

PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON

• 2024 State Championship Competition •

**REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION**

***Team Registration Form***

This team roster must be submitted by emailed to Michelle Buchanan by February 16, 2024. \*\*ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES after this date!

DO NOT fill in the student identification number as this will be entered by the competition official. The gpa should be the one realized after following the guidelines for gpa computation. A team consists of three honor students, three scholastic students, and three varsity students. Students may compete at a higher division, but they cannot play down. You may make roster substitutions between the regional and state competitions, but the winning team from states must compete at nationals.

***Student Registration Form***

One form for each student participant must be submitted by mail to Michelle Buchanan by February 16, 2024.

These forms grant permission for the students to participate in the tournament and for rights of print and photography. The student, parent, coach, and administrator must sign the permission slip.

***GPA Computation Form***

One form, with transcripts attached, must be submitted by mail to Michelle Buchanan by February 16, 2024.

Follow the gpa computation rules you were provided with at the beginning of the year. An official student transcript must be attached to the computation form. Official means it must be stamped with your school seal and must be signed by the principal.

***Special Needs Form***

This form must be submitted by fax to Michelle Buchanan as soon as you are aware that you will have a student participant with special needs. It is requested that I have as much lead time as possible to make sure that I can accommodate the student’s needs to the best of my ability.

**GENERAL RULES**

***Identification***

All participants and coaches will be provided with identification badges. These badges must be worn to all competitive events and must be plainly visible to the proctors and judges to verify each participant’s identity.

***Testing***

Contestants are given thirty (30) minutes for each test, with a warning when five (5) minutes remain. Prior to each test session, participants must complete the cover sheet of each test, which includes his/her name, competition ID number, signature, and date, in order for the test to be acceptable for scoring. Scantron answer sheets must have the student’s name and ID number written clearly. Any answer sheet that does not have an ID number or has an incorrect number will receive a zero score. Students are permitted to write in the test booklets.

Students will have assigned seats for testing and must be in said seat for all tests. Contestants will not be excused from the testing room for any reason before the scheduled break. If, in an extreme emergency, a student leaves the room, he/she will not be permitted to return until the current test has concluded.

Participants are NOT permitted to have at their seats: books, notes, purses, backpacks, coats, hats, electronic devices of any kind, or any other items. These items will need to be placed at the perimeter of the testing arena or left with a coach. Calculators are allowed in the testing room ONLY during the testing session in which the math test is scheduled and can be used for the math test only. They must be stored beneath the student’s chair and out of sight while other tests are being taken during the same testing session as that in which the math test is scheduled to be taken. Students may not exchange calculators during the test.

***Code of Conduct***

Decathletes and coaches are expected to comply with the rules listed above and with the Code of Conduct printed on the back of their permission slip and included in this packet. Failure to adhere to these rules may, at the discretion of the State Director, result in the disqualification of the participant and/or their team.

***Cell Phones and Electronics***

Cell phones, smartwatches, and any portable electronic devices are NOT PERMITTED in any competition area. If a student chooses to disregard this policy and uses either of these devices during any component of the competition, the item will be confiscated and the student will have forfeited that test score and possibly their entire performance for the competition.

***Scoring***

Refer to the Explanation of Scoring sheet included in this packet.

***Interview***

Refer to the Interview Guidelines and Procedures included in this packet. Contestants are recommended to bring a resume to their interview event. Included is information and samples to assist the students in preparing their resumes. Please be aware that, contrary to the samples provided, students need not provide personal information such as address and telephone number. The student is responsible for bringing three copies of their resume with them to their interview room.

Interview is a subjective test, independently scored by two or three judges and the scores are averaged. Copies of the interview rubric and descriptors are enclosed.

***Speech***

Please refer to the Speech Guidelines and Procedures included in this packet.

Speech is a subjective test, independently scored by two or three judges and the scores are averaged. Copies of the speech rubric and descriptors are enclosed.

***Essay***

Essay is a subjective test, independently scored by two judges and the scores are averaged. If there is a 200+ point differential, a third reading is required. Consequently, the divergent score is replaced by the third reader. Copies of the rubric and the Essay Final Version Sheet are enclosed.

***Super Quiz Relay***

Refer to Super Quiz Relay procedure included in this packet.