

# WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

## Policy on Team Advancement, Validation and Roster Changes

### LOCAL COMPETITION — Tuesday, November 8, 2011

- ◆ Teams consist of 3 Honor, 3 Scholastic and 3 Varsity members.  
All nine students are eligible to test.  
**Note:** A team may also compete, and is considered "complete," with a minimum of two students in each category as the final team score is made up of the top two highest scores in the Honor, Scholastic and Varsity categories.
- ◆ Coach prepares Team Roster – one Official Team Roster per 9-member team.
- ◆ Coach collects Official Team Transcripts – one or two official transcript(s) per participant.  
In addition to a high school transcript, the submission of a grade school transcript is required for freshmen and sophomore competitors.
- ◆ Coach submits (1) Official Team Roster, (2) Competition Conduct Form, **and** (3) the Official Team Transcripts to the Test Director at the site on competition day.
- ◆ A participant and/or team may be disqualified from Regional advancement should a student test in the wrong GPA category.  
**A student may test "up" in a higher GPA category, but a student cannot test "down".**  
For example: An Honor "A" student cannot test in the "B" or "C" level.
- ◆ Only the official nine members of each registered team may engage in Local Competition.
- ◆ Coach may register more than one team to compete at Local Competition; only one team per school may advance to Regional Competition. The regional team may be comprised of a combination of students from the local teams.

### REGIONAL COMPETITION — Friday, January 13, 2012

#### Advancement

- ◆ Based on Local qualifying test scores, according to the Team Competition Classification and Selection Process on page 4, 60 teams advance to Regional Competition in January.
- ◆ School must **accept** or **reject** their regional spot by the specified deadline; acceptance signifies commitment to pay entrance fee and compete at their assigned test site.

#### Validating Teams

- ◆ All **Official Transcripts** (submitted at Local Competition) are checked by the State Director for GPA computation in accordance with the Academic Decathlon guidelines.
- ◆ Team eligibility is **verified** and the team is **awarded or denied** advancement.
- ◆ The **Official Team Roster**, as submitted for Local Competition, is used for Regional Competition.
- ◆ For high schools registering more than one (1) team, the Coach may select his/her official nine-member regional team (3 A, 3 B & 3 C students) from all qualified team members.

#### Roster Changes

- ◆ **Any change in team members must be authorized through the State Director** — before the student roster deadline as specified in the Schedule of Events on page 1.
- ◆ If the team did not have a full nine-member team, they may **add** qualified students to complete the team.
- ◆ Any new team members must have their official transcript eligibility verified.
- ◆ Only the official nine members of the 60 qualified teams may engage in Regional Competition.

## STATE COMPETITION — Thursday & Friday, March 15-16, 2012

### Advancement

- ◆ Based on Regional test scores according to the Team Competition Classification & Selection Process on page 4, 20 teams advance to State Competition in March.
- ◆ School must **accept** or **reject** their state spot by the specified deadline; acceptance signifies commitment to pay entrance fee.

### Team Roster

- ◆ The **Official Team Roster**, as previously verified for Regional Competition, is used for the State event.
- ◆ The students competing at State shall be the same as those who competed at Regional.
- ◆ If the team did not have a full 9-member team, they may **add** qualified students to complete the team.

### Roster Changes

- ◆ **Any roster changes** due to high school determined ineligibility, sudden illness, injury, family emergency, or other justifiable reason, **must be reviewed and authorized by the State Director.**
- ◆ An Official Transcript for any substitute student (or new student) must be submitted immediately and student eligibility verified.
- ◆ Only the official nine members of the 20 qualified teams may engage in State Competition.