

**Connecticut Debate Association
November 12, 2016 Tournament
Crosby, Housatonic Valley and New Canaan High Schools**

On behalf of Crosby High School and Coach Nick Dalidowitz, Housatonic Valley Regional High School and Coach John Lizzi and New Canaan High School and Coach Kristine Goldhawk, I would like to invite you to attend our first tournament of the 2016-17 season on Saturday, November 12. We will follow our standard tournament format.

Please read the following items carefully:

1. If you plan to attend, please reply to this email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with an estimate of the number of debaters you plan to bring and where you would like to attend. This estimate need not be accurate. We would like to have a preliminary count by Monday evening, November 7, so we can have the packets printed.
2. You must register your teams and judges through 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 for registration for all tournaments.

The tournament entry on tabroom.com has nine events, Varsity, Novice and Observer for each of the three schools. 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 will be open for registration on Monday, October 31 at 8AM, and your entries must be in by Friday, November 11 at 6PM.

3. With three hosts, we have space for 480 debaters or 240 teams, so we expect to have room for all who wish to attend. However, we do have to get the balance right. Several schools have indicated they will go to Housatonic Valley and that is a good start. We may ask teams that are nearly equidistant from the two hosts to switch if registrations are unbalanced. We also may ask some teams to switch from their first choice.

4. 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.

5. 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:

Crosby High School

300 Pierpont Rd

Waterbury, CT 06705

<http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/1/Home>

Housatonic Valley Regional High School

246 Warren Turnpike Road

Falls Village, CT 06031

<http://www.hvrhs.org/>

New Canaan High School

11 Farm Road

New Canaan, CT 06840

<http://newcanaan.k12.ct.us/education/school/school.php?sectionid=20>

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

Tournament Day Schedule

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	