

Connecticut Debate Association
March 4, 2017 Tournament
Darien High School, Farmington High School and Guilford High School

On behalf of Darien High School and Coach Dennis Cummings, Farmington High School and Coach Joel Nick and Guilford High School and Coach Gianna Abbagnaro, I would like to invite you to attend our last regular tournament on Saturday, March 4. We will follow our standard tournament format with three rounds of policy/cross-ex debate and a public final round.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. We have three hosts and should have plenty of room, but it will require your cooperation to balance attendance. Because of the locations, we may have to ask some schools to travel a bit further this month. Please use the following guidelines when deciding where to register:

- Hartford area schools and those to the northeast should plan on Farmington;
- New Haven area and Fairfield County from Fairfield/Trumbull and Redding east should plan on Guilford;
- Schools in lower Fairfield County should attend Darien.

I will be sending emails to some coaches asking they attend specific locations.

This is the last regular tournament at which debaters can qualify for State Finals. My expectation is that Guilford will be the smallest tournament, and the one with the best odds for qualifying.

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. Registration is open for additions and changes until 9AM on the tournament date.

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.

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

Darien High School .
80 High School Lane . Darien, CT 06820
<http://www.darienps.org/dhs/cms/>

Farmington High School
10 Monteith Drive Farmington, CT 06032
<http://www.fpsct.org/page.cfm?p=19>

Guilford High School
605 New England Rd, Guilford, CT 06437
<http://www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~ghs/>

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

Tournament Day Schedule

Time	Activity	Location
8-9AM	Registration and coffee	Cafeteria
9AM	Resolution and packet distributed	Cafeteria
9-10AM	Preparation for debaters Workshop for judges	Cafeteria As directed
10-11:30AM	Round 1 (random pairings)	Room listed on round schedule
11:30AM-1PM	Round 2 (random pairings)	Room listed on round schedule
1-2PM	Lunch	Cafeteria
2-3:30PM	Round 3 (power matched, flip for side)	Room listed on round schedule
3:30-5PM	Varsity Final Round	Auditorium or cafeteria
5-5:30PM	Awards	Auditorium or cafeteria
5:30PM	Departure	