

CT Middle School Debate League Tournament
Saturday, January 30, 2016, 9:30 am — 3:00 pm
Hamden Hall Country Day School, 1108 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06878

Sponsored by the English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch

On behalf of Hamden Hall Country Day School and Coach Beth Richter, the Connecticut Middle School Debate League would like to invite you to our next tournament.

Observers are welcome. Debaters who will compete should research this topic:

***This House believes that the United States should curtail free speech rights
in order to combat terrorism.***

Debaters must be prepared to uphold both sides of the motion. Please refer to our website, ctmsdebate.org and the [CTMSDL Handbook](#) for information on our format and rules.

Coaches should register their debaters through tabroom.com. Download our [tabroom.com Instructions](#) for more information. On tabroom.com the event name is "CTMSDL Jan 23." There is no cap on the number of teams each school may enter.

Coaches should register one judge per every 6 debaters. Don't register them, but please bring some volunteer timers as well. We'll use CDA varsity debaters as judges first, but we need to have back-up judges. We'll ask extra judges to be timers. Coaches should make sure their judges and timers understand the information in the CTMSDL Handbook on judging and timing. We will also provide a judges' and timers' workshop at the tournament.

The day's schedule will be as follows:

Registration & lunch ticket sale	9:30 – 10:00 AM
Judges' & Timers' Workshop Debaters' Workshop	10:00 – 11:00 AM
Round 1 (random pairings)	11:00 – 11:45 AM
Round 2 (random pairings)	11:45AM— 12:30 PM
Lunch	12:30 – 1:00 PM
Round 3 (power matched, flip for side)	1:00 – 1:45 PM
Final Round between 2 highest scoring teams	2:00 – 2:45 PM
Awards & Departure	2:45 – 3:00 PM

Debaters may pack their lunches or buy tickets for pizza and drinks when they arrive. Pizza will be \$2 per slice and bottles of water and lemonade will be \$1 each. **Please note that the pizza and drink ticket sale ends at 10:00 am.** Thanks to the generosity of the CTMSDL's sponsor, The English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch, lunch will be provided for judges.

Questions or comments? Please email Jen Posner: jen.posner@ctmsdebate.org