

CHALLENGE PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

Introduction

Decathletes are expected to strive to ensure the truthfulness, fairness and accuracy of all aspects of the competition. In matters of overall policy, the CAD Board of Directors has final authority, but as delineated herein, the authority and responsibility for conducting the CAD competition lies with the State Director and designated Competition Committee.

Test Challenge

Thorough documentation and understanding of challenge policies and procedures and the circumstances under which any score adjustment can be made is very important. Further, it is important to assure challenges can be filed, discussed and resolved in a timely manner. Although challenges are not encouraged, adherence to these procedures and guidelines are necessary to ensure fairness in the treatment of all challenges. All challenges must include the appropriate documentation.

The following are allowable types of challenges and procedures for filing a challenge/appeal. Decathletes are to file challenges through their coach in written form, except for such problems as missing test pages or unreadable portions; in this case, decathletes should raise their hand and tell the nearest proctor.

Coaches who wish to challenge an item on an objective test or the Super Quiz Relay **MUST USE** the Test Item Challenge Form. The Challenge Form must be legible and provide clear instruction of the particular appeal. One appeal, per form, will be accepted. No other form will be accepted, including verbal appeals. CAD will not distribute Challenge Forms to teams. Teams must print their own from the copy that is included on the following page. Scores for Essay, Interview and Speech events are final and not subject to challenge.

As a general reference to any and all questions, decathletes should answer with the BEST response, and not a response that is sometimes true, or provides an exception, or is based on regional or local data. Questions are context specific due to national participation in this test. Decathletes should not be looking for ANY plausible answer, but the BEST answer, based on the text provided. Often the most obvious or direct answer is NOT provided (much in the same fashion as the ACT, SAT or any AP exam), requiring the decathlete to determine the BEST response.

Challenge of an Item on an Objective Test

Challenge of a test item on an objective test may be lodged during the competition by a coach because of one of the following reasons only:

- a. No correct answer
- b. Two **equally** correct answers
- c. Typographical error in the text of a question/answer

Challenges to any item on an objective test for any reason other than those stated above will not be accepted. Completed For morning exams, Challenge Forms must be delivered to the Will Call or presented to a competition official by 1:30 PM, by 5:00 PM for afternoon exams on the day of testing.

Challenges To Super Quiz Relay

Challenge of a question from the Super Quiz Relay may be lodged by a coach because of one of the following reasons only:

- a. Answer indicated as correct is not the correct answer
- b. Question does not relate to the Study Guide outline

Challenges to any item on the Super Quiz Relay for any reason other than those stated above will not be accepted. Completed Forms for a Super Quiz Relay item must be filed with the Competition Committee within thirty minutes of the end of the Relay.

Responses

All decisions made by the Appeals Committee are final.

TEST ITEM CHALLENGE FORM

(To be completed by the team coach only one challenge per form.)

Coach's Name

Date

School

Time

For morning tests, this form must be completed and turned in by 1:30 PM. For afternoon tests, this form must be completed and turned in by 5:00 PM.

For Super Quiz Relay, this form must be completed and turned in by thirty minutes of the end of the relay to an Appeals Committee member.

As the coach for the _____ Team, I hereby request a review of the following test item(s):

Name of Test

Item Number(s)

The reason for the request is as follows:

Coach's Signature

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Name of Test

Item Number(s)

Your request has been DENIED ACCEPTED for the following reasons:

Signature (member of the Appeals Committee)

Scores for Essay, Interview and Speech events are final. They are not subject to challenge.