

# Connecticut Debate Association

February 6, 2016 Tournament

Daniel Hand High School, Glastonbury High School and Staples High School

On behalf of Daniel Hand High School and Coach George Petrakopoulos, Glastonbury High School and Coach Jenna Bach and Staples High School and Coach John Bengston, I would like to invite you to attend our fifth tournament of the 2015-16 season on Saturday, February 6. We will follow our standard tournament format with three rounds of policy/cross-ex debate and a public final round.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. We have three hosts and should have plenty of room, but it will require your cooperation to balance attendance. Because of the locations, we may have to ask some schools to travel a bit further this month. Please use the following guidelines when deciding where to register:

- Hartford area schools and those in the northwest should plan on Glastonbury;
- New Haven area and Fairfield County from Fairfield east should plan on Daniel Hand;
- Fairfield County schools west of Fairfield should plan on Staples.

If you are uncertain as to where to go, please email me.

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 opens for registration on Monday, January 25 at 8AM and stays open for additions and changes until 9AM on the tournament date.

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 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:

Daniel Hand High School  
286 Green Hill Road, Madison, CT 06443  
<http://www.madison.k12.ct.us/page.cfm?p=442>

Glastonbury High School  
330 Hubbard St, Glastonbury, CT 06033  
<http://www.klht.org/>

Staples High School  
70 North Ave., Westport, CT 06880  
<http://shs.westport.k12.ct.us/>

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