

- (e) Before deciding whether a judge should not judge a further debate or debates, the Chief Adjudicator(s) in conjunction with the Chief Adjudicator's panel shall determine whether the matter could be more appropriately resolved by counselling or other appropriate procedure.
- (f) Notwithstanding any assessment made under this rule, no result of any debate shall be overturned.

13.2 Complaints about Judges

- (a) A complaint about a judge may be made to the Chief Adjudicator(s), in accordance with this rule, about the competence or impartiality of a judge to judge a debate.
- (b) (i) A judge on a panel of judges for a debate may complain about another judge on the panel.

(ii) The coach or team manager of a team in a debate may complain about a judge in a debate involving that team.
- (c) A complaint shall be in writing.
- (d) A complaint shall be made within 24 hours of the end of the debate out of which the complaint arises.
- (e) Without limiting the scope of a complaint, a complaint may allege that a judge -
 - (i) has misdirected himself or herself as to a matter set out in the Rules, the Judging Schedule, or any Authorised Material, or
 - (ii) has made remarks prior to, during or after a debate in a way that raises significant doubt as to his or her impartiality for that debate.

13.3 Investigation of a Complaint

- (a) Upon receipt of a complaint made in accordance with the Rules, the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall determine whether-
 - (i) the complaint should be referred to the Complaints Officer(s), or
 - (ii) the complaint can be resolved without further investigation.
- (b) If the complaint requires further investigation, the Chief Adjudicator(s) shall undertake such further investigation.
- (c) Without limiting the scope of an investigation, the Chief Adjudicator(s) may talk to - (i) the judge the subject of the complaint,
 - (ii) other judges on the panel for the debate out of which the complaint arose,
 - (iii) coaches present at the debate out of which the complaint arose, and (iv) any other person.