

**Connecticut Debate Association
February 15, 2014 Tournament
Joel Barlow High School**

On behalf of Joel Barlow High School and Coach Randy Smith I would like to invite you to attend our fifth tournament of the 2013-14 season on Saturday, February 15. We will be using a Parliamentary debate format different from our usual format. You should read the accompanying files on the CDA website, <http://ctdebate.org>.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. We only have space for 100 teams or 200 debaters. Initially we will limit each school to 4 teams until we have a better idea of demand. Given the new format, we recommend that you favor Varsity teams and let your Novices observe. In order to have time to determine and allocate any extra slots, **you must register by 6PM on Wednesday, February 12.**
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, February 3 at 8AM.

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:

Joel Barlow High School
100 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, CT 06896
<http://www.joelbarlowps.org/pages/jbhs>

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