

**Connecticut Debate Association
December 13, 2014 Tournament
Amity High School and Westhill High School**

On behalf of Amity High School and Coach Rick Bourdeau and Westhill High School and Coach Aaron Hoffman, I would like to invite you to attend our third tournament of the 2014-15 season on Saturday, December 13.

This tournament will be Parliamentary format, with four rounds of debate for every debater plus a final round. Information on the format and how to prepare for it can be found on the CDA website.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. If you plan to attend, please reply to this email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with an estimate of the number of debaters you plan to bring. This estimate need not be accurate. We would like to have a preliminary count by Thursday evening, December 4, so we can have the packets printed and decide how to allocate teams among the two sites.

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. The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, December 1 at 8AM, and your entries must be in by Friday, December 12 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 Sophomores up to Varsity if they have been successful as a Freshman, but are not required to do so.

Juniors who have never debated before in CDA 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. 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. ***For this tournament you will have to go 4-0, as there are four preliminary rounds.***

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

Amity Regional High School
25 Newtown Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525
<http://www.amityregion5.org/subsite/arhs>

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.