

**Connecticut Debate Association**  
**March 7, 2015 Tournament**  
**Darien High School, Guilford High School and Pomperaug High School**

On behalf of Darien High School and Coaches Ann Sather and Dennis Cummings, Guilford High School and Coach Gianna Abbagnaro and Pomperaug High School and Coach Margaret Hartshorn, I would like to invite you to attend our last regular tournament of the 2014-15 season on Saturday, March 7. 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. Please let us know if you are coming as soon as possible. Do this either by email to [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) or by placing an entry in [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). We don't need a count or team names, just whether you plan to attend so we can manage supplies and assign locations. We will generally assign you to the closest school, but if you have a preference please indicate it.
2. You must register your teams and judges through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). Instructions for using tabroom.com for CDA can be found here: <http://ctdebate.org/PDFs/Using%20Tabroom.pdf>. We use tabroom.com for registration for all tournaments. The tournament is open for registration at 8AM on Monday, February 23 and you may enter and edit entries until Friday, March 6 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.

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/>

Guilford High School  
605 New England Rd, Guilford, CT 06437

<http://www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~ghs/>

Pomperaug High School  
234 Judd Rd, Southbury, CT 06488  
<http://www.region15.org/subsite/phs>

If you have questions, please email me at [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) . Good luck to your teams!