

# 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

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Team Events

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*Volunteer Events*

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BOARD & STAFF EVENT

Wednesday, April 30		
8 a.m. –12 p.m.	<b>NATIONALS TEAM MEETING</b> State Directors and Nationals Team	<b>HILTON – MATRIX (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</b>
3–5 p.m.	<b>USAD STATE DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>HILTON – MATRIX (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</b>
Thursday, May 1		
8–10 a.m.	<b>USAD BOARD MEETING</b>	<b>HILTON – ELEMENT (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</b>
8–10 a.m.	<b>USAD Registration</b> Teams and State Directors	Events Center – Grand Ballroom Foyer (Level 4)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome Event</b> Teams and State Directors	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
12:00–1:00 p.m.	<b>Mandatory Coaches Meeting</b> Coaches Only	Events Center – Room 107 (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 105 (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 105 (Level 1)
2:30–2:45 p.m.	<i>Speech/Timer Volunteers Report to Assigned Rooms</i>	
3–7 p.m.	<b>Speech Event</b> 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.	<b>Student Breakfast</b>	Events Center – Hall A (Level 2)
6:45–7 a.m.	<i>Test Proctor – Registration &amp; 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.	<b>Doors Open for Student ID Check</b> 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.	<b>Prepare for Testing and Clicker Training</b>	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
8:35–9:05 a.m.	<b>Economics Test</b>	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)
9:10–9:35 a.m.	<b>Social Science Test</b>	Events Center – Grand Ballroom (Level 4)

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)
1:15 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
<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY &amp; RECEPTIONS</b>	
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)
7:15 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)