



# United States Academic Pentathlon® Nationals, Nashville, TN May 16-18, 2019

Congratulations on achieving the honor of representing your state at the U.S. Academic Pentathlon 2019 Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee. USAP staff and volunteers in Nashville are working hard to make this a very enjoyable competition. All registration documents and competition information are included with this document.

The 2019 National Finals will have the following components:

- 1. On-site competition** – Each state is eligible to send two teams to the competition in Nashville, TN. Teams must have competed and won in their state competition as either an all-8<sup>th</sup> grade team, all-7<sup>th</sup> grade team, or a combined team. Combined teams will compete at the level of the highest student on the team. **The National Champions will be awarded to the highest scoring 8<sup>th</sup> grade team and the highest scoring 7<sup>th</sup> grade team competing in TN.** Additionally, individual students are also eligible to compete at the competition in TN.
- 2. Online competition** – All Pentathlon teams not competing in TN, are eligible to compete in the online competition regardless of how they placed in their state. The following forms will indicate if you need to submit them if you are an online team. Recognition will be given to students scoring in the top three for each event per academic level, top three overall per academic level, and the top three schools based on team scoring standards. Like the on-site competition, individual students are eligible to compete.

Registration and training will be at the Sheraton Music City Hotel on Thursday evening, May 16, 2019. Testing events will begin on Friday, May 17, 2019, with objective tests at 8:30 a.m. The Awards Banquet will be on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

All forms and payments **MUST** be received by **May 1, 2019**. ALL FORMS MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED LEGIBLY. Names of students will appear on all documentation as they appear on the Team Verification form. No name corrections will be made after May 8, 2019. Team and individual rosters are due **April 15, 2019**.

NOTE: Be advised that it is very important for teams to comply with the deadlines so that preparation for the competition can be done in a timely manner.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** This year's host hotel is the **Sheraton Music City Hotel**, 777 McGavock Pike Nashville, Tennessee 37214. Students will stay in double rooms, there must be at least one chaperone for every 15 students. The cost is \$164/night plus tax. **Please use the following link to make your reservations.**

[Book your group rate for US Academic Pentathlon](#)

**Reservations must be made by May 1, 2019.** Each team will be responsible for payment of their rooms and other incidentals. All team keys and room assignments will be given to the coach upon check-in.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Sheraton Music City Hotel is approximately 3 miles from the Nashville International Airport. A complimentary shuttle runs to and from the airport every day from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm. Complimentary on-site parking is available at the Sheraton Music City Hotel.

## **REGISTRATION & IDENTIFICATION:**

**On-site competition:** There is a \$400.00 registration fee per on-site team and must be paid prior to the competition. Individual competitors will have a \$100.00 registration fee and must be paid prior to the competition. These fees will cover one meal for all team members and one coach, awards banquet and competition fees. All on-site testing will be held in the Hermitage Ballroom at the Sheraton Music City Hotel.

**Online competition:** There is a \$200.00 registration fee per online team and must be paid prior to the competition. Individual competitors will have a \$50 registration fee and must be paid prior to the competition. These fees will cover your competition fees for test administration and essay scoring.

On-site teams **MUST** check in your team on Thursday, May 16, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm or Friday, May 17, from 7-8 am in the Hermitage Lobby. Teams arriving before Friday, May 17, **SHOULD** plan to check in Thursday evening to leave the later times for teams arriving on Friday; teams that do not check in early may be asked to wait until other teams have checked in. **The official USAP identification badge (issued to students upon registration) must be worn at all times during competition times.** COACHES MUST CARRY MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS FOR TEAM MEMBERS AT ALL TIMES.

**MEALS:** Breakfast will be provided for up to nine team members and one coach on Friday and Saturday morning. Team tickets will be provided in your registration packet when you check in. You will be provided with one complimentary coach ticket in addition to participant tickets corresponding with the number on your official roster for the Friday and Saturday morning breakfasts. All team meal tickets **MUST** be picked up during registration by the team coach. Tickets must be presented for all meals; lost tickets will not be replaced. See additional meal form #10 for extra coaches, students, or guests. Teams are responsible for all other meals and snacks. Lunch on Friday afternoon will be available for purchase in the Hermitage Lobby. A team celebration event will be held Friday evening from 5:00-7:30 pm at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in the tennis court area. Entertainment will be provided, and food will be available for purchase.

**ESSAY:** The essay for both on-site and online competitions will take place online prior to the competition in Nashville, TN. This event will be held April 26, 2019, the testing window will be open from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Central Daylight time. You will need to reserve a computer lab at your school, library, or other venue. An administrator (not the team coach) will need to oversee the online competition. **Internet Explorer and Google Chrome are the only browsers that may be used for the Essay and online testing. Please contact your school's IT department and make sure the following address is on the school's "safe" list: <https://usad.enyght.com>.**

**ONLINE TESTING:** Online testing will be held at the same time as the on-site testing on Friday, May 17, 2019, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. CDT. You will need to reserve a computer lab at your school, library, or other venue. An administrator (not the team coach) will need to oversee the online competition. Please refer to the Competition Schedule for test and break times. **Internet Explorer and Google Chrome are the only browsers that may be used for the Essay and online testing. Please contact your school's IT department and make sure the following address is on the school's "safe" list: <https://usad.enyght.com>.**

**SCORE RESULTS:** Scores will **NOT** be posted during the competition. Coaches will receive their unofficial team results and the overall report at the conclusion of the Awards Banquet. All other reports will be emailed to the head coach of each team. Official results will be posted following the event on the USAD website. If your team has an early departure, contact Amy Magnuson at [amy@usad.org](mailto:amy@usad.org) for information regarding your score report.

**AWARDS BANQUET:** The Awards Banquet will be held in the Hermitage Ballroom at the Sheraton Music City Hotel. There will be assigned seating for all attendees. Up to nine team members and one coach may be seated together at the team table. Tickets will be available for pickup during registration. You will be provided with one coach ticket in addition to participant tickets corresponding with the number on your official roster. Banquet tickets for additional coaches may be purchased using the **Guest Meal Reservation Form #10**. All parents and

other visitors from your state who are planning to attend the banquet should make their reservations using this same **Guest Meal Reservation Form**. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The banquet is a breakfast buffet with options for vegetarians.

**DRESS:** Publicity pictures, news coverage, and video productions are commonplace at U.S. Academic Pentathlon events. Participants and coaches are expected to dress in good taste and in accordance with the Code of Conduct. (A copy is included in this packet.) The average weather in Nashville in May is between 60-75°.

**STUDENT BEHAVIOR:** All participants are expected to demonstrate behavior that is appropriate for U.S. Academic Pentathlon events and in keeping with the U.S. Academic Pentathlon Code of Conduct. Coaches are the official chaperones for the team members at all activities and are directly responsible for supervision of the behavior of their team members at all times. All students are expected to read and understand the Code of Conduct and take responsibility for their own behavior to help avoid any unpleasant incidents that may mar the success of the event or negatively affect the representation of your school and community. Teams and pentathletes should be aware that the failure of any member of the team to adhere to the policies and procedures listed in the Code of Conduct may result in the disqualification of the delinquent student's participation and/or the entire team, and the student and/or team runs the risk of being sent home at the pentathlete's or team's expense.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If there are team members who have special needs (including alternative diets) requiring special arrangements at the hotel, please notify U.S. Academic Pentathlon of this by including this information on the **Special Needs Form** that is a part of this National Finals packet. Students with allergies are responsible for attending to proper care for their allergies.

The checklist below is provided to assist you with managing forms as they are completed.

All Forms are to be **RECEIVED** by **May 1, 2019 (Team and individual Rosters are due April 15, 2019)**

**ON-SITE COMPETITION**

| Completed | FORM  | Mail or submit online to:  |
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|           | Pentathlon Team/Individual Roster Forms <b>due April 15, 2019</b> | USAP – pentathlon@usad.org |
|           | Transcripts along with USAP GPA Forms if not already provided     | USAP – pentathlon@usad.org |
|           | Student Registration and Parent Permission                        | USAP – pentathlon@usad.org |
|           | Pronunciation form  | USAP – pentathlon@usad.org |
|           | Special Needs Form  | USAP – pentathlon@usad.org |
|           | T-Shirt Order Form/Payment  | USAP – pentathlon@usad.org |
|           | Guest Meal Reservation Form/Payment                               | USAP – pentathlon@usad.org |

**ONLINE COMPETITION**

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The USAD Executive Board, the USAP staff, and the volunteers and sponsors from our host state look forward to seeing you in Nashville, on May 16-18, 2019. We are confident that you will have an enjoyable Academic Pentathlon experience.

**NOTE:** ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION GIVEN TO YOU AT CHECK IN AS TIMES AND ROOMS MAY CHANGE.