

(f) **“nation”** is as defined in Rules 4 and 5 of the World Schools Debating Championship Rules

(g) **“sexual harassment”** means any unwanted, unwelcome or uninvited behaviour of a sexual nature which makes a person feel humiliated, intimidated or offended. Sexual harassment can take on many different forms and may include physical contact, verbal comments, jokes, propositions, the display of offensive material or other behaviour which creates a sexually hostile environment. Examples of sexual harassment include but are not limited to uninvited touching, smutty jokes or comments, sex-based insults, repeated invitations to go out after prior refusal, persistent insinuations about a person’s private life. Sexual harassment is not behaviour which is consensual, welcome and reciprocated but for the purposes of the Championships does also include behaviour specified in paragraph 2.4.

(h) **“start of the Championship”** means the commencement of the first formal event or function of the Championship

The Code of Conduct

2. What is expected of participants?

2.1 What participants must do

During the championship, all participants must:

(a) behave in a respectful and courteous manner towards other participants in the event, guests and sponsors of the championship, and members of the public attending championship events (this applies to both direct interactions and interactions through electronic communications/social media)

(b) abide by the laws of the host nation

(c) abide by any rules, guidelines and restrictions set by the host organising committee to keep the event regulated and ensure the safety of participants.

2.2 What participants must not do

During the championships, participants must not:

(a) make insulting comments, jokes, insults, or insinuations about another person’s culture, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation or which may be construed as being derogatory or as harassment, whether in the presence of that person or in any other forum in which the person may not be present.

(b) stalk or physically harass another individual

(c) engage in any form of violence or threats of violence

(d) engage in any form of sexual harassment [as defined in paragraphs 1.5 (d) and 2.4]

(e) take or use other people’s property without permission