

WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

POLICY, RULES & REGULATIONS

Wisconsin Academic Decathlon is an equal opportunity organization.

TEAM REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

Teams and/or their sponsor schools, and coaches are required to register to participate in the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon (WIAD) Competition. **WIAD is a non-profit program; participation is voluntary, upon approved application.** It is the responsibility of the coach to make sure that the team is officially registered with the WIAD Office and that payment of the registration fees has been made by the stated deadline.

Your school district is billed and responsible for payment of entry fees once your Local registration/application form is accepted. For teams accepting advancement to the Regional and/or State Competitions, your school district is also billed and responsible for payment of all applicable entry fees. **All registration fees are non-refundable**, except in cases where a team's or coach's application to participate in the Competition is not approved (see below*).

In the event of inclement weather, personal illness, or the closing of or delay of school starting time, there are no make-up dates. All competition events are held as originally scheduled. In the event of extreme weather conditions at Regional and/or State Competition, see Emergency Cancellation Policy on page 12.

**A team's submission of registration materials to the WIAD Office serves as its application to participate in the WIAD Competition. However, participation in the WIAD Competition is not a matter of right and coaches and/or teams participate at the pleasure of WIAD. WIAD reserves the right to approve or deny the registration or applications of coaches and/or teams and/or their sponsor schools to participate in the WIAD Competition.*

WIAD also reserves the right to refuse to invite coaches, teams, and/or team's sponsor schools to participate, and/or to revoke or withdraw any coach's, team's, and/or team's sponsor school's registration, application or invitation to participate, and may disqualify any participant in its sole discretion. In addition, WIAD may enact rules for the Competition and reserves the right to interpret, apply, and enforce such rules in its discretion and in such manner as is deemed appropriate by WIAD. All decisions of WIAD shall be final.

These provisions concerning teams' and/or their sponsor schools and/or coaches' registration and application to participate in the WIAD Competition, and WIAD's right to determine who shall be approved to participate in the Competition, shall supercede any inconsistent provisions that may appear in any WIAD Competition rules, regulations, procedures, or any other standards of WIAD, expressed or implied, without limitation. Teams and coaches are deemed to understand and consent to said authority of WIAD in submitting their registration materials and application to participate in the WIAD Competition.

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Special accommodation requests must be submitted at the time of Local Competition team registration — for the State Director's review. WIAD requires that any designated alteration to standard testing procedures be validated with a decathlete's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

WIAD also requires that a special needs student be accompanied by an aide (other than the team coach) to all competitions; the aide will be provided by the school district in which the student resides. The aide will submit a signed contract prior to testing. **Coaches may request a form from the WIAD Office to begin the process.**

Requests that may alter standard competition progression and/or interrupt the regularity of the competition will not be permitted.

COOPERATIVE TEAMS

Two high schools may form a cooperative team providing one, or both, of the schools do not have a team. Approval of the union is required from both school administrations. **Division size will be determined by the combined enrollment of both schools.** A **Cooperative Team Application** is available through WIAD. The application must be submitted to WIAD by the Local Competition registration deadline.

HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Home-schooled students can participate in the Academic Decathlon if the school district they would attend, if not home-schooled, allows home-schooled students to participate in other extracurricular activities. **A home-schooled student may participate in the Honors category only.** The State Academic Decathlon organization and/or the State Director have final authority regarding the participation of home-schooled students, and the decision of the State Academic Decathlon association and/or the State Director will be final.

DEADLINE DATES

Official Team Transcripts must be submitted on-site to the Test Director at Local Competition. It is the responsibility of the “coach” to make sure the information requested by the WIAD Office is sent in on time. **Due to the extreme amount of time required for preparation of Regional and State competitions, roster changes must be received by the deadlines to insure proper scoring.** Please follow the Schedule of Events listed on Page 1.

VERIFICATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES FOR STUDENTS ON THE OFFICIAL TEAM

It is the responsibility of each participating school to verify that the nine (9) students listed on the Official Team Roster for the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon competition have been certified (per WIAD guidelines) and placed in the proper grade point (A, B or C) level, according to the information listed in the **TRANSCRIPT VERIFICATION INFORMATION** section, pages 28-36.

The process used by the verifier should be demonstrated on the transcripts. Following Local Competition, the State Director will re-verify that each student tested in the proper category and validate the team.

VALIDATION OF LOCAL COMPETITION SCORES AND TEAM NOTIFICATION OF ADVANCEMENT TO REGIONAL COMPETITION

It is the policy of the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon Program to validate the “local scores” within approximately five working days after completion of the Local Competition. At such time, the State Director will declare the team scores as official and announce the teams that will be advancing to the Regional Competition according to the **Team Selection Process**, page 4.

If for any reason, any scores are determined to be invalid, corrected scores will be determined, validated and declared official. It is the intent and policy of the WIAD Board of Directors to certify the “real winners” for advancement purposes. If it becomes necessary to disqualify a team through error, that team would no longer be qualified to advance and is officially withdrawn.

SCHOOL SIZE DIVISIONS

All teams are assigned to a Size Division based on high school enrollment — refer to page 4. Schools must test in the size division assigned by the WIAD Office according to their official high school enrollment based on September’s 3rd Friday count from the previous year’s enrollment.

At the May 13, 2011 meeting of the WIAD Board, the enrollment cut-off division determination was reviewed and approved. The enrollment divisions found on page 4 are effective for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. Enrollment divisions will be reviewed again in the spring of 2013.