



## GROTON SCHOOL

August 20, 2022,

Dear fellow debaters and coaches:

The Groton School Debating Society is excited to invite you to our 3rd annual Oregon Style Prepared Debate Tournament on Sunday, **September 25, 2022**. We are presently planning to have an in-person tournament but are prepared to switch to hosting virtually should the need arise. Please note the Groton School campus is only open to individuals who are fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. Decisions about additional safety procedures will be made closer to the date of the tournament (masks may be required in indoor spaces).

The tournament will consist of three rounds of cross-ex style debate in both the advanced and the novice divisions. Pairs will debate on the same side of the resolution for all three rounds. The resolution for the tournament will be:

**Be it resolved that the United States federal government should develop a nation high-speed rail network.**

Affirmative teams are strongly encouraged to propose a specific plan consistent with this resolution. For more detailed information on plans and expectations for an Oregon style debate, please review Curt Robison's excellent discussion of generic debate responsibilities (which is attached to this message). Schools may enter one 4-person team in each of the advanced and novice divisions (two 4-person teams in total) and must provide a judge for each team entered (Groton will not be able to provide judges). Experienced advanced debaters may judge in the novice division, but per DANEIS rules, advanced teams must be accompanied by an adult judge. Fees for the debate are \$90 per team and \$20 per observer (fees will be waived in the event that it becomes necessary to switch to a virtual format). Checks should be made payable to Groton School. If you are interested in participating, please visit <https://www.groton.org/debate/register> or scan the QR code below to register online. You will be prompted to enter the names of your debaters and judges on a second page of the registration form. If you encounter any difficulties or need to change your registration after initially submitting it, please email Michael Gnozzio at [mgnozzio@groton.org](mailto:mgnozzio@groton.org). **The deadline for registering for the tournament is Sunday, September 11th.**

Scoring for this debate will be based on a 100-point scale. To see a sample ballot, please go to <https://www.groton.org/debate/sample-ballot>. All judges should be briefed on judging criteria in advance of the tournament. We ask that you please pay particular attention to the categories outlined at the end of the attached Guidelines for Judging Oregon Style Cross-Examination, Policy Debates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 617-650-3236. We also request that you call us at 617-650-3236 on the morning of the tournament, between the hours of 8:00am and 9:30am, to report any changes in your final registration.

We hope that you can join us and look forward to welcoming you to the Circle on September 25th.

Sincerely,

Michael Gnozzio and Irenae Aigbedion  
Faculty Advisors, Groton School Debating Society



## Groton School Invitational Debate Tournament

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### *Schedule of Events*

9:30am – 10:30am: Registration and Breakfast, Sackett Forum (Schoolhouse)

10:45am – 11:15am: Joint Debaters' and Judges' Meeting, Sackett Forum

11:30am – 12:45pm: Round 1 (Schoolhouse Classrooms)

12:45pm – 2:00pm: Round 2 (Schoolhouse Classrooms)

2:00pm – 3:15pm: Round 3 (Schoolhouse Classrooms)

3:15pm – 4:00pm: Dinner (Dinning Hall)

4:15pm – 4:30pm: Awards Ceremony, Sackett Forum (Schoolhouse)

### *Oregon Style Prepared:*

1 <sup>st</sup> Affirmative constructive	7 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Negative cross-examination	3 minutes
1 <sup>st</sup> Negative constructive	7 minutes
1 <sup>st</sup> Affirmative cross-examination	3 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Affirmative constructive	7 minutes
1 <sup>st</sup> Negative cross-examination	3 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Negative constructive	7 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Affirmative cross-examination	3 minutes
***** 3 minute rebuttal break *****	
1 <sup>st</sup> Negative rebuttal	4 minutes
1 <sup>st</sup> Affirmative rebuttal	4 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Negative rebuttal	4 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Affirmative rebuttal	4 minutes

## Directions to Groton School

### **From MA-2 West (Approximately 70 minutes from Boston):**

Take exit 109B to merge onto MA-110E/MA-111 N/Ayer Road towards Ayer/Groton. At the traffic circle, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto MA-111N/MA-2A W/East Main Street. Continue till you reach the Subway, and then then turn right onto Park Street (MA-111). Continue approximately 2 miles, and Groton School will be on your left. Enter at the gate for the Athletic Center (it's the third set of gates, past the Chapel).

### **From MA-2 East:**

Take exit 106 for Jackson Road, towards Devens. Keep left to continue towards Jackson Road and then follow Jackson Road till you reach West Main Street. Turn right onto West Main Street. Continue till you reach the Subway, and then then turn left onto Park Street (MA-111). Continue approximately 2 miles, and Groton School will be on your left. Enter at the gate for the Athletic Center (it's the third set of gates, past the Chapel).

### **From the Massachusetts Turnpike East:**

Take exit 90 to merge onto I-290E towards Worcester. Take exit 19-20 for I-190N towards MA-12/Holden/Fitchburg and continue onto I-190N. Take exit 19B for MA-2 East toward Boston and then follow the directions for MA-2 East listed above.

### **From I-495:**

Take exit 80 for MA-119 toward Groton/Acton. Keep right at the fork and merge onto MA-119 West/Great Road. Follow MA-119 West for approximately 6 miles, then turn left onto Old Ayer Road. Turn right onto Peabody Street. Groton School will be directly in front of you when you reach Farmers Row/MA-111. Take the first entrance on the right (for the Athletic Center).

### **Once on Campus:**

Please park in the Athletic Center parking lot. Registration will take place on the ground level of the Schoolhouse (the building with the gold dome on top of it). The Athletic Center parking lot faces the back side of the Schoolhouse. There are two sets of doors on the back side of the building. Take either set of doors to enter the Sackett Forum. The registration table will be near the doors closest to the Athletic Center.