

**Connecticut Debate Association**  
**State Finals Tournament Invitation**  
**Stamford High School, March 25, 2023**

On behalf of Stamford High School and the CDA, you are invited to our State Finals tournament for the 2022-23 season on Saturday, March 25, 2023. This will be an in-person tournament using our Parliamentary format.

Only debaters who have qualified at one of our regular season tournaments may debate, with exceptions as necessary to complete a team. Observers are welcome, but must register.

Please read the following carefully:

1. **Timeline:** Please respect the timeline for signing up for this tournament:
  - a. Emails have gone out to coaches with the names of their debaters who have qualified. If you did not receive an email but believe you have qualifying debaters, please email me.
  - b. March 13, 2023—invitation goes out to all Coaches and is posted on the CDA website and registration opens on Tabroom.
  - c. **March 22, 2023 at 6PM (Wednesday)—teams must be registered in Tabroom. Entries after this time will only be accepted if there is room.** (If you didn't complete step b, you may still register teams. If we are short space, schools who completed step b will be favored.)
  - d. March 25, 9AM—tournament begins!
2. **Numbers:** Space is limited, and the number of teams accepted from each school will depend on demand. Please provide a guess-timate in the Google form or by registering teams in Tabroom.
3. **Judges:** You must have one qualified judge for every two teams or part thereof. Extra judges are always welcome.
4. **Registration:** You must register your teams and judges through [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) . Instructions for using Tabroom.com for CDA can be found here: [CDA Brief Tabroom Instructions](#). We will be using Tabroom.com for registration for all tournaments.
  - a. There will be three events: Varsity, Novice and Observer.
  - b. For Judges there will be two categories, Varsity and Novice. Varsity judges should either have judged a debate tournament before or be former high school debaters.
5. **Novices:** Please abide by the rules for Novice eligibility (unchanged from last year):
  - a. 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.
  - b. **Juniors and Seniors may not participate as Novices at State Finals.**
6. **Coaches:** Debaters cannot attend individually. *We expect each team to be accompanied by a Coach or responsible adult approved by your school* who will follow and manage the team's activities and be available for discussion if required. The Coach may also serve as a judge.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) .

### Tournament Day Schedule

Time	Activity	Comment
8-9AM	Arrival and registration	Register, buy lunch tickets, gather in the cafeteria
9-10AM	Case Preparation	Packet distributed; teams prepare for debate Judges workshop for new judges
10-11:15AM	Round 1	Classrooms or online
11:15AM-12:30PM	Round 2	Classrooms or online
12:30-1:15PM	Lunch	Cafeteria
1:15-2:30PM	Round 3	Classrooms or online
2:30-3:45PM	Round 4	Classrooms or online
4-5PM	Final Round	Auditorium
5-5:30PM	Awards	Trophies, ballots and departure

### Round Format

Prime Minister Constructive (PMC)	7 minutes	Provides an interpretation of the resolution and lays out the Government's case
Leader of Opposition Constructive (LOC)	8 minutes	Lays out the Opposition case and replies to the Government case.
Member of Government Constructive (MGC)	8 minutes	Responds to previous arguments, and may introduce new points while doing so
Member of Opposition Constructive (MOC)	8 minutes	
Leader of Opposition Rebuttal (LOR)	4 minutes	Summarizes the debate from the Opposition perspective, while responding to arguments.
Prime Minister Rebuttal (PMR)	5 minutes	Summarizes the debate from the Government perspective, while responding to arguments.