

Connecticut Debate Association State Finals

Amity Regional High School

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Qualifiers

Debaters qualify for State Finals either by winning a trophy at a regular monthly tournament or by going undefeated at 2 or more regular monthly tournaments. Debaters qualify as individuals, not as a team:

- if a team wins a trophy, both individuals qualify;
- if a debater wins a speaker trophy his or her partner does not qualify from that award, though they may qualify from another award;
- if a debater goes undefeated with one partner at one tournament and with a different partner at another tournament, only the debater who has gone undefeated twice qualifies, though the partners may qualify in other ways.

A debater who qualifies both as a Novice and as a Varsity debater during the year is listed as qualifying in Varsity, and it is preferred that debater compete in Varsity. However, if the debater has primarily been a Novice debater during the year and is still a Freshman or Sophomore, they may debater in Novice.

Juniors and Seniors must debate in Varsity at State Finals.

You will receive an email with the list of your qualifying debaters according to CDA records. Please check this list is correct and email ejrutan3@ctdebate.org if you have questions.

Pairing Teams for State Finals

You may pair your qualified debaters in each division any way you choose. Debaters do not have to compete with the same partner they qualified with or with the same partner they had at any other tournament (and if that debater did not qualify they may not be able to).

If you have an odd number of debaters who qualified in either division, you may add one debater who did not qualify to make a team. For example, if you have two Novices who qualified, they must debate together, even if they are not regular partners. However, if you have three Novices who qualified, you may add a fourth Novice who did not qualified to make up a full team. (Note if one of the three qualifying debaters drops out the night before, you are back to two qualified debaters and they must compete together.)

No more than one non-qualifying debater may be added in each division, and only if the number of qualifying debaters in that division who attend the tournament is odd.

Judges for State Finals

You must bring qualified judges to State Finals. A “qualified judge” is someone who has judged in at least two CDA tournaments in that division, Novice or Varsity. If you bring a judge who is not qualified we may choose not to use that judge.

There will be a judges’ workshop but it will focus on how to judge a debate. It will not cover how the tournament operates or the mechanics of filling out and returning a ballot. In other words, it will not be a session for new judges.

Registering for State Finals

Register teams and judges through tabroom.com as usual. There are only two divisions, Varsity and Novice. Registration is open now and will remain open for new entries and changes up until the morning of the tournament. We will review all registrations to make sure they comply with the instructions above, and will ask you to make corrections if necessary.

Schedule and Debate Format

State Finals follows our regular tournament and round format:

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	

Speech	Duration
1 st Affirmative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross-examination	3 minutes
1 st Negative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross-examination	3 minutes
2 nd Affirmative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross-examination	3 minutes
2 nd Negative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross-examination	3 minutes
1 st Negative Rebuttal	4 minutes
1 st Affirmative Rebuttal	4 minutes
2 nd Negative Rebuttal	4 minutes
2 nd Affirmative Rebuttal	4 minutes
<i>Affirmative Prep Time</i>	<i>6 minutes</i>
<i>Negative Prep Time</i>	<i>6 minutes</i>
Total	64 minutes

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