

- (b) The process of completing the draw for preliminary rounds shall be filmed and broadcast live by the Host.
- (c) Once the draw has been released as required by 6.4 (a), amendments can only be made if:
 - (i) In the judgement of the Chief Adjudicators, the amendments will not significantly affect the fairness and balance of the draw, and
 - (ii) all teams affected agree to the new draw.
- (d) In the event that a team withdraws from a tournament involving less than 24 teams and a new draw is not made, all teams who would have debated against the team which has withdrawn are taken to have won the debate by forfeit if they win at least a majority of their other debates but are otherwise taken to have lost the debate by forfeit, and shall be awarded judges' ballots for that debate according to the following formula:
 - (i) if the average number of judges in the team's favour in its other debates is higher than 2.5, it receives 3 judge's ballots for that debate;
 - (ii) if the average number of judges in the team's favour in its other debates is higher than 1.5 but less than or equal to 2.5, it receives 2 judge's ballots for that debate;
 - (iii) if the average number of judges in the team's favour in its other debates is higher than 0.5 but less than or equal to 1.5, it receives 1 judge's ballot for that debate;
 - (iv) if the average number of judges in the team's favour in its other debates is less than or equal to 0.5, it receives no judge's ballots for that debate.
- (e) In the event that a team withdraws from a tournament involving more than 24 teams, the procedures followed shall be those outlined in the document 'Procedures for Power-Pairing at the World Schools Debating Championships'.

6.5 Responsibility for the Draw

- (a) The draw for the preliminary rounds shall be made by the Chief Adjudicator in consultation with the WSDC Ltd Board of Directors and the Host.

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: