

United States Academic Decathlon and Pentathlon 2020 Participation Resolution

Subject: Worldwide Coronavirus Pandemic

Whereas, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization, WHO, declared Coronavirus outbreak as a worldwide pandemic, and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020 the United States declared a Coronavirus National Emergency, and

Whereas, by March 17, 48 of our 50 states had declared a state of emergency for Coronavirus, and

Whereas, most schools throughout the country are closed and may not re-open during the 2019-2020 school year, and

Whereas, many states have mandated stay in place requirements, and

Whereas, many states have had to mandate online and other off-site programs in order for students to complete the school year, and

Whereas, many of the USAD teams are prohibited from meeting in person, and

Whereas, online home testing expands the need for extra internet bandwidth needed for online courses, and

Whereas, the USAD online testing impacts the local home requirements for bandwidth, and

Whereas, the accountability, integrity and validity process for testing at home has not been established and tested, and

Whereas, some students don't have the opportunity for access to computers at home, and

Whereas, the USAD staff has surveyed and received input from state directors, coaches, participants and other individuals associated with USAD, and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that for the safety and health of all of the USAD participants, state directors, coaches, volunteers, parents, staff and guests who are our highest priority, and

Be it Further Resolved, that because of the Worldwide Coronavirus outbreak that USAD is canceling all National Competitions for Academic Decathlon and Academic Pentathlon for teams and individuals, for the 2019-2020 school year, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the USAD Administration and USAD Board Liaison will move forward with all necessary decisions to implement this resolution.

Signature:  _____ Date: April 6, 2020
David Mikkalson, USAD Board President