

**Connecticut Debate Association  
October 14, 2017 Tournament  
AITE and Seymour High School**

On behalf of AITE and Coach Claude Morest and Seymour High School and Coach Jennifer Monaco, I would like to invite you to attend our first tournament of the 2016-17 season on Saturday, October 14. We will follow our standard tournament format.

**Please read the following items carefully:**

*1. We have room for about 330 debaters. If you plan to attend, you must either register on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) or else email me by Friday evening, October 6 with a reasonable estimate of how many teams you intend to bring. New registrations the week of October 9 are not guaranteed space at the tournaments.*

2. You must register your teams and judges through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) . Instructions for using [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) for CDA can be found here: <http://ctdebate.org/PDFs/Using%20Tabroom.pdf> . We will be using [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) for registration for all tournaments.

The tournament entry on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) has six events, Varsity, Novice and Observer for each of AITE and Seymour. You may choose the tournament you would like to attend by registering your debaters in the events for one high school or the other. We may ask teams that are nearly equidistant from the two hosts to switch if registrations are unbalanced.

The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, October 2 at 8AM.

4. Please abide by the rules for Novice eligibility (unchanged from last year):

*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.*

*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.*

*Seniors may not participate as Novices in any CDA tournament.*

5. 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.

6. You can find directions to the schools at their web sites:

AITE

411 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905

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

Seymour High School

2 Botsford Road, Seymour, CT 06483

[https://www.edline.net/pages/Seymour\\_High\\_School](https://www.edline.net/pages/Seymour_High_School)

If you have questions, please email me at [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) . I look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Tournament Day Schedule**

| <b>Time</b>        | <b>Activity</b>                                 | <b>Location</b>               |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>8-9AM</b>       | Registration and coffee                         | Cafeteria                     |
| <b>9AM</b>         | Resolution and packet distributed               | Cafeteria                     |
| <b>9-10AM</b>      | Preparation for debaters<br>Workshop for judges | Cafeteria<br>As directed      |
| <b>10-11:30AM</b>  | Round 1 (random pairings)                       | Room listed on round schedule |
| <b>11:30AM-1PM</b> | Round 2 (random pairings)                       | Room listed on round schedule |
| <b>1-2PM</b>       | Lunch   | Cafeteria                     |
| <b>2-3:30PM</b>    | Round 3 (power matched, flip for side)          | Room listed on round schedule |
| <b>3:30-5PM</b>    | Varsity Final Round                             | Auditorium or cafeteria       |
| <b>5-5:30PM</b>    | Awards  | Auditorium or cafeteria       |
| <b>5:30PM</b>      | Departure                                       |                               |