

- (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 either be a full-time student enrolled in an educational institution within the country they represent within the eight months preceding the Championships, or be a citizen of that country provided that the member organization can demonstrate to the Board of Directors the member's reasonable engagement with the local debating circuit. A debater who qualifies under the foregoing conditions to represent two or more countries simultaneously may elect to represent either one of them. All team members must be active full-time students at a secondary school during the academic year immediately preceding 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.
 - (v) A student who is home-schooled is eligible to be a member of a team representing the nation in which the student lives provided that they are studying at below tertiary level and provided they meet the age criteria in 4.2.

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.