

**Connecticut Debate Association
January 12, 2013 Tournament
King School, Fairfield Warde High School and Westhill High School**

On behalf of King School and Coach Ted Parker, Fairfield Warde High School and Coach Mick McGarry, and Westhill High School and Coach Aaron Hoffman, I would like to invite you to attend our next tournament on Saturday, January 12. We will follow our standard tournament format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. If you plan to attend, please reply to this email or to cda_debate@mindspring.com AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with an estimate of the number of Novice and Varsity you plan to bring. Send this immediately, even if it is only a guess. We would like to have a preliminary count by Tuesday evening, January 8, so we can have the packets printed and decide how to allocate teams to the two sites.

Since the three schools are close together, you may not be sent to the closest tournament, especially if you are located in Fairfield County. This is so we can accommodate the schools traveling from further away.

We have space for over 400 debaters and do not expect to have to limit attendance.

2. You must register your teams and judges through tabroom.com. Instructions for using tabroom.com for CDA can be found here: <http://ctdebate.org/PDFs/Using%20Tabroom.pdf>. We will be using tabroom.com for registration for all tournaments this year. The tournament is currently open for registration and will remain open until Friday, January 11 at 6PM.

Note we have added two groups for judges, Varsity and Novice. Please assign your experienced judges to Varsity, and your inexperienced judges to Novice. We will make adjustments to these assignments as necessary.

3. We will be using the new rules for Novice eligibility agreed at the Coaches Meeting:

The Novice division will be open to Freshman and Sophomores, regardless of experience or record. They may qualify and participate as Novices in State Finals both years. However, they may move up to Varsity at any time if they or their coach choose, and once having moved up, may not return to Novice. Coaches are encouraged to move a Novice up to Varsity as a Sophomore if they have been successful as a Freshman, but are not required to do so.

Juniors who have not debated before may participate as Novices in their first regular CDA tournament. Otherwise they may only debate in Varsity. They may not participate in State Finals except in Varsity. They may only qualify for State Finals while debating in Varsity.

Seniors may not participate as Novices in any CDA tournament.

4. We have changed the rules for State Finals in order to reduce the number of teams that qualify. This year, to qualify for State Finals, a debater must win a trophy at a regular tournament, or go 3-0 at two regular tournaments. In other words, simply going 3-0 at one tournament without winning a trophy will no longer qualify.

5. You can find directions to the three schools on their web sites:

King School

1450 Newfield Avenue | Stamford, CT 06905

<http://www.klht.org/>

Fairfield Warde High School

755 Melville Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06825

<http://www.edline.net/pages/fwhs>

Westhill High School

125 Roxbury Road, Stamford, CT 06902

<http://www.westhillweb.com/>

If you have questions, please email me at ejrutan3@ctdebate.org . I look forward to seeing you there.