

**Connecticut Debate Association**  
**January 11, 2014 Tournament**  
**Fairfield Warde High School, King School, Ridgefield High School**

On behalf of Fairfield Warde High School and Coach Mick McGarry, King School and Coach Ian Lear-Nickum, and Ridgefield High School and Coach Jeanne Tejada, I would like to invite you to attend our third tournament of the 2013-14 season on Saturday, January 11. 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](mailto:cda_debate@mindspring.com) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with an estimate of the number of Novice and Varsity you plan to bring. If you have a preference as to location, include it. We only have a week to arrange things.
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 for registration for all tournaments. The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, December 30 at 8AM, and your entries and any changes must be in by Friday, January 10 at 6PM.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR JUDGES! WE HAVE HAD SOME CONFUSION RECENTLY WHEN TEAMS BROUGHT JUDGES WHO HAD NOT BEEN REGISTERED!**

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 three schools at the web sites:

King School

1450 Newfield Avenue | Stamford, CT 06905

<http://www.klht.org/>

Fairfield Warde High School  
755 Melville Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06825  
<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/fwhs/>

Ridgefield High School  
700 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
<http://www.ridgefield.org/subsite/rhs>

If you have questions, please email me at [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) . Good luck to your teams!