

**Connecticut Debate Association
November 10, 2018 Tournament
Shepaug Valley High School and Stamford High School**

On behalf of Shepaug Valley High School and Coach Fran Beilinson, and Stamford High School and Coach Jeremy White, I would like to invite you to attend our second tournament of the 2018-19 season on Saturday, November 10. We will follow our standard tournament format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. We have room for about 400 debaters. *If you plan to attend, either register on tabroom.com or else email me by Friday evening, November 2 with a reasonable estimate of how many teams you intend to bring.*

We will try to give those registered by Friday evening, November 2 their choice of location, but we may have to ask you to switch in order to achieve balance. Those registering later cannot expect to have choice of location or sufficient space.

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 Nov. 3-4.

The tournament entry on tabroom.com has six events, Varsity, Novice and Observer for each of Shepaug Valley and Stamford. You may choose the tournament you would like to attend by registering your debaters in the events for one high school or the other. We may ask teams that are nearly equidistant from the two hosts to switch if registrations are unbalanced.

The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, October 29 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:

Shepaug Valley School

159 South Street

Washington, CT 06793

<https://www.region-12.org/our-schools/shepaug-valley-school-6-12>

Stamford High School

155 Strawberry Hill Ave.

Stamford, CT 06902

<https://www.stamfordpublicschools.org/stamford-high-school>

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	