# Academic Pentathlon Calculator Policy

This will be the official Calculator Policy of the San Joaquin County Pentathlon competitions. It is loosely based on the USAD Calculator Policy. Because companies are continuously introducing new products, it is not possible for us to maintain a list of specific model numbers that are acceptable. Please read the lists of permissible and prohibited features carefully. Before event day, should a coach/student have a question about the admissibility of a particular calculator, you are welcome to call Annie Cunial at 468-9030.

## I. Competitors May Use Calculators for the Mathematics Test

Pentathlon participants, both starters and alternates, are encouraged to use acceptable calculators during the math test. Use is not mandatory however. If a student prefers not using a calculator, that is permissible.

Calculators are for use ONLY on the math test. No type of electronic device may be used on any other examination.

A student will do without a calculator on the math test if he/she

1) forgets his/her calculator on competition day
2) has his/her calculator stop working
3) has an unacceptable calculator taken by the test proctor

**There will be no calculators available for loan by the county office this year.**

## II. Permissible Calculators

If a competitor wishes to use a calculator, it can ONLY be a simple four-function calculator. In addition to the four basic math functions it is permissible for theses basic calculators to have square root, %, and memory keys.

## II. Prohibited Calculators

Calculators with any of the following features are NOT allowed in the Pentathlon competitions:

- models classified as scientific calculators
- models classified as graphic or algebraic calculators
- models classified as fraction calculators
- pocket organizers
- programmable calculators
- hand-held or laptop computers
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- models with an alphabetic keypad (ex. TI-92 or HP-95)
- models with paper tape
- models that make noise
- models that can engage in wireless communication
- models that require a power cord
- models with CAS (computer algebra systems (ex. TI-89)