

**Connecticut Debate Association
January 12, 2019 Tournament
Guilford High School, Fairfield Warde High School and Wilton High School**

On behalf of Guilford High School and Coach Ralph Russo, Warde High School and Coach Mick McGarry, and Wilton High School and Coach Anthony Presta, I would like to invite you to attend our first tournament of the new year on Saturday, January 12. We will follow our standard tournament format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. We have three hosts and expect to have room for all wishing to debate. However, to make sure the tournaments are relatively equal in size, we would prefer that schools sign up for events at the locations indicated:

Guilford High School	Warde High School	Wilton High School
Aerospace	AITE	Bethel
Amistad	Brien McMahon	HIS/Hive
Amity	Darien	Joel Barlow
Daniel Hand	Greenwich	Oxford
Farmington	King	Pomperaug
Glastonbury	Lauralton Hall	Ridgefield
Guilford	New Canaan	Sacred Heart
Hamden Hall	Pierrepont	Shepaug Valley
Hopkins	St. Joseph's	Weston
Loomis Chaffee	St. Luke's	Wilton
Seymour	Stamford	Woodbury
Simsbury	Staples	Wooster
Westfield/Watkinson	Warde	
Wethersfield	Westhill	
Windsor		
Xavier		

These assignments are based on attendance counts at tournaments this year and result in about the same number of teams at each location. If you would like to switch, please email me first. If you are a school not on the list, please email me and tell me which location you prefer and how many teams you would like to bring.

We appreciate registrations with approximate numbers by Tuesday evening, January 8, so we can give the host schools a reasonable estimate of attendance.

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.

All teams will be wait-listed on entry so that we can review them. We will confirm entry over the weekend of Dec. 1-2.

The tournament entry on tabroom.com has three events, Varsity, Novice and Observer, for each location. Observers are welcome, but must be registered if you would like them to receive copies of the resolution package

The tournament will be open for registration on Wednesday, January 3 at 8AM.

4. Please abide by the rules for Novice eligibility (unchanged from last year):

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.

5. 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.

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

Guilford High School
605 New England Road, Guilford, CT 06437
<https://ghs.guilfordschools.org/index.jsp>

Wilton High School
395 Danbury Rd, Wilton, CT 06897
<http://www.wiltonps.org/wilton-high-school>

Warde High School
377 North Wilton Road, New Canaan, CT 06840
<https://www.stlukesct.org/Page>

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	