United States Academic Decathlon and Pentathlon 2020 Participation Resolution

Subject: Coronavirus in China

Whereas, the United States State Department issued a LEVEL 4 “Do Not Travel” advisory on January 31, 2020 for all of China, and

Whereas, the World Health Organization declared a global health emergency over the coronavirus on January 30, 2020, and

Whereas, United States officials declared the coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, who is coordinating the United States federal response, announced that President Donald Trump has signed an order that will temporarily bar entry to the U.S. of foreign nationals, other than immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, who have travelled in China within the last 14 days. These new restrictions take effect at 5:00PM EST on Sunday, February 2, 2020, and

Whereas, the only ports of entry by air are Seattle Tacoma International Airport (Washington), San Francisco International Airport (California), John F. Kennedy International Airport, (New York), O’Hare International Airport (Chicago), Hartsfield-Jackson - Atlanta International Airport (Georgia), and Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (Hawaii) and further that people coming to the United States from China will be held up to 14 days to insure they are not infected by the coronavirus disease, and

Whereas, Delta, United and American Airlines have suspended flights to and from China from February 6 to April 30, 2020, and

Whereas, the U.S. Embassies in China are either closed or operating with limited personnel and are not issuing visas to come to the United States, and

Whereas, the United States has imposed unprecedented restrictions on travel to and from China, advising its citizens not to travel there and barring foreigners from entering the United states if they have been in China during the previous 14 days.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the safety and health of both the Chinese, United States and other participants, volunteers, parents, staff and guests are our highest priority, and

Be it Further Resolved, that because of the coronavirus outbreak in China, the Chinese students will be allowed, but limited to the electronic online competition for the United States Academic Decathlon April 30 – May 2, 2020 and the United States Academic Pentathlon May 14 – 16, 2020.

Be it Further Resolved, that the USAD Administration and USAD Board Liaison will move forward with all the necessary decisions to implement this resolution.

Signature: _______________________________ Date: February 3, 2020
David Mikkalson, USAD Board President