

I hope you are ready for the CT ProStart Invitational on Tuesday, March 4! The Connecticut Hospitality Educational Foundation and Connecticut Restaurant Association are thrilled to be back at Dunkin' Park for the 2025 Connecticut ProStart Invitational. Thank you for volunteering your time as a judge. We hope you find this experience meaningful and we know the students appreciate you being there for them.

If there are any other questions you have that haven't been addressed below, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you all!

CT ProStart Invitational

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Dunkin' Park (*Yard Goats Stadium*)

YG Club

1214 Main St, Hartford, CT 06103

Report Time: 9 am

TEAM PROPOSALS

- **Sent yesterday.**
- **REMINDER:** These are drafts and changes can still be made but reviewing in advance should help with questions. Also, these should not be shared with anyone that isn't judging the CT Management competition.

JUDGE RESOURCES

- Please visit <https://www.ctrestaurant.org/prostart-judges-2025>
- This has links to the Judge Training Slides, link to the scoring tool, rules, rubrics, schedule of events, etc.
- **REMINDER: Bring a phone, tablet or laptop to use for scoring!**

Arrival & Parking

- Enter through the executive entrance, on the corner of Main and Pleasant Street (Look for the Frontier Communications Gate)
- There is metered street parking nearby and a paid parking lot (**\$5 CASH ONLY**) across the street at the 426 Ann Uccello Street Lot. 479 Ann Uccello will be open for overflow parking. Please see attached map.
- Dunkin' Donuts is providing donuts, bagels, muffins & coffee for students competing & judges.

Schedule

- Schedules are below for competition.
- Teams will begin to arrive any time after 7:30 am.
- Management Judges: Final proposals will be turned in by 9:00 am so you have 1.5 hours to review before competition begins in Suites 1 & 2.
- Please to report to Suites 1 & 2 at 10:30. Teams will be able to start set up at 10:45 and Q&A begins at 10:50 am.
- Each judge will have two segments of questioning off so please use that time for judging so we can get to feedback ASAP.
- Reminder judging should not be comparative to the other teams, but based on the rubric and does not need to be discussed with other judges on how to score.

Lunch and Awards

- Buffet Lunch will begin at 12:45 pm
- Awards at 1:15 pm.
- I expect we should be done by 1:45/2 pm.

Judging Assignments

- You will see the categories you are assigned to judge in the scoring tool beginning the morning of the event. I attached a copy of the assignments. Please note, this is subject to change if judges are not able to make it and I need to fill in certain spaces.

Management Competition Schedule

School	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	10:50 AM	11:00 AM	11:10 AM	11:20 AM	11:30 AM	11:40 AM	Feedback
Enfield Suite 1	Submit Materials	Setup	Operations	Critical B	Concept	Critical A	Menu	Marketing	12:10 pm
Wilbur Cross Suite 2	Submit Materials	Setup	Marketing	Operations	Critical B	Menu	Critical A	Concept	12:20 pm

Operations & Critical A – Adam Halberg, Nancy Thiel, Patrick McLleland
Marketing & Critical B – Jeannette Dardenne, Jeremy Staub, Chaz Tanaze
Menu & Concept – Jan Jones, Mark Moeller, Jacob Rodriguez

Competition will be in Suites 1 & 2 on the first base side (to the right).
Feedback will be in the conference room on the YG Club level.

9:00 am Management judges report to conference room to review written proposals
10:30 am Management judges move to Suites for competition
10:30 am Management teams report to Suites for competition
10:45 am Management teams begin booth setup & competition
10:50 pm Management first rotation begins
11:47 am Management rotations end
11:50 am Management judges return to conference room
12:10 pm Management Enfield Feedback
12:20 pm Management Wilbur Cross Feedback

Reminder: Team members may not speak to teachers, family, friends, etc. during competition. Students may should not speak to anyone until after their feedback session.