

Connecticut Debate Association
March 2, 2013 Tournament
Darien High School, Guilford High School and Pomperaug High School

On behalf of Darien High School and coach Ann Sather, Guilford High School and coach Cindy Cartier and Pomperaug High School and coach Margaret Hartshorn, I would like to invite you to attend our last regular tournament of the year on Saturday, March 2. 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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We don't need to know how many debaters are coming. We would like to have a preliminary count by Tuesday evening, February 26, so we can have the packets printed and decide how to allocate teams to the two sites.

We have space for 472 debaters.

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 this year. The tournament is currently open for registration and will remain open until Friday, March 1 at 6PM.

We have two groups for judges, Varsity and Novice. Please assign your experienced judges to Varsity, and your inexperienced judges to Novice. We will make adjustments to these assignments as necessary.

In addition to Varsity and Novice, we also have a category Observers for students who only want to observe. We will add packets to your school envelope for any Observers you register.

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 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.

5. You can find directions to the schools on their web sites:

Darien High School .

80 High School Lane . Darien, CT 06820

<http://www.darienps.org/dhs/cms/>

Guilford High School

605 New England Rd, Guilford, CT 06437

<http://www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~ghs/>

Pomperaug High School

234 Judd Rd, Southbury, CT 06488

<http://www.region15.org/subsite/phs>

If you have questions, please email me at ejrutan3@ctdebate.org . I look forward to seeing you there.