



### **MUDS Worlds Trial Policy (2014)**

The way teams will be selected for Worlds is different to the methods used for Easters, Australs and Women's.

- 1) Those trialling will be invited to debate in front of one or more External Selectors on a specified date, and will have the option to choose prior to the trial whether they wish to debate once or twice.
  - ❖ If anyone wishes to trial but is unable to attend the trial, they are able to submit a resume detailing their relevant debating experience. Details about the format of such resumes can be found in Step 2.
  
- 2) Prior to the trial, all those trialling will be required to submit a resume detailing their debating experience to the Registration Officer, who is not allowed to be trialling as a debater.
  - ❖ Debating resumes will include details about the number of ALL intervarsity tournaments the person trialling has debated at and their average speaker scores obtained at each of those tournaments. For the purposes of this policy, "intervarsity tournaments" refers to the following tournaments: the Australian Intersvarsity Debating Championships ("Easters"), the Australasian Intersvarsity Debating Championships ("Australs"), the Australasian Women's Debating Championships ("Women's") and the World Universities Debating Championships ("Worlds").
  - ❖ If anyone who is trialling has debated at THREE (3) OR MORE intervarsity tournaments, they may also include their average speaker scores obtained at no more than TWO (2)



non-intervarsity tournaments where they have debated with other students from Macquarie in their resume.

- ❖ If anyone who is trialling has debated at less than THREE (3) intervarsity tournaments, they may also include their average speaker scores obtained at no more than FOUR (4) non-intervarsity tournaments where they have debated with other students from Macquarie in their resume.
  - ❖ Note that if any person trialling provides any incorrect information about their debating experiences at intervarsity tournaments (including omitting experiences) or their average speaker scores in their resume, this may result in them being excluded from attending the tournament as a representative from Macquarie (at the Executive's prerogative).
- 3) Each person trialling will have the option to veto a maximum of ONE (1) individual and submit that veto to the Registration Officer prior to the trial.
- ❖ Please note that if anyone who is trialling vetoes another individual, this can impose more restrictions on the team they will be placed in, possibly to their own detriment.
- 4) After the trial, the Externals Selector(s) will prepare a ranked list of the pool of debaters from which teams may be formed. The maximum size of the pool of debaters will be one debater more than the number of debating spots available, based on the number of teams allocated to Macquarie and accepted by the Executive at the time of trials. For example, if Macquarie is sending 2 teams to Worlds, the pool of debaters from which teams can be formed will be the 5 highest-ranked people who trialled that are eligible to debate.



- 5) The rankings of all those trialling will be determined by the External Selector(s) through a consideration of their performance in trial debates AND their resumes, with debate performance to be considered with EQUAL WEIGHTING to resumes.
  - ❖ If anyone trialling debates twice, their debate performance will be based on an average of their performance across debates.
  - ❖ If anyone is trialling by resume only, that resume will be the sole determinant of whether or not they are included in the pool of debaters. Anyone trialling by resume who is included in the pool of debaters will not be ranked within the pool.
  
- 6) This ranked list will be given to the Registration Officer but will NOT be circulated amongst those who trialled.
  
- 7) The Registration Officer will contact the highest-ranked person and inform them of the pool of debaters from which they are eligible to select a teammate. The Registration Officer will also share the resumes of those in the pool of debaters with the highest-ranked person. However, the Registration Officer will NOT disclose the rankings of the debaters within the pool under any circumstances.
  
- 8) The person ranked first will, on being informed of the pool of debaters, be entitled to pick any teammate in the pool of debaters. They are to name the desired member of their team to the Registration Officer within TWO (2) hours of being contacted.
  - ❖ There is an expectation that those trialling will acknowledge in this time frame unless they have given prior notice to the Registration Officer or are experiencing 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.

- 9) The Registration Officer, after checking the vetoes that have been submitted, will then inform the person whether or not that team is compatible. If it is not, the person has ONE (1) hour to decide on a new team. If the team is compatible, then the process moves on to Step 10 unless there are no more teams team to be filled, in which case the process moves on to Step 11.
  - ❖ In the event that all other people in the pool of selected debaters have vetoed the person ranked first within that pool, the Executive Committee will review the situation and decide on how team selection(s) should occur in that instance. Note that any members of the Executive Committee who are in the pool of selected debaters may be conflicted out of making this decision.
  
- 10) After the team is established, the next highest ranked person who is not currently in a team will be contacted by the Registration Officer, and the process outlined in Steps 7, 8 and 9 will be continue until the n<sup>th</sup> team is formed.
  
- 11) 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, for example if one or more of the selected debaters is ineligible to debate at Worlds due to being “capped out” (exceeding the number of times they are eligible to debate at Worlds).



**12)** The team list will be then circulated among those who were selected to debate.

**13)** 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 as a representative from Macquarie (at the Executive's prerogative).