



Novice Level Scrimmage, Open Level Tournament, Saturday, November 1, 2024, 8:30 -- 4:15
Smith Middle School, 216 Addison Rd, Glastonbury, CT 06033
Sponsored by the English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch

On behalf of Smith Middle School and Coach John Rook, The Connecticut Middle School Debate League invites you to our season-opening Novice Level Scrimmage and Open Level Tournament.

Novice and Open Level debaters will debate on both sides of the prep-ahead motion during Rounds 1 & 2: ***This House supports federal congressional term limits.*** (Background info [here.](#))

For Round 3, Open Level debaters will debate a different motion extemporaneously, as explained in the Handbook on pages 2-3. Novice debaters will attend a workshop on extemporaneous debating to prepare them to debate extemp at the December 13 tournament.

Please review the [CTMSDL Handbook](#) for information on the format and rules. It is up to coaches to decide which category (Novice or Open) is appropriate for each of their teams (see page 4 of the Handbook).

Coaches should register on Tabroom.com for the event CTMSDLNov1. Find Tabroom instructions [here.](#) There is no cap on the number of teams a school may enter.

Coaches should register one judge per every 2 teams entered. Coaches should make sure their judges understand the information in the [Judges' Instructions](#) and the Handbook prior to the event. Observers are welcome.

Schedule

Arrival, check-in, lunch ticket sales – lobby → cafeteria & auditorium	8:30 – 9:00
Welcome & Debater Q&A -- auditorium	9:00 – 9:30
Demo debate -- auditorium / Judge workshop -- TBD	9:30 – 10:45
Round 1 (prep ahead) – round rooms announced right before round	11:00 – 12:00
Lunch -- cafeteria	12:00 – 12:45
Round 2 (prep ahead) – round rooms announced right before round	1:00 -- 2:00
Round 3 (Open extemp) / Novice workshop -- auditorium	2:15 – 3:30
Games -- auditorium	3:30
Open Awards & Announcement of Dec 13 Motion	4:00

Debaters may pack their lunches or buy tickets for pizza and a drink when they arrive. Pizza is \$2 per slice and drinks are \$1. **BYO water bottles.** Coffee & donuts and pizza & a drink will be provided for judges. Questions or comments? Please email Jen Posner at jen.posner@ctmsdebate.org.