

**United States Academic Decathlon®**  
**2021 USAD Nationals**  
**Student Code of Conduct and Dress Code**

**Student Code of Conduct**

The United States Academic Decathlon expects all team members to conduct themselves with decorum while attending Academic Decathlon events.

Inappropriate conduct includes, but is NOT limited to:

1. **Cheating**
2. **Use of cell phones, electronic devices, study materials, etc. while taking the objective tests and while participating in the speech, interview, essay, and Super Quiz™ events**
3. Use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students, regardless of age
4. Disrespect to the competition, competition officials, proctors and other volunteers or coaches

Failure to comply with the Student Code of 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.**

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**Dress Code**

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

**Speech and Interview**

Males – blazer, sport coat or sweater with collared dress shirt and necktie; or business suit with collared dress shirt and necktie.

Females – blouse and/or sweater; jacket with dress blouse; business suit with dress blouse; or business dress.

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.