

***UNITED STATES ACADEMIC
DECATHLON® National Finals 2016***

Appeals Procedure

An appeal regarding any test item (question and/or answer) can be made by any contestant through his/her head coach. Such an appeal must be presented in writing to the USAD Appeals Table during the earliest break after a test has been completed. A table will be set up to receive written appeals. No appeals can be made after thirty (30) minutes following the final test of each testing day. Appeals can be made by head coaches only. Oral appeals will NOT be accepted.

The time that each appeal is submitted must be recorded on the written appeal by the USAD designated official who is present at the Appeals Table.

Appeals on questions and/or answers from the Super Quiz™ Relay event must be presented within fifteen minutes of the completion of the contest.

Appeals will be decided by an Appeals Committee consisting of the USAD Board President, USAD-SD President and President-Elect, USAD Testing Coordinator and the USAD Executive Director as Ex-Officio. Disposition of appeals will be made in writing on the appeal form. 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.