

PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon

WILD CARD INVITATIONAL

PAGE GAD instituted the Wild Card Invitational in 1999. The rationale for the Wild Card Invitational is to increase the level of competition statewide as well as reward excellent achievement beyond the local level of competition. The PAGE GAD Advisory Board recommended that the four highest scoring non-winning local teams from across the state would be extended an invitation to the state competition. These four teams would be invited to participate in the state competition at the same level as the district-level championship teams that have advanced to the state competition. Only these four teams would be invited. If any one of them chooses not to participate, the invitation stops there.

Directions for calculating the scores at the district-level can be found on the following pages. These directions and score sheet reports must be the ones used for reporting scores of schools being considered for Wild Card slots. Only scores from the objective tests will be used to determine the standings in order to have an equal representation of performance among the contending teams.

Since there is a very tight turn-around before the deadline for registering for state competition, school districts must adhere to the deadline for submitting team scores. The State Director will initiate the invitation on the day following the deadline for submitting team scores. Wild Card teams must adhere to the same registration deadlines for state competition as all other teams.

Teams and team members are candidates for medals, awards, and trophies at the state competition just as all other teams and team members.