

**Connecticut Debate Association  
January 6, 2018 Tournament  
Stamford High School and Warde High School**

On behalf of Stamford High School and Coach Jeremy White, and Warde High School and Coach Mick McGarry, I would like to invite you to attend our first tournament of the New year on Saturday, January 6.

**Please read the following items carefully:**

1. With only a few days of school, getting ready is a bit of a scramble. Please register your teams or send me an estimate ASAP. We have room for close to 450 debaters.
2. You must register your teams and judges through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) . Instructions for using tabroom.com for CDA can be found here: <http://ctdebate.org/PDFs/Using%20Tabroom.pdf> . We will be using [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) for registration for all tournaments.

The tournament entry on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) has six events, Varsity, Novice and Observer for each of Stamford. You may choose the tournament you would like to attend by registering your debaters in the events for one high school or the other.

The tournament is currently open for registration.

3. Please abide by the rules for Novice eligibility (unchanged from last year):

*The Novice division will be open to Freshman and Sophomores, regardless of experience or record. They may qualify and participate as Novices in State Finals both years. However, they may move up to Varsity at any time if they or their coach choose, and once having moved up, may not return to Novice. Coaches are encouraged to move Sophomores up to Varsity if they have been successful as a Freshman, but are not required to do so.*

*Juniors who have never debated before in CDA may participate as Novices in their first regular CDA tournament. Otherwise they may only debate in Varsity. They may not participate in State Finals except in Varsity. They may only qualify for State Finals while debating in Varsity.*

*Seniors may not participate as Novices in any CDA tournament.*

4. To qualify for State Finals, a debater must win a trophy at a regular tournament, or go 3-0 at two regular tournaments. In other words, simply going 3-0 at one tournament without winning a trophy will not qualify.

5. You can find directions to the schools at their web sites:

Stamford High School

55 Strawberry Hill Ave, Stamford, CT 06902

<https://www.stamfordpublicschools.org/stamford-high-school>

Fairfield Warde High School

755 Melville Ave, Fairfield, CT 06825

<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/fwhs/>

If you have questions, please email me at [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) . I look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Tournament Day Schedule**

| <b>Time</b>        | <b>Activity</b>                                 | <b>Location</b>               |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>8-9AM</b>       | Registration and coffee                         | Cafeteria                     |
| <b>9AM</b>         | Resolution and packet distributed               | Cafeteria                     |
| <b>9-10AM</b>      | Preparation for debaters<br>Workshop for judges | Cafeteria<br>As directed      |
| <b>10-11:30AM</b>  | Round 1 (random pairings)                       | Room listed on round schedule |
| <b>11:30AM-1PM</b> | Round 2 (random pairings)                       | Room listed on round schedule |
| <b>1-2PM</b>       | Lunch   | Cafeteria                     |
| <b>2-3:30PM</b>    | Round 3 (power matched, flip for side)          | Room listed on round schedule |
| <b>3:30-5PM</b>    | Varsity Final Round                             | Auditorium or cafeteria       |
| <b>5-5:30PM</b>    | Awards  | Auditorium or cafeteria       |
| <b>5:30PM</b>      | Departure                                       |                               |