

## PAGE --Georgia Academic Decathlon

### EXPLANATION OF SCORING

1. The Academic Decathlon has ten events; each event is evenly weighted at 1000 points per competitor for a 10,000-point possible total. **However, only six scores are counted for the team ranking, (top two Honor, top two Scholastic and top two Varsity) so the top team score possible is 60,000.** Winning scores at the State Finals are usually in the 40,000-45,000 range.
2. Five of the objective tests have 50 items; the raw score is converted to a 1000 points by the computer with each item worth 20 points. The math test has 35 items. The value of each item is also converted so that the total for math is 1000 points..
3. The essay is scored based on a rubric. *(A copy of the rubric can be found in the ESSAY tabbed section of this manual. It is also published in the USAD Practice Test Booklet.)* Each essay is read independently by two different judges. If there is a difference of more than 200 points in the scores of the two judges, the essay is read and scored by the Chairperson. The third score then replaces the divergent score. The two scores are averaged for the final score.
4. The Speech and Interview events are performed before a panel of judges (2-3 judges). The judges complete the Scantron scoring forms. These are scanned directly into the computer scoring program, which then computes an average score based on a maximum of 1000 points.
5. Super Quiz has both a written component and an oral component. The written test will have 40 items worth 15 points each which will count for 60% of the total score ( $40 \times 15 = 600$ ). In the oral relay, each student will answer five questions. Each question is worth 80 points which will count for 40% of the total Super Quiz score. ( $5 \times 80 = 400$ ).
6. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded in each event and for each student category. All ties are awarded.
7. Team overall ranking is determined by the top two individual scores in each category, i.e. the top two Honor scores, the top two Scholastic scores and the top two Varsity scores.
8. In Super Quiz the team ranking is also determined by the top two scores in each of the three categories. NOTE: It is not necessary that the six students whose scores count for the Super Quiz be the same six students whose scores count for the Overall.
9. A Winner's List is released following the presentation of awards which lists the gold, silver, and bronze medal winners in each event, the special awards, the top five teams in the Super Quiz and the top ten teams in the Overall Standings. **Each coach receives a printout of his/her own team's scores.**
10. Each school participating in state competition will be assigned to either Division I (large schools) or Division II (small schools) based on the enrollment of grades 9-12. Each division will have a championship team, a first runner up team, and a second runner up team. The championship team for each division will be deemed the state championship team in that division. The Division I or Division II team with the highest Overall score will represent the State of Georgia in the USAD national finals.