

CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON (CAD) ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

<http://www.academicdecathlon.org/round3teamreg/11eligibilityguidelines.pdf>

School Participation

Schools may participate in California Academic Decathlon's (CAD) program with as few as one (1) decathlete. Schools that do not have an official team may participate in Regional Academic Decathlon activities (ie., scrimmages, workshops and other special events open to participating schools).

Participating schools that do not have an eligible team will not be qualified to advance to the state championship. Team eligibility requirements assures consistency in competition.

Teams that advance to the state championship either by winning their regional competition or score high enough to receive an invitation by the CAD will not be disqualified if their number drops below the minimum required to compete as a team following the regional competition. This rule allows for unforeseen circumstances that may cause a decathlete to withdraw from competition following regional competition and before the commencement of the state championship. If this occurs, teams will not be eligible for team awards at state.

Team Participation

An official team consists of six to nine full-time decathletes from the same high school (9th – 12th grade). A full-time decathlete is defined as a decathlete who is enrolled in four or more class periods per day. Each team is made up of two to three decathletes in the each of the following categories: Honor, Scholastic and Varsity, in accordance with the following grade point average (GPA) definitions:

Honor: 3.750 – 4.00 GPA

Scholastic: 3.000 – 3.749 GPA

Varsity: 0.00 – 2.999 GPA

Contestants may compete in a higher division than their own grade point average category but not in a lower division.

Each team member competes in all ten events of the Decathlon and is eligible for individual medals in all ten events. Only six scores count for the final team standing in the competition—the top two Honor scores, the top two Scholastic scores, and the top two Varsity scores.

Home-schooled decathletes can participate in the Academic Decathlon if their school district allows home-schooled decathletes to participate in other extracurricular activities. Home-schooled decathletes can only participate in the Academic Decathlon program at the high school they would attend if they were not home-schooled. The GPA classification of home-schooled decathletes will be made in accordance with state law pertaining to home-schooled decathletes. The State Academic Decathlon Director will have final authority regarding the participation and classification of home-schooled decathletes.

The determination of the composition of each team is made by the State Academic Decathlon organization and is final. The state championship team that attends the National Finals, however, must be comprised according to the guidelines stated above. The decathletes who attend the National Finals must be the same decathletes who participated in and won the state competition. In the case of an "extreme medical emergency" occurring after the state competition, the State director may allow another decathlete to replace the absent team member.

The California Academic Decathlon has the authority to declare the first-place team ineligible to attend the National Finals in accordance with the rules and practices of its state organization and may send the second-place team to represent its state. In such cases, the decision of the State Academic Decathlon organization is final. However, CAD will promptly notify USAD of such an occurrence.

Computation of Grade Point Averages

The “focus semesters” for GPA computation go back two years prior to the present grade level of the contestant. If the contestant is a twelfth grader in September of the competition year, then the semesters that are used for GPA computation are all of the tenth grade, all of the eleventh grade, and the summer sessions between tenth and eleventh grades and between eleventh and twelfth grades. Likewise, if the contestant is a tenth grader in the fall, the focus period for GPA computations includes the entire eighth grade, all of the ninth grade, and the summer sessions between eighth and ninth grades and between ninth and tenth grade. This same “two-year rule” applies to all decathletes. These criteria are to be followed to ensure uniformity and equity among all decathletes in the Academic Decathlon.

Grades for courses shall be used in GPA computations for Academic Decathlon competition purposes if the courses focus more than 50% of the time on understanding ideas, concepts, and theories of a specific discipline and the assessments are objective in nature. Grades for courses that directly deal with the theoretical content covered in the Academic Decathlon curriculum and competitive events should be included in GPA computations. However, a grade for a course focused specifically on the Academic Decathlon should NOT be included in GPA computations.

Grades for courses shall NOT be used in GPA computations for Academic Decathlon competition purposes if they are hands-on, performance-based, skills type, non-book, lab-based, or more than 50% of course time is spent in service learning or internship. The skills that are developed in these courses tend to be more technical/vocational, and the majority of a decathlete’s grade in these courses is subjective in nature. Please refer to CAD’s current “Acceptable Courses” document posted on the website (www.academicdecathlon.org).

Inquiries regarding borderline courses should be referred to the State director, who will make the determination based on the academic nature of the course, and who will then implement the decision uniformly throughout the state. The decision of the State director with regard to which course grades are applied to the Academic Decathlon GPA tabulation is final.

For all alpha grades, all A’s will count as 4.0, all B’s will count as 3.0, all C’s will count as 2.0, and all D’s will count as 1.0. Anything below D will count as 0 points. When numerical grades appear on the transcript in place of alpha grades, they shall be converted to alpha grades according to the official conversion scale that appears on the school’s official transcript or in the school’s official profile.

The GPA for each decathlete shall be calculated by dividing total points by total credits hours for the focus semesters. The total points shall include the alpha grade points multiplied by the credit hours. Unless a school’s curriculum defines the specific credit hours earned by a course, credit hours should be determined as 1.00 credit hours for a full-year grade, 0.50 credit hours for a half-year grade, 1/3 credit hours for a trimester grade, and 0.25 credit hours for a quarter-year grade.

If a decathlete receives a Fail in any academic course, the F is counted in averaging the decathlete’s grades even though no credit is given. When a course has been failed prior to the focus period for which the GPA is being computed but repeated during that period, only the repeat grade is counted. When a course is failed and repeated during the focus semesters, both grades are counted in the GPA.

A grade, regardless of whether it is advanced placement, honors, regular, or remedial classification, will count the face value of the final grade as reflected on the official transcript. No weighting of grades for honors classes will be included, even if this is the local district policy. An “A” grade, therefore, will count 4 points for Decathlon computation even if it counts 5 points within the local system. Under no circumstances may an “A” grade count three points. The letter grade shown on the transcript will be used in computing GPA regardless of any plus or minus. The state director may determine standards for eligibility for decathletes from schools with non-traditional grading systems. Such standards will be communicated to USAD for review and approval prior to the state competition.

Incomplete Grades

Incomplete grades are not included in computing the GPA unless the decathlete received an F that appears on the transcript. Once a grade is given to remove an incomplete, that grade must be used to determine the Decathlon GPA.

Pass/No Pass Grades

Pass/No Pass grades are included in computing the GPA. Once a grade is given in place of a Pass/No Pass, that grade must be used to determine the Decathlon GPA. If only pass/fail grades are assigned, then a Pass will be an "A" and a No Pass will be an "F".

California schools must include all Pass/No Pass (P/NP) Grades from school transcripts to the CAD GPA Calculation Worksheet. There will be (2) options: **Option 1:** Pass = A and No Pass = F. **Option 2:** In order to change a P/NP to a grade you feel is more appropriate, a coach "must" obtain proper verification and present findings to the regional coordinator for review. Proper verification must include approval from school site administration and school district(s). The Regional Coordinator may assist the coach in obtaining the proper verification. The Regional Coordinator will present findings to the state director for final review and approval.

Foreign Decathletes

Foreign decathletes are eligible to participate in the Academic Decathlon. A foreign decathlete who does not possess a valid transcript may participate in the Honor category. If a coach wishes to qualify a foreign decathlete for the Scholastic or Varsity categories, the coach must provide adequate evidence that the decathlete performed at a relative B or C status within the foreign system during the two years prior to participation in the Decathlon. The state director have final authority regarding the participation and classification of foreign decathletes.

College Courses

College courses are included in the GPA only if high school credit is given and the course is listed on the official high school transcript.

Decathlete Assistance (supplemental information, 9/4/12, USAD)

Without a copy of a decathlete's IEP and history of how the decathlete has been accommodated in previous competitions, decathletes are not allowed to bring any other materials or aides into the testing room other than a calculator for math. "Decathletes are NOT permitted to bring books, notes, purses, backpacks, coats, hats, mascots, electronic devices, cell phones, or any other items, except for approved calculators and wrist watches (timers) that produce no noise, into the testing room."

If a decathlete wishes to use words or phrases from a foreign language in his/her speech or interview, then he/she is responsible for translating those words and/or phrases into English, and this must be done within the given time limit. Foreign language interpreters are prohibited.

Verification of Eligibility

Each high school will submit official transcripts to verify eligibility of team members to the manager of the competition the team is entering. The school certification of transcripts will be the final indication of a decathlete's eligibility and GPA category. The competition manager shall check the GPA computation in accordance with the above guidelines and verify eligibility of each team member. In California, GPAs are calculated using CAD's GPA Calculation Excel Worksheet which can automatically calculate a decathlete's GPA and identify the lowest division in which a decathlete may compete.

Eligibility for State and National Competitions

In order for a decathlete to be eligible to advance to the state competition, the decathlete must participate in all 10 individual subjects (Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science and Speech.) in Round 2 (regional competition) unless a valid, written statement is provided by the county coordinator and approved by the State Association and Director.

Decathletes must be a fulltime students for the high school they represent at the time of competition and must compete in the appropriate category (Honor, Scholastic or Varsity) of Academic Decathlon at the time of competition.

Transcripts and GPA Computation Worksheets

For Regional Competitions, Regional Coordinators may set a local deadline for schools to submit official transcripts or copies of official transcripts with their team registration for regional competitions. At the least, participating schools (coaches) must provide Regional Coordinators a GPA Computation Worksheet and transcript for each participant. The transcript must highlight all acceptable classes reported on the GPA Computation Worksheet.

Teams attending the CAD Championship must submit official transcripts (stamped by the school, signed by the registrar and sealed) with a date that is NO earlier than January 1, 2017.

The coach must verify with the Regional Coordinator that all students remain eligible in their categories before the Regional Coordinator submit the team's highlighted transcripts, GPA Computation Worksheets and a certification guaranteeing that all team members are eligible for the categories as indicated in their GPA Computation Worksheet.

If a student is ineligible, and the Regional Coordinator is notified before February 24, only the student would be disqualified and the team could still advance to the state competition. The Review Team will review the transcripts of Varsity and Scholastic participants and confirm that all Honor students are enrolled as full-time students during the time of competition. If the Review Team finds an ineligible student that was not reported by the Regional Coordinator or coach – the team will be disqualified for not reporting the ineligibility in a timely manner.

Teams attending the USAD Nationals must submit official transcripts (stamped by the school, signed by the registrar and sealed) with a date that is NO earlier than January 1, 2017.

The Regional Coordinator must verify with the State Director that all students advancing to the national competition remain eligible. The State Director will file a team certification guaranteeing that this is the same team that won the State Championship and that all team members are eligible for the categories as indicated. The State Director will submit all GPA Computation Worksheets as well as copies of the transcripts (highlighted acceptable classes on the transcript) that were used to calculate the participant's category for their state competition.

Eligibility for National Finals (including large, medium and small school online teams).

For the National Finals, each state director must file a team certification guaranteeing that this is the same team that won the state championship and that all team members are eligible for the categories as indicated. Official transcripts must accompany this form. In addition, USAD may request transcripts directly from the high school in order to verify eligibility.

Participation in the Academic Decathlon is voluntary and is open to all decathletes regardless of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or handicap.

Questions regarding computing the Decathlon GPA or eligibility of decathletes should be addressed to CAD at ken@academicdecathlon.org or 707-646-7603.

TEAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT INFORMATION

Decathletes and coaches are required to comply with the competition rules as stated in this packet. Failure to adhere to these policies could result in the disqualification of the participant and/or his/her team at the discretion of the CAD Executive Panel.

TEAM CONDUCT

The standard of conduct of all California Academic Decathlon (CAD) decathletes shall be no less than the expected standard of conduct for any off-campus activity. Appropriate conduct of decathletes is the sole responsibility of the team coach. The coach has the legal responsibility of chaperone for his/her team decathletes at all times. Decathletes shall be under the supervision of the coach, or another adult designated by the coach, during all excursions, activities and facilities. In addition, the following rules will be enforced:

DRESS CODE

As representatives of Academic Decathlon, respective counties and high schools, decathletes are expected to present a positive appearance and dress appropriately during all academic decathlon associated events. A participant could be excused from competition or from receiving recognition during the awards ceremony if inappropriately dressed.

Decathletes are allowed to wear casual attire or wear their school/team/spirit attire during Academic Decathlon so long as it does not include answers associated to the current theme (i.e., map with locations, math formulas, art associated with the art curriculum, etc.) and remains respectful to the appearance of their school and to Academic Decathlon.

During objective testing and Super Quiz, decathletes...

1. Will not be allowed to wear caps, sunglasses or anything that restricts a proctor's view of the participant's eyes.
2. May wear hoodies; however, the hood must be turned inside-out.
3. Will not be allowed to wear distracting apparel of any kind.
4. Will not be allowed to have any digital devices or other type of electronics.

For Speech and Interview, it is recommended that decathletes dress in business professional or business casual attire.

If violations of the dress code are observed by a CAD Official, the decathlete will be given the opportunity to comply with dress standards. Failure to comply with dress standards may result in disqualification. The decision of the CAD Executive Committee or State Director is final.

FINANCIAL LIABILITY

Financial liability for all damage incurred by action of participant/decathlete shall be the sole responsibility of that decathlete and his/her parents.

STATEMENT OF COMPETENCY STANDARDS

Decathletes and coaches are expected to follow the highest standards of honesty and integrity while participating in the California Academic Decathlon. If necessary, a decathlete may be required to participate in any test designed to validate the test results.

The Statement of Competency Standards will serve to prepare the Academic Decathlon coach and his/her decathletes for the State Finals. Each decathlete will have achieved a level of competency through an established study program (formal class and/or extra-curricular program preparation) for all ten events.

Also, every decathlete attending the state championship will have participated in, at least, all (10) decathlon events (not including Super Quiz) at their county/district Academic Decathlon competition.

In addition, each decathlete will have met the minimum standards of achievement by:

- Studying the USAD Study Guide subject area outlines that are tested by the objective exams.
- Using the format and rubric of the Expository Essay writing style to write practice essays prior to the local competition and an essay for the local competition, all of which are scored holistically using the California Academic Decathlon provided rubric.
- Writing and presenting a three and a half to four (3 ½ - 4) minute prepared speech before a panel of adult judges. Preparing for and presenting a one and a half to 2 (1 ½ - 2) minute impromptu speech before a panel of adult judges.
- Participating in a six to seven (6 - 7) minute interview before a panel of adult judges.
- Participating in seven objective exams including Art, Economics, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Science and Social Science.

The coaches and decathletes will be mentally prepared for the primary purpose of competing in an exemplary manner at the California Academic Decathlon State Championship.

Coaches and decathletes will know, follow, and participate in the California Academic Decathlon scheduled events at the designated times. It is the team's responsibility to review the schedule and know the surroundings (i.e., location of arena testing, assigned speech & interview rooms and Super Quiz seat, etc.) of competition ahead of time. There will be no provision for making up lost time.

POLICY REGARDING CHEATING

It is understood that cheating, in any form, is not tolerated. Any act of cheating will be promptly brought to the CAD Executive Committee for review, evaluation and imposition of possible sanctions. If someone is proven to have cheated, it is within the Executive Committee's power to disqualify not only the person caught cheating, but also possibly the entire team. To act otherwise, could compromise the integrity of the competition. Decathletes are not to have any testing material at any time during any portion of testing.

Disqualification:

1. Any person receiving or passing along any current year's or previous years' tests or test items, except for published practice tests, will disqualify him/herself and his/her school from Decathlon participation.
2. Any Decathlete using a prohibited calculator (see Calculator Policy) during any part of the competition will be disqualified from competition.

Removal/Withdrawal: In the case of emergency or illness, a decathlete must formally withdraw in order to be eligible for any awards. To formally withdraw, a decathlete must give a written excuse to a Decathlon official. If a decathlete leaves the Decathlon without formally withdrawing or is removed because of cheating or misconduct, the decathlete will not be eligible for any awards, and his/her scores will not be included in the team's total score.

CALCULATOR POLICY

Competitors May Use Calculators for the Mathematics Test

1. If competitors wish to use calculators on the Mathematics Test, they are responsible for bringing them to the test. Calculators will not be provided for decathletes who do not bring their own. Calculator use is permitted only for Mathematics; competitors will not be allowed to use calculators on any other test.
2. CAD no longer requires decathletes to clear the memory of their graphing calculators.
3. Teams will be required to submit a roster that lists the decathlete and the type of calculator, including all back-ups, s/he will be using in competition.

Permissible Calculators

If a competitor wishes to use a calculator, it can be a basic, four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator, provided it has none of the features listed in Prohibited Calculators. Decathletes that are found guilty using a prohibited calculator will be disqualified from competition.

Prohibited Calculators

Calculators with any of the following features are NOT allowed in CAD competitions:

- pocket organizers
- hand-held or laptop computers
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- models with an alphabetic (QWERTY) keypad, e.g. TI-92 or HP-95
- models with paper tape
- models that make noise
- models that can engage in wireless communication (transfer data or information with other calculators)
- models that require a power cord
- models with CAS (computer algebra systems), e.g. TI-89
- NOTE: USAD has approved the TI-Nspire calculator so long as it does not have the (CAS) stamped on the back side of the machine.

Because companies are continuously introducing new products, it would be impossible for CAD to maintain an up-to-date list of specific model numbers that possess these features. If a competitor is uncertain whether a particular calculator will be allowed, the decathlete should bring a backup that does not possess any of the features in question. No backup calculator will be provided for any competitor whose calculator is disallowed.

Competing without a Calculator

Competitors may opt to take the Mathematics Test without a calculator; however, CAD is suggesting competitors use a basic, scientific, or graphing calculator for solving the trigonometry test items.

Calculator Failure During a Test

If a competitor's calculator stops working during a test, the decathlete should continue taking the test without a calculator. No additional calculator will be provided, and the competitor will not be allowed to take the test again later. However, as noted in Section III above, a competitor may bring a backup calculator and/or spare batteries to the test. Decathletes are prohibited from using multiple calculators during a test (i.e., a backup calculator can only serve as a replacement for a calculator that stops working).

GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

Written Tests: All written tests will be given in the Regency Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento Hotel. Coaches will be responsible for assuring all decathletes' backpacks, purses and other possessions are secure and kept out of the testing area. The proctor will supply all printed and writing materials necessary for taking written tests. All additional materials, including cellular and other devices that have Wi-Fi accessibility, must be left outside of the testing room (including the Super Quiz Relay arena and waiting area). The only items decathletes may bring into the testing area is an acceptable calculator for the math test and a watch or miniature timer (timers must not make any type of noise or be a distraction to other decathletes). Please review the Code of Conduct for appropriate dress during the objective tests.

Leaving the Testing Room: A decathlete leaving the testing room for any reason must first secure the permission of a proctor, turn in the test and material and understand that s/he will not be allowed to return to the testing room until the next test. Decathletes will not be dismissed from the test before a break and the final test until the end of the testing period.

Tardiness: Decathletes are charged with the responsibility of being in the testing room **on time**. Decathletes will not be allowed to enter the testing room once the test begins. The Decathlete will **not** be allowed to make up a test.

5 Minute Warning: Decathletes will be given a five minute warning before time is called during objective testing.

Essay: The Essay will be take place online on March 2, 2017. The start time must occur between 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Teams will test the online Essay and Password procedures between February 23 – 27, 2017. Additional information will be sent to the coach and proctor by e-mail.

Bus Transportation: There will be a \$9.50, per person, charge for those requiring transportation to Inderkum High School on Saturday, March 25 for the Speech and Interview portion of competition. Teams may provide their own transportation and waive the fee but will be responsible for arriving on time for their scheduled Speech and Interview appointments.

Meals: Teams will be responsible for all their meals and snacks.

Special Needs: If any decathlete on your team has a special need requiring special arrangements at any of the competition sites, please contact CAD by February 17, 2017.

Super Quiz Relay: At no time during the Super Quiz Relay will coaches and decathletes be allowed to have study materials in their possession. The policy begins in the waiting area to march-in and includes decathletes waiting to take their test and following their testing period. Absolutely no test materials are to be accessible to the team during the relay.

Providing School Name to Judges: Decathletes are not required to give their school name to **any** judge during speech or interview, although there is no penalty for revealing the school name or location.

Team Selection: Teams selected for state competition are those teams comprised of at least 6 (no more than nine) decathletes who participated in all (10) events (not including Super Quiz) in their county/regional competitions.

Test Scoring: The SCORING CENTER is off limits to everyone except designated staff.

Test Challenges: Only challenges completed on the official Test Challenge Form will be considered and reviewed. Test Challenge Forms may be delivered to Will Call or competition official. The forms must be legible and clearly communicate the challenge. Absolutely no verbal challenges will be considered. Test Item Challenge Forms must be completed by a coach, only. Teams are required to make their own copies of the form. CAD will not provide teams with Test Challenge Forms.

Decathlete ID and Emergency Information: Every decathlete will be issued a name badge that will include their official 4-digit ID and schedule of activities for the competition. Decathletes are responsible for wearing their ID Badge at all times during competition. CAD recommends that decathletes bring a picture ID and medical card to place in the backside of their convention style nametag in case of an emergency.

EXPLANATION OF SCORING

The Academic Decathlon has ten events and a Team Super Quiz. Ten events are weighted at 1,000 points per event for a possible 10,000 points, per decathlete. However, only six scores per team are counted for the team ranking, (top two Honor, top two Scholastic, and top two Varsity).

The Team Super Quiz is an oral relay event. In Super Quiz, each decathlete will answer 13 questions. The first question is a practice question and will not count towards the team's score. The next 12 questions will be worth 75 points each (12 x 75 = 900). The Overall Super Quiz team ranking is determined by the six decathletes with the top two scores in each round. It is not necessary that the six decathletes whose scores count for the Super Quiz be the same six decathletes whose scores count for the team ranking. The Super Quiz is a "Team Score" and will not count towards an individual's score.

The highest possible Overall Team Score is 65,400 points. Team Ranking [60,000 points] + Super Quiz Team Score [5,400 points] = 65,400 points.

Six of the objective tests have 50 items. The raw score for these tests is converted to 1,000 points with each item worth 20 points. The math test has 35 items with each item being worth equal points.

The essay is scored based on a rubric. Each essay is independently read twice. If there is a divergence of 200 points or more in the two scores, the essay is read and scored by a third judge. The third score replaces the divergent score. The two scores are averaged for the final score.

The speech and interview are performed before a panel of at least two (2) judges. The judges complete the appropriate Scantron forms independent of one another. These are scanned directly into the computer. The scoring program computes

an average score based on a maximum of 1,000 points.

EXPLANATION OF DIVISIONS

CAD will host at least 60 teams at the state championship. At the discretion of the CAD Board of Directors, additional teams may be allowed and invitation to compete at the state competition resulting in more than 60 teams. A school may only have one team of 6 – 9 decathletes participate at the state competition.

Depending upon the number of separate regions (including LAUSD and SoCal Private) participating in the state competition, the CAD Board of Directors may invite a limited number of at-large teams to compete at the state competition. All at-large teams will be selected from those teams with the highest scores from those teams who did not win their county competition. The selection of the at-large teams will be based solely upon the score obtained by the non-qualifying teams at the regional level. Additional teams from a school already competing at the state competition will not be allowed. At-large teams will compete in their respective division based upon their team score.

There will be three (3) divisions for the State Championship. Division I will be the top 20 highest reported scoring teams, both county champions and at-large teams. Division II will be the next top 20 highest reported scoring teams, both county champions and at-large teams. Division III will be the remaining teams.

EXPLANATION OF AWARDS

Individual Event Awards. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the highest scoring decathletes from each category in each event in all three divisions. All ties will be awarded.

Overall Highest Scoring Decathlete By Team. A medal will be presented to the overall highest scoring decathlete from each team. Decathletes will report to the stage.

Overall Highest Scoring Individual Decathlete By Category, By Division. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the Individual highest scoring decathlete in each category (H, S, V) for each division with the highest cumulative scores from all ten events (not including Super Quiz).

Coaches Award. A cash award will be presented to the Overall Highest Scoring Decathlete (Combined Divisions) in each category (H, S, V).

Super Quiz Awards. Trophies and medals will be given to the overall, top three teams in all three divisions. Super Quiz team ranking shall be determined by the highest two scores in each category (H, S, V) regardless of these decathletes' overall scores.

Division 2 and Division 3 Overall Team Awards. First, second and third place trophies and medals will be presented to teams in Divisions 2 and 3.

Division 1 Overall Team Awards. CAD will recognize the top 10. Tenth thru fourth place teams will be presented with a team plaque. Trophies and medals will be presented to the top three teams in Divisions 1. The team with the highest overall score will be recognized as the state champion.

National Invitation. Four teams will advance to the national competition. The highest scoring team will represent California and attend the national finals. The highest scoring Large, Medium and Small school teams at the state finals will advance to the national online competition. USAD recognizes Large schools with a decathlete enrollment of 1,301 or higher, Medium schools with a decathlete enrollment of 1,300 or less and Small schools with a decathlete enrollment of 650 or less. All four teams will be recognized during the awards and presented with their appropriate national registration packets.

TEAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FORM

★ MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 24 ★ NO FAXES OR ELECTRONIC COPIES

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As a condition of participating in the 2016-2017 California Academic Decathlon State Championship, we have received, reviewed and discussed all the information in the Team Registration Packet, including the Team Participation Agreement Information and agree to all of the conditions as specified. We understand that the failure of any member or affiliate of our team to adhere to the policies and procedures set forth in said documents may result in disqualification from competition.

County

School District

School Name

Principal's Signature

Date

Academic Decathlon Head Coach's Signature

Date

Academic Decathlon Assistant Coach's Signature

Date

Academic Decathlon Assistant Coach's Signature

Date

TEAM DECATHLETES' SIGNATURES:

PRINT DECATHLETE'S NAME

