

Evatt Judging Criteria

Evatt judging seeks to determine which team is **most effective** in achieving their nation's goals through diplomacy.

Judges understand the effectiveness of a team by assessing the actual (not prospective) achievements of that team throughout a round, taking into account not just the relative difficulty of those achievements from that team's position, but whether the nation's goals were thereby advanced and whether they were achieved by diplomacy.

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide some objectivity as to what makes an effective team. Teams will generally be more effective if they demonstrate the following five elements of effectiveness:

1. **Speaking.** Evatt speeches change the diplomatic conversation by making short, memorable, original, relevant, and logical points. Points of information (questions) must persuade the audience, either supporting allies or undermining an opposing argument through brief and pertinent questions or answers.
2. **Negotiation.** Listening and drawing one's counterpart towards agreement through reasoned, persuasive argument defines negotiation. This element also requires efficient use of Security Council procedure; delegates should manage their limited time to focus on their member state's highest priorities.
3. **Teamwork.** In an Evatt team, both partners participate in all parts of the competition and work harmoniously together. They recognize and take advantage of their complementary strengths and distinctive intellectual contributions through clear team strategy.
4. **Research.** Evatt teams reflect their state's policies, priorities, and agenda in their advocacy with reasonable accuracy. Teams apply their research to demonstrate understanding of their nation and the issues under discussion.
5. **A Diplomatic Manner.** Diplomacy is characterised by a manner of constructive engagement, where disagreement is channelled towards productive results through mature deliberation. In particular, teams must engage with their counterparts as if they would continue to do so long into the future, avoiding tactics like

bullying that produce a short-term result at a high long-term cost.

However, these elements will not always tell us the answers. Judges should be aware that each element reflects effectiveness, and that sometimes effectiveness can be achieved in contradiction of the element. Teams are, above all, assessed on effectiveness demonstrated through achievement in context.

Delegates must be unambiguously informed of when and where they are being judged and when and where they are not. When delegates are being judged, everything they do and say is relevant, and must be disclosed by the judges that witness it.

For more information regarding judging criteria, visit <http://bit.ly/2IfN47Q>