

Connecticut Debate Association  
October 13, 2012 Tournament  
AITE and Farmington High School

On behalf of AITE and Coach Claude Morest, and Farmington High School and Coach Scott Wetstone, I would like to invite you to attend our first tournament of the 2012-13 on Saturday, October 13. We will follow our standard tournament format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. If you plan to attend, please reply to this email or to [cda\\_debate@mindspring.com](mailto:cda_debate@mindspring.com) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with an estimate of the number of Novice and Varsity you plan to bring. Send this immediately, even if it is only a guess. We would like to have a preliminary count by Tuesday evening, October 9, so we can have the packets printed and decide how to allocate teams to the two sites.

We will try to assign you to the tournament closest to you. We have more rooms at Farmington than at AITE. If we have a large turnout we will have to favor Farmington. If you send in your numbers late, we may have to send you to Farmington.

2. You must register your teams and judges through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). For those of you who have gone to the Yale Invitational, it is the same system that they use. 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 this year. It worked very well for the Novice Scrimmage. The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, October 8 at 8AM, and your entries must be in by Friday, October 12 at 6PM.

3. We will be using the new rules for Novice eligibility agreed at the Coaches Meeting:

*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 a Novice up to Varsity as a Sophomore if they have been successful as a Freshman, but are not required to do so.*

*Juniors who have not debated before 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. We have modified the ballot slightly: the skill categories are graded Excellent, Satisfactory or Needs Improvement. Only a total point score is required. The revised ballot is attached.

5. We have changed the rules for State Finals in order to reduce the number of teams that

qualify. This year, 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 no longer qualify.

You can find directions to the two schools at the web sites:

AITE

411 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905

<http://www.aitestamford.org/>

Farmington High School

10 Monteith Drive Farmington, CT 06032

<http://www.fpsct.org/page.cfm?p=19>

If you have questions, please email me at [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) . I look forward to seeing you there.