

# WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

## REGIONAL COMPETITION

### TEAMS ADVANCING TO THE REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

According to the **Team Competition Classification & Selection Process** guidelines on page 4, 60 teams will advance to **Regional Competition** held at five sites around the state. It is assumed that all teams qualifying to advance to Regional Competition will accept the opportunity by the given deadline.

After Local Competition scoring results are compiled, teams are notified by e-mail of their eligibility to advance to the next level of competition. While multiple teams from a school may compete in the Local Round, **only one team per school may advance**. Each member of the **team** must be certified for eligibility to compete at the A, B, or C level according to the Academic Decathlon® GPA Guidelines.

**Official transcripts for each student were submitted at Local Competition and verified.**

### TEAM REGISTRATION

Each school must complete the **Acceptance Form** and pay the non-refundable team entry fee by the given deadline to compete at the regional level **at their assigned test site**. Transcripts are verified to validate the team.

The **Official Team Roster** submitted for Local Competition is used for the next level of competition. **ANY and ALL roster changes of team members must be authorized through the State Director and submitted by the calendar deadline — see page 1.** Any new team members must have their transcript eligibility verified.

A roster change, **requested beyond the deadline**, must be reviewed by the State Director. A valid reason/documentation will be provided with the request and the final determination made by the State Director.

A team consists of a maximum of nine students – three in each grade point average category (H, S, V). From each eligible participating high school, **only official team members may engage in Regional Competition**.

All regional teams will receive a packet of information containing general information, a list of the schools advancing and assigned test site location. The State Director identifies a consultant to coordinate and serve as the **Regional Coordinator** for each test site. The RC will correspond with the twelve teams (assigned to their site) regarding specific check-in procedures, luncheon arrangements, detailed room scheduling, maps, parking, etc.

Transportation arrangements and hotel accommodations, if desired, are the sole responsibility of the school.

### SPECIAL NEEDS

WIAD provides reasonable accommodations to competition participants with special needs — refer to Special Needs Students information on page 10.

Please contact State Director, Molly Ritchie, at [mritchie@wiad.org](mailto:mritchie@wiad.org) with your request.

## **SITE ASSIGNMENTS**

It is the Board's policy and philosophy to give ample opportunity to all teams in all parts of the state; i.e., acknowledging CESA participation and winners, wild card team selection based on division sizes, and recognition of regional winners within their CESA areas. Regional site placements are assigned at the discretion of the State Director based on the criteria listed below:

### **Current Regional Sites (5)**

UW – **Barron County** (CESA 11, 10 & 12 + excess from CESA 9)

UW – **Green Bay** (CESA 7, 6 & 8)

**MW** – Milwaukee Area (CESA 1)

UW – **Stevens Point** (CESA 5, 4 & 9 + excess from CESA 2)

UW – **Whitewater** (CESA 2 & 3 + excess from CESA 1)

### **Current Criteria in order of process:**

1. Assignment to high school's actual CESA area
2. Assignment based on CESA assignments to Regional Sites — listed above
3. Assignment within reasonable geographic area & main highways to closest site
4. Competitiveness based on local score
5. Stevens Point Site used as a “catch all” for remaining schools
6. Lottery System for leftovers

## **COMPETITION DAY**

Regional Competition is an all-day affair with morning and afternoon events and an awards ceremony immediately following the day's activities.

All teams must check in according to designated time, verify their team member attendance, and follow the prescribed schedule of events. **There is no make-up day in the event of inclement weather.** All competitions will be held as scheduled. See Emergency Cancellation Policy on page 11 in case of extreme weather.

### **Ten lunches are reserved for each team, (11 if the team has two designated coaches).**

Additional tickets will need to be reserved and paid for in advance through your Regional Coordinator. Check with your Regional Coordinator for vegetarian requests.

Lunch reservations are required to be confirmed through the Regional Coordinator 7-10 days prior to competition day. **For any “unexcused” NO SHOWS on Competition Day, schools will be assessed a lunch charge.**

**Test answer forms are provided for the students in the test room at each site.** *Students are responsible for marking their answers to each test on the corresponding test answer sheet; failure to do so will result in wrong test results.*

Other papers, word processors, dictionaries, radios, earphones, iPods, watch alarms, coats, hats/hoods, or other miscellaneous items are NOT permitted at the desks or tables during testing.

**Cell phones are NOT allowed in the testing rooms**

In the event of an **unexpected absence** from your Official Team Roster, prior to Competition Day, notification shall be given to the Regional Coordinator and Competition Manager via e-mail or phone as soon as possible.

It is **mandatory** that each team be chaperoned by the coach or other designated school official. WIAD expects all team members and their coach(es) to conduct themselves in a proper manner while attending an Academic Decathlon event. All participants indicate agreement with the rules of competition with their signatures on the Code of Conduct form.

**Refer to the Competition Conduct Form on page 53.**

Appropriate conduct of team members is the **sole responsibility** of the team coach who has the legal responsibility to chaperon his/her team members at all times. Students are expected to dress appropriately. Remember, they will be giving speeches and have a personal interview.

**NAME BADGES IDENTIFY EACH PARTICIPANT  
AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES DURING THE COMPETITION.**

### **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES**

In the event of a tie based on the overall score, the first tiebreaker will be the combination of the total team score with the total alternate members' scores. The team with the highest total points is the winner.

If, after this step is taken, a tie still exists, the highest and lowest student score for each team will determine the outcome. The team with the smallest range between the two scores is declared the winner.

### **AWARDS PROGRAM**

The Awards Program will begin shortly after the end of the last written test – refer to the Competition Day Schedule on page 50. There is on-site computer scoring and the awards program will begin as soon as results become available.

***If your team is unable to stay for the program, please inform your Regional Coordinator when you arrive at the site on the day of competition.***

At the end of the awards program, you will be given a printout of your team's scores and the standings of the teams at your competition site. The top scoring team at each **regional** site advances to the State Competition; the at-large or 12 "wild card" teams and the next three highest scoring teams statewide will be notified the following week.

