

MUDS Intervarsity Adjudicator Trial Policy (2016)

- 1) Adjudicator trials for intervarsity tournaments must always be organised. The only circumstance under which adjudicator trials will not take place is if the number of trialling adjudicators is equal to or less than the number of adjudicator spot available.
- 2) Those trialling as an adjudicator for an intervarsity tournament will watch a debate that will take place during Internals the day after debater trials for that tournament are held, and will judge that debate as though they were judging a debate at the tournament they are trialling for.

For the purposes of this policy, "intervarsity tournament" refers to any of the following tournaments:

- ➤ The Australian Intervarsity Debating Championships ("Easters")
- ➤ The Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships ("Australs")
- ➤ The Australasian Women's Intervarsity Debating Championships ("Women's")
- ➤ The World Universities Debating Championships ("Worlds").
- 3) If anyone wishes to trial but is unable to attend the trial debate, they are able to submit a resume detailing their relevant debating and adjudication experience which will be taken into consideration when determining whether they will be placed into the pool of adjudicators to attend.
- **4**) The Selector(s) for Adjudicator Trials may be Internal or External.



- 5) Following the conclusion of the debate, each trialling adjudicator will fill out a ballot indicating:
 - > Their name and email address (so they can be notified of the trial results).
 - ➤ If trialling for Easters or Australs: Which team they thought won the debate.
 - ➤ If trialling for Women's or Worlds: The rankings (1st to 4th) they would assign each team in the debate.
 - The individual speaker scores they would assign the speakers in the debate.
 - ➤ The total team speaker scores they would assign the teams in the debate.

This ballot will be submitted to the Selector(s).

- 6) In addition to completing a ballot, each trialling adjudicator will be expected to provide a brief adjudication to the Selector(s) explaining who they thought won the debate and their reasoning as to how and why they came to that decision. Trialling adjudicators may also be asked some questions by the Selector(s), either about the debate or regarding adjudication in general, at the discretion of the Selector(s).
- 7) The order in which trialling adjudicators shall deliver their adjudication to the Selector(s) (as per Section 6 of this Policy) shall be determined inversely to the order in which they submit their ballot to the Selector(s), such that the first trialling adjudicator to submit their ballot to the Selector(s) shall be the last to deliver their adjudication, and the last trialling adjudicator to submit their ballot shall be the first to deliver their adjudication.



8) The Selector(s) shall rank all trialling adjudicators based on a consideration of their adjudicating skill (as determined by either their adjudication and ballot or their resume) and shall disclose these rankings to the Externals Officer(s).

The Externals Officer(s) will notify all those who trialled of who has qualified for the pool of adjudicators, but will not indicate any rankings when doing so.