

**Connecticut Debate Association**  
**Debate Tournament Invitation**  
**March 4, 2023**

On behalf of Westhill High School and the CDA, you are invited to our last regular tournament of the 2022-23 season on Saturday, March 4, 2023. This will be an in-person tournament using our Parliamentary format.

Westhill has space for approximately 120 teams. To plan effectively, we ask all Coaches to fill out the following Google form:

<https://forms.gle/88n4qiW2tWSBLxdX8>

Please read the following carefully:

1. **Timeline:** Please respect the timeline for signing up for this tournament:
  - a. February 20, 2023—invitation goes out to all Coaches and is posted on the CDA website and registration opens on Tabroom.
  - b. **February 24, 6PM (Friday)—Coaches must complete Google form or register teams if they wish to be assured of space.**
  - c. **March 1, 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 4, 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 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.
  - c. Seniors may not participate as Novices in any CDA tournament.

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<br>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

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| 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. |