



**United States Academic Decathlon® Welcome Letter
2021 USAD Online Nationals (Small, Medium & Large)
April 30–May 1, 2021**

To: Academic Decathlon Small, Medium & Large Online Teams
From: United States Academic Decathlon

Congratulations on achieving the honor of representing your state at the 2021 USAD Nationals. Plans for Nationals are underway, and the USAD staff and volunteers are working hard to make this an enjoyable competition. Please be aware that all competition events will be virtual/online. All registration documents and competition information can be found on the USAD website (www.usad.org) – 2021 USAD Nationals webpage.

Abbreviated Nationals Schedule – All times are Central Daylight Time

Thursday, April 8

- Online essay and art events – 12:30 p.m.

Friday, April 30

- Objective testing 12:45–4:55 p.m.

Nationals registration information

All forms **MUST** be emailed (nationals@usad.org) and/or postmarked by **March 25**. Please make sure all forms are typed (preferred) or printed legibly. **Names of students and teams will appear on all documentation as they appear on the online team roster form.** No name corrections will be made after March 27.

Please mail forms to: USAD Nationals
 PO Box 4351
 Mankato, MN 56002

Coaches, teams and state directors: please comply with the deadline dates specified for submission of your team registration(s) and roster(s). If your competition is too close to the March 25 deadline for forms to be received on time, please email your forms to nationals@usad.org and indicate the originals have been placed in the mail.

Detailed Nationals information

Thursday, April 8

Essay and art events

The USAD essay and art events will be held on April 8 at 12:30 p.m. with essay first, followed immediately by art. Your team must participate in a practice session between

April 1, 12:30 p.m. and April 6, 5 p.m., so USAD can confirm all teams/students will be able to access the testing site on competition day. All students and proctors must test their usernames and passwords on these days, even if your team has participated in a USAD national competition in the past. **All students MUST participate in the essay and art testing on April 8. Student(s) who do not participate will not be eligible to participate in the 2021 USAD Nationals competition.** Please refer to the Nationals Online Technical Information, located on the 2021 USAD Nationals webpage, for more details.

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Miscellaneous Information

April postings

Team ID numbers will be assigned and posted on the 2021 USAD Nationals webpage in early April after all state competitions have been completed.

Documents regarding: General Rules, Appeals Procedures, Calculator Policy, Dress Code, Code of Conduct, Competition Schedule, etc., can also be downloaded from the 2021 USAD Nationals webpage. Once you download forms and other materials, please read them carefully. NOTE: Some documents must be opened with Adobe Acrobat or Reader.

Decathlete behavior

All participants are expected to demonstrate behavior that is appropriate for USAD events and in keeping with the USAD Code of Conduct. The failure of any member of the team to adhere to the policies and procedures listed in the USAD Code of Conduct may result in the disqualification of the delinquent decathlete and/or the entire team.

Special needs

If there are team members who have special needs requiring special arrangements, please notify USAD of this by including this information on the Special Needs Form located on the team registration page on the 2021 USAD Nationals webpage.

Photos

USAD is requesting that all teams submit a team photo. The photo may be included in USAD's Curriculum Overview. Ideally, photos should be at least 300 DPI or taken with a 2-megapixel or larger device. Please email your team photo(s) to nationals@usad.org by March 25.

Nationals t-shirts and apparel

2021 USAD Nationals and Academic Decathlon t-shirts and apparel will be available for sale. Details can be found on the 2021 USAD Nationals webpage.