

Agenda
Academic Decathlon Coaches' Meeting
SJCOE Education Service Center, Kingston Room
Thursday, September 17, 2009
3:45 p.m.

- 1.0 Introductions
- 2.0 News from CAD and USAD
 - 2.1 2009 USAD National Champions
 - 2.2 USAD Eligibility Guidelines for 2009-10 (see handbook)
 - 2.3 USAD GPA Computation Worksheets for 2009-10 (see handbook)
 - 2.3.1 Also see <http://www.academicdecathlon.org/forms&info.htm>
and look for the Grade Point Average Packet
 - 2.3.2 Coaches must use USAD form for all competition levels
 - 2.4 Examples of Specific Accepted/Unaccepted Courses (see handbook)
 - 2.5 USAD Calculator Policy for 2009-10 (see handbook)
 - 2.6 Essential Information for Coaches
 - 2.7 Corrections reported to date by USAD
 - 2.8 CAD Divisions for 2010 State Championship (see handbook)
 - 2.9 CAD Policy on Invited Teams (see handbook)
 - 2.10 CA State University Sacramento Accelerated College Entrance Program (ACE)
 - 2.11 USAD website <http://www.usad.org/>
 - 2.12 CAD website <http://www.academicdecathlon.org/>
- 3.0 General Information (see handbook)
 - 3.1 Extra activities and events available to teams
 - 3.1.1 French Revolution Lecture—September 30 in Madera
 - 3.1.2 Kern County Concert—October 21 in Bakersfield
 - 3.1.3 San Joaquin County's Fine Arts Day—October 24 at Delta College
 - 3.1.4 San Joaquin County Scrimmage—November 21
 - 3.1.5 Capital Region Scrimmage—December 12 in Sacramento
 - 3.2 Important dates (see handbook)
 - 3.2.1 Interview, Speech, Essay on Sat. January 30 (starters only)
 - 3.2.2 Essay reading on Feb. 3 at the County Office
 - 3.2.3 Tests, SQ and Awards on Feb. 6 at UOP and Scottish Rite
 - 3.2.4 State Finals in Sacramento on March 12-15
 - 3.2.5 National Championships on April 21-24 in Omaha, Nebraska
 - 3.3 Other curricular resources
 - 3.3.1 ACALON, Dan Spetner at (310) 815-8440
 - 3.3.2 DEMIDEC, Daniel Berdichevsky at (866) 336-4332

- 3.4 Contact information
 - 3.4.1 Pam Carson, new assistant, at 468-4866 and pcarson@sjcoe.net
 - 3.4.2 Meredith Davis at 468-9030 and mdavis@sjcoe.net

- 4.0 San Joaquin County Competition
 - 4.1 Team registration fees for 2010
 - 4.2 County Academic Decathlon website at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/decath.aspx>
 - 4.2.1 All event forms
 - 4.2.2 Agendas
 - 4.2.3 Updates
 - 4.2.4 Important dates
 - 4.3 Due dates
 - 4.3.1 Intents to Participate by Friday, October 2
 - 4.3.2 All event paperwork by Friday, December 18
 - 4.3.3 Drop Dead Friday on Friday, January 15
 - 4.3.4 Registration fees due before county competition
 - 4.4 Additional documents
 - 4.4.1 Doomsday List, 2010
 - 4.4.2 Master Time Schedule, 2010
 - 4.4.3 Coach's Room Assignment, available in January
 - 4.5 Volunteers
 - 4.6 Alternates
 - 4.7 Scoring program
 - 4.8 Expository Essays
 - 4.8.1 Rubric (see handbook)
 - 4.8.2 Three prompts from Literature and Super Quiz
 - 4.8.3 No copies of poetry/short selections provided
 - 4.8.4 50 minutes writing time, 5 minutes preparation (no pencils)
 - 4.9 Super Quiz
 - 4.9.1 30-question format
 - 4.9.2 SQ Oral Relay is 40%
 - 4.9.3 SQ written test is 60%
 - 4.9.4 100% of questions from Resource Guide
 - 4.10 Multiple choice exams—30 minutes each
 - 4.10.1 40 questions on written Super Quiz
 - 4.10.2 35 questions on Mathematics—calculators allowed (see handbook)
 - 4.10.3 50 questions on all other objective tests
 - 4.11 Speech
 - 4.11.1 Same scoring criteria (see handbook)
 - 4.11.2 No location violations
 - 4.11.3 Time violations assessed
 - 4.11.4 Scantrons may not be returned to coaches
 - 4.11.5 "10 seconds remaining" signs again this year
 - 4.11.6 2010 impromptu speech topics
 - 4.11.7 Prepared speeches must be written for Academic Decathlon

- 4.12 Interview
 - 4.12.1 No Student Profiles required at any competition level this year
 - 4.12.2 Check revised Topics for Oral Interview Questions
 - 4.12.3 Same scoring criteria (see handbook)
 - 4.12.4 No location violations assessed
 - 4.12.5 No timing violations assessed—about seven minutes in length
 - 4.12.6 Scantrons may not be returned to coaches
- 4.13 Team seating at awards
- 4.14 Teams from Santa Clara County
- 4.15 County Awards
 - 4.15.1 Status of the Cortopassi Family Foundation Grants
 - 4.15.2 SJCOE Foundation Scholarships
 - 4.15.3 Possible Art Scholarship
 - 4.15.4 UOP Tuition Scholarships
 - 4.15.5 Walter Rathhaus Scholarship
 - 4.15.6 Team plaques
 - 4.15.7 Alternate medals
 - 4.15.8 Overall alternate recognition
 - 4.15.9 Starter medals
 - 4.15.10 Academic Decathlon zipper pulls
- 4.16 Testing day luncheon in Grace Covell
 - 4.16.1 Catered by Bon Appetite (optional)
 - 4.16.2 Student clean-up very important