

CONNECTICUT MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE



Scrimmage, Demonstration & Workshops
Saturday, October 27, 2017, 9:30 am— 2:45 pm
Smith Middle School, 216 Addison Rd, Glastonbury, CT
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 this season's first event.

Observers are welcome. Debaters who will scrimmage should be prepared to debate on both sides of the motion:

This House would include Esports in the Olympic Games.

Please refer to the updated (August 2018) CTMSDL Handbook for information on our format and rules.

Coaches should register their scrimmage debaters through tabroom.com. Download our [tabroom.com Instructions](#) for more information. On tabroom.com the event name is "CTMSDL Oct 27." There is no cap on the number of teams each school may enter.

NEW THIS YEAR: Per coaches' request, we will pair brand new teams against brand new teams. When you go to Entries on Tabroom you'll see 2 events: NEW novice, and novice. NEW novice is for brand new debaters only, i.e. those who haven't been to a CTMSDL or other debate event before. If you have a mixed team (some new, some returning) please use your judgement as to which event to enter your team in. Our goal is for new debaters to not be intimidated by teams that already know exactly what they're doing.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE register your teams before Friday October 26 so we can run on time!

Coaches should also 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 the updated Judges' Instructions. We will provide a judges' workshop at the scrimmage. Coaches are encouraged to bring volunteer timers.

The day's schedule will be as follows:

Registration & Lunch Ticket Sale	9:30 – 9:45
Demo Debate by Varsity High School Debaters	9:45 – 11:15
Round 1	11:15 – 12:00
Lunch	12:00 – 12:30
Workshops for Debaters & Judges	12:30 – 1:30
Round 2	1:45 – 2:30
Debrief	2:30 – 2:45
Departure	2:45

Debaters may pack their lunches or buy tickets for pizza and drinks when they arrive. Pizza will be \$2 per slice and cans of lemonade will be \$1 each. We're going green – BYO water bottle. Coffees and lunch will be provided for judges.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The December 1, 2018 CTMSDL tournament will be held at Seymour Middle School in Seymour. The snow date is December 15, 2018.