

Connecticut Debate Association
November 16, 2013 Tournament
Amity High School and New Canaan High School

On behalf of Amity High School and Coach Rick Bourdeau, and New Canaan High School and Coach Kristine Goldhawk, I would like to invite you to attend our second tournament of the 2013-14 season on Saturday, November 16. 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 with an estimate of the number of Novice and Varsity you plan to bring. We would like to have a preliminary count by Tuesday evening, November 12, so we can have the packets printed and decide how to allocate teams to the two sites.
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. The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, November 4 at 8AM, and your entries must be in by Friday, November 15 at 6PM.

3. Please abide by the rules for Novice eligibility:

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. 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.

5. You can find directions to the two schools at the web sites:

Amity Regional High School
25 Newtown Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525
<http://www.amityregion5.org/subsite/arhs>

New Canaan High School
11 Farm Road, New Canaan, CT 06840
<http://newcanaan.k12.ct.us/education/school/school.php?sectionid=20>

If you have questions, please email me at ejrutan3@ctdebate.org. Good luck to your teams!