



### **MUDS Women's Trial Policy (2016)**

- 1) Those trialling will be invited to debate in front of one or more selectors on a specified date. Their performance within their trial debate will determine whether they are to be included in the pool of debaters selected.
  - a) All those applying to trial must be female-identifying or non-binary.
  - b) If anyone trialling is unable to attend the trial, they are able to submit a resume detailing their relevant debating experience such as the number of tournaments attended, average speaker scores, etc.

This resume will be used to determine whether they are to be included in the pool of selected debaters.
  - c) The selector may be internal or external and can be male.
  
- 2) After the trial, the selector will rank the pool of applicants. If those who trialled by resume are included in the pool of selected debaters, they will not be ranked.
  
- 3) The Registration Officer (or the selector if the selector is internal) will contact the top ranked applicant who will then be able to choose a teammate from the pool of selected debaters. If the other person declines to be part of that team, the Registration Officer (or internal selector) informs the first-ranking applicant that they must now choose again. This occurs until a team is successfully formed. The Registration Officer (or internal selector) then contacts the next highest ranked person left in the pool of selected debaters, and the process is performed again until all team spots are filled.
  - a) Note that all teams containing at least one novice (see Section 5 for a definition of a “novice”) will be ranked ahead of any pro-teams (see Section 4 for a definition of a “pro team”)

- 4) There must not be any more than one “pro team” in the contingent. For the purpose of this policy, a “pro” is someone who has debated at two Australs, or broken at an Australs, or three Easters, or has debated at Worlds. A “pro team” is a team of two “pros”.
  - a) The only exemptions are if only “pros” trial, if there are no novices remaining in the pool of selected debaters, and/or if two “pros” are forced to debate together because they have been unsuccessful in forming a team with any other person from the pool.
  - b) Note that pros trying to exploit this policy (e.g. purposely trialling poorly and then refusing to debate with anyone except another pro) will not be allowed to debate together.
  
- 5) Where possible, novice-only teams should be avoided. For the purpose of this policy, a novice is someone who has only ever debated at Easters, has been to only one Australs and not broken, and/or has not debated in the BP format before. For the purpose of this policy, international students who have debated in the British Parliamentary format before may be considered “novices” at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
  
- 6) 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 the tournament due to being “capped out” (exceeding the number of times they are eligible to debate at the tournament).
  
- 7) The team list will be then circulated among those who were selected.