

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 11-23 Teams

If the total number of teams at a Championship is more than 10 but less than 24, each team shall debate 8 other teams in the preliminary rounds in a draw conducted before the Championship using a system designed to achieve approximately equal and fair sets of opponents for all teams.

6.3 24 or More Teams

- (a) If the total number of teams at a Championship is 24 or more, the draw for preliminary rounds 1 and 2 only shall be determined before the start of the Championship and the draw for preliminary rounds 3 to 8 shall be created during the Championship using a power-pairing system.
- (b) Preliminary rounds 1 and 2 shall be prepared debates and preliminary rounds 3 to 8 shall be impromptu debates.
- (c) The procedures for determining the draw for each preliminary round shall be in accordance with the procedures set out in the document 'Procedures for Power-Pairing at the World Schools Debating Championships', and these procedures shall be implemented by the Chief Adjudicators with the assistance of Chief Adjudicators Panel and the appointed Tab Master(s).
- (d) The document 'Procedures for Power-Pairing at the World Schools Debating Championships' is an official guideline document which may only be amended by a vote of the Tournament Committee, either during a Championship (with the amendments taking effect at the following year's Championship) or in an online ballot between Championships organised by the WSDC Ltd Board of Directors, with more than 50 percent of the Tournament Committee delegates who cast ballots (excluding abstentions) being required to vote in favour for the proposed amendment to be passed.

6.4 Releasing and Amending the Preliminary Rounds Draw

- (a) At least 2 weeks before the first day of debates at the Championship, the Host shall send the participating teams the full preliminary rounds draw if the number teams is less than 24, or the draw for preliminary rounds 1 and 2 if the number of teams is 24 or more.