

# UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON

## National Finals 2010

### Code of Student Conduct

The United States Academic Decathlon expects all team members to conduct themselves in a proper manner while attending Academic Decathlon events. This includes travel, hotel, sightseeing time associated with Decathletes' participation in the USAD National Finals, and all of the national events in Memphis, Tennessee.

Appropriate conduct of team members is the sole responsibility of the team coach who has legal responsibility as chaperone for his/her team members at all times. Students should be under the supervision of the coach during all excursions, activities, and in the hotel. **All students are expected to be in their rooms by 10:00 p.m.** If behavior in common areas of the hotel is disruptive, an earlier curfew may be called either by USAD or by the hotel management. It is the responsibility of the team coach to be available and to enforce such a curfew and any other regulations determined necessary by USAD officials.

Inappropriate conduct includes, but is NOT limited to:

1. being in possession of any weapon,
2. damage to, or vandalism of, any property including hotel rooms and competition sites,
3. appropriation of memorabilia from the hotel or competition site premises,
4. use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students, regardless of age,
5. use of water pistols, water balloons or any other projectile at the hotel or competition site, and
6. fighting, loud noise, or any other behavior which is disruptive to others at the hotel or competition site.
7. disrespect to the competition, competition officials, proctors, or coaches.

Decathletes that violate the Student Code of Conduct shall have an immediate review by USAD officials and run the risk of being eliminated from the national competition and be sent home at the decathlete's expense.

Financial liability for all damage incurred by actions of a team member shall be the sole responsibility of that team member and his/her parents. Failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct may result in disqualification from the event, the entire competition and the awards ceremony. The decision of the USAD Administration is final.