

# Connecticut Debate Association

## Novice Scrimmage

### Pomperaug High School

**October 1, 2011**

The CDA's second annual Novice Scrimmage will be held on October 1, 2011 at Pomperaug High School. It will consist of a demonstration debate by two experienced CDA Varsity teams, a preparation period, and two rounds of debate. The preparation period will be split, with time before the demonstration round to review the resolution and read the packet, and time after the demonstration round to complete case preparation. The two rounds of debate will permit each Novice team to debate once as Affirmative and once as Negative.

We will follow the same procedures as at all CDA tournaments. Please register your teams and judges ahead of time by email to [cda\\_debate@mindspring.com](mailto:cda_debate@mindspring.com). Debaters cannot attend individually. Each school's entries must be accompanied by a responsible adult and follow their own school's rules regarding attendance at interscholastic events. The coach/adult must have emergency contact information for all students on the team, including students judging or observing.

**Eligibility:** Only students just starting debate in the CDA this year will be eligible to debate in the Novice Scrimmage. Seniors, even if they are new to debate, are not eligible to debate in the Novice Scrimmage, though they may attend as observers.

**Judges:** Schools must bring one judge for every four debaters, plus one extra. ***For this scrimmage, experienced Varsity debaters may serve as judges.*** Student-judges should have debated at the Varsity level during the 2010-11 season. Since we expect most judges will be coaches or students, the Judges Workshop will be oriented toward teaching the Varsity debaters about judging. In order to make sure all Varsity debaters who attend get a chance to judge, we may in some cases assign multiple judges per round.

**Awards:** We will be scoring the debates and returning ballots, but we will not be awarding trophies.

**Food:** There will be donuts, juice and coffee at registration. Students may purchase pizza slices and soft drinks for lunch.

#### **Schedule:**

8:15-9 AM	Registration
9-9:20 AM	Distribution of resolution and packet
9:20-10:50AM	Demonstration round by varsity debaters
10:50-11:30AM	Preparation period and judges workshop
11:30AM-1PM	Debate round 1
1-1:30PM	Lunch and discussion
1:30-3PM	Debate round 2
3-3:15PM	Departure