



MUDS Australs Trial Policy (2014)

The way teams will be selected for Australs is substantially different to the method used for Easters.

1. Those trialling will be invited to participate in a maximum of TWO (2) debates in front of an external selector on a specified date. If they are unable to attend the trial, they are able to submit a resume detailing their relevant debating experience, such as tournaments attended, average speaker scores, etc.
2. Prior to the trials, each person trialing will submit a maximum of TWO (2) vetoes to the Registration Officer, who is not allowed to be trialing as a debater. **Please note** that the more individuals someone vetoes, the more restrictions they place on the team they will be placed in, possibly to their own detriment.
3. After the trial, the external selector(s) will prepare a ranked list of a pool of debaters to attend based on their performance in a trial debate. If the external selector chooses to include any individuals who have trialed by resume, they will be included in the pool but will not be ranked. This list will be consistent with affirmative action policies, and will be made up of 1/3 women.
4. This ranked list will be given to the Registrations Officer and be circulated amongst all those who trialed. This version of the ranked list should only include the names and rankings of debaters who have been selected in the pool of debaters to attend.



5. The person ranked first will, on receiving the ranked list, be entitled to pick any teammates that are in the pool of selected debaters. They are to name the desired members of their team to the Registrations Officer within TWO (2) hours of acknowledging contact from Registrations Officer. There is an expectation that triallers will acknowledge in this time frame unless they have given prior notice or extenuating circumstances. Failure to name desired team members will result in the Registrations officer moving to the next ranked person. Extenuating circumstances will lead to subsequent teams being declared void and teams will be re-sorted.
6. The Registrations Officer, after checking affirmative action policy and the vetoes that have been given in, will then inform the person whether or not that team is compatible. If it is, then the process moves on to Step 7. If it is not, the person has an hour to decide on (a) new teammate(s). **Please note** that there are four possible vetoes that could make a team incompatible, and the Registrations Officer is not able to divulge which it was.
7. After the team is established, the next highest ranked person who is not currently in a team will be contacted and the process outlined in Steps 5 & 6 will be continue until the (n-1)th team is formed. Remaining individuals will be placed in the nth team, regardless of what vetoes have been submitted.
8. This team list then must be approved by the executive. The executive reserves the right to alter teams, or send them back for re-selection if, for example, AA is not met.
9. The team list will be then circulated among those who were selected.



10. **Please note** that those who are trialling are **NOT ALLOWED** to make deals or agree with anyone as to who they will select in advance. Any such understandings may result in them being excluded from the tournament, at the executive's prerogative.