

# Connecticut Debate Association

## Novice Scrimmage

### Wethersfield High School

**October 2, 2010**

The CDA's first annual (we hope) Novice Scrimmage will be held on October 2, 2010 at Wethersfield High School. It will consist of a demonstration debate by two experienced CDA Varsity teams, a preparation period, and two rounds of debate. The preparation period will be split, with time before the demonstration round to review the resolution and read the packet, and time after the demonstration round to complete case preparation. The two rounds of debate will permit each Novice team to debate once as Affirmative and once as Negative.

We will follow the same procedures as at all CDA tournaments. Please register your teams and judges ahead of time by email to [cda\\_debate@mindspring.com](mailto:cda_debate@mindspring.com). Debaters cannot attend individually. Each team must be accompanied by a responsible adult and follow their own school's rules regarding attendance at interscholastic events. The coach/adult will be expected to have emergency contact information for all students on the team.

**Eligibility:** Only students just starting debate in the CDA this year will be eligible to debate in the Novice Scrimmage. Seniors are not eligible to debate as novices

**Judges:** Schools must bring one judge for every four debaters, plus one extra. For this tournament, experienced Varsity debaters may serve as judges. Student-judges should have debated at the Varsity level during the 2009-10 season. Since we expect most judges will be coaches or students, the Judges Workshop will be oriented toward teaching the Varsity debaters about judging. In order to make sure all Varsity debaters who attend get a chance to judge, we may in some cases assign multiple judges per round.

**Awards:** We will be scoring the debates, but we will not be awarding trophies. There will be some acknowledgement of attendance for all students participating.

#### Schedule

8:15-9 AM	Registration
9-9:20 AM	Distribution of resolution and packet
9:20-10:50AM	Demonstration round by varsity debaters
10:50-11:30AM	Preparation period and judges workshop
11:30AM-1PM	Debate round 1
1-1:30PM	Lunch and discussion
1:30-3PM	Debate round 2
3-3:15PM	Departure