

# CONNECTICUT DEMOCRACY CENTER



## DEBATE TOURNAMENT

**Middle School Preliminary Round Tuesday April 22, 2025 3:30 - 7:30 pm**

**Wesleyan University 45 Wyllys Ave Middletown, CT 06459**

The Connecticut Democracy Center Debate Tournament invites you to our first event of the 2024-25 season: the preliminary round of our Middle School Policy Debate Tournament.

All participating teams will argue both sides of the resolution:  
*Connecticut should lower the voting age to 16 for municipal elections.*

Rounds will be held in the Frank Center for Public Affairs on the Wesleyan University campus. Parking is available near the Admissions Building at 70 Wyllys Avenue Middletown. Signs indicating parking for the event, as well as signs directing debaters and coaches will be posted along the walking route from the lot to the location of debate rounds. Accessible parking is available near Allbritton Hall. [Here is a link to the campus map from Wesleyan University.](#)

Schedule for Tuesday April 22 2025 CTDC - Debate Tournament Middle School Division Preliminary Round		
3:30 pm	Arrival	Atrium, Frank Center, Wesleyan University
4:15 pm	Round 1 begins	Various rooms
5:15 pm	Round 1 ends	Various rooms
5:30 pm	Round 2 begins	Various rooms
6:30 pm	Round 2 ends	Various rooms
6:45 pm	Dinner, Result Tabulation	Atrium, Frank Center, Wesleyan University
7:15 pm	Results Shared	Atrium, Frank Center, Wesleyan University

Debaters and coaches must arrive by 3:30 pm for competition. Each school in attendance is required to provide judges to the preliminary round of the tournament.

Pizza and refreshments will be available for participants, coaches, judges, and families upon the conclusion of the second debate round.

Coaches and students sign up through Tabroom one month prior to the competition. For this Tournament, registration opens March 21, 2025. The cost to participate is \$25 per team; this fee includes food at the preliminary competition.

A link to the instructions for creating an account in Tabroom is provided here: [https://docs.tabroom.com/Sign Up](https://docs.tabroom.com/Sign_Up). More information about the functions of your Tabroom account is available on the left hand sidebar visible when you follow the above link.

We have instructions for coaches to use for registering here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yV2yG2YojNA66DjU5\\_clAU-a\\_RWx1FGJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yV2yG2YojNA66DjU5_clAU-a_RWx1FGJ/view?usp=sharing)

Coaches needing to request the fee be waived should contact [secondaryeducation@ctdemocracycenter.org](mailto:secondaryeducation@ctdemocracycenter.org).

Registration closes at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday April 17, 2025 for the Tournament. Entries must be received via Tabroom for participation in the Tournament.

Payment instructions are included on Tabroom and in the CTDC Debate Tournament Handbook. Payment may be collected by Connecticut Democracy Center staff on location at Wesleyan University prior to the beginning of the first round. Payment may be in cash or check, payable to The Connecticut Democracy Center. Payment must be presented to a CTDC staff member along with the full names of student team members as well as their school name.

Please refer to the [CTDC Debate Tournament Handbook](#), and email [secondaryeducation@ctdemocracycenter.org](mailto:secondaryeducation@ctdemocracycenter.org) with any questions regarding the Tournament.

### **A special thank you to:**

Wesleyan University

### **Thank you to our Community Partners**



*The Connecticut Democracy Center Debate Tournament is a competitive interscholastic team policy debate tournament for middle and high school students focused on a Connecticut topic. It is a Connecticut Democracy Center program in residence at Connecticut's Old State House. For more information, visit [ctdemocracycenter.org/our-programs/debate-tournament](http://ctdemocracycenter.org/our-programs/debate-tournament).*

