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STATEMENT ON THE QUARTERFINAL CONTEST BETWEEN ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE (AUGUSCO) AND KETA SENIOR HIGH TECHNICAL SCHOOL (KETASCO) IN THE SHARKS QUIZ

ATTN: ALL MEDIA HOUSES, PLATFORMS, AND STAKEHOLDERS
SUBJECT: REJECTION OF THE DECISION TO RE-RUN THE TIE-BREAKER AND CALL FOR UPHOLDING OF THE ORIGINAL RESULT IN LINE WITH OFFICIAL RULES

The St. Augustine's College Past Students' Union (APSU) has closely followed the developments surrounding the quarterfinal contest of The Sharks Quiz between our alma mater, St. Augustine's College (AUGUSCO), and Keta Senior High Technical School (KETASCO), including the press statements from the KETASCO Past Students' Association, the school's management, the Sharks Quiz Academic Board, and the recent correspondence from our Headmaster, Rev. Fr. Dr. Patrick Godfred Appiah.

We note and fully align with the position articulated by the Management of St. Augustine's College.

As past students of Augustus, it is our considered view that:

1. The contest, including the sudden-death tie-breaker stage, was conducted live in accordance with the official Rules and Regulations of The Sharks Quiz. AUGUSCO was declared the winner on stage after a correct answer was given and accepted in the tie-breaker. The match therefore ended with a clear winner as prescribed by the rules.
2. The Official Rules are explicit and unambiguous on finality: *"In the event of a tie, the competition is final once a tiebreaker question has been asked and answered correctly and any associated disputes or discrepancies have been addressed. No protests are accepted after the teams leave the studio."* Furthermore, *"Once an individual round is completed and the next round begins, the completed round becomes final and challenges are not accepted retroactively."* The tie-breaker is a completed round. The teams left the studio with AUGUSCO declared the winner. Any attempt to re-open the contest now is a direct violation of these clear provisions.

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3. The Rules permit only very limited correction mechanisms, and none of them includes re-running a completed tie-breaker:
 - Disputes must be raised by the coach to the studio judge at the end of the round. If valid, *“play stops and the discrepancy is addressed... Scores may be adjusted, or questions eliminated, if necessary. Play then resumes.”*
 - There is no rule authorising the Academic Board or anybody to nullify a concluded match and order a fresh contest days later. The post-event review and decision to re-run the tie-breaker on 23rd March 2026 therefore has no basis in the governing Rules and Regulations.
4. While we acknowledge the Academic Board’s post-contest literary review, that review does not override the live adjudication or the finality clauses above. Importantly, *“climax”* and *“peripeteia”* are not the same term, even in Greek tragedy. According to Aristotle’s *Poetics*, peripeteia is a sudden reversal of fortune (a specific plot device), while climax is the broader term for the point of highest dramatic tension and emotional peak.
5. The decision to re-run the tie-breaker, despite the contest having been formally closed, risks seriously jeopardizing the credibility and integrity that The Sharks Quiz has built. As college alumni, we believe that strict adherence to the published Rules — especially the explicit prohibition of retroactive challenges and post-studio protests — is essential to preserving trust among all participants.

In light of the above, the St. Augustine's College Past Students' Union (APSU):

1. Strongly rejects any decision to re-run the tie-breaker or any portion of the already concluded quarterfinal contest.
2. Calls on the Sharks Quiz Organizers, Academic Board and Jury to immediately rescind the re-run directive and reaffirm the original result declared on 19th March 2026, with AUGUSCO progressing as the rightful winners — in full compliance with the Official Rules.
3. Urges all stakeholders to respect the finality clauses contained in the Rules rather than create an unprecedented and unauthorised precedent.
4. Fully supports our school’s position that any attempt to illegally reopen a closed contest may necessitate legal recourse to protect the integrity of the outcome and the rights of our students.

This matter is no longer about which school advances; it is now about whether the Official Rules of The Sharks Quiz will be upheld or disregarded after the fact.

We commend both teams for their outstanding performance and sportsmanship. We trust that the Organizers will demonstrate the same integrity and good judgment that the Rules themselves demand and bring this matter to an immediate, rule-based conclusion.

When the contest ends and the teams leave the studio, the result must stand.



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