

# The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation and the Connecticut Debate Association

## Coolidge Cup Qualifying Tournament

April 1, 2017

### E.O. Smith High School

On behalf of the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation and the Connecticut Debate Association it is my privilege to invite you to the second Connecticut Coolidge Cup Qualifying Tournament to be held on April 1, 2017 at E.O. Smith High School in Mansfield, CT. The tournament will begin at 9AM and last until approximately 5:30PM, similar to regular CDA tournaments.

The tournament serves as an entry point to the Coolidge Cup competition, which has its final rounds at the Coolidge Historic Site in Plymouth Notch, Vermont. The top four individuals at this qualifying tournament will receive scholarships to the Coolidge Presidential Debate and Policy Institute held from June 28 to July 5 at the Site. They will also compete for more than \$10,000 in scholarships and prizes in the final rounds of the Coolidge Cup tournament on July 3-4. For more details on the Coolidge Cup, the Institute and the Foundation, please see their website, <https://coolidgefoundation.org/>.

### Debater Qualifications

This tournament is open to all high school students currently in their Sophomore or Junior year, from CDA member schools or from schools that are not members of CDA. Students must attend as members of a team from a degree-granting high school. Debaters will compete as individuals (one-person teams) but may prepare their arguments working with all others attending from their institution.

### Registration Procedure

Registration is through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com), a free service to the debate community provided by the National Speech and Debate Association. The tournament is listed as the *CDA Coolidge Qualifier*. Registration will open on Monday, March 20 at 8AM and entries may be added and edited through the morning of the tournament. There will be one open division of debate.

### Judge Requirements

Teams must come with sufficient *qualified* judges, one judge for every two debaters. (Note this is different from the usual CDA requirement of one judge for every four debaters as the competition is one-on-one rather than two-on-two). A qualified judge is someone who has judged in a Connecticut Debate Association tournament or similar debate event in the past year. A judge's experience may be in any format of debate: extemporaneous, parliamentary, policy, public forum, Lincoln-Douglas, etc. They are expected to understand how a tournament is organized, how to listen to debaters, take notes, keep time, decide a round and fill out a ballot. We will have a judges' workshop to explain the format and scoring expectations for this tournament, but we will not be training new judges.

### Debate Format

The debaters will compete as individuals (one person teams). We will follow the usual CDA extemporaneous debate preparation process. The resolution along with a packet of research material will be distributed at 9AM. There will be a presentation on the topic by the Coolidge Foundation.

Debaters will have an additional 45 minutes to prepare their arguments, and are expected to uphold both sides of the issue depending on the round. All of the debaters from a school may work together during the preparation period. Use of other material or electronic devices for research will not be permitted. Debaters may use cell phones to time during rounds.

### Speech timings

Speech	Time
Affirmative Constructive	5 minutes
Cross-ex of the Affirmative by Negative	2 minutes
Negative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross-examination of Negative by Affirmative	2 minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes
Negative Rebuttal and Summary	5 minutes
Affirmative Summary	3 minutes
Total	26 minutes
<i>Each team receives 4 minutes prep time to be taken prior to a speech in one minute increments.</i>	

### Schedule

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

8-9AM	Registration
9-9:45AM	Welcome and Coolidge Presentation
9:45-10:30AM	Case preparation and judges workshop
10:30-11:15AM	Round 1
11:15AM-Noon	Round 2
Noon-1:00PM	Lunch
1:00-2:00PM	Round 3
2:00-3:00PM	Round 4
3:00-3:45PM	Quarterfinals, depending on field size
3:45-4:30PM	Semifinals
4:30-5:15PM	Finals
5:15-5:30PM	Awards and departure

Note the schedule is subject to change depending on the number of attendees.

### Location

Information on E.O.Smith High School and directions can be found on the school web site:

Edwin O. Smith High School  
 1235 Storrs Road, Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268  
<http://www.eosmith.org/>