

Global Schools Debating Championship 2024 Rules

- Cheating
 - Use of Internet and A.I.:
 - Use of the internet and/or Artificial Intelligence during prep time is strictly against the rules.
 - To counteract this, teams will be required to write their speeches on paper and to show their notes to the Adjudicator at the beginning of their speech.
 - Any reports of cheating will be followed up, and you may be asked to provide evidence of the notes you used to give your speech, which will be checked for plagiarism.
 - If serious cheating is detected, that speaker will be ineligible for speaking awards and/or potentially disqualified
 - Talking with coaches/teachers/non-team members after the topic release and during the debate is strictly prohibited
 - Coaches in the same room as students should sit in view of the camera (in the background)
 - Students who appear to be reading from materials other than their hand-written notes will be investigated for cheating
- 'Iron-personning'
 - For the purpose of this competition, iron-personning is defined as one member from a team giving 2 speeches in the same debate.
 - Each team will be allowed to have a speaker 'iron-person' (speak twice) in **1 debate** in the event that the full team cannot attend. This will be judged as a normal debate and the speaker's best score from the debate will be counted for their personal speaker score record.
 - If a team is required to iron-person more than once throughout the competition, the second occurrence will be treated as a **forfeit**. They can still debate against their opposition, but will not be eligible to win the debate.
- Speaker Award Eligibility
 - To be eligible for an individual speaker award, the speaker must give at least 2 speeches in the competition

- Speakers investigated for cheating who cannot provide evidence that they did not cheat will not be considered for speaker awards
- Forfeits
 - Teams who are not available for a round will be counted as a 'forfeit', which counts as a loss on the tab
 - If teams 'forfeit' more than 24 hours before the round, we will not include them on the draw
 - If teams 'forfeit' less than 24 hours before the round, we will not re-run the draw and the team drawn against them will be given an automatic win. We will attempt to use swing teams to ensure the team drawn against the forfeiting team still has somebody to debate.
- Swing teams are non-competitive teams that are included in the draw to ensure an even number of total teams in each division
 - They can win debates. If you are against a swing, you might still lose.
 - The debate is scored as normal.
 - The swing teams will be counted in the overall standings, but they will not be eligible to break or eligible for speaker awards.
- Speaking Times
 - Speakers may speak for the following times. An additional 15-second 'grace period' will be granted for speakers to finish their speech after the final bell. Adjudicators will not listen or take notes once the speakers 'grace period' has elapsed.
 - Primary 2-4 mins
 - Junior 3-5 mins
 - Senior 4-6 mins