

## **The Selection process for Team Germany**

Potential applicants might be interested to know how the selection process for Team Germany will look like or what being part of Team Germany would entail.

The first part of this year's selection this year will be a selection weekend. This weekend will happen on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September. During the weekend, candidates will complete preparation tasks, take part in a debate and an interview. After this weekend, a squad of 6-9 debaters will be selected. This squad will then take part in preparation and training for the EurOpen tournament in Stuttgart from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

In addition to that during the weekend not just the squad of potential WSDC-participants will be selected but also a development squad that will consist of young but very talented debaters who did not yet make the squad but who we consider to have a lot of potential that should be supported. This development squad will have their own coaches and will attend international tournaments during the school year. Younger speakers in the WSDC-squad who do not make the final team are also welcome to join the development team.

After EurOpen the WSDC-squad will be reduced to 6 speakers. These will receive additional training and will attend the Winter Holidays Open in Zagreb in mid-December. With the year 2019 starting, we will select the final five debaters who will form the team representing Germany at the World Schools Debating Championships 2019.

The World Schools Debating Championships 2019 will happen in Colombo, Sri Lanka. WSDC is the most important schools debating tournament in the world and provides for the unique opportunity to meet debaters from regularly up to 60 countries. The teams participating not just compete for the World Championship but also find a unique chance of exchanging ideas and meeting people from a huge variety of cultures.

With the final team selected, we will start preparation for WSDC. This preparation will consist of debaters doing research on relevant global issues, diving into political, philosophical theory and focusing on the details of debating on the highest possible level. To achieve that the team will meet up regularly for training weekends, where the coaches will focus on improving your debating skills individually and on forming a working team to bring you to your full debating potential. In addition, the team will attend more tournaments including but not limited to the Nordic Schools Debating Competition in Copenhagen in February, the World Schools Debating Academy in Slovenia.

Mind that being part of the national team includes effort that debaters need to make. However, we will to the best of our ability try to make this year a pleasant experience and one that you will not regret if you apply!

### **Quotes about WSDC:**

“WSDC is a great opportunity to discuss today's current questions and meet people from all parts of the world”

– member of Team Germany 2018

“WSDC not just improved my presentation skill and my performance at school but also the complexity of topics and the approach to them prepared me excellently for university”

- member of Team Germany 2016