

USAD INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Online Competition Rounds III and IV

• CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT •

The United States Academic Decathlon® expects all Decathletes to conduct themselves with decorum while participating in Academic Decathlon® events.

Appropriate conduct of each Decathlete is the responsibility of the student and their adult **proctor** (who may be parent/teacher/librarian/guardian) who has legal responsibility at all times. **Students should be under the supervision of said proctor during the online Round III - Competition and Round IV - Nationals.**

Inappropriate conduct includes, but is NOT limited to:

Cheating

- You may NOT have cell phones, smart watches, hybrid watches, electronic devices, study materials, etc. in the testing area.
 - Exception: Calculators may be used for the mathematics test only.
- You MUST have a proctor supervising you while taking any and all tests for Rounds III and IV.
- You may NOT open any file or website outside of the testing screen. You are not allowed to browse the Internet while taking a test.

To enforce our cheating policy, you must have a proctor present throughout the entire testing time. After each testing event, the proctor will need to sign an affidavit, stating they witnessed no cheating, and submit it by e-mail to joycew@norsoft.net. If a signed affidavit is not submitted in by the deadline, the student's scores will be considered invalid and result in disqualification from the event. The affidavit will be included with the instructions for that round of competition.

Failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct may result in disqualification from testing and events. The decision of the USAD Administration is final.

Decathletes should be aware that failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct may result in disqualification of the delinquent student. Furthermore, cheating in any form will not be tolerated. Any act of cheating will be promptly brought to the USAD Officials for review, evaluation, and imposition of possible sanctions. If someone is proven to have cheated, it is within USAD's power to disqualify the person caught cheating. Decathletes that violate the Student Code of Conduct run the risk of being eliminated from competition. The decision of the USAD Administration is final.



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2024 – 2025 Registration and Parent Permission Form

I, _____
(Student Name) (Student Email)

now a student at _____ in _____
(School Name) (School Phone) (Grade)

living at _____
(Home Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Parent/Guardian Name) (Email Contact) (Home Phone) (Parent/Guardian Cell #)

hereby request permission to participate in the United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) Individual Online competition to be conducted March 21, 2025 (Round III Competition), and April 17 and May 2, 2025 (Round IV Online Nationals). My parent(s) and/or guardian(s), and I, whose signatures appear below, hereby agree to follow the competition rules and to accept the interpretations and decisions made by the competition director.

I have read and agree to adhere to the USAD Code of Conduct _____ (Student Initial here). I agree to adhere to the highest standards of honesty and integrity while participating in Academic Decathlon® online competitions. If for any reason test results are deemed invalid, I further agree to participate in a retest, as deemed necessary or appropriate by the USAD that will validate the test results. _____ (Student Initial here).

My parent(s) or guardian(s) and I hereby release from all liability and responsibility USADic, USAD and its board of directors, officers, agents, representatives, staff, attorneys, and volunteers and hold each of them harmless from any damage or injury which may be incurred or caused by me before, during or following any such competition, including travel (when relevant). We further consent to the release of information about or relative to my participation in competition activities, including scores, photographs, sound and video recordings, webcasting, live-streaming and other forms of sound and video transmission and any other data. USADic shall have full rights to reproduction and use of all such materials. As part of the 2025 Online Nationals, USADic has permission to gather survey information from me regarding my participation in the United States Academic Decathlon (survey, alumni participation, etc.).

We understand that my parent/guardian is the official chaperone and that (s)he has full responsibility to make medical or other necessary decisions and that I and my parent(s)/guardian(s) will be held responsible for all damages resulting from my behavior. I also authorize that my transcript and any other pertinent materials may be sent to USAD for verification of my eligibility to participate in the Decathlon competition.

Please check this box if the participant is interested in sharing their email address with other participants attending the USAD Onsite Nationals Competition. This allows participants to connect and socialize during the competition. The email address will only be shared if the student is invited to and participates in the USAD Onsite Nationals Competition, and it will not be shared for the Online National Competition

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Email to the USADic Team at support@usadic.org
Subject: USAD Individual Competition PPF**