

**Connecticut Debate Association**  
**March 1, 2014 Tournament**  
**Darien High School, Guilford High School, Pomperaug High School**

On behalf of Darien High School and Coach Dennis Cummings, Guilford High School and Coach Gianna D'Ambrosca, and Pomperaug High School and Coach Margaret Hartshorn, I would like to invite you to attend our fifth tournament of the 2013-14 season on Saturday, March 1. We will follow the usual format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. If you plan to attend, please reply to this email or to [cda\\_debate@mindspring.com](mailto:cda_debate@mindspring.com) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with an estimate of the number of Novice and Varsity you plan to bring. If you have a preference as to location, include it.
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 will be open for registration on Monday, February 17 at 8AM, and your entries and any changes must be in by Friday, February 28 at 6PM.

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:

Darien High School .

80 High School Lane . Darien, CT 06820

<http://www.darienps.org/dhs/cms/>

Guilford High School  
605 New England Rd, Guilford, CT 06437  
<http://www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~ghs/>

Pomperaug High School  
234 Judd Rd, Southbury, CT 06488  
<http://www.region15.org/subsite/phs>

If you have questions, please email me at [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) . Good luck to your teams!