

# UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON® Nationals 2018

## • CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT •

The United States Academic Decathlon® expects all team members to conduct themselves with decorum while attending Academic Decathlon® events. This includes travel, time on hotel premises, and any sightseeing associated with students' participation in the USAD Nationals, and all of the related events in Frisco, TX.

Appropriate conduct of team members is the sole responsibility of the team coach who has legal responsibility as the chaperone for team members at all times. Students should be under the supervision of the coach during the entire competition. **All students are expected to be in their rooms by 10:00 p.m.** (unless participating in a scheduled event.) If behavior in common areas of the hotel is disruptive, an earlier curfew may be imposed either by USAD or by the hotel management. It is the responsibility of the team coach to be available and to enforce such a curfew and any other regulations determined necessary by USAD officials.

Inappropriate conduct includes, but is NOT limited to:

1. cheating
2. being in possession of any cell phone, electronic devices, study materials, etc., in the testing areas of the competition, including Speech and Interview and Super Quiz™ Relay,
3. being in possession of any weapon,
4. damage to, or vandalism of, any property including hotel rooms and competition sites,
5. stealing,
6. use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students, regardless of age,
7. use of water pistols, water balloons or any other projectile at the hotel or competition site,
8. fighting, loud noise, or any other behavior which is disruptive to others at the hotel or competition site.
9. disrespect to the competition, competition officials, proctors, or coaches.

**Financial liability for all damage incurred by actions of a team member shall be the sole responsibility of that team member and his/her parents.** Failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition and the awards ceremony. The decision of the USAD Administration is final.

**Teams should be aware that failure of any team member to adhere to these policies and procedures may result in disqualification of the delinquent student and/or the entire team. Furthermore, cheating in any form will not be tolerated. Any act of cheating will be promptly brought to the USAD Officials for review, evaluation, and imposition of possible sanctions. If someone is proven to have cheated, it is within USAD's power to disqualify not only the person caught cheating, but also the entire team. Decathletes that violate the Student Code of Conduct run the risk of being eliminated from the national competition and being sent home at the Decathlete's expense.**

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## • DRESS CODE •

All participants are expected to dress neatly while attending the competition. As representatives of their respective schools, students should dress comfortably within limits: **Team shirts and/or uniforms for teams are encouraged.**

### **TESTING ARENA & SUPER QUIZ™ RELAY**

Although casual attire is permissible during testing, distracting apparel, including hats of any kind, sunglasses, jackets, hooded clothing or other baggy-style sweatshirts and/or pants, cargo pants, torn jeans, or overalls shall be considered inappropriate and not acceptable in the testing arena.

### **SPEECH & INTERVIEW**

Males - blazer, sport coat or sweater with collared dress shirt and necktie; dress pants or business suit with collared dress shirt and necktie; socks and dress shoes

Females - business skirt with blouse and/or sweater; jacket with dress blouse and business skirt or dress pants; business suit with dress blouse; or business dress; plus dress shoes (pumps, heels or flats)

At all competitive events, distracting apparel, including hats/caps of any kind, shall be considered inappropriate. If violations of the dress code are observed by a proctor or USAD officials, the student will be given the opportunity to comply with dress standards prior to the event. Once a student has been allowed to compete in an event, he or she may NOT be disqualified based on dress code violations.

Failure to comply with the dress code may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition and the awards ceremony. The decision of the USAD Administration is final.