

PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon

GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTERING PAGE GAD TESTS at DISTRICT-LEVEL COMPETITION

The following guidelines are provided to district-level coordinators responsible for testing at local school or district-level events.

1. Each participating school district, individual school or private school must have an Academic Decathlon Coordinator to be in charge of administering the Academic Decathlon tests. **Academic Decathlon team coach(es) is/are not permitted to administer or see any of the AD tests.**
2. The Academic Decathlon Coordinator is responsible for destroying the decathlon tests within 24 hours after the completion of the tests. Destroying the tests can be in the form of shredding, burning, or recycling as long as recycling ensures that no one has access to the tests.'
3. Tests are not to be used for coaching purposes, for studying, or for preparation for competition.
4. There are six objective tests plus the written test for Super Quiz. One copy of each is provided the district-level coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for duplicating enough tests for all team members participating in the decathlon event.
5. Each test should be given separately, one test at a time, in the same format in which they are given at state competition. It is suggested that district competition follow competition order for the tests – Super Quiz, social science, mathematics, art, economics, language and literature, and finally music.
6. There are 50 questions per test with the exception of mathematics which has 35 questions.
7. Calculators are permitted to be used for the mathematics test ONLY. Only those calculators permitted per the USAD Calculator Policy can be used. (A copy of this policy can be found in the “Testing” tabbed section of the *PAGE GAD Coaches’ Manual*, or the PAGE Foundation website (www.pagefoundation.org) or the United States Academic Decathlon website (www.usad.org))
8. Each test period is 30 minutes long.
9. Students can respond on: official USAD Scantron tests answer forms or any type of 50-item test response form regularly used by high schools for testing purposes, or by paper pencil. It is recommended that a form be selected that facilitates easy and rapid scoring in order to provide quick feedback to the team members and coaches regarding student scores on the various tests.
10. **REMINDER: Do not return tests to students or coaches.**

District-level coordinators should consult the tabbed section, “Running a District-level Program” that is a part of the *PAGE GAD Coaches’ Manual*. This section of the manual provides more detail about how to organize a district-level event.