about is not able to appeal it, but where the person complained about has been expelled for longer than the next Championship he or she can apply for readmittance in accordance with section 6 below.

## **5 Who must be told about the Complaints Committee's decision?**

### **5.1 Where there has been no hearing**

Where a complaint has been decided without a hearing, the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee must give a written copy of the decision to:

- (a) the complainant
- (b) the Complaints Officer who referred the complaint
- (b) the Convenor
- (d) the person complained about
- (e) where the person complained about is a debater, the team manager.

### **5.2 Where there has been a hearing**

Where a complaint has led to a hearing, the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee must give a written copy of the decision to:

- (a) the people mentioned above in 5.1 ("Where there has been no hearing")
- (b) the parent or guardian of a person complained about, if that person is a debater and not an adult according to the laws of his/her home nation
- (c) the Chief Adjudicator, if the complaint has been about an adjudicator.

### **5.3 Where a hearing has led to a suspension or expulsion**

Where a complaint has led to a suspension or expulsion, the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee must give a written copy of the decision to:

- (a) the people mentioned above in rule 5.2 ("Where there has been a hearing")
- (b) the World Schools Debating Council Executive Committee through that Executive Committee's Chairperson
- (c) the Convenor and Chief Adjudicator of the following year's championship.

#### **5.4 Where the person complained about is expelled from future Championships**

(a) Where the person complained about is expelled from all or any future Championships, the Secretary of the World Schools Debating Council Executive Committee shall ensure that a copy of the Complaints Committee's written decision is kept on file.

(b) The person complained about shall have the right to apply to be readmitted in accordance with paragraph 6 below.

#### **5.5 Limitation on disclosing Complaints Committee decision**

The written decision of the Complaints Committee shall not be disclosed, published, produced, copied, or otherwise communicated to people other than those specified in 5.1 to 5.4 above unless:

(a) The complainant and the person complained about agree; or

(b) Disclosure of the Complaints Committee's written decision is required by the law which applies in the home nation of the person complained about and/or in the host nation in which the complaint arose.

### **6 What are the rights of a person who is suspended or expelled?**

#### **6.1 A young person must be looked after**

Where the Complaints Committee decision has led to a suspension or expulsion and the person suspended or expelled is not legally an adult in the host country, the Complaints Committee, in conjunction with the Convenor, shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the person suspended or expelled is able to make satisfactory arrangements for:

(a) accommodation and meals for the duration of his/her suspension or until he/she is able to return to his/her home country

(b) returning to his/her home country if he/she has been expelled from the Championship.

#### **6.2 Where a person has been expelled for longer than the next Championship**

(a) Where the Complaints Committee's decision has led to an expulsion and the person complained about has been expelled for longer than the next Championship, the person complained about may, after the conclusion of the following Championship, apply in writing to the Chairperson of the World Schools Debating Council Executive Committee to be readmitted as a participant at future Championships.

(b) If the Chairperson of the World Schools Debating Council Executive Committee receives an application by such a person to be readmitted (“the applicant”):

(i) the application shall be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee as soon as possible

(ii) the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee shall discuss the application with the other members of the Complaints Committee, and the Complaints Committee shall make a decision whether to grant or decline the application within 90 days of receiving the application.

### **6.3 What is the process for a hearing on the application for readmittance?**

The process for a hearing on the application is:

(a) the Complaints Committee shall either hold a hearing in person (if practical), or shall discuss the issue by telephone, video link, e-mail or in writing, depending on constraints of cost, time and the distance between the parties

(b) the person applying for reinstatement (“the applicant”) shall be invited to submit statements in writing in support of the application to be readmitted, and may additionally be asked to submit answers to specific questions by the Complaints Committee

(c) the Complaints Committee shall determine who, apart from the applicant the applicant and such persons as the applicant may decide, may be asked to submit written statements regarding the applicant. These may include:

(i) referees about the applicant’s character or change of circumstances

(ii) the Complaints Officer who received the original complaint

(iii) the original complainant

(iv) a current Complaints Officer.

(d) the Complaints Committee shall inform itself at a hearing about the application and generally as to evidence and facts in its absolute discretion and as it sees fit, subject to this Code of Conduct.

### **6.4 Hearings about the application are confidential**

Until the Complaints Committee makes a decision about the application for readmittance, details of the application and the hearing shall be kept confidential and shall be discussed only with the people participating in the hearing.

## **6.5 What must the Complaints Committee do to decide on the application?**

(a) The Complaints Committee must make a decision about the application by:

- (i) declining the application, or
- (ii) readmitting the applicant subject to any conditions the committee thinks fit, or
- (iii) readmitting the applicant without any conditions.

(b) After making a decision about the application, the Complaints Committee must send a written copy of its decision to:

- (i) the applicant
- (ii) the current Complaints Officers
- (iii) the World Schools Debating Council Executive Committee, through that Executive Committee's Chairperson
- (iv) the Convenor and Chief Adjudicator of the following Championship
- (v) the person who made the original complaint about the applicant.

## **6.6 Limitation on disclosing Complaints Committee decision about the application**

The written decision of the Complaints Committee shall not be disclosed, published, produced, copied, or otherwise communicated to people other than those specified in paragraph 6.5 unless:

- (a) The applicant agrees; or
- (b) Disclosure of the Complaints Committee's written decision is required by the law which applies in the home nation of the applicant and/or in the host nation in which the breach of this Code of Conduct occurred.

## **6.7 The Complaints Committee's decision about the application is final**

The Complaints Committee's decision on the application shall be final. The applicant is not able to appeal it but s/he can apply again for readmittance or for the removal of any conditions imposed on readmittance 6 months or more following the decision on the application. The new application must also be made according to paragraph 6.

**7. Undertaking required to be signed prior to the commencement of the Championship**

**Undertaking by all those participating in the World Schools Debating Championship**

I \_\_\_\_\_ undertake that:

- (a) I have read and understood the Code of Conduct above and
- (b) I will abide by the Code of Conduct for the duration of the \_\_\_\_\_ World Schools Debating Championship

Signed ..... Dated .....

**Undertaking by parent or guardian of debater(s) participating in the Championship**

I \_\_\_\_\_ undertake that:

- (a) I am a parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is a debater participating in the \_\_\_\_\_ World Schools Debating Championship
- (b) I have read and understood the Code of Conduct above
- (c) I have explained the Code of Conduct to the above debater
- (d) I have instructed the above debater that I expect and require the debater to abide by the Code of Conduct
- (e) the debater has confirmed to me that s/he will abide by the Code of Conduct.

Signed ..... Dated .....