

Connecticut Debate Association

January 9, 2016 Tournament

E.O.Smith High School, King School and Trumbull High School

On behalf of E.O. Smith High School and Coach Kara Tamburri, King School and Coach Ian Lear-Nickum and Trumbull High School and Coach Hope Spalla, I would like to invite you to attend our fourth tournament of the 2015-16 season on Saturday, January 9. 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 one week to register and prepare once school starts on January 4, so please get your entries in as soon as possible. We have plenty of room. As in December, we would like to three tournaments of nearly equal size. Please use the following guidelines when deciding where to register:

- Hartford area schools (Middletown and north, Farmington and east) should plan on E.O.Smith;
- New Haven area and shoreline schools (Fairfield and east) should plan on Trumbull;
- Fairfield County schools west of Fairfield should plan on King;
- Schools in northwest Connecticut will likely have their choice.

We are not asking anyone to drive excessive distances, but we may ask schools relatively close to two locations to drive a bit further in order to balance enrolment. If you are uncertain as to where to go, please email me.

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. The tournament opens for registration on Monday, January 28 at 8AM and stays 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:

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

King School
1450 Newfield Avenue | Stamford, CT 06905
<http://www.klht.org/>

Trumbull High School
72 Strobel Rd., Trumbull, CT 06611
<http://www.trumbullps.org/ths/>

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