

**Connecticut Debate Association  
February 1, 2020 Tournament  
Guilford High School and New Canaan High School**

On behalf of Guilford High School and Coach Ralph Russo and New Canaan High School and Coach Nancy Stevens, I would like to invite you to attend our fifth tournament of the 2019-20 season on Saturday, February 1. We will follow our standard tournament format.

**Please read the following items carefully:**

1. We expect to have room for all who want to attend. We ask teams in lower Fairfield County to favor New Canaan High School where possible as that site has more available classrooms. We ask teams just West of New Haven to favor Guilford High School so we can fill that location.

2. You must register your teams and judges through [tabroom.com](http://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](http://tabroom.com) for registration for all tournaments.

The tournament entry on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) has six events, Varsity, Novice and Observer for each of Guilford and New Canaan. 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, January 20, 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 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:

Guilford High School  
605 New England Rd, Guilford, CT 06437  
<https://ghs.guilfordschools.org/index.jsp>

New Canaan High School  
11 Farm Road, New Canaan, CT 06840  
<https://www.ncps-k12.org/Page/11>

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

#### **Tournament Day Schedule**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>8-9AM</b>	Registration and coffee	Cafeteria
<b>9AM</b>	Resolution and packet distributed	Cafeteria
<b>9-10AM</b>	Preparation for debaters Workshop for judges	Cafeteria As directed
<b>10-11:30AM</b>	Round 1 (random pairings)	Room listed on round schedule
<b>11:30AM-1PM</b>	Round 2 (random pairings)	Room listed on round schedule
<b>1-2PM</b>	Lunch	Cafeteria
<b>2-3:30PM</b>	Round 3 (power matched, flip for side)	Room listed on round schedule
<b>3:30-5PM</b>	Varsity Final Round	Auditorium or cafeteria
<b>5-5:30PM</b>	Awards	Auditorium or cafeteria
<b>5:30PM</b>	Departure	