

To the Debate Community of Connecticut,

The Yale Debate Association is pleased to invite you to attend the 40th Annual Rollin G. Osterweis Debate Tournament on Sunday, April 3rd, 2022.

For those of you unfamiliar with the tournament, the Osterweis is a free tournament for Connecticut high school students to experience the collegiate style of parliamentary debate. The Osterweis will feature both a novice and varsity division. Novice participants should be debaters in their first year of high school debate, and not above sophomore year.

Novice participants will have the opportunity to learn about parliamentary procedure in the morning with a demonstration round, and then debate with a partner for 3 preliminary rounds, before breaking to semifinals and a final round. Varsity teams will compete in 4 preliminary rounds, breaking to semifinals and finals. Debates will focus on issues familiar to the average student, including American and international politics, ethics, and justice. Yale debaters will judge and offer feedback. Awards will be given to the top varsity and top novice teams and speakers.

The tournament will be hosted on Tabroom and schools may register through the tournament page: <http://osterweisyale.tabroom.com/>. Registration opens Monday, March 14 at 8.00am and closes Tuesday, March 29 at 6.00pm.

We will be sending each debater some stickers as a memento from the tournament. If your students would be interested in receiving stickers, please provide a mailing address using the form on the Tabroom tournament invitation page. Please only fill in one address per school. (This form will be available on the tabroom tournament page when registration opens.)

You can access a set of helpful instructions for registering your team using Tabroom's online manual under "Help/About" on the main menu. However, should you have difficulty registering, please contact us and we will personally enter your teams.

The size of our tournament is limited by our pool of college debaters who will act as judge. We will accept 3 teams per school initially. We highly encourage schools to register at least 1 novice team for every 2 varsity teams – we feel it is important to give younger debaters a chance to participate. All teams will be wait listed initially, but we will admit teams daily starting March 21. We encourage you to register as many as 6 teams. If we do not reach our cap, we will be admitting additional teams. Final notification sent out after 10.00PM on March 29. Name changes, drops, etc., can be made after this time, but we ask you to make changes as soon as you are aware of them.

Email us at osterweis2022@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Feel free to pass this information on to other Connecticut schools who might be interested. We look forward to seeing you in March!

Best,

Jaimy Kim and Lelan Hu,

Tournament Directors

**Osterweis 2022
Schedule**

9:00AM to 9:30AM	Registration and breakfast
9:30AM to 11AM	Varsity Round 1, Novice demonstration round
11AM to 12:30PM	Varsity Round 2, Novice Round 1
12:30PM to 1PM	Lunch break
1PM to 2:30PM	Varsity Round 3, Novice Round 2
2:30PM to 4PM	Varsity Round 4, Novice Round 3
4PM to 4:15PM	Speaker awards, break announced
4:15PM to 5:30PM	Semifinal rounds
5:30PM to 7PM	Final rounds

**Osterweis Debate
Format**

Speech	Time (minutes)
Prime Minister Constructive	7
Leader of Opposition Constructive	8
Member of Government	8
Member of Opposition	8
Leader of Opposition Rebuttal	4
Prime Minister Rebuttal	5

Osterweis follows the American Parliamentary Debate Association format, which is also the format for the parliamentary division of the Yale Invitational. For a brief introduction, see the Style Guide for the Yale Invitational:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/tabroom-files/tourns/20393/postings/26601/YaleParliStyleGuide2021.pdf>

For more in-depth information about APDA format, see their website:

<https://apda.online/> .

The articles in the Novice Mentor section may be of interest to more advanced debaters:

<https://apda.online/category/nm-guides/>