

Connecticut Debate Association
October 25, 2014 Tournament
AITE, Joel Barlow and Farmington High School

On behalf of AITE and Coach Claude Morest, Joel Barlow High School and Coach Randy Smith and Farmington High School and Coach Joel Nick, I would like to invite you to attend our first tournament of the 2014-15 season on Saturday, October 25. We will follow our standard tournament format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. If you plan to attend, please reply to this email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with an estimate of the number of debaters you plan to bring. This estimate need not be accurate. We would like to have a preliminary count by Thursday evening, October 16, so we can have the packets printed and decide how to allocate teams among the three sites.

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 will be open for registration on Monday, October 13 at 8AM, and your entries must be in by Friday, October 24 at 6PM.

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:

AITE
411 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905
<http://www.aitestamford.org/>

Joel Barlow High School
100 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, CT 06896
<http://www.joelbarlowps.org/pages/jbhs>

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 . I look forward to seeing you there.