

CCLCE DEBATE COMPETITION RULES

Scope of Rules

- These rules apply to both the Great CT High School Debate and the Young People's Debate.

Teams

- Each team shall consist of two people.
- For the Great CT High School Debate there is a limit of 3 teams per school.
- For the Young People's Debate there is no limit.

Other materials

- All students and coaches should be thoroughly familiar with the Speakers' Responsibilities and Timing further explained in the Debate Rules and Advice packet posted on the CCLCE website at www.cclce.org as those guidelines are incorporated herein as additional competition rules.
- There shall be no charts, handouts, props, written briefs or any other written, photographic or electronic materials used by any team in any debate competition. Students must rely on oral argument only.
- Computer use is not allowed during any debate competition.

Judges and Timekeepers

- Each school must bring one adult per every two teams competing, capable of judging a debate competition. If a school has an odd number of 3 or more teams competing, they must round up their number of teams to the nearest even number to determine the number of judges they need to bring. In other words, 3 teams would bring 2 judges, 5 teams would bring 3 judges, etc.
- Each school must also bring one student capable of serving as a timekeeper per every two teams registered in the same manner as determining number of judges outlined in rule number 6 above.
- Decisions of the judges are final. Scores will not be available after the debate competition but will be mailed out after the conclusion of the competition.

Team elimination

- Great CT High School Debate: This debate competition is run in five rounds. Each round is a single elimination debate. Only teams that win their rounds move on to the next rounds. Teams must be prepared to present both sides of the debate. However, not all teams will present both sides of the debate. Teams will be told which side they will be presenting prior to the start of each round. The first three rounds take place on the first day of the competition. Rounds four and five, semi-finals and finals, will take place on a separate day.
- Young People's Debate: This debate competition is run in four rounds. All teams compete in the first two rounds in one night at their local competition. Each team will present both sides of the debate, one side in each of the first two rounds. The teams will be told which side they will be presenting first at the competition. The top two teams from each regional competition will be invited to compete in the semi-final round on a different day. The two winners from the semi-final round will then compete in the final round immediately following the semi-finals.
- If there is an uneven number of teams in any given round, the CCLCE reserves the right to assign teams as needed.