

**Connecticut Debate Association
December 12, 2015 Tournament
Masuk, Shepaug Valley and Warde High Schools**

On behalf of Masuk High School and Coach Jamie Sherry, Shepaug Valley High School and Coach Fran Bellinson, and Warde High School and Coach Mick McGarry, I would like to invite you to attend our third tournament of the 2015-16 season on Saturday, December 12. We will follow our standard tournament format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. If you plan to attend, please email us 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, December 3, so we can have the correct number of packets printed.
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> or you can use the tabroom online documentation. We use tabroom.com for all tournaments.

The tournament entry on tabroom.com has six events: Varsity, Novice and Observer for each of the three host schools. ***While we would like to allow you to choose the tournament host you prefer, this resulted in severely unbalanced tournaments in November. We will be directing teams to particular hosts to prevent this. When you send in an email to indicate your participation or register your teams we will confirm your tournament location.***

Note that each tournament also has two judge groups—Novice and Varsity. Please consider the experience of your judges when you enter them into a group.

The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, November 30 at 8AM. You may make changes up through the morning of the tournament. We would like each school to take responsibility for making sure their entries are correct, rather than having to change them ourselves on the morning of the tournament.

3. With three hosts, we have space for about 600 debaters so we expect to have room for everyone who wants to attend.
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:

Masuk High School

1014 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, CT 06468

<http://www.edline.net/pages/MasukHighSchool>

Shepaug Valley High School

159 South Street, Washington, CT 06793

<http://svs.region-12.org/>

Warde High School

755 Melville Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06825

<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/fwhs/>

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	