



GROTON SCHOOL

November 11, 2024,

Dear fellow debaters and coaches:

The Groton School Debating Society is excited to invite you to our Parliamentary Extemporaneous Debate Tournament on Sunday, **December 15, 2024**.

The tournament will consist of three rounds of parliamentary extemporaneous debate in both the advanced and the novice divisions. All of the debates will feature straight resolutions, with one side choosing the topic and the other choosing the side.

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). Fees for the debate are \$80 per team and \$20 per observer. Instead of exchanging cash and checks on the day of the tournament, our Business Office has requested that participating schools provide a billing contact with whom they can work directly (I'll provide invoices both to coaches who are present and to our Business Office here). If this approach is problematic, please don't hesitate to be in touch to arrange an alternate plan.

To register, please visit <https://forms.gle/6aPVSuFW21SrPPdX8>. You will have an opportunity to enter the names of your participants now, but if you do not yet know them, please feel free to reserve a place and enter your names at a later date. If you have any questions or have any problems submitting the registration form, please email Michael Gnozzio at mgnozzio@groton.org. **The deadline for registering for the tournament is Friday, December 6th, but early responses would be appreciated.**

Scoring for this debate will be based on a 100-point scale and judges will also act as the Speaker of the House. We have attached to this document the script for starting a round and our league criteria for judging a round. All judges should be briefed on judging criteria in advance of the tournament. Experienced advanced debaters may judge in the novice division, but per DANEIS rules, advanced teams must be accompanied by an adult judge.

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 December 15th.

Sincerely,

Michael Gnozzio and Renee Bai
Faculty Advisors, Groton School Debating Society

Groton School Invitational Debate Tournament

September 24th, 2023

Schedule of Events

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

10:30am – 11am: Joint Debaters' and Judges' Meeting, Sackett Forum

11:00am – 12:00pm: Round 1 (Schoolhouse Classrooms)

12:05pm – 1:05pm: Round 2 (Schoolhouse Classrooms)

1:10pm – 2:10pm: Round 3 (Schoolhouse Classrooms)

2:15pm – 3:15pm: Lunch, Sackett Forum (Schoolhouse)

3:15pm – 3:30pm: Awards Ceremony, Sackett Forum (Schoolhouse)

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 3rd 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.