



AJUDICATING DEBATES

A Masterfile

Foreword

Hello Community Builder,

Allow me to start by celebrating your initiative to study the art of adjudication. The African Community needs a lot of volunteer adjudicators to develop local debate circuits in schools, districts, regions, nations and subsequently continental regions.

Why should you be involved in judging debates?

The first advantage that comes with being a judge is that you have an opportunity to give back to the community that raised you. In case you are a former debater at any level, you have a moral duty to give to the community by either judging debates in a local circuit or coaching students at a local school near you in any area in which you are whether it is in Lome or Kabale or Nairobi or Mombasa or Lilongwe.

The second advantage is that it is an opportunity to grow your ability to analyse issues. Debate adjudication is a simulation on how decisions happen in court rooms, in mature companies, board rooms, innovation hubs etcetera. Engaging in this can build your ability to analyse large amounts of data in order to make a decision.

Who can use this resource?

Anyone can use this resource whether you are a student in high school or a university student or a practising lawyer who is interested in helping local debate circuits to develop their talent.

After studying this resource, how can I practice these skills?













First, there are multiple debates on the internet that you can try listening to and generate decisions and oral feedback for as a starter. Secondly, it is an encouraged good practice to volunteer as a shadow judge in tournaments so as to learn from senior judges. Lastly, there are several senior judges who conduct private spars to several students.

Volunteering in any role in their sessions can act as a good training ground as you learn how they weigh their clashes, handle oral adjudication and other aspects of adjudication. When you do these things, we hope that the chance of being a very good chance increases by a huge margin.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Tahinduka', with a stylized, flowing script.

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01	Winning debates by Stephen Johnson (Check page 231 for the chapter of adjudication)	 winning debates .pdf
02	World Schools Debating format manual by Joseph Tahinduka (Check the chapter on Adjudication on Page 112)	 WSDF MANUAL.docx.pdf
03	Note taking for adjudicators	 Note taking for debaters and adjudicators by N...
04	Contributing to panel discussions as a Wing or a Trainee by Matthew Conley Evans	 Contributing to panel discussions as a Wing or ...
05	Adjudication by Apratim Shrivastav	 Adjudication by Apratim Shrivastav
06	Oral Adjudication (on Debate exercise)	 Module 2: Oral Adjudication (on Debate exercise)
07	Handling panel discussions	 Module 2: Panel discussion
08	How to present a debate adjudication	 How to present a debate adjudication
09	Chairing Your First Round: A Guide to Oral Adjudication	 Chairing Your First Round: A Guide to Oral Adju...
10	What does the adjudicator look for in a debate?	 What does the adjudicator look for in a debate?
11	How to Give a Good Oral Adjudication	 How to Give a Good Oral Adjudication
12	How should judges deliberate after the	 Module 5: The deliberation process (Overview)

	debate?	
13	Chairing a panel by Robert Barrie	▶ Module 5: Chairing a panel by Robert Barrie
14	Judging as a panelist by Juanita Hincapié	▶ Module 5: Judging as a panelist by Juanita Hincapié
15	Avoiding common judging mistakes by Brent Schmidt	▶ Module 5: Avoiding common judging mistakes by Brent Schmidt
16	Intro to motion types (Overview) by Teck Wei Tan	▶ Module 3: Intro to motion types (Overview) by Teck Wei Tan
17	Analysing motions, Part 1 of 2, by Amrit Agastia	▶ Module 3: Analysing motions, Part 1 of 2, by Amrit Agastia
18	Analysing motions, Part 2 of 2, by Sooyoung Park	▶ Module 3: Analysing motions, Part 2 of 2, by Sooyoung Park
19	Definitions, fiat and models, by Mubarrat Wassey	▶ Module 3: Definitions, fiat and models, by Mubarrat Wassey
20	Giving oral adjudications by Noluthando Honono	▶ Module 5: Giving oral adjudications by Noluthando Honono
21	Evaluating whip speeches by Njuguna Macharia	▶ Module 4: Evaluating whip speeches by Njuguna Macharia
22	Intro to (good) tracking by Teck Wei Tan	▶ Module 1: Intro to (good) tracking by Teck Wei Tan
23	How I track, by Boemo Phirinyane	▶ Module 1: How I track, by Boemo Phirinyane
24	Evaluating rebuttal by Harish Natarajan	▶ Module 2: Evaluating rebuttal by Harish Natarajan
25	Clashes and prioritization by Enting Lee	▶ Module 2: Clashes and prioritization by Enting Lee
26	Reply Speeches - Reece Hooker (MAD Training 2021)	▶ Reply Speeches - Reece Hooker (MAD Training 2021)

27	Adjudication Principles - Amit (2011)	▶ Adjudication Principles - Amit (2011)
28	WSDC Bali 2017 SF USA v Singapore Oral Adjudication	▶ WSDC Bali 2017 SF USA v Singapore Oral Adjud...
29	WSDC Bali 2017 GF Oral Adjudication	▶ WSDC Bali 2017 GF Oral Adjudication
30	WSDC Bali 2017 SF USA v Singapore Oral Adjudication	▶ WSDC Bali 2017 SF USA v Singapore Oral Adjud...
31	WSDC Bali R1 Thailand v Qatar Oral Adjudication	▶ WSDC Bali R1 Thailand v Qatar Oral Adjudication