

United States Academic Decathlon®

2021 USAD Nationals

General Rules & Guidelines

The United States Academic Decathlon® Nationals is held under the auspices of the USAD Board of Directors. All testing, judging, scoring and any other function of the competition per se are managed by USAD.

Decathletes and coaches are required to comply with the competition policies and guidelines. Failure to adhere to the policies and regulations could result in the disqualification of the participant and/or their team at the discretion of the USAD officials.

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Identification

All participants must have their USAD IDs at their workstations during each test and at each competition event. Each online test will be preceded by a certification statement that students will acknowledge and accept prior to beginning the test.

Testing

Participants are NOT permitted to bring books, notes, purses, backpacks, coats, hats, mascots, electronic devices, computer watches, cell phones or any other items, except for approved calculators, into the testing room. Any such items will be confiscated by the proctor and may result in the student receiving a zero for that particular session. The decision of USAD will be final and irrevocable.

Any participant who has a medical condition that requires special provisions of any kind must provide USAD with written documentation from a physician in advance of the competition. The decision to allow a medical exception is at the discretion of USAD and is final.

Tardiness

Participants are responsible for being present and ready to begin at the time each test begins.

Cheating

If a proctor or competition official finds a contestant involved in using or possessing a cell phone during testing; using any unauthorized means of communication; using any type of crib notes; or sharing, texting, storing or transporting test information (including inappropriate use of a calculator); the proctor must report the incident to the USAD testing director. If a participant is proven to have cheated, they will be disqualified from the event. However, depending on the severity of the infraction, the participant may be disqualified from the entire competition. Participants removed because of cheating or misconduct will NOT be eligible for any awards. Any person receiving or passing along any current year's tests or test items, except for USAD published practice tests, will disqualify themselves and their team from Decathlon participation. The decision of USAD will be final and irrevocable.

Super Quiz™

Participants are NOT permitted to bring books, notes, purses, backpacks, coats, hats, cell phones, electronic devices or any other items into the testing room, except for one acceptable calculator for the

mathematics questions. Any such items will be confiscated by proctors. Any team that does not adhere to the Super Quiz rules may be disqualified from the event.

Withdrawal

In the case of an emergency or illness, a participant must formally withdraw in order to be eligible for any awards. To formally withdraw, a participant must give a written explanation of their withdrawal to a proctor or Decathlon official. An alternate student CANNOT be added to a team in the case of a withdrawal.

Test Scores

Any scores announced during the competition are unofficial. Test scores will NOT be posted at any time during the competition.