

Part Thirteen - Assessment of Judges

13.1 Assessment of Judges

- (a) At any time before or during a Championship, the Chief Adjudicator(s) may assess a judge to determine that judge's-
 - (i) competence to judge, or
 - (ii) understanding of the Rules, the Judging Schedule, or any Authorised Material.
- (b) In undertaking an assessment under paragraph (a), the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall take into account -
 - (i) whether the judge has been able or unable to give sufficient reasons for awarding the debate to one team as against another,
 - (ii) whether the judge has misdirected himself or herself as to some or more of the rules of debate to a significant extent.
 - (iii) whether the judge has made remarks to a team or other participant at the championship in a way that casts significant doubt as to the judge's competence or impartiality,
 - (iv) whether as a result of excessive consumption of alcohol or other substances or tiredness or sickness or other such factors, the ability or perceived ability of the judge to judge competently is seriously in question,
 - (v) whether a complaint has been upheld against the judge pursuant to the Rules, (vi) any representations made by the judge in question, and
 - (vi) any other matter the Chief Adjudicator(s) considers relevant.
- (c) In undertaking an assessment provided for in paragraph (a) the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall -
 - (i) inform himself or herself of evidence and facts as he or she deems fit, and
 - (ii) consult with the Chief Adjudicator's Panel.
- (d) The Chief Adjudicator(s) may at any time, as a result of an assessment in accordance with paragraph (a) , decide that that judge should not
 - (i) judge any debates, or
 - (ii) judge any further debates without a further assessment,if the Chief Adjudicator(s) is satisfied that there is sufficient doubt about that judge's ability to judge competently or impartially.