

**Appeals Procedure:**

The QDU works hard to train and standardise our adjudications across all year levels and in all regions. However, we acknowledge that on occasion, adjudicators may misapply certain critical rules, which requires the result of a debate to be reconsidered. In the vast majority of those circumstances, both teams will be deemed to have “won” the debate for the purposes of determining which teams will make it through to our finals series.

We should note that the QDU has limited capacity to allocate a significant number of “double wins”. To do so on more than a handful of occasions has the capacity to significantly bloat the size of our finals series. That is unfair for the students who worked hard to make that finals series, degrades the quality of that series, and makes it significantly more difficult for us to administer those debates. Consequently, it is extremely rare for the result of a debate overturned because a coach or teacher present for the debate disagreed with the outcome, particularly where the adjudicator in question can reasonably justify the outcome they provided.

The decision to award a double win is usually made at the discretion of the Adjudicators’ Vice-President, but may fall into the jurisdiction of the Schools’ Vice-President in some circumstances. If you wish for a debate to be reviewed, please email our administration officer at [admin@qdu.org.au](mailto:admin@qdu.org.au) with documentation of the key reasons you feel the decision should be overturned. The administration officer will make contact with the relevant executive member, who will investigate the occurrences by speaking to any parties they deem relevant. They will endeavour to provide a response as soon as reasonably possible, although detailed investigations can sometimes take some time.