

CT Middle School Debate League Tournament
Saturday, January 26, 2019, 9:30 am — 3:45 pm
Bethel Middle School, 600 Whittlesey Drive, Bethel, CT 06801

Sponsored by the English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch

On behalf of Bethel Middle School and coach Cathy Emerick, the Connecticut Middle School Debate League invites you to our second tournament of the season.

Debaters who will compete should research the topic:

This House, as the United States, would ban hate speech.

They will debate on both sides of the motion. Please refer to the updated CTMSDL Handbook (attached) for information on our format and rules. Observers are welcome.

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 26." There is no cap on the number of teams each school may enter.

Coaches should register one judge per every 2 teams. Schools only bringing 1 team should register 1 judge. 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 hold a judges' workshop at the tournament. **Coaches are encouraged to bring volunteer timers.**

The day's schedule will be as follows:

Arrival & Registration in Cafeteria	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
Debate Game in Auditorium	2:15 – 2:45
Final Round	2:45 – 3:30
Awards & Departure	3:30 – 3:45

Debaters may pack their lunches or buy tickets for pizza and drinks **between 9:30 & 10 am.** Pizza will be \$2 per slice and lemonade will be \$1 each. Coffee and lunch will be provided for judges. We are no longer selling water bottles – bring reusables.

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