

Connecticut Debate Association
October 12, 2013 Tournament
AITE and Farmington High School

On behalf of AITE and Coach Claude Morest, and Farmington High School and Coach Joel Nick, I would like to invite you to attend our first tournament of the 2013-14 season on Saturday, October 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, October 8, so we can have the packets printed and decide how to allocate teams to the two sites.

We will try to assign you to the tournament closest to you. We have more rooms at Farmington than at AITE. If we have a large turnout we will have to favor Farmington. If you send in your numbers late, we may have to send you to Farmington.

2. You must register your teams and judges through tabroom.com. For those of you who have gone to the Yale Invitational, it is the same system that they use. 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. It worked very well for the Novice Scrimmage. The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, September 30 at 8AM, and your entries must be in by Friday, October 11 at 6PM.

3. Please abide by the rules for Novice eligibility:

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. The rules for State Finals will be the same as last 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 not qualify.

You can find directions to the two schools at the web sites:

AITE

411 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905

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

Farmington High School

10 Monteith Drive Farmington, CT 06032

<http://www.fpsct.org/page.cfm?p=19>

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