

United States Academic Decathlon®

2025 USAD Nationals

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 a committee consisting of the USAD board president, USAD state directors' president and vice president, USAD testing director, and the USAD executive director as ex-officio. If the 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.