

Middle School Event Format

We contemplate three kinds of events:

- Coaches training session: we have no firm ideas on the format for this at the moment.
- Debate Scrimmage: a demonstration debate followed by one or more practice rounds. Usually held at the beginning of the year.
- Debate Tournament: several rounds of debate, possibly followed by a public final round in which the two highest ranked teams debate in front of the assembled teams, coaches and judge.

In the case of the Scrimmage and Tournament, there are two possibilities, after school or on Saturday.

After School Format	Saturday Format
Scrimmage 3:30-4PM Registration 4-5PM Demonstration debate and discussion 5:15-5:45PM Practice Round 1 6-6:30PM Practice Round 2 7PM Departure	Scrimmage 8:30-9AM Registration 9-10AM Demonstration debate and discussion 10:15-10:45AM Practice Round 1 11-11:30AM Practice Round 2 12 Noon Departure
Tournament 3:30-4PM Registration 4-4:30PM Round 1 4:45-5:15PM Round 2 5:30-6PM Round 3 6:15-6:45PM Final Round or Round 4 7PM Departure	Tournament 8:30-9AM Registration 9-9:30AM Round 1 9:45-10:15AM Round 2 10:30-11AM Round 3 11:15-11:45AM Final Round or Round 4 12 Noon Departure

What is needed to host an event?

1. Host school who can provide access to their facility
2. Gathering room for debaters during registration and between rounds. Usually the cafeteria.
3. One classroom for every 2 teams (6 debaters)
4. One judge for every 2 teams. (Note: we expect that CDA debaters will volunteer to judge if these events do not conflict with CDA tournaments, though most coaches will still have to judge and may have to recruit other volunteers to judge.)

What can CDA do to help?

1. Training and advice to new coaches.
2. High school debaters who may volunteer to help coach and judge at tournaments
3. Software to manage event registration: tabroom.com .
4. Software to manage the actual event: TRPC (Tab Room PC)

What will the Middle School coaches need to do?

1. Volunteer to host tournaments and make the necessary arrangements with their schools to do so.
2. Choose the debate topics.
3. Recruit and train their teams.
4. Recruit and train judges.

Note: we expect that over time the Middle School League will be self-sustaining, much as CDA is, with a core group of coaches taking responsibility for all aspects of managing the league and its events.

We in CDA hope to maintain a strong relationship with the Middle School League. We believe that the opportunity to coach younger debaters is valuable for developing CDA debaters, and of course we hope the Middle School debaters will matriculate into CDA competition.