



United States Academic Pentathlon® Nationals, Nashville, TN May 14-16, 2026

Congratulations on achieving the honor of representing your state at the U.S. Academic Pentathlon 2026 Nationals in Nashville, TN. USAP staff and volunteers in TN are working hard to make this a very enjoyable competition. All registration documents and competition information are included with this document.

The 2026 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-8th grade team, all-7th grade team, all-6th 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 8th grade team, the highest scoring 7th grade team and the highest scoring 6th grade team competing in TN.** Additionally, invited teams and 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 will be at the Sonesta Nashville Airport on Thursday evening, May 14, 2026. Testing events will begin on Friday, May 15, 2026, with objective tests at 8:30 a.m. The Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Team and individual rosters are due **April 9, 2026**. All forms and payments MUST be received by **April 24, 2026**. 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 6, 2026.

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 [Sonesta Nashville Airport](#), 600 Marriott Dr. Nashville, TN 37214 . Students will stay in double rooms, there must be at least one chaperone for every 15 students. The cost is \$189/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 April 17, 2026. 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: The hotel does have a complimentary shuttle. Please see the hotel website for more information. On-site parking is available for \$7 for over 4 hours(applicable to all day meetings), \$20 for over 8 hours, and Over Night Self-Parking.

REGISTRATION & IDENTIFICATION:

On-site competition: There is a \$450.00 registration fee per on-site team and must be paid prior to the competition. Individual competitors will have a \$125.00 registration fee and must be paid prior to the competition. All on-site testing will be held in the Cumberland Ballroom, at the Sonesta Nashville Airport.

Online competition: There is a \$250.00 registration fee per online team and must be paid prior to the competition. Individual competitors will have a \$60 registration fee and must be paid prior to the competition.

On-site teams **MUST** check in your team on Thursday, May 14, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm or Friday, May 15, from 7-8 am at the registration desk in the hotel by the Cumberland Ballroom. Teams arriving before Friday, May 15, **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: Tickets will be provided for up to nine team members and one coach. 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. 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. Complete the following “Extras” form for any extra coaches, students, or guests. Teams are responsible for all other meals and snacks.

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 23, 2026, 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.enlyght.com>.**

Online Testing: Online testing will be held at the same time as the on-site testing on Friday, May 15, 2026, between 7:00 a.m. and 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. 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.enlyght.com>.**

Results: Scores will **NOT** be posted during the competition. Coaches will receive an email with their unofficial team results and the overall report at the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony. Official results will be posted following the event on the USAD website.

Friday Night Student Event: USAP will host a student event on Friday night, the 15th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This will be a themed dance, so feel free to wear your best 1920s-inspired outfit. Dressing up is not mandatory, but it’s encouraged for extra fun! There will also be games and activities for everyone to enjoy. Tickets will be provided for up to nine team members and one coach. 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. Any additional tickets will be \$10.00. You can purchase these tickets online at <https://materials.usad.org/products>.

Awards Ceremony: The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Cumberland Ballroom at the Sonesta Nashville Airport. 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.

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. The average weather in Nashville in May is between 75-85°.

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.

Modifications and accommodations: If there are team members who have modifications and accommodations (including alternative diets) requiring special arrangements at the hotel, please notify U.S. Academic Pentathlon of this by including this information on the **Modifications and Accommodations** that is available on the Penathlon Nationals webpage. Students with allergies are responsible for attending to proper care for their allergies.

Twin Teams! Get to know more about your Academic Pentathlon peers before Nationals start! Twin Teams will be announced after all the face-to-face Nationals team participants have been determined. A team will be paired with another team and emailed contact information, so they can connect before Nationals. Twin Teams can foster new friendships and knowledge about the states represented at Nationals. When you arrive in Tennessee, you will already have new friends waiting for you! Teams can connect at the team celebration event to further develop their friendships and share their hometown knowledge and culture.

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

Team and individual Rosters are due April 9, 2026. All other forms are to be RECEIVED by April 24, 2026.

ON-SITE COMPETITION

Completed	FORM	Mail or submit online to:
	Pentathlon Team/Individual Roster Forms due April 9	USAP Competition Site
	Transcripts along with USAP GPA Forms if not already provided	USAP Competition Site
	Student Registration and Parent Permission	USAP Competition Site
	Modifications and Accommodations Form (optional)	USAP Competition Site
	Payments	https://materials.usad.org

ONLINE COMPETITION

Completed	FORM	Mail or submit online to:
	Pentathlon Team/Individual Registration Forms due April 9	USAP Competition Site
	Transcripts along with USAD GPA Forms if not already provided	USAP Competition Site
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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.