

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 WSDC Ltd Board of Directors 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 WSDC Ltd Board of Directors.

3.3 National Representation

- (a) A Nation may be represented by only one team at a Championships.
- (b) A nation wishing to attend a Championship must register its interest in participation with the WSDC Ltd Board of Directors no earlier than eleven months before the first day of the Championship, and no later than nine months before the first day of the Championship or one week following ratification of the host (whichever is a later date).
 - (i) If, by the deadline of nine months before the first day of the Championship, more than one organisation from the same nation has registered interest, the procedure outlined in Rule 3.3(c) shall apply.
 - (ii) If only one organisation has registered interest by the deadline, that organisation shall be deemed the representative organisation for that nation.
 - (iii) If no organisation from a nation has registered interest by the deadline, and a single organisation subsequently registers interest, that organisation shall be deemed the representative organisation for that nation. For the avoidance of doubt, the procedure in Rule 3.3(c) shall not apply in this case.
- (c) In the event of more than one application from one Nation being submitted, the WSDC Ltd Board of Directors shall use the following procedures to determine which team may represent the Nation:
 - (i) The WSDC Ltd Board of Directors shall contact the applicants and inform them of the situation and encourage them to reach a conclusion internally.