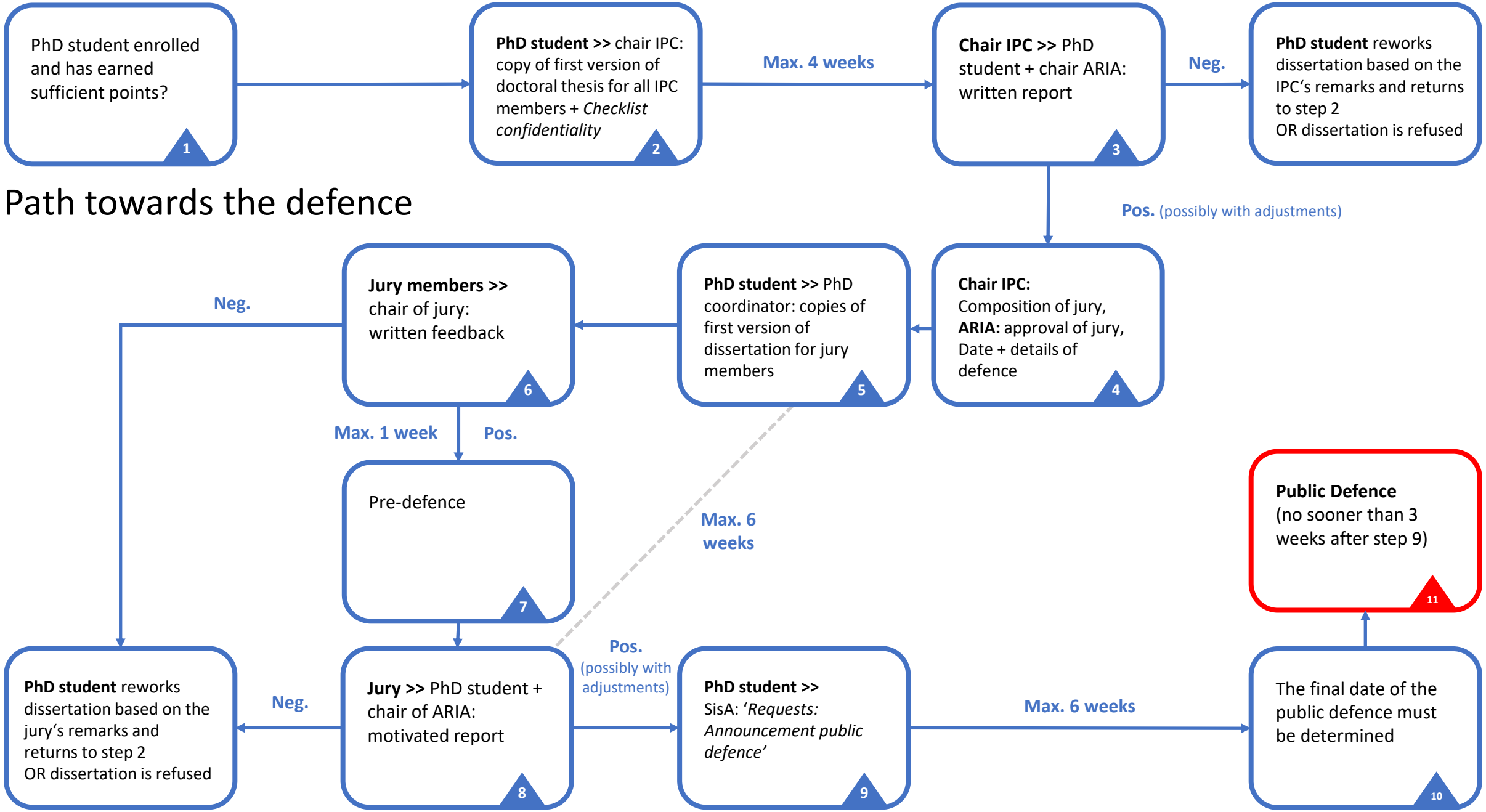Path towards the defence