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WELCOME

Decathletes:



Keith Wenner
Board President, United States
Academic Decathlon

As the president of the board of directors of the United States Academic Decathlon, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 USAD Nationals in Des Moines, IA.

Congratulations to all the decathletes. You have proven that by combining hard work, commitment, sacrifice and talent you can achieve both personal and group recognition. You are all champions.

My hope is that your participation in Academic Decathlon will produce a strong foundation which will enable you to prosper in your academic and personal endeavors and that you will embrace the “Twin Team” concept.

I encourage you to make the most of this experience. Over the next few days you will have the opportunity to enjoy the competition, celebrate your accomplishments, grow new friendships, and appreciate all who have served and sacrificed for your benefit.

On behalf of the board of directors, I extend congratulations on your achievements and wish you the best as you compete in the 2025 USAD Nationals.

Sincerely,
Keith Wenner
Board President
United States Academic Decathlon

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HISTORY



Dr. Robert Peterson
Founder, Academic Decathlon®

***Celebrating more than
50 Years of Academic
Decathlon!***

***“In 1968, the first
academic decathlon
was held in Orange
County, California.
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“There ought to be more rallies and academic activities for all students,” were notes handwritten in pencil, found in the late Dr. Robert Peterson’s belongings. Peterson was a B-17 pilot in World War II who was shot down over Italy and became a German POW in Stalag Luft I for 18 months. History tells us the concept for the Academic Decathlon® was created in a German POW camp. By the 21st century, it has become the premier academic competition in the nation.

Peterson’s campaign in the late 1960s centered around an idea called an academic decathlon. It would include high school students, regardless of their grade-point averages. The aim was to get the average student to participate and work up to their potential. By 1968, his small pocket journals written in pencil in a POW camp were transformed into an academic decathlon competition.

In 1968, the first academic decathlon was held in Orange County, California. In 1979, the California Academic Decathlon was established, and by 1981, the United States Academic Decathlon was established as a national organization. In April 1982, the first USAD was held with 18 states participating.

The Academic Decathlon is designed to provide a forum for celebrating and acknowledging scholastic achievement and academic excellence in the context of a team environment. The competition provides high school students the opportunity to participate in an educational forum that fosters a deep respect for knowledge, cooperation and self-esteem.

Since 1968, the Academic Decathlon has grown into the premier scholastic competition in the United States. To this day, the Academic Decathlon brings students from the United States and beyond together to compete in a contest of academic strength.

Dr. Robert Peterson was a great friend and “father” of the Academic Decathlon and we are privileged to have been recipients of the wisdom and foresight of this most worthy educator. His innovative leadership and creativity enabled him to promote positive educational experiences for youth, initially in Orange County, California, but ultimately throughout the entire United States.

Dr. Robert Peterson exemplified all that is right about the American educational system and was a strong advocate for all young people. As founder of the Academic Decathlon, he enabled thousands of high school students to reach high levels of academic achievement through competition. Dr. Peterson has been truly missed. However, his leadership and educational contributions shall live on forever through the many bright minds that have been turned even brighter because of his initiative.

ABOUT ACADEMIC DECATHLON

UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON



Founded in 1968 by Robert Peterson, Ed.D., former Orange County superintendent of schools, USAD serves as the model for all prestigious Academic Decathlon events that now exist at the state, national and international levels. USAD invites public and private high school students to compete as team members in a series of academic tests and demonstrations.

USAD, like its ancient Greek counterpart, is a 10-event contest. Unlike the Greek decathlon, however, USAD is an academic rather than an athletic competition and a team competition, as well as one for individuals. Participants demonstrate their academic strength by completing seven written tests (art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science and social science) writing an essay, delivering prepared and impromptu speeches, and participating in an interview. The exciting Super Quiz is a team event held before a live audience.

The purpose of Academic Decathlon is to develop and provide academic programming, curriculum and assessment to promote learning and academic excellence. Students of all achievement levels participate in a variety of rigorous and challenging academic events while building teamwork and a competitive spirit.

HOW DOES ACADEMIC DECATHLON WORK?



Academic Decathlon teams consist of nine student members, known as decathletes. Each team consists of three honor decathletes (GPA 3.80-4.00), three scholastic decathletes (GPA 3.20-3.799) and three varsity decathletes (GPA 0.00-3.199). Each Academic Decathlon team spends months working together in preparation for an arduous and demanding competition season against other local area schools.

All decathletes compete in multiple-choice tests in the subject areas of art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science, and social science. Each area, with the exception of mathematics, is based on an annual theme.

In addition, each decathlete writes an essay on a given prompt within a 50-minute period, delivers a planned 4-minute speech on a topic of their choice and a 2-minute impromptu speech, and participates in a 7-minute interview.

The competition culminates with an exciting Super Quiz, a team event where the community can cheer from the sidelines, much like a sporting event.

After scores for all objective tests, interview, speech and essay are cumulated, individual and team awards are presented at an awards ceremony.

ABOUT ACADEMIC DECATHLON



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the United States Academic Decathlon is to promote learning and academic excellence among students of varying achievement levels by developing and providing multidisciplinary academic competitions using United States Academic Decathlon curricula.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the United States Academic Decathlon is to provide all students with the opportunity to excel academically through team competition.



CORE VALUES

As a premier national scholastic competition for high school students, United States Academic Decathlon believes in:

The academic growth of students; challenging multidisciplinary learning; teamwork as a means to achieve self-knowledge and life-skills development; providing equal opportunities for students of varying achievement levels; the importance of inclusivity and diversity to learning and the human experience; high standards of honesty and integrity; transparency in our relations and interactions with all of our stakeholders; excellence in our programs, services and activities; and respect for diverse points of view.

BENEFITS



*Academic Decathlon
is the ultimate college
prep experience!*

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

What makes the Academic Decathlon a winning program for students? Academic Decathlon ...

- Increases academic achievement
- Improves study habits
- Fosters teamwork in a learning environment
- Levels the playing field for students with varying grade point averages
- Incorporates the arts
- Develops leaders of the future
- Cultivates confidence
- Promotes lifelong learning

Teaches real-world skills, including:

- Public speaking
- Interviewing
- Analytical writing

Builds 21st-century skills (4 C's), including:

- Critical thinking and creativity
- Character, grit, work ethic, and perseverance
- Communication and collaboration
- Initiative and self-direction

ACADEMIC DECATHLON EVENTS

At the Academic Decathlon, student decathletes participate in 10 events (not necessarily in this order):

Subject	Description
Art	55 question multiple-choice test (30 minutes)
Economics	55 question multiple-choice test (30 minutes)
Literature	50 question multiple-choice test (25 minutes)
Mathematics	45 question multiple-choice test (30 minutes)
Music	50 question multiple-choice test (30 minutes)
Essay	One expository essay (50 minutes)
Science	55 question multiple-choice test (30 minutes)
Social Science	50 question multiple-choice test (25 minutes)
Speech	One 3 ½–4 minute prepared speech and One 1 ½–2 minute impromptu speech
Interview	7 minutes

In addition to participating in 10 individual events, each team will participate in a publicly viewed event called Super Quiz. The Super Quiz is a team relay with three rounds of questions on art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science and social science.

2025 USAD DIVISIONS

► Division I

18	California	El Camino Real Charter High School
68	Texas	Warren High School
69	Texas	John Foster Dulles High School
70	Texas	Lubbock High School
19	California	Granada Hills Charter High School
36	Illinois	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School
13	Arizona	Walden Grove High School
60	Ohio	Oakwood City Schools
20	California	Mark Keppel High School
14	Arizona	Hamilton High School
15	Arizona	Canyon del Oro High School
21	California	Alhambra High School
16	Arizona	Mountain View High School
71	Texas	Lebanon Trail High School

► Division II

37	Illinois	Lane Technical College Preparatory High School
22	California	Verdugo Hills High School
77	Wisconsin	Wilmot Union High School
62	Pennsylvania	Souderton Area High School
10	Alaska	Lathrop High School
17	Arizona	BASIS Scottsdale
63	Pennsylvania	Seneca Valley High School
53	Nebraska	Mount Michael Benedictine School
72	Texas	Health Careers High School
41	Iowa	Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School
78	Wisconsin	Waukesha West High School
79	Wisconsin	New Berlin West High School
61	Ohio	Willoughby South High School
47	Massachusetts	Wellesley High School

► Division III

23	Colorado	Mountain Vista High School
56	New Jersey	Westwood Regional High School
64	Pennsylvania	Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy
28	Georgia	Columbus High School
57	New Jersey	Hackensack High School
11	Alaska	IDEA
54	Nebraska	Creighton Preparatory School
24	Colorado	Englewood High School
29	Georgia	Elite Scholars Academy
65	Pennsylvania	Clarion-Limestone Jr./Sr. High School
33	Idaho	Sandpoint High School
48	Massachusetts	Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
55	Nebraska	Pius X High School
46	Maine	Oak Hill High School

► Division IV

25	Colorado	Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy
34	Idaho	Sugar Salem High School
66	Rhode Island	Wheeler School
42	Iowa	Union High School
73	Utah	DaVinci Academy of Science and the Arts
35	Idaho	Renaissance High School
30	Georgia	North Atlanta High School
44	Iowa	Johnston High School
76	Virginia	Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
32	Hawaii	Punahou School
12	Alaska	Hutchinson High School
31	Georgia	Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School
58	New Mexico	Saint Pius X School
38	Illinois	The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences
80	Wisconsin	Melrose-Mindoro High School

► Division V

43	Iowa	Denison Community High School
49	Massachusetts	North Quincy High School
50	Minnesota	Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial
27	Florida	The Classical Academy of Sarasota
51	Minnesota	Avalon High School
26	Connecticut	Achievement First Amistad High School
39	Indiana	Martinsville High School
45	Kentucky	Francis Parker School of Louisville
59	New York	Cazenovia High School
75	Utah	Morgan High School
67	Tennessee	Fayette-Ware Comprehensive High School
52	Missouri	University Academy
74	Utah	Stansbury High School
40	Indiana	Kankakee Valley High School

MEET THE TEAMS

ALASKA

10 - Lathrop High School *Head Coach - Chris Benshoof*

Tayton Aiken Brice
Jason Brough
Lehansa Fernando
Jahnvi Kumari
Grace Lin
Jason Peng
Luke Russell
Mark Yang
Christian Yew

ALASKA

11 - IDEA *Head Coach - Scott Gingrich Coach - Jen Schutte*

Gwendolynn Cheney
Hannah Long
Maksim Parris
Veylen Threadgall
Isaac Vaughan
Jaxson Waltman
Caleb Wraith
Lia Yenter

ALASKA

12 - Hutchison High School *Head Coach - Amy Wilt Coach - Jeff Wilt*

Hayden Anderson
Alejandro Benavides
Wesley Bohanan
Aaralyn Hall
Aaron Marcotte
Kailea McKee
Robert Nash
Maclaren Wood

ARIZONA

13 - Walden Grove High School *Head Coach - John Borja*

Zeph Aguilar
Paola Amaro
Charlie Cockrell
Sarah Devine
Liliana Gutierrez
Lewis Harvey
Cullen Larkins
Ashaunti Myles
Joseph Nuttall

ARIZONA

14 - Hamilton High School *Head Coach - Yi Lily Chen Coach - Esther Bateson*

Katie Chan
Elaine Huang
Srijay Kalavena
Abby Kim
Akshay Krishna
Thi Nguyen
Bruce Shen
Claire Zhan
Audrey Zhang

ARIZONA

15 - Canyon del Oro High School *Head Coach - Chris Yetman*

Henry Anicker
Elijah Bartruff
Chad Butterbrodt
Zoe Guymon
Ethan Hosack
Evan Lehner
Julia Smith
Noah Spaeth
Lily Weleck

ARIZONA

16 - Mountain View High School *Head Coach - Corey Helsel Coach - Freeman Pruett Coach - Katherine Thrailkill Coach - Monica Helseth*

Mason Badgett
Abram Clarkson
Lydia Crider
Chip Foote
Brynn Goodmansen
Bentley Halvorsen
Serenity Mann
Marcus Rogers
Mia Sweador

ARIZONA

17 - BASIS Scottsdale *Head Coach - Michelle Clarke*

Ethan Cho
Evangeline Clarke
Aydin Daniel
Benny Hernandez
Tanush Karumuru
Maddie Mitchell
Shriyans Narsingam

CALIFORNIA

18 - El Camino Real Charter High School *Head Coach - Stephanie Franklin Coach - Karen Evens Coach - John Dalsass*

Ashley Acosta
Enoch Chan
Darren Du
Brendan Luna
Bahar Mirzajanzadeh
Emily Simms
Yash Singhal
Leanne Warren
Zarah Zuhair

CALIFORNIA

19 - Granada Hills Charter High School *Head Coach - Tyler Lee Coach - Jared Matsubayashi Coach - Bennett Cohen*

Ashley Duong
Christian Godinez
Cristopher Gonzalez
Ashley Harmon
Ashlyn Kim
Ngoc Kim Le
Vincent Nguyen
Raji Toleco
Christopher Zarate

CALIFORNIA

20 - Mark Keppel High School *Head Coach - Tin Tran*

Allen Chao
Yuliao Fan
Amber Kuo
Sandra Liang
Ivan Luu
Matthew Ma
Hunter Pham
Axel Raphael
Cooper Torres

CALIFORNIA

21 - Alhambra High School *Head Coach - Jose Sanchez Coach - Miriam Contreras*

Clarissa Diaz
Oscar Diaz
Cesar Gonzalez
MD Hamza Khan
Kaylee Lu
Lyla Medina
Kenneth San
Kevin San

CALIFORNIA

22 - Verdugo Hills High School *Head Coach - Evae Silva Coach - Ellen Harutyunyan*

Airin Avanesian
Harrison Barrett
Charlize Dial
Gianni Fuentes
Stephany Gutierrez
Miles Ketchum
Lilit Khachatryan
Anthony Morini
Bowie Perez

COLORADO

23 - Mountain Vista High School *Head Coach - Sean Duffey*

Zoe Conz
Gavin Fox
Yuliya Gorbunova
John Hare
Mira Harris
Oscar Mackey
Lucy Mock
Ava Neal
Caleb Olson

COLORADO

24 - Englewood High School *Head Coach - Lindsay Crenwelge*

Sarah Claveria
Caches Cunningham
Hailey Rae Darras
Abigail Husbands
Rafael Lopez
Dante Lopez Peralta
Elliot McConnell
Richard Owens
Lucy Walker

COLORADO

25 - Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy *Head Coach - Joachim Bendixen*

Toby Bolton
Olivia Boswell
Franike Encina
Will Grover
Ashton Jopio
Taylob Kobee
Alexa Plucinski
Zach Taylor

CONNECTICUT

26 - Achievement First Amistad High School *Head Coach - Martin Lechuga Coach - Blake Fisher*

Shar-Shalaham Dooley
Nazir Drame
Allison Guerra-Callejas
Sebastian Hawke-Lopez
Gavin Jeffers
Karriema Peters
Chanel Rocha
Ehis Uwuuruya
Larry Yarbrough

FLORIDA

27 - The Classical Academy of Sarasota *Head Coach - Melody Farrell Coach - Rachael Witherspoon*

Jedidiah Darty
Magnolia Darty
Brenna Farrell
Yosef Frost
Catherine Gillson
Lorenzo Olivieri
Ryan Shumway
Emma Witherspoon

GEORGIA

28 - Columbus High School *Head Coach - Julie Garner*

Utkarsh Anand
JC Bush
Sun Choi
Aaron Dorbu
Patch Hearn
Katie Krump
Tristian Patterson
Owen Steele
Carl Tutton

GEORGIA

29 - Elite Scholars Academy *Head Coach - Clifford Smith*

Tony Doan
Kadence Furr
Tracy Nguyen
Laurn Palmer
Anthony Reyes-Gonzalez
David Tang
Han Tran
Landin Wood
Krystal Zarate-Hernandez

GEORGIA

30 - North Atlanta High School *Head Coach - Deanna Hasty Coach - D'Andra McPhail Coach - Usha Patke*

Ryan Conley
Idris Fornie
Jose Gachuz-Mendoza
Joi Gonzalez
Andres Gonzalez-Sanabria
Morgan Herb
Molly Mukerji

GEORGIA

31 - Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School *Head Coach - Melody Spires-Howe Coach - James Samaha*

Yazmin Bryant
Symone Finney
Catherine Ford
Alekey Johnson
Jakira Parker
Kaleyah Turmon
Jillian Waddell
Samara Wayne
Giada White

HAWAII

32 - Punahou School *Head Coach - Wyeth Collo Coach - Angla Kung*

Noelani Brennan
Elizabeth Chee
Trevor Chen
Aidan Erickson
Lana Higa
Ben Watanabe

IDAHO

33 - Sandpoint High School *Head Coach - Becky Haag*

Evan Brubaker
Sophia Capodaghi
Keagan Cole
Abby Eldore
Torin Haesle
Kodo Klippel
Bryce Landano
Wyatt Lang
Sophia Sperry

MEET THE TEAMS

IDAHO

34 - Sugar Salem High School

Head Coach - Maren Nichols

John Andrews
Taylor Brown
Laramie Hansen
Jaxon Johansen
Kody Lusk
Carter McBride
Bensen Nichols
Marissa Nichols
Boston Rubert

IDAHO

35 - Renaissance High School

Head Coach - Timothy Smith

Rhett Ducker
Russell Holden
Anne Liebel
Gabriela Morris
Zach Robins
Jaxon Winder
Alex Wiseman

ILLINOIS

36 - Whitney M. Young Magnet High School

Head Coach - Benjamin Gucciardi

Coach - Kirshna Kulkarni

Arunima Chaudhary
Sara Jiang
Vincent Li
Elina Liu
Cassia Macmillan
Samantha Park
Xibao Quan
Renarin Ruffini
Andrik Sanchez

ILLINOIS

37 - Lane Technical College Preparatory High School

Head Coach - Hope Nye

Coach - Noelle Natoli

Giselle Alonso
Arianna Castillo
Paige Foster
Drew Hogan
Elijah Jackson
Mike Majewski
Emily Molina
Lin Urizar
Yocelyn Villatoro

ILLINOIS

38 - The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences

Head Coach - Marianne Doulgeris

Sophej Crowley
Nasir Hamilton
Jeremy Ivy
Catherine Lyons
Madison Nelson
Leland Ramski
Sophia Satsu
Dezirae Vela
Egypt West

INDIANA

39 - Martinsville High School

Head Coach - Caleb Bright-Hughes

Coach - Lynette Liberge

Colin Bain
Kenzie Belcher
Jamison Crabb
Clay Crismore
Angelo Gee
Katelyn Long
Evie Scott
Alexis Watkins

INDIANA

40 - Kankakee Valley High School

Head Coach - Robert Heid

Coach - Lisa Faletto

Coach - Sarah Ketchem

Coach - Andrew Piccirilli

Coach - Constance Waldon

Coach - Sara Welsch

Greta Alicea
Austin Bolde
Jillian Hasara
Mattie Salder
Keira Urbano

IOWA

41 - Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School

Head Coach - Kevin Darrow

Apollo Fisher
Anna Fultz
Mya Kirchhoff
Avery Murray
Billy Ness
Cooper Sebastian
Lena Taylor
Hina Zeeshan

IOWA

42 - Union High School

Head Coach - Kerrie Michael

Taryn Ambrose
Claudia Craft
Ian Grimm
Ella Grote
Hayden Hemsath
Dominic Huisman
Quinn Moine
Hayden Toenges
Stratton Wood

IOWA

43 - Denison Community High School

Head Coach - Aaron Ratliff

Coach - Mark Aurand

Coach - Dana Schroeder

Adrianna Aldana
Francisco Escalante
Leo Martin
Harmoni Osmanski
Pablo Sanchez
Tyson Stoppel
Amira Wight

IOWA

44 - Johnston High School

Head Coach - Cheryl Smith

Arthur Chen
Sahasra Dendi
Rey Dobson
Jo Hanson
Matthew Kathman
Sydney Maule
Alan Qi
Ryan Titus
Sophia Wall

KENTUCKY

45 - Francis Parker School of Louisville

Head Coach - Paul Bartels

Coach - Mackensi Crenshaw

Coach - Calla Suffridge

Coach - Deonna Lynch

Leda Beale
Adelaide Fowler
Elliot Hall
Connor Lin
Lilly Rounsavall
Dylan Saltzman
Ashley Stephens
Kymani Turner
Bren Willis

MAINE

46 - Oak Hill High School

Head Coach - Derek Anderson

Coach - Katie Stubbs

Olivia French
Alexandra Gauthier
Aspen Gauthier
Colby Marcotte
Reese Marquis
Ella Martin
Sutton Sloan
Sophie Spencer
Kieran Stanley

MASSACHUSETTS

47 - Wellesley High School

Head Coach - Maria DiPietro

Coach - Meghan Church

Ellen Kim
Ayla Lin
Ryan Prentice
Giselle Vari
Andrew Yang

MASSACHUSETTS

48 - Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

Head Coach - Vidya Sampathkumar

Elise Harvey

Victor Kabaev

Charles Li

Sophia Li

Shayan Mattoo

Hannah Sun

Nicole Yu

Brian Zhen

MASSACHUSETTS

49 - North Quincy High School

Head Coach - Ben D'Amore

Matthew Amador
Luiza Baiense
Emily Ko
Matthew Lin
Marko Mano
Dhani Paliwal
Philip Wang
Stephen Yu

MINNESOTA

50 - Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial

Head Coach - Billy James

Reese Anderson
Abigail Buffington
Owen Cooper
Jasmine Fleming
Lauryn Hellekson
Morgan Klinkner
Nason Krzmarzick
Jacob Nelson
Karl Schwartz

MINNESOTA

51 - Avalon High School

Head Coach - Gretchen Sage-

Martinson

Coach - Darren Rosario

Coach - Jill Stever-Zeitlin

Will Benefield
Phoenix Clark
Emily Cotton
Eli Foss
Danae Heffron
Ian Heston
Rei Juliette
Charlie Neuman
Bailee Norman

MISSOURI

52 - University Academy

Head Coach - Josh Burdette

Coach - Susie Jackson

Ra'Shawn Doss
Taleah Eubanks
Anaiya Fielder-Bey
Sparrow Leigh-Baker
Jaidah Starr
Leilani Tauheed
Mariah Wells
Mimoree Wells

NEBRASKA

53 - Mount Michael Benedictine School

Head Coach - Dave Cormier

Coach - Eileen Sullivan

Michael Freilich
Timur Guliev
John Kelly
Holden Kutash
Nathan Mullin
Clemens Pavlish
Rylan Pearson
Jaxson Pigg
Connor Smith

NEBRASKA

54 - Creighton Preparatory School

Head Coach - Ashley Clary

Coach - Lisa Cook

Patrick Bosilevac
Julius Bovick
Jospeh Dickas
Ryan Eichele
Cameron Mathis
Nolan Mueller
Peter Sauer
Nathan Smet
Burke Wissman

NEBRASKA

55 - Pius X High School

Head Coach - Mike Katalenich

Coach - Ann Kotopka

Caroline Fulkerson
Caleb Jordan
Joshua Jordan
Regina Jordan
Inara McArthur
Malachi McArthur
Jonah Meduna
Leo Werner
Kaitlyn Wesely

NEW JERSEY

56 - Westwood Regional High School

Head Coach - Jim Thomas

Alexander Asfar
Joseph Celenza
Hudson Cerne
Adriana Dunay
Bryce Hallgren
William Harrahy
Gabrielle Kopp
Daniel Shotkin
Aaron Zeiler

NEW JERSEY

57 - Hackensack High School

Head Coach - Laura Durso

Gabrielle Bennett
Alyssa Cavallo
Isana Garcia
Mariel Hierro-Rodriguez
Victoria Jimenez-Gomez
Saniyah Orr
Camilla Rodriguez
Caden Sage
Shruti Sangamkar

NEW MEXICO

58 - Saint Pius X School

Head Coach - James Penn

Coach - Jonathan Ball

Santos Barela
Bridget Braun
Jonathan Cappon
Kathryn Egberg
Madelyn Garcia
Gloria Guerin
Ethan Ong
Marisa Sapien

MEET THE TEAMS

NEW YORK

59 - Cazenovia High School

Head Coach - Ben Wightman

Brooklyn Benson
Ella Blair
Sebastian Gebers
Connor Hopper
Arha Lewis
Nathan Schierer
Rae Western

OHIO

60 - Oakwood City Schools

Head Coach - Lori Morris

Coach - Marie Jergens

Isak Autrey
Ian Brooks
Ty Fischer
Joseph Hong
Aiden Horton
Gabriella LaPerle
Julian Uhlman
Daniel Wang
Sia Zois

OHIO

61 - Willoughby South High School

Head Coach - Bruce Bensimone

Coach - Eileen Krancevic

Ire Araba
Alen Aussenov
Lucija Dugonic
Caleb Jones
Emma Martin
Arora McCracken
Hope Neurohr
Eros Roesch
Eliot Speros

PENNSYLVANIA

62 - Souderton Area High School

Head Coach - Phil Cerami

Coach - Carolyn Scott

Coach - Sally Cushman

Coach - Caroline Stout

Coach - Ryan Markus

Henry Dang
Giovanni Iervolino
Aaron Im
Jaden Nguyen
Trina Nguyen
Gideon Pham
Ahsan Rahman
Nate Soucier
Maddy Zhang

PENNSYLVANIA

63 - Seneca Valley High School

Head Coach - David Reichard

Ophelia Crano
Gavin Cress
Sarah Ghaffar
Dhiyasri Gopalakrishnan
Rohin Jayaraman
Michael Kravec
Heath Lyon
Evan MacInerney
Kaia Satory

PENNSYLVANIA

64 - Northwest Pennsylvania

Collegiate Academy

Head Coach - Jeff Weiss

Coach - Peter Wojciechowski

Sydney Ashley
Erryn Donovan
Sophia Gnacinski
Manaal Hussain
Sebastian Liu
Isaiah Mooney
Ava West
Isaaq Wilson
Serena Xu

PENNSYLVANIA

65 - Clarion-Limestone Jr./Sr. High

School

Head Coach - Jesse Alden

Corbyn Brown

Layton Dunn

Drake Edmonds

Jason Megnin

Jack Monnoyer

Verle Pavlock

Bryce Pawlowicz

Jesse Siwiecki

Owen Wright

RHODE ISLAND

66 - Wheeler School

Head Coach - Mark Harris

Promise Egunjobi

Thomas Hutchinson

Selina Kao

Diya Kinikar

Krishn Mansharamani

ChiChi Minami

Philip Spradlin

TENNESSEE

67 - Fayette-Ware Comprehensive

High School

Head Coach - Bryan Banks

Coach - Patricia Mattila

James Anderson

Ivy Carrizales

Justin Davis

Angel Hernandez

Maddie Long

Miguel Nunez

Emily Rivera

Wayne Woodward

TEXAS

68 - Warren High School

Head Coach - Joseph Bayona

Coach - Angel Santa Cruz

Trenton Arce

Alexandria Caldwell

Connor Knowlton

Gene Longoria

Fiona Martinez

Abdiel Ortega

Michael Padilla

Elias Rodriguez

Owen Rodriguez

TEXAS

69 - John Foster Dulles High School

Head Coach - Andrew Hartman

Coach - Madison Buitron

Coach - Mark Rosenbalm

Coach - Casey Johnston

Coach - Kat Coleman

Suleyman Bashir

Lisa Gallegos

Sreela Gutha

Alex He

Justin Jiang

Ananya Pathak

Landyn Pruitt

Sriram Susarla

Grace Yu

TEXAS

70 - Lubbock High School

Head Coach - Thomas Reynolds

Coach - Erin Caste

Coach - Nick Reeves

Dania Alkul

Aubrie Alvarado

Echo Ancell

Robert Gaines

Tola Grupke

Michael Herrera

Irene Liang

Toby Tiner

Madeline Weaver

TEXAS

71 - Lebanon Trail High School

Head Coach - Jillian Schattle

Coach - Chris Lehrman

Coach - Kristen Summers

Zaid Darraj

Jai Hari Baskar

Abish Kambala

Sahana Meyyappan

Darsh Poddar

Shreyas Sharma

Manil Thakur

Kedar Vernekar

Dhiya Viswanathan

TEXAS

72 - Health Careers High School

Head Coach - Diana Johnston

Coach - Anthony Bosnic

Maryam Adeparusi

Alekzander Almaraz

Yuvan Buchaiahgari

Carissa Calica

Jack Cantelli

Paige Dewlen

Chukwuma Echeozo

Vivek Gowdhaman

Suhani Pant

UTAH

73 - DaVinci Academy of Science

and the Arts

Head Coach - Debbie Davis

Coach - Liz Boll

Olive Campbell

Sam Fisher

Juan Flores

Kajoel Gasaway

Anabelle Jacob

Sierra Johnson

Jared Lucero

Mavis Owen

UTAH

74 - Stansbury High School

Head Coach - Tina Grossman

Coach - Hailey Grossman

Coach - Amelia Dimond

Coach - Jayden Sullivan

Coach - Bryson Dix

Lucy Cox

Wyatt Gates

Eli Howarth

Ashley Izatt

Phoenix Montoya

Keri Taylor

Xander Vielstich

Keric Wexels

UTAH

75 - Morgan High School

Head Coach - Aubrey Adams

Coach - Dallin Hardy

Brock Barlow

Ava Bourne

Aidan Curfew

Isabel Desmarais

Bode Miller

Whitney Nelson

Maggie Sandall

Adyson Van Tassell

VIRGINIA

76 - Jefferson High School for

Science and Technology

Head Coach - Cullen O'Neill

Jahnvi Guduru

Kyngsup Hwang

Raghav Karthikeyan

Pravar Koundinya

Ipsa Mahajan

Jia Mody

WISCONSIN

77 - Wilmot Union High School

Head Coach - Don Serkowski

Coach - Alyssa White

Mason Buccieri

Charlie Fielder

Evan Kerkman

Jon Olenick

Lucas Olszak

Jack Rogers

Zoe Watanabe

WISCONSIN

78 - Waukesha West High School

Head Coach - Amy Unti-Runnells

Coach - Brady Chyla

Elie Aguilera

Jeremiah Cojon Keddie

Alexis Dinwiddie

Mina Estrada

Sophie Fluckiger

Nathan Maske

Ava Schumacher

Jack Smith

Dar'ya Tolkachova

WISCONSIN

79 - New Berlin West High School

Head Coach - Nicole Zaeske

Jackie Bass

Vivian Dinh

Logan Ferch

Derek Gehrke

Brody Haas

Sophia Hollister

Olivia Johnson

Liam Lucas

Apollo Sundararajan

WISCONSIN

80 - Melrose-Mindoro High School

Head Coach - Chloe Ohlfs

Coach - James Ebert

Madelyn Adams

Norah Bielefeldt

Lucy Giertych

Colbie Kramer

Devin Quilty

Emma Rozek

Elliot Scholze

Emmitt Weiker

Mytchell Wollin

INDIVIDUALS

Elliahna Griswold	Hutchison High School	Alaska	Ajay Vellanki	West Windsor Plains boro HS North	New Jersey
Andy Lai	Hutchison High School	Alaska	Grace Wang	West Windsor Plains boro HS North	New Jersey
Pranshu Agarwal	Basis Chandler	Arizona	Gavin Clark	Oakwood High School	Ohio
Swasthi Arasaiah	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Ian Ha	Oakwood High School	Ohio
Dylan Bagley	Arizona College Prep	Arizona	Srinidhi Krishnamoorthy	Oakwood High School	Ohio
Hunter Brown	Basha High School	Arizona	Evan Simpson	Oakwood High School	Ohio
Angela Chen	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Elena Zois	Oakwood High School	Ohio
Megan Chen	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Jason Chapman	Sandra Day O'Connor High School	Texas
Sebastian Clarke	BASIS Scottsdale	Arizona	Andrea Garcia	Coronado High School	Texas
Kay Davis	Casteel High School	Arizona	Shivam Gupta	Friendswood High School	Texas
Daniel Gu	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Logan Haagenson-Jimenez	MacArthur High School	Texas
Evelyn Helseth	Mountain View High School	Arizona	Benjamin Ingram	Coronado High School	Texas
Tanishq Iyer	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Julia Kerr	Sandra Day O'Connor High School	Texas
Rishit Kashyap	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Belen Martinez	Montwood High School	Texas
Prisha Khemka	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Triet Nguyen	Dulles High School	Texas
Daniel Kim	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Aishan Tripathy	Independence High School	Texas
Marah Knighton	Mountain View High School	Arizona	Haylee Packham	Stansbury	Utah
Rylie Lowinger	Mountain View High School	Arizona	Eliza Scown	Stansbury	Utah
Jaabir Monzur	Basha High School	Arizona	Maria Gonzalez	Melrose Mindoro High School	Wisconsin
Rishi Musti	Hamilton High School	Arizona	Isha Joshi	Eisenhower Middle/High School	Wisconsin
Aadhrit Peram	Basis Chandler	Arizona	Benjamin Varner	Pewaukee High School	Wisconsin
Emmanuel Puchakayala	BASIS Scottsdale	Arizona			
Saranya Sistla	Hamilton High School	Arizona			
Nicholas Solla	Boulder Creek High School	Arizona			
Carter Thompson	Basha High School	Arizona			
Kelvin Ye	Hamilton High School	Arizona			
Daniel Zhang	Hamilton High School	Arizona			
Michael Jang	Brea Olinda High School	California			
Noelle Kim	Fairmont Preparatory Academy	California			
Lara Randhawa	Corona High School	California			
Lauren Wadda	Hallmark Academy	California			
Jesse Barrera	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
Kaylee Bumgarner	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
Becket Cook	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
John Granrud	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
Caleb Holland	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
Robert Ilkhan	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
Aylee Pearson	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
Noah Staves	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
Liam Swanson	Frontier Academy	Colorado			
Alijah Colon	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Illinois			
Quinn Dugan	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Illinois			
Charles Johnigan	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Illinois			
Vishal Som	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Illinois			
Shaan Tandon	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Illinois			
Cris Vazquez	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Illinois			
Jennifer Wu	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Illinois			
Jason Xie	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	Illinois			
Max Fazio	Dowling Catholic High School	Iowa			
Carson Klein	Dowling Catholic High School	Iowa			
Fernando Konrad Parras	Dowling Catholic High School	Iowa			
Malick Sogur	John F Kennedy High School	Iowa			
Jacob Suresh	Dowling Catholic High School	Iowa			
Cora Volp	Dowling Catholic High School	Iowa			
Colton Davis	Oak Hill High School	Maine			
Everett Lindsey	Oak Hill High School	Maine			
Noah Perrier	Oak Hill High School	Maine			
Dominick Plourde	Oak Hill High School	Maine			
Jacob Reid	Oak Hill High School	Maine			
Meadow Straw	Oak Hill High School	Maine			
Jaebin Shin	Stanford Online High School	Massachusetts			
Kingston Li	West Windsor Plains boro HS North	New Jersey			
Roshan Nankani	West Windsor Plains boro HS North	New Jersey			



TWIN TEAMS

2025 USAD Nationals Twin Team Pairing

Get to know more about your fellow decathletes before Nationals start! Twin Teams can foster new friendships and knowledge about the states. When you arrive in Des Moines, you will already have new friends waiting for you! Then you can meet your Twin Team in person, cheer them on, and just have fun! Find your team name in the list and see who you've been paired with. Coaches will receive team contact information.

Team ID	Team Name	Twin ID	Twin Team
10	Alaska - Lathrop High School	30	Georgia - North Atlanta High School
11	Alaska - IDEA	69	Texas - John Foster Dulles High School
12	Alaska - Hutchinson High School	72	Texas - Health Careers High School
13	Arizona - Walden Grove High School	28	Georgia - Columbus High School
14	Arizona - Hamilton High School	40	Indiana - Kankakee Valley High School
16	Arizona - Mountain View High School	80	Wisconsin - Melrose-Mindoro High School
17	Arizona - BASIS Scottsdale	76	Virginia - Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
18	California - El Camino Real Charter High School	56	New Jersey - Westwood Regional High School
20	California - Mark Keppel High School	48	Massachusetts - Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
21	California - Alhambra High School	66	Rhode Island - Wheeler School
22	California - Verdugo Hills High School	42	Iowa - Union High School
23	Colorado - Mountain Vista High School	36	Illinois - Whitney M. Young Magnet High School
24	Colorado - Englewood High School	39	Indiana - Martinsville High School
25	Colorado - Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy	62	Pennsylvania - Souderton Area High School
26	Connecticut - Achievement First Amistad High School	54	Nebraska - Creighton Preparatory School
27	Florida - The Classical Academy of Sarasota	55	Nebraska - Pius X High School
28	Georgia - Columbus High School	13	Arizona - Walden Grove High School
29	Georgia - Elite Scholars Academy	51	Minnesota - Avalon High School
30	Georgia - North Atlanta High School	10	Alaska - Lathrop High School
31	Georgia - Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School	53	Nebraska - Mount Michael Benedictine School
32	Hawaii - Punahou School	46	Maine - Oak Hill High School
33	Idaho - Sandpoint High School	45	Kentucky - Francis Parker School of Louisville
34	Idaho - Sugar Salem High School	63	Pennsylvania - Seneca Valley High School
35	Idaho - Renaissance High School	47	Massachusetts - Wellesley High School
36	Illinois - Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	23	Colorado - Mountain Vista High School
38	Illinois - The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences	71	Texas - Lebanon Trail High School
39	Indiana - Martinsville High School	24	Colorado - Englewood High School
40	Indiana - Kankakee Valley High School	14	Arizona - Hamilton High School
42	Iowa - Union High School	22	California - Verdugo Hills High School
45	Kentucky - Francis Parker School of Louisville	33	Idaho - Sandpoint High School

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46	Maine - Oak Hill High School	32	Hawaii - Punahou School
47	Massachusetts - Wellesley High School	35	Idaho - Renaissance High School
48	Massachusetts - Acton-Boxborough Regional High School	20	California - Mark Keppel High School
49	Massachusetts - North Quincy High School	79	Wisconsin - New Berlin West High School
51	Minnesota - Avalon High School	29	Georgia - Elite Scholars Academy
53	Nebraska - Mount Michael Benedictine School	31	Georgia - Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School
54	Nebraska - Creighton Preparatory School	26	Connecticut - Achievement First Amistad High School
55	Nebraska - Pius X High School	27	Florida - The Classical Academy of Sarasota
56	New Jersey - Westwood Regional High School	18	California - El Camino Real Charter High School
57	New Jersey - Hackensack High School	60	Ohio - Oakwood City Schools
60	Ohio - Oakwood City Schools	57	New Jersey - Hackensack High School
62	Pennsylvania - Souderton Area High School	25	Colorado - Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy
63	Pennsylvania - Seneca Valley High School	34	Idaho - Sugar Salem High School
64	Pennsylvania - Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy	68	Texas - Warren High School
65	Pennsylvania - Clarion-Limestone Jr./Sr. High School	70	Texas - Lubbock High School
66	Rhode Island - Wheeler School	21	California - Alhambra High School
68	Texas - Warren High School	64	Pennsylvania - Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy
69	Texas - John Foster Dulles High School	11	Alaska - IDEA
70	Texas - Lubbock High School	65	Pennsylvania - Clarion-Limestone Jr./Sr. High School
71	Texas - Lebanon Trail High School	38	Illinois - The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences
72	Texas - Health Careers High School	12	Alaska - Hutchinson High School
73	Utah - DaVinci Academy of Science and the Arts	78	Wisconsin - Waukesha West High School
76	Virginia - Jefferson High School for Science and Technology	17	Arizona - BASIS Scottsdale
78	Wisconsin - Waukesha West High School	73	Utah - DaVinci Academy of Science and the Arts
79	Wisconsin - New Berlin West High School	49	Massachusetts - North Quincy High School
80	Wisconsin - Melrose-Mindoro High School	16	Arizona - Mountain View High School

SCHEDULE

UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON®

National Finals – May 1-3, 2025, Des Moines, IA

Competition Site: Iowa Events Center (Events Center)

Competition Hotels (all “Downtown” locations): Hilton, Marriott, Hyatt Place, Embassy Suites, etc.

Black
Team Events

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Volunteer Events

BOLD CAPS
BOARD & STAFF EVENT

Wednesday, April 30		
8 a.m. –12 p.m.	NATIONALS TEAM MEETING State Directors and Nationals Team	HILTON – MATRIX (2nd Floor)
3–5 p.m.	USAD STATE DIRECTORS MEETING	HILTON – MATRIX (2nd Floor)
Thursday, May 1		
8–10 a.m.	USAD BOARD MEETING	HILTON – ELEMENT (2nd Floor)
8–10 a.m.	USAD Registration Teams and State Directors	Events Center – Grand Ballroom Foyer (Level 4)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Welcome Event Teams and State Directors	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
12:00–1:00 p.m.	Mandatory Coaches Meeting Coaches Only	Events Center – Room 108 (Level 1)
12:45–1 p.m.	<i>Speech Volunteer – Registration</i>	Events Center – Room 106 (Level 1)
12:45–1 p.m.	<i>Speech Timer and Guides Volunteer – Registration</i>	Events Center – Room 107 (Level 1)
1–2:30 p.m.	<i>Speech Volunteer – Training</i>	Events Center – Room 106 (Level 1)
1–2:30 p.m.	<i>Speech Timer and Guides Volunteer – Training</i>	Events Center – Room 107 (Level 1)
2:30–2:45 p.m.	<i>Speech/Timer Volunteers Report to Assigned Rooms</i>	
3–7 p.m.	Speech Event Decathletes check-in 15–20 minutes before their assigned speech session.	Events Center (see chart and student schedule for room location)
Friday, May 2		
6–7:30 a.m.	Student Breakfast	Events Center – Hall A (Level 2)
6:45–7 a.m.	<i>Test Proctor – Registration & Breakfast</i>	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
7–7:35 a.m.	<i>Test Proctor – Orientation</i>	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
7:35–7:45 a.m.	<i>Prepare for Testing</i>	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
7:45–8 a.m.	Doors Open for Student ID Check Students must be in the Grand Ballroom, seated, and ready to test at 8 a.m.	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
8–8:30 a.m.	Prepare for Testing and Clicker Training	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
8:35–9:05 a.m.	Economics Test	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
9:10–9:35 a.m.	Social Science Test	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)

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9:40–10:00 a.m.	Team Break (on your own)	
10:05–10:35 a.m.	Mathematics Test	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
10:40–11:10 a.m.	Science Test	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
11:15–11:45 a.m.	Music Test	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
11:50 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Team Break (on your own)	
12–12:15 p.m.	<i>SQ Proctor – Registration</i>	Events Center – Room 321 (Level 3)
12:15–12:50 p.m.	<i>SQ Proctor – Orientation</i>	Events Center – Room 321 (Level 3)
12:50–1 p.m.	<i>SQ Proctor – Report to Assignment</i>	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
1–1:15 p.m.	<i>SQ Proctor – Inspect Station and Prepare for Super Quiz</i>	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
1:15 p.m.	Doors Open for Team Super Quiz Seating	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
1:45 p.m.	Flag–Bearers Report	Events Center – Room 401 (Level 4)
1:30–1:45 p.m.	Doors Open for General Seating	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
2–5 p.m.	Super Quiz, Speech Showcase and Super Quiz Awards	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
2:15 p.m.	Parade of Flags	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
7–9 p.m.	Team Event	Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden
Saturday, May 3	AWARDS CEREMONY & RECEPTIONS	
Prior to 7:15 a.m.	Student Breakfast (on your own)	
7:15 a.m.	Seating of Teams and Coaches	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
7:45 a.m.	Flag–Bearers Report	Events Center – Room 401 (Level 4)
7:30 a.m.	Doors Open for General Seating	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
8 a.m.–12 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
8:15 a.m.	Parade of Flags	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
Immediately following Awards Ceremony	Champions Reception	Events Center – Room 402 (Level 4)

SPEECH SCHEDULES

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Speech Rooms 1-16,

	SPEECH TIME																
	SP-01	SP-02	SP-03	SP-04	SP-05	SP-06	SP-07	SP-08	SP-09	SP-10	SP-11	SP-12	SP-13	SP-14	SP-15	SP-16	
*Speech Group 3:00-3:40P.M.	3:00PM	8210	3001	5101	7201	9101	2802	4902	7002	9002	2703	5003	7203	1104	3204	5304	7404
	3:10PM	8220	3101	5201	7301	9201	2902	5002	7102	9102	2803	5103	7303	1204	3304	5404	7504
	3:20PM	1001	3201	5301	7401	9301	3002	5102	7202	9202	2903	5203	7403	1304	3404	5504	7604
	3:30PM	1101	3301	5401	7501	1002	3102	5202	7302	9302	3103	5303	7503	1404	3504	5604	7704
	3:40PM	1201	3401	5501	7601	1102	3202	5302	7402	1003	3303	5403	7603	1504	3604	5704	7804
*Speech Group 4:00-4:40P.M.	BREAKTIME																
	4:00PM	1301	3501	5601	7701	1202	3302	5402	7502	1103	3403	5503	7803	1604	3704	5804	7904
	4:10PM	1401	3601	5701	7801	1302	3402	5502	7602	1203	3503	5603	7903	1704	3804	5904	8004
	4:20PM	1501	3701	5801	7901	1402	3502	5602	7702	1303	3603	5703	8003	1804	3904	6004	8204
	4:30PM	1601	3801	5901	8001	1502	3602	5702	7802	1403	3703	5903	8203	1904	4004	6104	8214
	4:40PM	1701	3901	6001	8101	1602	3702	5802	7902	1503	3803	6003	8213	2004	4104	6204	8224
*Speech Group 5:00-5:40P.M.	BREAKTIME																
	5:00PM	1801	4001	6101	8201	1702	3802	5902	8002	1603	3903	6103	8223	2104	4204	6304	8304
	5:10PM	1901	4101	6201	8211	1802	3902	6002	8102	1703	4003	6203	8303	2204	4304	6404	8404
	5:20PM	2001	4201	6301	8221	1902	4002	6102	8202	1803	4103	6303	8403	2304	4404	6504	8504
	5:30PM	2101	4301	6401	8301	2002	4102	6202	8212	1903	4203	6403	8503	2404	4504	6604	8604
	5:40PM	2201	4401	6501	8401	2102	4202	6302	8222	2003	4303	6503	8603	2504	4604	6704	8804
*Speech Group 6:00-6:50P.M.	BREAKTIME																
	6:00PM	2301	4501	6601	8501	2202	4302	6402	8302	2103	4403	6603	8803	2604	4704	6804	8904
	6:10PM	2401	4601	6701	8601	2302	4402	6502	8402	2203	4503	6703	8903	2704	4804	6904	9004
	6:20PM	2501	4701	6801	8701	2402	4502	6602	8502	2303	4603	6803	9003	2804	4904	7004	9104
	6:30PM	2601	4801	6901	8801	2502	4602	6702	8602	2403	4703	6903	9103	2904	5004	7104	1005
	6:40PM	2701	4901	7001	8901	2602	4702	6802	8802	2503	4803	7003	9303	3004	5104	7204	1105
	6:50PM	2901	5001	7101	9001	2702	4802	6902	8902	2603	4903	7103	1004	3104	5204	7304	1205

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Speech Rooms 17-33

	SPEECH TIME																	
		SP-17	SP-18	SP-19	SP-20	SP-21	SP-22	SP-23	SP-24	SP-25	SP-26	SP-27	SP-28	SP-29	SP-30	SP-31	SP-32	SP-33
*Speech Group 3:00-3:40P.M.	3:00PM	1305	3405	5505	7705	1806	4506	6806	1107	3207	5307	7407	1908	4108	6208	9108	3709	6809
	3:10PM	1405	3505	5605	7805	1906	4606	6906	1207	3307	5407	7507	2008	4208	6308	1009	3809	6909
	3:20PM	1505	3605	5705	7905	2006	4806	7006	1307	3407	5507	7607	2108	4308	6408	109	4109	7009
	3:30PM	1605	3705	5805	8005	2106	4906	7106	1407	3507	5607	7707	2208	4408	6508	1309	4209	7109
	3:40PM	1705	3805	5905	8205	2206	5006	7206	1507	3607	5707	7807	2308	4508	6708	1409	4409	7209
*Speech Group 4:00-4:40P.M.	BREAKTIME																	
	4:00PM	1805	3905	6005	8215	2306	5106	7306	1607	3707	5807	7907	2408	4608	6808	1509	4509	7309
	4:10PM	1905	4005	6105	8225	2406	5206	7406	1707	3807	5907	8007	2508	4708	6908	1609	4609	7509
	4:20PM	2005	4105	6205	8405	2606	5306	7606	1807	3907	6007	8207	2608	4808	7008	1809	5009	7809
	4:30PM	2105	4205	6305	8505	2706	5406	7706	1907	4007	6107	8217	2708	4908	7108	1909	5109	7909
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*Speech Group 6:00-6:50P.M.	BREAKTIME																	
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	6:10PM	2905	5005	7205	1306	3706	6306	8506	2707	4807	6907	1408	3508	5708	8008	2909	6109	.
	6:20PM	3005	5105	7305	1406	3806	6406	8606	2807	4907	7007	1508	3608	5808	8208	3109	6209	.
	6:30PM	3105	5205	7405	1506	3906	6506	8806	2907	5007	7107	1608	3708	5908	8218	3309	6309	.
	6:40PM	3205	5305	7505	1606	4206	6606	9106	3007	5107	7207	1708	3808	6008	8408	3409	6409	.
	6:50PM	3305	5405	7605	1706	4406	6706	1007	3107	5207	7307	1808	3908	6108	8608	3609	6509	.

ARENA SEATING CHART

LEFT SIDE 1-24

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
RD-A			8210	8220	1001	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501		
RD-B			2001	2101	2201	2301	2401	2501	2601	2701		
RD-C			3201	3301	3401	3501	3601	3701	3801	3901		
RD-D			4401	4501	4601	4701	4801	4901	5001	5101		
RD-E			5601	5701	5801	5901	6001	6101	6201	6301		
RD-F			7201	7301	7401	7501	7601	7701	7801	7901		
OR-G			2602	2702	2802	2902	3002	3102	3202	3302		
OR-H	6602	6702	6802	6902	7002	7102	7202	7302	7402	7502	7602	7702
OR-I	2903	3103	3303	3403	3503	3603	3703	3803	3903	4003	4103	4203
YW-J	8203	8213	8223	8303	8403	8503	8603	8803	8903	9003	9103	9303
YW-K	4604	4704	4804	4904	5004	5104	5204	5304	5404	5504	5604	5704
YW-L	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1705	1805	1905	2005	2105	2205	2305
GR-M	6005	6105	6205	6305	6405	6505	6605	6705	6805	6905	7005	7105
GR-N	2906	3006	3106	3306	3406	3606	3706	3806	3906	4206	4406	4506
GR-O	8606	8806	9106	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1607	1707	1807
BL-P	5507	5607	5707	5807	5907	6007	6107	6207	6307	6407	6507	6607
BL-Q	2708	2808	2908	3008	3108	3208	3308	3408	3508	3608	3708	3808
BL-R	7708	7808	7908	8008	8208	8218	8408	8608	9108	1009	1109	1309
PR-S					6409	6509	6809	6909	7009	7109	7209	7309

RIGHT SIDE 25-48

	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
RD-A												
RD-B												
RD-C												
RD-D												
RD-E												
RD-F												
OR-G	4602	4702	4802	4902	5002	5102	5202	5302	5402	5502	5602	5702
OR-H	8902	9002	9102	9202	9302	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603
OR-I	5503	5603	5703	5903	6003	6103	6203	6303	6403	6503	6603	6703
YW-J	2204	2304	2404	2504	2604	2704	2804	2904	3004	3104	3204	3304
YW-K	7004	7104	7204	7304	7404	7504	7604	7704	7804	7904	8004	8204
YW-L	3605	3705	3805	3905	4005	4105	4205	4305	4405	4505	4605	4705
GN-M	8405	8505	8605	8805	9005	9105	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506
GN-N	6006	6106	6206	6306	6406	6506	6706	6806	6906	7006	7106	7206
GN-O	3107	3207	3307	3407	3507	3607	3707	3807	3907	4007	4107	4207
BL-P	7907	8007	8207	8217	8407	8607	9107	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408
BL-Q	5208	5308	5408	5508	5608	5708	5808	5908	6008	6108	6208	6308
BL-R	2909	3109	3309	3409	3609	3709	3809	4109	4209	4409	4509	4609
PR-S												

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RD-B												
RD-C												
RD-D												
RD-E												
RD-F	8001	8101	8201	8211	8221	8301	8401	8501	8601	8701	8801	8901
OR-G	3402	3502	3602	3702	3802	3902	4002	4102	4202	4302	4402	4502
OR-H	7802	7902	8002	8102	8202	8212	8222	8302	8402	8502	8602	8802
OR-I	4303	4403	4503	4603	4703	4803	4903	5003	5103	5203	5303	5403
YW-J	1004	1104	1204	1304	1404	1504	1604	1704	1804	1904	2004	2104
YW-K	5804	5904	6004	6104	6204	6304	6404	6504	6604	6704	6804	6904
YW-L	2405	2505	2605	2705	2805	2905	3005	3105	3205	3305	3405	3505
GR-M	7205	7305	7405	7505	7605	7705	7805	7905	8005	8205	8215	8225
GR-N	4606	4806	4906	5006	5106	5206	5306	5406	5506	5606	5706	5806
GR-O	1907	2007	2107	2207	2307	2407	2507	2607	2707	2807	2907	3007
BL-P	6707	6807	6907	7007	7107	7207	7307	7407	7507	7607	7707	7807
BL-Q	3908	4108	4208	4308	4408	4508	4608	4708	4808	4908	5008	5108
BL-R	1409	1509	1609	1809	1909	2009	2209	2309	2409	2509	2609	2809
PR-S												

	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
RD-A			1601	1701	1801	1901						
RD-B			2801	2901	3001	3101						
RD-C			4001	4101	4201	4301						
RD-D			5201	5301	5401	5501						
RD-E			6401	6501	6601	6701	6801	6901	7001	7101		
RD-F			1802	1902	2002	2102	2202	2302	2402	2502		
OR-G			5802	5902	6002	6102	6202	6302	6402	6502		
OR-H	1703	1803	1903	2003	2103	2203	2303	2403	2503	2603	2703	2803
OR-I	6803	6903	7003	7103	7203	7303	7403	7503	7603	7803	7903	8003
YW-J	3404	3504	3604	3704	3804	3904	4004	4104	4204	4304	4404	4504
YW-K	8214	8224	8304	8404	8504	8604	8804	8904	9004	9104	1005	1105
YW-L	4805	4905	5005	5105	5205	5305	5405	5505	5605	5705	5805	5905
GR-M	1606	1706	1806	1906	2006	2106	2206	2306	2406	2606	2706	2806
GR-N	7306	7406	7606	7706	7806	7906	8006	8206	8216	8226	8406	8506
GR-O	4307	4407	4507	4607	4707	4807	4907	5007	5107	5207	5307	5407
BL-P	1508	1608	1708	1808	1908	2008	2108	2208	2308	2408	2508	2608
BL-Q	6408	6508	6608	6708	6808	6908	7008	7108	7208	7408	7508	7608
BL-R	5009	5109	5309	5409	5509	5609	5709	5809	6009	6109	6209	6309
PR-S	7509	7809	7909	8009	8219	8409	9109					

SUPER QUIZ

Iowa Events Center

May 2, 2025

2:00–5:00 p.m.

Doors open at 1:15 p.m.

Emcee ◀

Neil Deutsch,

Iowa Academic Decathlon
Board Member

Call to Order ◀

National Anthem ◀

Emily Brown, Beautiful Sunshine

Rose National Premier Queen and

Covergirl

Parade of Flags ◀

Welcome ◀

Super Quiz Round 1 - Varsity◀

Prepared Speech Presenter+

Super Quiz Round 2 - Scholastic ◀

Prepared Speech Presenter+

Super Quiz Round 3 - Honor◀

Prepared Speech Presenter+

Super Quiz Team Awards◀

The Super Quiz will use an automated response system (clicker). This system will display the questions on a large screen for the audience as they are read aloud for the decathletes. The correct answer will be displayed after each question with a graph showing the participant responses. Teams will wave a flag if they collectively answered the question correctly.

Students will come to the testing area as a group according to their GPA category. A total of 18 multiple-choice questions will be given for each relay round with five possible answer choices. Students will have 10 seconds to respond to each question with the exception of the mathematics questions (two per round) where students will have 20 seconds to respond.

Once the last answer choice has been read, team members can verbally communicate with each other (only non-verbal communication is allowed before the 10 second timer begins).

During the Super Quiz, students are expected to record one answer per team by pressing the appropriate button on the team assigned clicker. The clicker system will be used to calculate the team scores for all rounds of the Super Quiz only. One clicker per team will be issued.

All varsity students will be tested with the first 18 questions, followed by the scholastic students answering the next 18, and then the final 18 questions of the competition will be for the honors students.

Questions and subjects are randomized. Questions are worth one point each for a total of 18 points, per team, per round. The Super Quiz team awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Super Quiz event on Friday. The perfect score per series would be 18 points x 3 rounds = 54 points

The Super Quiz is a standalone event and scores will NOT be added to individual or team scores.

+Prepared Speech Presenters – Students presenting received the highest scores in the honor, scholastic, and varsity divisions in the prepared speech event.

Super Quiz Team/Table Numbers 2025																												
Row 1	50		70		44		60		51		69		34		24		17		46		66		42		88		18	Row 1
Row 2		13		85		32		58		75		90		22		27		20		14		12		38		31		Row 2
Row 3	73		79		37		62		36		30		87		15		76		83		29		61		39		11	Row 3
Row 4		67		63		25		77		21		74		35		33		45		84		54		72		48		Row 4
Row 5	68		26		23		41		89		71		43		86		28		81		64		80		40		53	Row 5
Row 6		10		19		65		47		16		59		55		82		52		57		78		56		49		Row 6

USAD AWARDS CEREMONY



Iowa Events Center

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

- ▶ **Greetings:** *Keith Wenner, USAD Board President*
- ▶ **Emcee:** *Dr. Jolene Teske, Iowa State Director and Tyson Smith, Iowa Academic Decathlon Board President*
- ▶ **National Anthem:** *Union High School, La Porte City, Iowa*
- ▶ **Pledge of Allegiance:** *Claudia Craft, Union High School, Iowa*
- ▶ **Parade of Flags**
- ▶ **2025 Participation Medals**
- ▶ **Most Valuable Team Member from Each Team**
- ▶ **Highest Scoring Decathlete from Each Team**
- ▶ **Presentation of Event Awards and Scholarships**

<i>Essay</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Art</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Interview</i>
<i>Literature</i>	<i>Economics*</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Science**</i>	<i>Speech***</i>

**All special awards will be presented after the National competition*

- ▶ **2025 Overall Individual Awards and Scholarships by Division**
Top Individual Bronze Awards Division (V, IV, III, II, I); Top Individual Silver Awards Division (V, IV, III, II, I); Top Individual Gold Awards Division (V, IV, III, II, I)
- ▶ **Invitation to 2026 USAD Nationals in Garden Grove, California:** *Invitation by CA participating schools and Ken Scarberry, California State Director*
- ▶ **Overall Team Awards by Division**

<i>Fourth Place, Division (V, IV, III, II, I)</i>	<i>Third Place, Division (V, IV, III, II, I)</i>
<i>Second Place, Division (V, IV, III, II, I)</i>	<i>First Place, Division (V, IV, III, II, I)</i>
- ▶ **2025 Dr. Robert D. Peterson National Championship Award**



USAD AWARDS CEREMONY



Individual Event Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each division to the first, second and third place students from the honor, scholastic and varsity categories in each event. All ties will be awarded.

Individual Overall Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to team participants in each Division to the first, second and third place students from the honor, scholastic and varsity categories with the highest cumulative scores from all 10 events. Scholarships shall be awarded to the overall individual winners.

The Highest Scoring Student Award

This award is presented to the highest scoring student on each U.S. team in each Division.

Most Valuable Team Member

A medal will be presented to the decathlete who was chosen by their teammates as the most valuable team member by U.S. teams in each Division.

Team and School Awards

Team scores are determined by the two highest honor scores, the two highest scholastic scores and the two highest varsity scores for all 10 events.

Divisional Awards

Plaques will be awarded to the fourth place team in each Division. Championship trophies and banners will be presented to the first, second, and third place teams in each Division.

Super Quiz™ Team Awards

Plaques will be awarded to the first-place teams in each Division with the highest raw score for all nine students in the Super Quiz.

The Dr. Robert D. Peterson National Championship Award

This award will be given to the U.S. team from Division I, II or III with the highest overall score and shall be proclaimed the National Champion.

Special Awards:

B. Franklin Reinauer II Economics Prize

This award is presented to the highest scoring U.S. team participant in economics overall.

Asa Edwin Reaves, Esq. Social Science Prize

This award will be given to the highest scoring U.S. varsity team members in the area of social science.

Frank Wurtzel Prize

This award is presented to a varsity U.S. team participant who has the highest combined score in the areas of literature, essay, and speech.

State Directors' Communication Award

A \$250 award as a tribute to present and past State Directors who are no longer with us will be given to the team with the highest combined Nationals Essay, Interview and Speech scores. The award will rotate every three years based on varsity, scholastic and honor categories. All three individual scores will be used to determine the team scores for that category. Teams can use the funds at their own discretion.

Founder's Scholarship: Most Improved Varsity Student

This award is presented to a varsity U.S. team participant who has improved their score the most at nationals from their state competition score.

The Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award

Two Robert/Caperton Inspiration Awards are given by the USAD Board of Directors to U.S. team participants who demonstrate a high degree of dedication, performance, strength of character, team leadership, perseverance and commitment while overcoming significant obstacles or unusual circumstances to participate in the USAD.

Awards will be presented after the National competition



COMPETITION RULES & GUIDELINES

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. This year's event is being hosted by the United States Academic Decathlon in conjunction with a host of volunteers from the state of Iowa.

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.

Eligibility Guidelines

The nine team members who participate on a Nationals team must be the same nine students who participated in the state competition. No substitutions are permitted. In case of an extreme medical emergency occurring after the state competition, USAD and the State Director will determine if another student may replace the absent team member. Teams shall NOT consist of more than nine members. Teams may compete with fewer than nine members, but must have a minimum of six members, two in each grade point average category. To be eligible for competition, teams must file all required documents in accordance with the deadlines set by USAD. Identification USAD ID badges must be worn to all competition events and must be plainly visible to the proctors and judges to verify each participant's identity. On each test booklet, you will find a "certification statement." You are to print your name and four-digit ID number on the designated line and then sign and date the statement for the test to be acceptable for scoring.

Testing Arena

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted in the testing arena. Contestants will NOT be excused from the testing room (including Super Quiz) for any reason before the scheduled break. If a student leaves a testing room or event, they will NOT be permitted to return until the next scheduled break. 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 in the proper location at the time each event begins. If a participant is tardy, they will NOT be allowed to enter the testing room or the speech and interview events. Contestants will NOT be allowed to enter the Super Quiz venue once the competition begins.

Starting/Stopping

If a proctor determines that a student has failed to stop when instructed or has started before being instructed to do so, the student will receive a score of zero for that particular test.

Test Materials

The proctor will supply all printed materials and writing utensils necessary for the subject area tests. Participants are NOT permitted to bring books, notes, purses, backpacks, coats, hats, mascots, electronic devices, smart 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 event. The decision of USAD will be final and irrevocable.

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.

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Super Quiz™

This event is held before a large audience; therefore, spectators are asked to be as quiet as possible while the questions are being read to give each group of contestants an equal opportunity for hearing and responding. Participants are NOT permitted to bring books, notes, purses, backpacks, coats, hats, cell phones, electronic devices, or any other items to the team seating area or to the competition floor, except for one acceptable calculator for the mathematics questions. Any such items will be confiscated by proctors. Mascots must remain in the team seating area and are NOT allowed in the competition area. Coaches and state directors are NOT allowed to communicate with their team members during the Super Quiz. 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. The scoring center is off-limits to everyone except designated officials.

EXPLANATION OF SCORING

The United States Academic Decathlon has 10 events. Each event is evenly weighted at 1,000 points per competitor for a possible 10,000-point total per student. However, only six scores per team are counted for the team ranking (top two honor, scholastic and varsity) making the highest possible team score 60,000.

The social science, music, and literature tests have 50 questions each. The raw score for these tests is converted to 1,000 points with each question worth 20 points. The art, science, and economics tests have 55 questions with each question worth 18.18 points. The math test has 45 questions with each question being worth 22.2 points.

The essay is scored based on a rubric. Each essay is independently

read twice. If there is a divergence of 200 or more points in the two scores, the essay is read and scored by a third judge. The third score replaces the divergent score. The two scores are averaged for the final score.

The speech and interview are performed before a panel of judges (usually three). The judges complete the appropriate scoring forms online. The scoring program computes an average score based on a maximum of 1,000 points.

The Super Quiz™ will include questions from the subjects of art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science and social science. In the Super Quiz three students from each GPA category will be asked to come to the stage. Varsity students will be tested with the first 18 questions, followed by the scholastic students answering the next 18 questions, and then the final 18 questions of the competition for the honor students. Questions are worth one point each for a total of 54 points per team. The Super Quiz is a standalone event, and scores will NOT be added to individual or team scores.

Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded in each division, event and category (honor, scholastic and varsity). All ties are awarded.

Team overall ranking is determined by the six team members that make up the top two scores in each category (honor, scholastic and varsity).

All five divisions at Nationals will be score-based divisions and will be determined using each team's total state score (includes all 10 events). Teams from all divisions will be eligible for the Robert D. Peterson Award. An award list will be emailed to coaches following the awards ceremony that indicates the gold, silver and bronze medal winners in each event; special awards; top team in each division in the Super Quiz; and top 10 teams in the overall standings. Each coach and state director will be emailed the scores for their team.

Special awards are common in Academic Decathlon. At Nationals, they include the Asa Edwin Reaves, Esq. Social Science Prize; B. Franklin Reinauer II Economics Prize; the Frank Wurtzel Prize; the Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award for overcoming challenges; the State Directors' Communication Award; the Rookie of the Year Award; the Founder's Scholarship; Most Improved Varsity Student; the highest scoring student from each team; and the Most Valuable Team Member Award from each team.

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APPEALS PROCEDURE

An appeal regarding any test item (question and/or answer) can be made by any contestant through their head coach. Such an appeal must be emailed to USAD's testing director, Daniele Grigsby (daniele@usad.org), during the earliest break after a test has been completed. Appeals must be submitted within 30 minutes of the completion of the final test. Appeals can be made by head coaches only.

Appeals will be decided by an appeals committee consisting of the USAD board president, USAD state directors' president and president-elect, USAD testing director and the USAD executive director as ex-officio. If the appeals committee deems a question invalid, all students will be given credit for that question. Appeals identifying an invalid answer will result in the giving of credit to all correct answers. The decision of the appeals committee is final. Essay, interview, and speech scores are NOT subject to appeal.

2024–2025 UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON CALCULATOR POLICY

USAD has always endeavored to reflect current high school curriculum and instruction in our competitions. Recent surveys of calculator use in high schools nationwide indicate that calculators are now used in the vast majority of high school mathematics courses across the country, and our decision to allow calculators is consistent with this practice in math instruction.

After reviewing the policies of the major testing institutions and consulting state directors, USAD has adapted MOST of the American College Testing (ACT) and College Board (SAT program) guidelines for calculator use as stated below.

I. Competitors May Use Calculators for the Mathematics Test

If competitors wish to use calculators on USAD mathematics test and or Super Quiz, they are responsible for bringing them to the test and/or Super Quiz. Calculators will not be provided for students who do not bring their own. Calculator use is permitted only for mathematics and Super Quiz mathematics questions; competitors will not be allowed to use calculators on any other test.

II. Permissible Calculators

If a competitor wishes to use a calculator, it can be a basic, four-function, scientific or graphing calculator, provided it has none of the features listed in Section III below.

Calculator models with non-QWERTY keyboard are allowed. Calculators with alphanumeric keys (such as the TI-Nspire and TI-84 plus) are acceptable. During the mathematics test, competitors are not permitted to refer to information that was stored in their graphing calculator memory prior to the test. Students wishing to utilize their graphing calculator's memory function during the mathematics test will be required to have the memory erased prior to entering the testing room and at the completion of the mathematics test or Super Quiz.

III. Prohibited Calculators

Calculators with any of the following features are **NOT** allowed in the United States Academic Decathlon competitions:

- Pocket organizers
- Hand-held or laptop computers
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- Models with QWERTY keyboard-like keypad (*e.g. TI-92 or HP-95*)
- Models with paper tape
- Models that make noise
- Models that can engage in wireless communication (transfer data or information with other calculators)
- Models that require a power cord
- Models with CAS (computer algebra systems) (*e.g. TI-89*)

Because companies are continuously introducing new products, it would be impossible for USAD to maintain an up-to-date list of specific model numbers that possess these features.

If a competitor is uncertain whether a particular calculator will be allowed, the student should bring a backup that does not possess any of the features in question. No backup calculator will be provided for any competitor whose calculator is disallowed. Backup calculators that are approved by USAD may be taken into the testing arena, but can only be used if the primary approved calculator fails.

IV. Competing Without a Calculator

Competitors may opt to take the mathematics test without a calculator, however, USAD is suggesting competitors use a basic, scientific or graphing calculator for solving the mathematics test items.

V. Calculator Failure During a Test

If a competitor's calculator stops working during a test, the student should continue taking the test without a calculator.

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No additional calculator will be provided, and the competitor will not be allowed to take the test again later. However, as noted in Section III above, a competitor may bring a backup calculator and/or spare batteries to the test.

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The United States Academic Decathlon expects all team members to conduct themselves with decorum while attending Academic Decathlon events. This includes travel, time on hotel premises, and any sightseeing associated with students' participation in the 2025 USAD Nationals, and all related events in Des Moines, Iowa.

Appropriate conduct of team members is the sole responsibility of the team coach who has legal responsibility as the chaperone for team members at all times. Students should be under the supervision of the coach during the entire competition. All students are expected to be in their rooms by 10 p.m. (unless participating in a scheduled event). If behavior in common areas of the hotel is disruptive, an earlier curfew may be imposed either by USAD or the hotel management. It is the responsibility of the team coach to be available and to enforce such a curfew and any other regulations determined necessary by USAD officials.

Inappropriate conduct includes, but is NOT limited to:

1. Cheating
2. Being in possession of any cell phone, electronic devices, study materials, etc., in the competition testing areas, including speech and interview and Super Quiz™
3. Being in possession of any weapon
4. Damage to, or vandalism of, any property including hotel rooms and competition sites, stealing
5. Use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students, regardless of age
6. Use of water pistols, water balloons or any other projectile at the hotel or competition site
7. Fighting, loud noise, or any other behavior that is disruptive to others at the hotel or competition site
8. Disrespect to the competition, competition officials, proctors or coaches

Financial liability for all damage incurred by actions of a team member shall be the sole responsibility of that team member and their parents. 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.

USAD NATIONAL DRESS CODE

As representatives of the United States Academic Decathlon, their respective states, and their high schools, coaches and decathletes are expected to maintain a positive and professional appearance during all Academic Decathlon-related events. Inappropriate attire may result in disqualification from competition or exclusion from awards ceremonies.

General Guidelines

The dress code aims to create a fair and distraction-free environment for all participants. Attire must be neat, clean, and conducive to focused competition. USAD Officials have been trained and have the authority to address violations. If a violation occurs, the decathlete will be given an opportunity to correct it. Failure to comply may result in missing a scheduled test or, in severe cases, disqualification. Decathletes with medical, religious, or accessibility needs requiring exceptions should notify their team coach in advance to request approval from the USAD Officials with their registration for the national competition. Students with exceptions will be provided with a designation on their name badge/lanyard for the competition. Test proctors will be trained to apply the policy consistently and objectively, addressing violations discreetly and providing opportunities for correction. Concise guidelines are listed below and will be provided to all participants ahead of the competition, with opportunities for questions and clarification.

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COMPETITION RULES & GUIDELINES

Objective Testing and Super Quiz™

Acceptable Attire:

For objective testing and Super Quiz, decathletes may wear casual attire or clothing that represents their school or team. Attire may incorporate the current Academic Decathlon theme but must not include any content that could provide an unfair advantage during testing (e.g. maps, art specific to the year's curriculum, math formulas, etc.), such as maps with locations, math formulas, art related to the art curriculum, or information directly related to potential test questions. Attire should reflect positively on the individual, their school, and the Academic Decathlon program. Hoodies and sweatshirts are permitted, but the hood must remain down and turned inside out. Cardigans and windbreakers are also permitted, but coats are not allowed in the testing area.

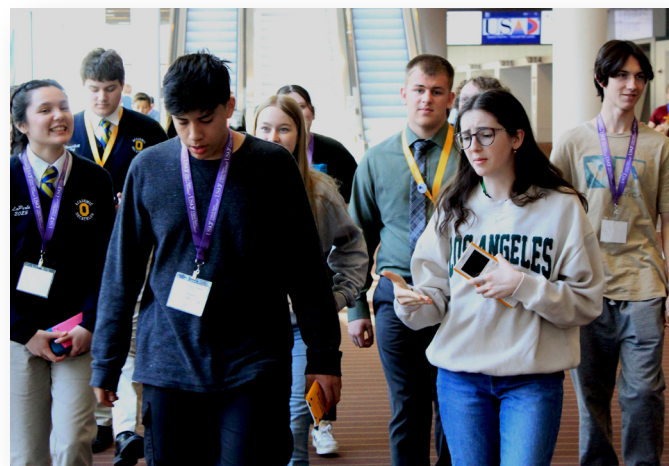
Inappropriate Attire:

Unacceptable attire includes clothing that conceals the face or head (e.g. hats, sunglasses, etc.) with the exception of religious headwear (e.g. hijab, yarmulke, dastar, etc.). Garments with excessive rips or holes that expose undergarments, clothing with distracting graphics or messages, and any attire that may be considered offensive or vulgar are also deemed inappropriate.

Speech & Interview

For Speech and Interview events, decathletes are encouraged to dress in business professional or business casual attire. Attire should not include any reference to their team or school and should not include uniforms or costumes.

Appropriate attire may include, but is not limited to, a business suit (pants or skirt) with a dress shirt or blouse and necktie, a blazer, sport coat, or jacket with a dress shirt/blouse and pants/skirt, or a business dress.



TESTING ARENA AND SUPER QUIZ CLICKER USE



Do I need to log in to my clicker?

No, the clicker is registered to the team. The clicker is labeled with your team number.

The screen is blank how do I turn this on?

When you are ready to input an answer, push the letter choice of the answer you want. When you do this it turns the clicker on and sends your response. This occurs in microseconds and is considerably faster than “bubbling.”

How do I know the computer registered my answer choice?

When you see a “dot dot checkmark” on the bottom of your screen it verifies that your response has been saved by the computer that registers your answers.

I want to change my answer. Do I have to wait?

No, the transmission of data occurs in microseconds. Every time you change your answer, the display on the screen will display your actions, but holds the image so you can see what you have done. The actual data sends occur.

I pressed an answer and it read “Not an Option Please Retry.”

What does that mean?

You pressed a button that is not one of the possible answer choices. Possible answer choices are A, B, C, D or E. In this case you will need to wait until that message leaves your screen before entering an answer. For the best results, press directly down on the button of the answer choice you want. If you lay your finger across the pad, it is possible to select more than one button.

I pressed my answer choice, but it read “Not Open.” What does that mean?

The time to answer the question has ended or not begun. You can answer the question as soon as it appears on the screen and up to the end of the 10-second timer. Once the countdown timer closes, you will not be able to submit a response. With a paper answer sheet, you may have waited until the last moment to answer in case you changed your mind and therefore did not have to erase. With a clicker, you can change your answer immediately, BUT if you wait until the last moment, you do run a risk of not getting your answer in for scoring. A suggestion is to enter your first answer choice as soon as you think you know. You can always change your answer quickly, but if you wait until the last moment and push your answer when the timer runs out, you will NOT be able to submit an answer.

My answer disappeared from the screen before the question “closed.”

What happened?

The screen will stay on and display your last data entry for a few seconds then go to sleep. If you answered your question early enough, it will go to sleep before the question closes (time runs out). When you enter your answer choice, watch the screen of your clicker to see the “dot dot check.” This is your verification that your answer was saved on the computer.



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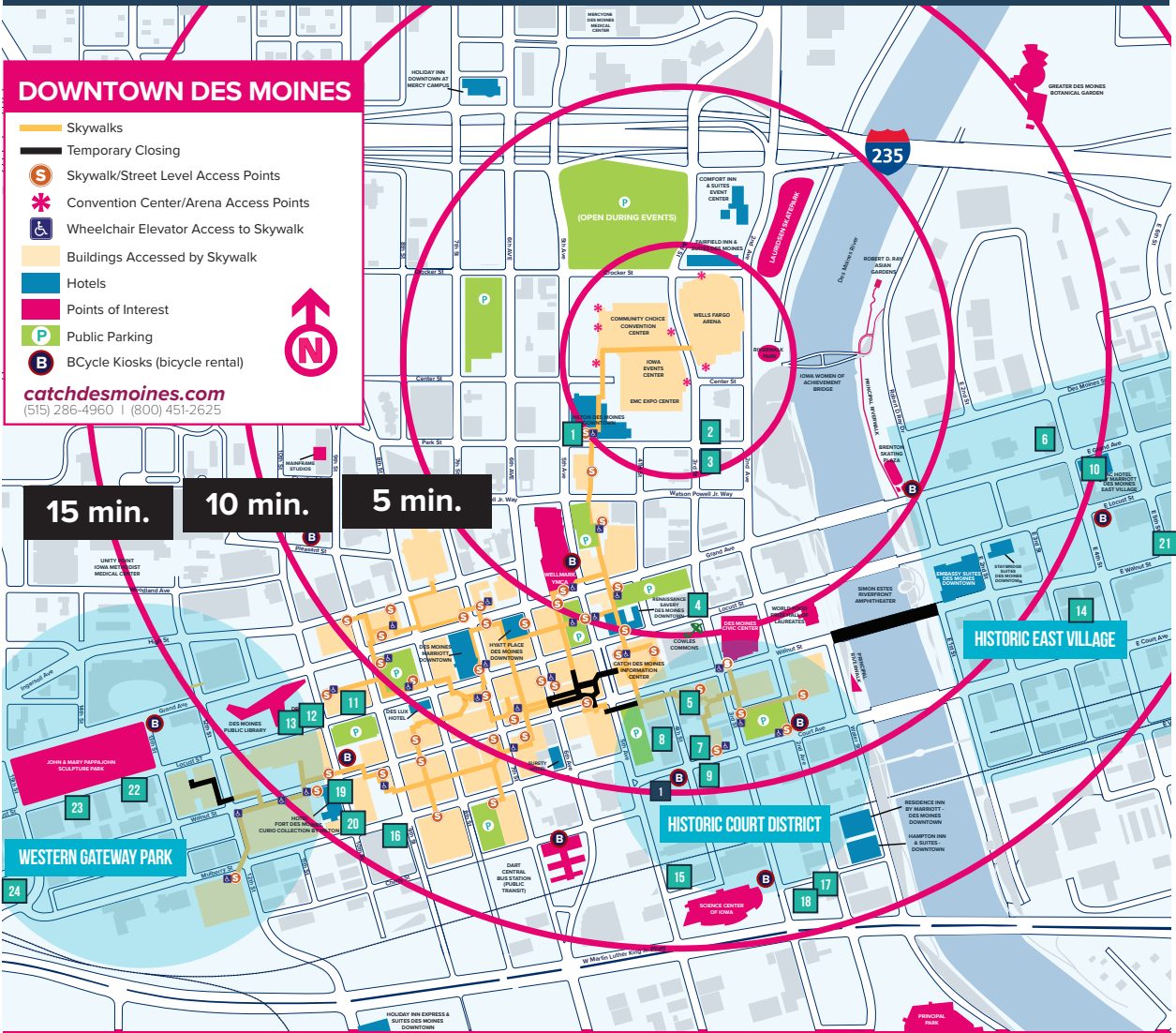
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DES MOINES MAP

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS AND AMENITIES



1 PARK STREET KITCHEN AND BAR
435 Park St. / (515) 645-4065

2 JETHRO'S BBQ ALL STARS
721 3rd St. / (515) 279-3300

3 BUZZARD BILLY'S
615 3rd St. / (515) 244-2899

4 SPLASH SEAFOOD BAR & GRILL
303 Locust St. / (515) 244-5686

5 FONG'S PIZZA
223 4th St. / (515) 323-3333

6 ZOMBIE BURGER + DRINK LAB
300 E Grand Ave. / (515) 244-9292

7 COURT AVENUE RESTAURANT & BREWING COMPANY
309 Court Ave. / (515) 282-2739

8 ROYAL MILE
210 4th St. / (515) 282-2012

9 BLUE SUSHI SAKE GRILL
316 Court Ave. / (515) 379-6800

10 THE REPUBLIC ON GRAND
401 E Grand Ave. / (515) 518-6070

11 FRESKO
909 Locust St. / (515) 630-7009

12 CENTRO
1003 Locust St. / (515) 248-1780

13 SOUTH UNION BREAD
1007 Locust St. / (515) 248-1782

14 THE IOWA TAPROOM
215 E 3rd St. / (515) 243-0827

15 HESSEN HAUS
101 4th St. / (515) 288-2520

16 MALO
900 Mulberry St. / (515) 244-5000

17 HIGH LIFE LOUNGE
200 SW 2nd St. / (515) 280-1965

18 EL BAIT SHOP
200 SW 2nd St. / (515) 284-1970

19 PROUDFOOT AND BIRD
1000 Walnut St. / (515) 957-2400

20 BUBBA SOUTHERN COMFORTS
200 10th St. / (515) 257-4744

21 HQ
303 E 5th St. / (515) 244-1213

22 AMERICANA RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
1312 Locust St. / (515) 283-1312

23 DJANGO
1420 Locust St. / (515) 288-0268

24 EXILE BREWING COMPANY
1514 Walnut St. / (515) 883-2337

GROCERY STORE & PHARMACY

1 HY-VEE
420 Court Ave.

GAS STATION

KUM & GO - GAS STATION
1300 Keosauqua Way

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CATCH DES MOINES — QUICK FACTS

TRANSPORTATION

- ◆ **Skywalks:** Downtown Des Moines has more than four miles of climate-controlled skywalks! Catch the skywalk on the 3rd floor of the Iowa Events Center and check out the map on the other side of this sheet if you need help getting around.
- ◆ **Cabs and Rideshare Services:** For cab service, call Yellow Cab Company at (515) 282-8111. Rideshare service through Uber and Lyft is also readily available throughout the metro.
- ◆ **BCycle:** For those who prefer two wheels, we have something for that, too! You'll find the nearest BCycle station outside of the Wellmark YMCA at 5th and Grand. Download the app for easy navigation: **BCycle**.

DOWNTOWN ATTRACTIONS

- ◆ **Historic East Village:** Head east for 15 minutes (on foot, that is) and you'll find yourself in the heart of Historic East Village, surrounded by locally owned shops, eateries, and nightlife — all set against the backdrop of the magnificent Iowa State Capitol.
- ◆ **Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden:** Need a nature break? Reconnect with nature at this garden, which is a 13-minute walk over the Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge, past the Robert D. Ray Asian Gardens, and along the beautiful Des Moines River. P.S. Check out the Fun Pass link below for a special ticket offer!
- ◆ **Historic Court District:** Home to Des Moines' entertainment district — you'll find a variety of restaurants and bars only a 10 minute walk (all downhill!) south of the Iowa Events Center.
- ◆ **Science Center of Iowa:** Full of fun and hands-on activities, SCI will make a scientist out of anyone, no matter what age! Walk down to Court Avenue — go a little bit further down 3rd Street and you'll be there!
- ◆ **John & Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park:** Featuring artwork by 25 of the world's most celebrated artists, this 4.4-acre park is only a 20-minute walk from the Iowa Events Center.

FUN PASS

Catch exclusive deals and discounts to area attractions, hotels, shopping destinations, restaurants, and events! Check out catchdesmoines.com/funpass to see them all!

ABOUT GREATER DES MOINES

- ◆ Our population is 700,000+.
- ◆ Greater Des Moines is the third largest insurance center after London and Hartford, CT.
- ◆ We have 1,000+ locally owned restaurants, 11 James Beard-nominated chefs, 17 As Seen on TV Destinations, and 20+ local breweries and wineries.

NEED MORE THINGS TO DO?

For more information, and to stay up to date on events and experiences happening around Greater Des Moines, visit catchdesmoines.com.

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