

**CT Middle School Debate League Tournament**  
**Saturday, December 3, 2016, 9:30 — 2:30**  
**Smith Middle School, 216 Addison Road, Glastonbury, CT**  
**Sponsored by the English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch**

On behalf of Smith Middle School and coaches John Rook and Antoinette Kisluk, the Connecticut Middle School Debate League would like to invite you to this season's first competitive tournament.

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

***This House would make voting in US elections compulsory.***

They must be prepared to uphold both sides of the motion. PROP teams are expected to define US elections and may narrow the debate to a subset of US elections. Please refer to the [CTMSDL Handbook](#) for information on our format and rules.

Coaches should register their debaters through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). Download our [tabroom.com Instructions](#) for more information. On [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) the event name is "CTMSDL Dec 3." There is no cap on the number of teams each school may enter. If we are short on space, we may limit the number of teams schools from outside CT may enter.

**Coaches should register one judge per every 6 debaters who will scrimmage.** We'll use Varsity High School debaters as judges first, but we need to have back-up judges. Coaches should make sure their judges understand the information in the CTMSDL Handbook and our Judges' Instructions. **We'll be offering two judges' workshops at this event — one for first timers and one for experienced judges.** The day's schedule will be as follows:

Arrival & Registration	9:30 – 10:00
Workshops for Debaters, and Judges & Timers	10:00 – 11:00
Round 1	11:15 – 12:00
Round 2	12:00 – 12:45
Lunch	12:45 – 1:30
Round 3	1:30 – 2:15
Final Round	2:30 – 3:15
Awards & Departure	3:15 – 3:30

We're going to try something different with lunch this time. **Coaches — please email Jen the number of pizza slices we should order for your debaters, coaches, judges and observers no later than Friday Dec 2.** (You may amend your order Saturday morning if your roster has changed.) Then coaches will pay for everyone associated with their team, except for their judges, on Saturday. We'll pay for judges' pizza. Everyone may purchase water or lemonade on their own on Saturday.

Questions or comments? Please email Jen Posner: [jen.posner@ctmsdebate.org](mailto:jen.posner@ctmsdebate.org) .