

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 the primary language of discourse 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 ESL 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 WSDC Ltd Board of Directors no later than 48 hours after the Chief Adjudicator(s) publishes the list of EFL and ESL speakers and teams.