



- Octo-Final C - Team 3 and Team 14
- Octo-Final D - Team 4 and Team 13
- Octo-Final E - Team 5 and Team 12
- Octo-Final F - Team 6 and Team 11
- Octo-Final G - Team 7 and Team 10
- Octo-Final H - Team 8 and Team 9

3.2.3.4. The winners of the Octo-Finals debate in the Quarter-Finals as follows:

- Quarter-Final A - Winner of Octo-Final A and winner of Octo-Final H
- Quarter-Final B - Winner of Octo-Final B and winner of Octo-Final G
- Quarter-Final C - Winner of Octo-Final C and winner of Octo-Final F
- Quarter-Final D - Winner of Octo-Final D and winner of Octo-Final E

3.2.3.5. The winners of the Quarter-Finals debate in Semi-Finals with the winner of Quarter-Final A against the winner of Quarter-Final D, and the winner of Quarter-Final B against the winner of Quarter-Final C. The winners of the Semi-Finals compete in the Grand Final.

3.3. At the end of the tournament, teams' final rankings shall be determined as follows:

- 3.3.1. the winners and runners-up shall be ranked 1 and 2 respectively;
- 3.3.2. all other teams shall be ranked according the round of the tournament the team reached and, where equal, their preliminary round ranking (in accordance with rule 3.2.1.);

3.4.

- 3.4.1. Octo-Finals, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals shall be Impromptu Debates.
- 3.4.2. The Grand Final shall be on a topic announced at the same time as the topics for the prepared debates in the preliminary rounds. At the end of the second Semi-Final, the two teams in the Grand Final shall toss to decide which team shall take the affirmative.

3.5.

- 3.5.1. If a team withdraws after the draw has been sent to the teams, the Chief Organiser may make a new draw only if:
 - 3.5.1.1. to do so would not alter the sides nor topics for any team, or
 - 3.5.1.2. all teams affected by the new draw agree.
- 3.5.2. Where a new draw has not been made, all teams who would have debated against the team that has withdrawn are taken to have won the debate by forfeit if they win at least a majority of their other debates, but are otherwise taken to have lost the debate by forfeit.

3.6. Where a team has either won or lost a debate by forfeit, the team will be taken to have received the following number of Adjudicators in its favour for that debate:

- 3.6.1. if the average number of Adjudicators in its favour in its other debates is higher than 2.5, it receives 3 Adjudicators for that debate;
- 3.6.2. if the average number of Adjudicators in its favour in its other debates is higher than 1.5 but less than or equal to 2.5, it receives 2 Adjudicators for that debate.
- 3.6.3. if the average number of Adjudicators in its favour in its other debates is higher than 0.5 but less than or equal to 1.5, it receives 1 Adjudicator for that debate;
- 3.6.4. if the average number of Adjudicators in its favour in its other debates is less than or equal to 0.5, it receives no Adjudicators for that debate.



4. ADJUDICATORS

- 4.1. All tournament debates shall be adjudicated by an odd-numbered panel of at least three Adjudicators.
 - 4.1.1. In case, that Chief Organiser was not able to arrange odd numbered panel of Adjudicators, debate can be adjudicated by 2 Adjudicators
 - 4.1.1.1. The more experienced one has 2 votes. The number of points which should be given by the third Adjudicator is an average of points of the 2 Adjudicators, adjudicating the debate.
 - 4.1.1.1.1. The Adjudicator with 2 votes is delegated by the Chief Adjudicator.
- 4.2. Adjudicators shall not adjudicate the team from their own nation.
- 4.3. A team Coach can adjudicate a debate but not his delegates or delegates from the same country.
- 4.4. An independent Adjudicator shall not assist in the coaching of a team at the tournament.
- 4.5. An Adjudicator may adjudicate the same team more than once, provided that the Adjudicator does not adjudicate that team a disproportionate number of times.
- 4.6. A debate is won by the team which has a majority of the votes of the Adjudicators.
 - 4.6.1. The cumulative Adjudicators' marks or winning margins of teams are not used to determine which team wins a debate.
- 4.7. The Range of Marks, Rules of Debate, and principles of adjudication, are set out in the Adjudication Manual which is an annex to these rules.
 - 4.7.1. The Adjudication Manual is a part of these rules and may be amended in the same way that the rules may be amended.
 - 4.7.2. The Chief Organiser in cooperation with Chief Adjudicator may authorise guidelines and instructional material for Adjudicators, consistent with the Adjudication Manual and the rules.
 - 4.7.3. The Chief Organiser shall ensure that Adjudicators are familiar with the Adjudication Manual and any guidelines and instructional material authorised by Chief Organiser and Chief Adjudicator.
 - 4.7.4. All Adjudicators shall adjudicate in accordance with the Adjudication Manual and any guidelines and instructional material authorised by Chief Organiser and Chief Adjudicator.
- 4.8. To be eligible to adjudicate at Heart of Europe ("an eligible Adjudicator") a person must:
 - 4.8.1. be nominated by the organisation or team of that person's nation or should apply to the Registration Officer
 - 4.8.2. not be a debater at the tournament.
 - 4.8.3. Be 18 years old or elder.
- 4.9. The Chief Adjudicator may accept a person to be an eligible Adjudicator at tournament who meets the requirements of rule 4.7.3. but who does not meet the requirements of the rest of rule 4.7. or point 4.8.3. if:
 - 4.9.1. in the opinion of the Chief Adjudicator, the person is sufficiently experienced and competent to be an eligible Adjudicator.
- 4.10. Adjudicators for all tournament debates, including the Grand Final, are to be selected for their ability to adjudicate, not because they hold any particular office or occupation.
- 4.11. The Chief Adjudicator may assess an eligible Adjudicator at any time before or during a Tournament to determine that Adjudicator's:
 - 4.11.1. competence to adjudicate, and
 - 4.11.2. understanding of the Rules, the Adjudication Manual, and any guidelines and instructional material authorised by the Chief Organiser and Chief Adjudicator.
- 4.12. The Chief Adjudicator may at any time, as a result of an assessment in accordance with Rule 4.11., decide that that Adjudicator should not adjudicate any debates, or should not adjudicate any further debates without a further assessment if the Chief Adjudicator is



- 6.2. A Coach of a team at a tournament is not eligible to be a member of the Motions Committee for that tournament.
- 6.3. The Motions Committee shall select all motions for debate at the tournament
- 6.4. . At least eight weeks prior to the start of the tournament, the Motions Committee shall forward to the Chief Organiser the list of motions it has selected for prepared debates including the Grand Final.
- 6.5. The Chief Organiser in cooperation with Registration Officer shall forthwith notify all teams of the prepared motions for debate.
- 6.6. At least one day before the start of a Tournament the Motions Committee shall give to the Chief Organiser a set of motions for the impromptu preliminary rounds.
- 6.7. That set of motions shall include at least one more motion than is required for the preliminary rounds.
- 6.8. At least one day before the announcement of the draw for the Octo-Finals, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals, the Motions Committee shall give to the Chief Organiser a set of motions for those debates.

7. LANGUAGE

- 7.1. All tournament debates shall be in English.
- 7.2. Special awards shall be given to:
 - 7.2.1. the highest-ranked English-as-a-foreign-language (EFL) team, and
- 7.3. Individual team members shall be classified as follows:
 - 7.3.1. as an EFL speaker if:
 - 7.3.1.1. they do not come from a first-language English-speaking family, and
 - 7.3.1.2. they attend a school where English is not used as the main medium of instruction.
- 7.4. Teams shall be classified as follows:
 - 7.4.1. As an EFL team if:
 - 7.4.1.1. English is not an official language of the country, and
 - 7.4.1.2. All or all-but-one of the team members meet the criteria for being classified as an EFL speaker in accordance with rule 7.3.1..
- 7.5. If a team wishes to be eligible for the EFL award (in accordance with rule 7.2.), the Coach must submit a form to the Chief Organiser via Registration Officer prior the start of the Tournaments outlining the family and educational linguistic backgrounds of each of the debaters on the team.
- 7.6. Based on the information in the forms submitted in accordance with rule 7.5. and any other information available, the Chief Adjudicator shall determine which teams participating in the tournament are to be classified as EFL teams in accordance with rule 7.4.. The Chief Adjudicator shall publish a list of the teams eligible for the EFL awards ("the published list") no later than the end of the first day of debates during the tournament.
- 7.7. Any team may appeal against the inclusion or exclusion from the published list of any team, including their own.
- 7.8. the appeal shall be in written form and submitted by the Coach to the Chief Adjudicator. The Chief Adjudicator shall convey any written appeals to the members of the Organising Committee.
- 7.9. The Organising Committee shall consider any appeal prior to the announcement of the winners of the EFL awards. If the Committee feels there is sufficient justification (in accordance with these Rules) it may amend the published list by a simple majority vote.
- 7.10. A team that reaches the Grand Final of the Tournament shall be eligible for the EFL and ESL awards.

