

- (c) The Tournament Committee shall determine, in accordance with these Rules, the status of each person or team the subject of an appeal.
- (d) The Tournament Committee shall make its decision under paragraph (c) by simple majority prior to the announcement of the EFL and ESL Awards.

Part Ten - Impromptu Debates

10.1 Impromptu Debates

This part of the rules applies to any impromptu debates held during the preliminary rounds, and to the impromptu debates in the break rounds.

10.2 Preliminary Rounds

- (a) Half of the debates for each team in the preliminary rounds may be Impromptu Debates.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), where the Draw includes a Bye Round for teams who have a bye in other rounds, teams in the Bye Round may have up to five of their preliminary rounds as Impromptu Debates

10.3 Preparation Time and Procedure

- (a) The preparation time for each team in an Impromptu Debate is one hour commencing immediately after the motion is read out.
- (b) If there is a substantial walking distance between venues, the Chief Adjudicator(s) may use their discretion to award up to a maximum of ten additional minutes to the preparation time of the teams affected.
- (c) The preparation room and conditions for each team in an Impromptu Debate shall be as similar as possible.

10.4 Participation in Preparation

Only the members of the team may take part in the preparation of an Impromptu Debate.

10.5 Materials

Teams may not bring any handwritten, printed or published materials with them into their preparation room for Impromptu Debates, with the exception of an English Language dictionary, a bilingual dictionary, and a single-volume encyclopaedia or almanac per team.

10.6 Communication

A person taking part in the preparation of an Impromptu Debate may not take into the preparation room a telephone, computer or any other device capable of communicating or accessing information outside the preparation room.