

Connecticut Debate Association
November 15, 2014 Tournament
Housatonic Valley Regional High School and New Canaan High School

On behalf of Housatonic Valley Regional High School and Coach John Lizzi, and New Canaan High School and Coach Kristine Goldhawk, I would like to invite you to attend our second tournament of the 2014-15 season on Saturday, November 15. We will follow our standard tournament format.

WE ONLY HAVE ROOM FOR 384 DEBATERS, 100 FEWER THAN ATTENDED OCTOBER'S TOURNAMENTS AND 130 FEWER THAN NOVEMBER 2013.

WE WILL BE LIMITING ATTENDANCE AND IMPLEMENTING STRICT ENROLLMENT POLICIES TO EFFICIENTLY DEAL WITH THE SITUATION.

Please read the following special instructions carefully:

1. We will plan on the basis of 40 schools and 10 debaters per school. You may expect to bring 5 teams if you register them on time.
2. If you have more than 5 teams that wish to attend, you should ENTER THEM ALL promptly. We will allocate extra slots on the basis of teams entered on time.
3. You must register your teams through tabroom.com BY 6PM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11. At that time we will allocate any available slots beyond the 5 team limit to schools with additional entries and promptly notify the coaches that they have been accepted.
4. Entries received after 6PM on Tuesday, November 11, will be considered late and may not be accepted. They will be admitted first-come-first-served as space is or becomes available. We will not take previously allocated slots away from other schools to accommodate late entries.

Instructions for using tabroom.com for CDA can be found here:

<http://ctdebate.org/PDFs/Using%20Tabroom.pdf> . The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, November 3 at 8AM.

Rules for Novice eligibility:

The Novice division will be open to Freshmen 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.

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.

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

Housatonic Valley Regional High School
246 Warren Turnpike Road
Falls Village, CT
<http://www.hvrhs.org/>

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 . I look forward to seeing you there.