

# **PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon**

## **TESTING**

### **Test Windows**

Two test windows are scheduled during the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon year. These test windows are modeled after those suggested by USAD. These test windows are for test security purposes. Local school districts are strongly encouraged to plan local testing within these prescribed test windows. Each test window is sufficiently long to provide adequate time for completing all testing. Local testing done outside the test window must be approved by the State Director at least one month prior to the schedule test window.

### **Testing at Local School or District Level**

The following instructions are provided for the PAGE GAD Coordinator, the person responsible for testing at the local school or school district level:

- Each participating school, school district, 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 Academic Decathlon tests.**
- The Academic Decathlon Coordinator is responsible for destroying the decathlon tests within 24 hours following the completion of the tests. Destroying the tests can be in the form of shredding, burning, or recycling as long as recycling ensures no access to the tests.
- Tests are not to be used for coaching purposes, for studying, or to prepare for competition
- There are six objective tests plus the written test for Super Quiz. One copy of each test is provided the district-level coordinator. This coordinator is responsible for duplicating enough tests for all team members participating in the decathlon event.
- There are 50 questions per test with the exception of mathematics which has 35 questions.
- Each test period is to be 30 minutes long.
- Calculators are permitted for the mathematics test ONLY. Only those calculators permitted per the USAD Calculator Policy can be used. (A copy of the USAD Calculator Policy can be found on the following websites: [www.pagefoundation.org](http://www.pagefoundation.org) (click on GAD for a menu listing) or check the USAD website at: [www.usad.org](http://www.usad.org))
- Students can respond on: official USAD Scantron test answer documents, any type of 50item test response form regularly used by high schools for testing purposes, or by paper and 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.
- **Reminder:** Do not return tests to students or coaches.

District-level coordinators should consult the tabbed section: “District-level Competition.” These pages provide more detail about how to organize a district-level event.