

**UNITED STATES ACADEMIC
DECATHLON® 2017 NATIONALS
INDIVIDUAL ONLINE COMPETITION**

PURPOSE

To enhance learning, growth, recognition, and marketing of Academic Decathlon® to more schools and its students.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO COMPETE

Group 1: Home schooled students and students enrolled in a school NOT participating in team decathlon

Group 2A: Students enrolled in a school that participates in decathlon, but are either a team alternate, not on the team or not associated with a team

Group 2B: Students on a decathlon team that has been eliminated

COMPETITION

1. Number of events (8): Written Essay, Tests in Literature, Art, Music, Math, Science, Economics and Social Science.
2. Date of the Online school competition will be held the same days as the National competition.
3. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded in each event and for each category (Honor, Scholastic, and Varsity). All ties are awarded.
4. Winners of the Online school competition will be listed on the USAD and USADIC website by May 15, 2017. Individual scores will be posted to the USADIC website and individuals will be notified of scores by May 22, 2017.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. The individual decathlete **MUST** participate in a single location and respond on a computer appropriate for testing purposes.
2. Individuals will NOT be excused from the testing location for any reason before the scheduled break. If a student leaves a testing room or event, he/she will NOT be permitted to return until the next scheduled break at the conclusion of the subject area tests. Any participant who has a medical condition which 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.
3. Individuals are responsible for being in the proper test location at the time each test begins. If a participant is tardy, he/she will NOT be allowed to enter the testing site.
4. Individuals are NOT permitted to bring books, notes, purses, backpacks, coats, hats, mascots, electronic devices, cell phones, computer watches or any other items, except for approved calculators, to the testing location. Any such items will be confiscated by the proctor. Calculators are allowed in the testing location ONLY during the testing session in which the math test is scheduled. Calculators may be used for the math test ONLY. Calculators must be stored beneath the student's chair and out of sight while other tests are being taken during the same testing session as that in which the math test is scheduled to be taken. Students may use any hand-held, battery-operated calculator that is considered a four-function or scientific calculator. Students are expected to honor the fact that they are not to refer to information stored in the graphing calculator memory during the mathematics test. Models with an alphabetic (QWERTY) keypad, such as the TI-92 or HP-95, and models with CAS (Computer Algebra Systems), such as the TI-89 are NOT allowed. Students may NOT exchange calculators. Students should refer to USAD's calculator policy for additional information regarding calculators.
5. If the competition official finds a contestant involved in using or possessing a cell phone in any competition area, using any unauthorized means of communication, using any type of crib, sharing, storing, or transporting test information (including inappropriate use of a calculator), the proctor must remove the student for the duration of the test. If a participant is proven to have cheated, he/she 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 published practice tests, will disqualify him/herself from Decathlon participation. The decision of USAD will be final and irrevocable.

6. If a proctor determines that a student has failed to stop when instructed to do so or has started before being instructions to do so, the student will receive a score of zero for that particular test.
7. In the case of an emergency or illness, the individual must formally withdraw in order to be eligible for any awards. To formally withdraw, the individual must give a written explanation of his/her withdrawal to USAD.
8. The individual who participate in the Online Competition must be the same individual who participated in the state competition (if applicable). No substitutions are permitted. To be eligible for competition, individuals must file all required documents in accordance with the deadlines set by USAD.
9. Individual decathletes are required to comply with the above competition rules. Failure to adhere to these rules may, at the discretion of USAD, result in the disqualification of the participant. Decathletes will uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity while participating in Academic Decathlon. If necessary, a decathlete may be required to re-take an alternate test to validate his/her test results.

PLEASE NOTE

USAD WILL DO EVERYTHING TO MAKE THIS COMPETITION A SUCCESS. USAD IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR POWER FAILURES, COMPUTER LOCK-OUTS, ETC.

ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENT DECATHLETES REST WITH THEIR PROCTOR/ SUPERVISOR.

ENTRY TO THIS COMPETITION IS VOLUNTARY (BUT INDIVIDUALS MUST MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS LISTED ABOVE)