

**Connecticut Debate Association
February 24, 2018 Tournament
Warde High School**

On behalf of Warde High School and Coach Mick McGarry, I would like to invite you to attend a makeup tournament on Saturday, February 24. We will follow our usual format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. We have room for around 200 debaters. Please get your entries in as soon as possible.

Note: We had an offer for a second host, Farmington High School, as noted in my email announcing the makeup tournament. Only half of CDA member schools responded, and only 16 indicated they would attend. This is our typical attendance at a single tournament, which is why only the Warde offer has been picked up. This also means many teams will be driving further than they otherwise might have.

Priority at Warde will be given to schools that responded to my email prior to February 12. If you did not respond to that email and subsequently decide to attend and we are short on space, your entry may be refused.

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 entry on tabroom.com has three events, Varsity, Novice and Observer for Warde. *The tournament will be open for registration on Tuesday, February 13 at 8AM.* Teams will be waitlisted until I release them.

3. 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.

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 schools at their web sites:

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

If you have questions, please email me at ejrutan3@ctdebate.org . I look forward to seeing you there.

Tournament Day Schedule

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