

COACHING

In common with other formats that may have a team coach, Asians requires that coaches stop all and any advice to their teams as soon as the motion has been announced. As is also the case in all formats, anybody coaching a team—or even affiliated with the institution that the team represents—cannot act as an adjudicator for any round in which that team is debating.

SECRET BALLOTS

Adjudicators do not confer with one another before reaching a conclusion in Asians. Where there is a panel, this means that debaters will have to persuade all of the adjudicators individually rather than focusing their attention on the chair of the panel. Although, in practice, this makes relatively little difference, it does mean that speakers should be sure to make eye contact with all members of the panel and try to read their body language to see if they are all following the thread of an argument as it is being made.

Adjudication

Adjudication in Asian Parliamentary is by secret ballot rather than by consensus. Adjudicators do not discuss their views before voting. Generally, they'll either ask speakers to leave the room or do so themselves. There are usually three adjudicators—although there will be more in finals of competitions and other very important debates—who will spend a few minutes reviewing their own notes before casting their ballot. Whichever team has the majority of the votes wins.

As is common in other formats, the presiding adjudicator will usually give an explanation of the panel's decision and a few tips and suggestions for improvement. However, unlike other formats, in the event of a dissenting judge(s), that person can also give an adjudication speech explaining her perspective and why she voted contrary to the majority.

Asians judges matter (content/POIs), manner (style), and method (structure and organization of arguments). The balance of marks is: Matter 40%; Manner 40%; Method 20%.