

The Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council

Foundation

Article 1

1. The Pan-African Universities Debating Council is hereby established.
2. This Constitution shall come into effect immediately upon its adoption.

The Competition

Article 2

1. There shall be a competition, which for the purposes of this constitution shall be named the Pan-African Universities Debating Championship (PAUDC). A round of the Championship shall be held once during each and every calendar year.
2. The Format of the debate shall be British Parliamentary as set out in the rules attached to this constitution.

Article 3

1. The purpose of the Championship shall be the promotion of debate in the African Continent, the free exchange of ideas, international contact and co-operation and the enjoyment of participants.
2. It should be noted that anything said by any debater during a debate round does not necessarily represent the debater's personal beliefs, those of his/her university or those of his/her nation.

The PAUDC Council

Article 4 : Composition of the Council

The council shall consist of the following members:

1. The Convenor of the Tournament who is the Chairperson of the Organising Committee of the Tournament (who does not have a vote)
2. Delegates, who shall be appointed in accordance with Article 7
3. Members of the PAUDC Executive committee (who do not have votes)
 1. The Chair of the PAUDC Executive Committee who is the Chair of the PAUDC Council.

2. The deputy chair
 3. Director of the PAUDC Executive Committee
 4. The Sponsorship and Fundraising Director of the PAUDC Executive Committee
 5. The Secretary and deputy secretary of the PAUDC Executive Committee
 6. Regional recruitment officers.
 7. The legal adviser to council
4. The Chair of the Organising Committee (Tournament Convenor) of the next host university (who does not have a vote)
 5. Any member of the Council may appoint a deputy to attend meetings, speak, vote and otherwise act, on his/her behalf.
 6. Council may appoint advisors to the council who will sit at meetings and advise the Executive Committee but will not have a vote
 7. Council may form Subcommittees to pursue specific aims and Chairs of said subcommittees will have a seat at the council (but not have a vote)
 8. The Council shall award individuals who served the Pan-African Universities Debating Championships in an extraordinary capacity the Order of Distinction.
1. Awardees shall be given the title Pan-African Council Member Emeritus.
 2. Members shall be permitted to advise the Council without voting privileges.

Article 5 : Functions of the Council

1. The functions of the Council shall be as follows:
 1. To appoint a host for each round of the Championship;
 2. To decide on appropriate sanctions against a host organisation in the event that it fails significantly to comply with the terms of the bid;
 3. To further the interests of African debating locally and internationally, which includes but is not limited to representing these interests at international events and building debate structures in African countries
4. To perform the other functions conferred upon it by this constitution.

2. The quorum for meeting of the council shall be half of all national delegates present at the Championship

The PAUDC Executive Committee

1. Council shall elect members of the PAUDC Executive Committee for one year terms during each PAUDC Championship. Terms begin and end at the end of each Championships.
2. The Executive Committee is comprised of the following members
 1. Chair of the Executive Committee or PAUDC Council Chair who will
 1. Convene and Chair at least two meetings of the Council. The first meeting shall be a preliminary meeting which shall determine the eligibility of competitors and set the agenda for the second Council meeting. The second meeting will be the main meeting of Council and may determine any other issue.
 2. Ensure the aims and objectives of the PAUDC Championships and this constitution are upheld
 3. Ensuring that a Round of the Championship is organised during his/her term in office
 4. Convening such other meetings of the Council as are in his/her opinion necessary
 5. Giving notice to the other members of the Council of any meeting of the Council. Such notice shall be given in writing at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting and shall include an agenda containing all details of any proposed amendments to this Constitution.
 6. Ensure a meeting of African institutions are held at the World Universities Debating Championships or other international tournaments where African institutions are present to discuss issues pertinent to debate in Africa
 7. Represent and protect the interests of African institutions at the World Universities Debating Championships Council
 2. Secretary of the Executive Committee, who will
 1. Be responsible for keeping updated records and contact details of council delegates and all debate institutions that have attended the PAUDC
 2. Record and publish minutes of the council and executive meetings

3. Update and maintain this constitution as required by Council and forward it to all delegates of Council within one month of the end of a Championships
DEPUTY SECRETARY

3. Communications Director of the Executive Committee, who will

1. Maintain the PAUDC Website and other archives and information necessary to further the aims of council and the Executive Committee
2. Send out necessary information about the PAUDC council and tournament via email, post etc.
3. Display a copy of this constitution on the websites of the council for reference by all interested parties.
4. Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising, who will
 1. Collate a list of past and potential sponsors complete with contact information and details of sponsorship
 2. Develop and maintain sponsorship plans, letters and other information that can be used to raise sponsorship for debate
 3. Actively engage PAUDC delegates and other interested parties to explore options of generating sponsorship and support for debate

RECRUITMENT DIRECTORS

Article 6: Generic Role of Executives

1. All members of the Executive Committee should dedicate themselves to building debate in Africa, which includes but is not limited to
 1. Ensuring the PAUDC Championships is held successfully every year and expanding the number of teams, institutions and countries that participate in it
 2. Building national debate organisations and general debate capacity in African countries
2. It is further the role of the Executive Committee to
 1. Collect from the host university and hold records of the Championships, including attendees and results
 2. Make recommendations to Council based on year long discussions with Committee members and anyone else who cares to comment.
 3. Investigate on behalf of Council and report back at the next championships on any matter deemed appropriate by council.
 4. To maintain and review the rules of the Championship
 5. To provide a full report to the main meeting of Council regarding the completion of the Duties outlined above.
3. Nations from the following jurisdictions represented at Council shall elect a delegate from the participants of the Championship to be members of the Executive Committee

1. North Africa
 2. West Africa
 3. East Africa
 4. Southern Africa
 5. Central Africa
 - 6 Africans from the diaspora
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- 4 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two others (who may be non-participants of the Championship) to be members of the Committee.
 - 5 The same person may not be elected to occupy multiple Committee positions.

Article 7 : Convenor of the PAUDC Tournament

1. The acceptance of a bid by the Council in accordance with Articles 15-18 shall be deemed to operate as the election of the proposer as the Convenor of the PAUDC Tournament
2. The Convenor of the Tournament elected under para1 above shall take office two weeks after his/her election.
3. The outgoing Convenor of the Tournament shall remain in office until his/her successor takes office.
4. The Convenor of the Tournament may resign from office only by appointing a successor in writing.
5. The Duties of the Convenor of the Tournament are as follows;
 1. Ensuring that a briefing is held for all judges and debaters before the first session of debate where the full tournament rules and norms shall be explained and clarified;
 2. Ensuring that all ballots are returned to the competitors at the end of the tournament.
 3. Ensuring that any surplus made by a host university be passed to the next host university to reduce fees for needy universities;
 4. Ensuring that full and accurate results are published in a reasonable timescale after the end of the tournament.
 5. Within six months of a Championship, the outgoing Convenor of the Tournament shall send to the Convenor for the next Championship full accounts of the income and expenditure in relation to the organisation of the Championship. The accounts

shall be considered in the following meeting of the Council. These accounts should reflect ordinary accounting standards applicable in the host nation.

6. Where the office of Convenor of the Tournament becomes vacant other than by reason of para 4 above, or the Convenor of the Tournament fails totally in his/her duties under para 5 above (ensuring the organisation of a round of the Championship) the Council, convened by registered mail sent to all members, may appoint a successor to the Convenor of the Tournament and a new venue.

Article 8 : National Delegates & Voting Rights

1. Every country represented at a Round of the PAUDC shall be entitled to send a delegate to the meeting of the Council convened during that Round.
2. Where there exists in relation to a country a debating body consisting of an executive elected by the debating organisations in that country, the President of that body, or equivalent, shall be deemed to have been appointed as delegate for that country provided that he/she or a nominee in writing is present at the Round of the Championship during which the meeting is being held.
3. In any other case the members of the teams originating from a country shall by common or majority action appoint one of their number as the delegate for that country.
4. Every delegate shall provide the Chair of the PAUDC Council with notice of his/her appointment, a home telephone number and address, and an alternative contact number and address if home details do not relate to permanent residence. This information shall be provided within 24 hours of appointment of the delegate or, in the case of an appointment not taking place during a Round of the Championship, within two weeks of appointment. The Chair of the PAUDC Council shall then furnish a list of all information provided under this paragraph to all delegates within two weeks of the end of the Round for which he/she is responsible.
5. A delegate may resign from office only by appointing hi/her successor in writing.
6. A delegate shall hold office until his/her successor takes office.
7. Delegates shall take office immediately upon appointment.
8. Each delegate member of Council shall be entitled to cast one vote on every substantive motion placed before the Council.
9. Every substantive motion placed before the Council shall be decided by majority vote.

10. The Chair of the PAUDC Council shall not have a vote on any substantive motion placed before the Council, save in the event that the number of votes cast for and against the motion are equal, in which case he/she shall exercise a casting vote.
11. Where there is placed before the Council a substantive motion which proposes an amendment to this Constitution, such a motion shall not be carried unless it gains the support of at least two-thirds of overall votes. All proposed edits to the Constitution must also be announced through the PAUDC mailing list at least two weeks before the Round of the Championships where they are to be proposed.

Article 9: Bidding to host the PAUDC

1. On meeting during a Round of the Championship, the Council shall consider bids to host future Championships two years in advance.
2. All bids shall be submitted in writing and must include support from the administration of the host university. A bid shall state the University which will host the Championship, the dates and schedule of the Championship, the full budget of the Championships, a list of organising committee members, and any relevant information.
3. The Convenor of the Tournament of the successful bid shall supply a report to the PAUDC Council at least 3 months before the Council meeting at which the bid is to be confirmed.
4. On the basis of the report provided, the PAUDC Executive Committee will vote on the readiness of the host institution. If a majority of the members of the Committee indicate that they have critical concerns about the host's level of preparedness then the Committee shall invite further bids which may be considered by Council. In any other case the bid shall be considered to be endorsed by the Committee.
5. The Convenor of the successful bid shall present a report to the Council meeting at the Championships one year before the Championships which they are to host. If the Council has critical concerns about the ability of the hosts to hold the Championships then it may vote to reopen the bidding without prejudice to any bidder. In any other case the bid shall be considered to be ratified by Council.
6. A bid should be passed by a council meeting resolution, which requires a simple majority of all voting delegates.
7. Where no bids are received for the hosting of the next Championships, it is the duty of the Chairs of the PAUDC Council to solicit bids from African universities.

Article 10: Eligibility of Competitors

1. Competitors must be students in a university in Africa. All African countries are eligible to participate. Both members of a team should be attending the same university.
2. Teams from non-African countries can participate as guests, at the discretion of the host university but should not take up places of African institutions. These competitors may also not compete in the finals series of tournament, vote at council meeting or be elected to Executive positions. They are eligible to win speaker awards and maybe observe and speak at council at discretion of council.
3. During the academic year of the competition, competitors shall represent the institution at which they pursue at least half of their courses toward a particular degree.
4. Competitors shall be recognised by their university debating union or equivalent, or in the absence of such a body by the university administration.
5. Competitors must be enrolled students and must be attending classes or pursuing research in the university which they represent on the last day of term preceding the competition. Competitors should have documentation ready to prove this status if required by the host or council.
6. In the event of any controversy regarding the interpretation of this article, the organisers of the Championship shall follow the recommendation of the president (or equivalent) of the competent national debating body (if applicable).
7. No individual or institution shall be allowed to register and participate at the Championships if they owe money to any previous host without the agreement of that host.
8. Composite teams cannot register in advance for the Championship. The organisers may create such composite teams out of individual participants, as they deem necessary and appropriate. No composite team shall be admitted to elimination rounds. "Composite team" shall be defined for the purpose of this Constitution as meaning any team consisting of two individuals not both attending the same university or not fulfilling other terms of this article

Article 11: Deputy chief adjudicator

1. There shall be a deputy Chief Adjudicator from a country other than that of the hosting nation appointed to assist the Chief Adjudicator of the host university to:

1. Assist in the training of adjudicators from the host university from at least two weeks prior to the Championship;
 2. Assist in the training of the remainder of the adjudicators prior to the Championship commencing;
 3. Assist in the accreditation and grading of all adjudicators at the Championship;
 4. Assist in a practice run of the tabulation system at least one week prior to the commencement of the Championships;
 5. Assist the host university to allocate adjudicators to debates during the championships;
 6. Assist the host university to comply with the constitution;
 7. Report to the main meeting of the council regarding the completion of the above duties.
2. The Deputy Chief Adjudicator shall be appointed by the host university at least six months prior to that championship. The host university may appoint more than one Deputy Chief Adjudicator.
 3. The Deputy Chief Adjudicator must demonstrate to the host university a knowledge of draw and tabulation systems.
 4. All reasonable transport, accommodation and food expenses of the Deputy Chief Adjudicator should be covered by the Championships budget

Article 12: Format of the PAUDC

The format of a Round of the Pan African Universities Debating Championships shall be as follows:

- 1) Overview of the Format
 - a) There shall be not less than 4 preliminary rounds of debate, involving all teams eligible to debate in the Championships along with any composite teams deemed necessary
 - b) Following the preliminary rounds, there shall be an elimination round consisting of at least the top 25% of teams from the preliminary round
- 2) The Preliminary Rounds
 - a) All teams eligible to debate at the Championships compete in the preliminary rounds
 - b) Composite or "swing" teams must be added by the Tournament Director to under the following circumstances:

c) If the number of teams eligible to debate in the preliminary rounds is equal to a number divisible by four, no composite teams are allowed; or

d) If this is not the case, then composite teams may be added until the number of teams in the preliminary round is equal to a number divisible by four.

e) If a team withdraws from competition before or during the preliminary rounds then they shall be removed from the draw and either

I) replaced with a composite team; or

II) the number of composite teams is reduced to ensure that the number of teams in the competition is still equal to a number divisible by four.

3 Following each round, teams shall be ranked by the adjudication panel and awarded points (Team Points) as follows:

1st ranked team: 3 points;

2nd ranked team: 2 points;

3rd ranked team: 1 point;

4th ranked team: 0 points.

4 Teams shall also be given a score out of 200 (Team Scores) by the adjudication panel in accordance with the Rules of the Championship.

5 If a team forfeits a debate they shall be given 0 points and a Team Score of 0.

6 In the opening round, teams will be drawn in debates of groups of four teams on a random basis, and subsequently allocated Opening Government, Opening Opposition, Closing Government or Closing Opposition (Speaking Positions) on a random basis.

a. For the preliminary rounds, the debates shall be drawn by the Tournament Director on a "power-pairing" basis, in accordance with section 3 of this Article.

7 Tabulation of Preliminary Rounds

a. At the conclusion of each preliminary round (except for the last round) teams shall be ranked in order of their aggregate Team Points accumulated by the team; from highest aggregate to lowest.

b. The teams should then be divided up into pools of teams with the same amount of aggregate team points, with pools being ranked from highest aggregate to lowest.

c. If any pool (The Upper Pool) consists of an amount of teams equivalent to a number that is not divisible by four, then teams from the pool ranking immediately below that pool (The Lower Pool) may be promoted to the Upper Pool, so that the Upper Pool

- consists of a number of teams that is divisible by four; provided that; (i) Team from the Lower Pool are selected on a random basis; and (ii) The pools are made up into numbers of teams divisible by four by starting at the highest ranking pool and moving consecutively to the lowest ranking pool, subject to 3f) below.
- 8 Once the pools have been adjusted in accordance with 8c) then the pools are divided into debates of four teams on a random basis
 - 9 Once the teams have been placed in groups of four they shall be allocated Speaking Positions on a random basis, subject to 3f) below.
 - 10 The Tournament Director may devise a tabulation program or system that alters or varies:
 - i. the random allocation of teams to a debate in accordance with 3d);
 - ii. the random allocation of teams to Speaking Positions in accordance with 3e); and/or
 - iii. the random promotion of a team from a Lower Pool to an Upper Pool in accordance with 3c); in order to provide that teams are given as even an amount of the various Speaking Positions as possible over the nine preliminary rounds.
 - 11 The Tournament Director shall not be permitted under any circumstances to alter the composition of a pool beyond what is permitted under 3f).
 - 12 The following shall not be taken into account in any manner whatsoever when allocating teams to debates:
 - i. Team Scores;
 - ii. Whether two teams from the same institution have been drawn to debate each other; or
 - iii. Whether the two or more of the teams drawn to debate each other have competed against each other in a prior preliminary round of the tournament.
 - 13 Selection of teams for the elimination rounds
 - i) At the conclusion of the nine preliminary rounds, teams are to ranked in consecutive order (from highest to lowest) as follows:
 - ii) Total aggregate Team Points accumulated by the team; and
 - iii) Where teams have an equal number of aggregate team points, on the basis of aggregate Team Scores accumulated by the team; and

iv) Where this is also equal, on a count-back of the number of times that each team has ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with a team ranking higher if it has been ranked 1st more often, and so on; an

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- v) Where the teams still cannot be distinguished, by drawing lots
- vi) The highest thirty two ranking teams will participate in the Main Competition elimination rounds, and shall be ranked from 1st to 32nd according to 4a).
- vii) Teams shall compete in the elimination rounds subject to the qualification requirements of this Constitution.
- viii) The consecutive order of finalists should be announced and posted by the tournament Director before the commencement of the elimination rounds.

14) The Main Competition elimination rounds

- 1) Teams shall be drawn to debate in accordance with Schedule A of this Constitution.
- 2) At the conclusion of each of the Octo-Finals, Quarter Finals and Semi Finals, the adjudication panel shall select two winning teams from each debate. These two teams shall progress to the next elimination round.
- 3) In the Final, the adjudication panel shall select the one winning team and the three runners-up. The three runners-up shall not be ranked in any way by the panel.

Article 13

1. Code of Conduct Requirement. Each host of each round of the Championship shall be required to draft, implement and enforce a Code of Conduct which will uphold the principle and the purpose of the Championship during the tenure of the championship.

2. In the event that an altercation occurred during the tournament or that is related the tournament over which the council has jurisdiction and is relayed post tournament, council shall arbitrate this matter using mechanisms it deems fit as advised by its legal officer.

1.1 Principle of the Championship. That all participants at rounds of the Championships should have an opportunity equal with other individuals to have their needs accommodated, consistent with their duties and obligations as participants in the Championships, without being hindered in or prevented from doing so by discriminatory practices based on race, nationality or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, or disability, and to be free from harassment and intimidation in the performance of these duties and obligations.

1.2 Purpose of the Championship. The purpose of the Championship shall be the promotion of debate, the free exchange of ideas, international contact and co-operation and the enjoyment of participants of the Championship.

- 1.3 Distribution of Code of Conduct. That code of conduct shall be advertised during registration, be made available on the tournament website and each participant shall be made to sign a copy upon registration.
- 1.4 Binding Nature of Code of Conduct. That code of conduct shall be binding upon all participants at and during that round of the Championship
- 1.5 Minimum Provisions. That code of conduct shall contain, at a minimum, the following provisions: the statement of principles, expected conduct of participants, implementation and enforcement mechanisms, reporting procedure and appeals mechanisms.
- 1.6 Example of Code of Conduct. Hosts of each round of the championship may chose to adopt the example of a Code of Conduct in Schedule One of this constitution.

Schedule One: Example Code of Conduct

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to give effect to the principle that all participants at rounds of the Championships should have an opportunity equal with other individuals to have their needs accommodated, consistent with their duties and obligations as participants in the Championships, without being hindered in or prevented from doing so by discriminatory practices based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, or disability, and to be free from harassment and intimidation in the performance of these duties and obligations.

2. Conduct expected of participants

Participants at the Championships will comply with the following Code of Conduct

3. All participants at a round of the Championships will not engage in any behaviour that will undermine or attack the purpose of the Championship or the Code of Conduct including, but not limited to:

- a. Engage in offensive language or behaviour;
- b. make denigrating comments on the basis of age, race, sex, disability, religion or sexuality;
- c. harass, threaten or intimidate other participants in any;
- d. damage or destroy any property that does not belong to them;
- e. harass, threaten or intimidate delegates to vote in a particular way.

4. The provisions of Article 30 (3) will apply:

- a. during debates
- b. during any formal event organised as part of the tournament;
- c. during any social event organised as part of the tournament;

- d on transportation organised as part of the tournament;
- e in accommodation organised as part of the tournament;
- 5. Participants include all:
 - a. debaters
 - b. adjudicators
 - c. organisers
 - d. coaches
 - e. observers
- 6. Participants found to be in breach of this code of conduct agree to be bound by the decisions of the Equity Officer and / or the appeals committee

Implementation and Enforcement

7. Making a Complaint

Participants wishing to make a formal complaint alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct must do so:

- a. in written form; and
- b. submit the complaint to the designated Equity Officer of the Championship either in person; or
- c. Complaints made in written form shall be submitted through any submission box at the Event marked for the express purpose of submitting Code of Conduct related complaints.
- d. The tournament organising committee must provide a box for the express purpose of submitting Code of Conduct related complaints on each day of the Championship Round.
- e. Nothing in the above subsections (a) – (d) prevents tournament participants from orally informing the designated Equity Officer of the Championship of an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct
- f. Such an allegation will not be considered a formal complaint and will not trigger the complaints mechanism until a written complaint is submitted

8. Complaints must identify both the complainant and the accused.

9. Complaints Mechanism:

(1) Subject to the provisions of section 2 of this Article, upon receipt of a complaint, the Equity Officer of the event shall without delay notify the Chair of PAUDC Council that a complaint has been received, and where the Equity Officer of the event determines that such a complaint gives rise to a prima facie case of breach of this Code of Conduct, the Equity Officer shall conduct an investigation into the said complaint, and shall within twenty-four hours of the receipt of the

complaint or before the end of the Championships, whichever is sooner, issue a decision on the complaint to the Chair of PAUDC Council and to the parties involved.

(2) Where the Equity Officer, acting reasonably, believes the Chair of PAUDC Council to be in a position of a conflict of interest with regard to such a complaint, the Equity Officer shall not notify the Chair of PAUDC Council, but instead shall notify any other member of the Executive Committee of the Worlds, as set out in Article 28 (1)(a-e), who the Equity Officer reasonably believes not to be in such a position of conflict of interest and shall deal with them as if they were the Chair of PAUDC Council for the purposes of complying with the requirements under section 1 of this Article in relation to the complaint in question.

10. In any investigation entered into pursuant to Article 14, the Equity Officer shall

- a. invite both the complainant and the accused person to participate in the investigation
- b. have regard to all relevant factors in reaching their decision, including but not limited to:
 - i. the circumstance in which the alleged act took place;
 - ii. whether the allegedly offensive comments were made in the context of a debate of the Championships and whether the comments were germane or relevant to that debate;
 - iii. the intention of the accused person;
 - iv. the extent and reasonableness of the offence taken; and,
 - v. any relevant issues of culture and/or nationality

11. Both the Complainant and the Accused person shall be invited to participate in the investigation of the complaint.

12. An investigation of the complaint may be terminated by the withdrawal of a complaint upon the request the Complainant, which will have the effect of rendering the initial complaint null and void from the beginning.

13. In the event that the Equity Officer determines that an Accused person has breached the Code of Conduct, they will order any such disciplinary action as they feels in their discretion is appropriate, including (though not exclusively), a formal warning, a demand for a formal apology, removal from the tab, expulsion from the tournament.

14. Where disciplinary action is taken, a written notification will be given to the party receiving the disciplinary action, and an additional copy will be kept by the Equity Officer under seal. These are the only copies that will be made by the Equity Officer, and the Equity Officer shall not disclose the terms of the document to anyone other than the members of the Appeals Committee and the party receiving discipline.

15. Any person receiving disciplinary action may appeal the decision to an Appeals Committee to be comprised of the Convenor of the Event, any one of the Deputy Chief Adjudicators and the Chair of PAUDC Council.

16. The Appeals Committee will meet as quickly as possible to hear the appeal and will either uphold, amend, or overturn the decision of the Equity Officer.

17. In the event that any member of the Appeals Committee finds themselves to be in a conflict of interest, or is unable to attend the hearing, they may nominate any of the Deputy Chief Adjudicators of the Event or the Chief Adjudicator, or another member of the Pa African Universities Debating Committee as set out in Article 28 (1)(a-e) to sit in their place.

18. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

Participants acknowledge that this agreement is governed by the laws of [insert country] and [insert relevant state jurisdiction (if applicable)]. Any and all legal actions concerning this Code of Conduct, or concerning any aspect of the Championships where the [insert name of Debating Society] (including its executive members, general members, or designated agents) or the [insert name of university] are named parties to the action shall be conducted exclusively and entirely in the [insert relevant jurisdiction]

