

Last Name _____ First Name _____

CODE OF BEHAVIOR

Foreword: The effort of the Academic Decathlon concept is to recognize the best efforts of Arizona's youth. All understand the importance of establishing and maintaining a level of expectation to serve as a goal for youth to reach their highest potential in all their endeavors. Just as the Academic Decathlon has established high expectations academically, equally high expectations exist for all student behavior. The following is a statement of minimum expectations regarding behavior for those participating in the Arizona Academic Decathlon competitions:

- a. Students will show exemplary respect for all facilities related to the Decathlon competition to assure that nothing is done to cause damage. It is understood that should any damage occur, the person(s) responsible will be held accountable for damages incurred.
- b. Students will follow carefully the directions of the Decathlon event supervisor and will not take exception to the order of procedure of an event.
- c. Students will show respect for peers, coaches and volunteer workers throughout the entire competition procedures.
- d. Students will be supervised by their coaches at the Decathlon activities, at their place of lodging, and other related sites during the competition events.
- e. Appropriate conduct includes academic honesty. This extends to and includes all forms of plagiarism in essays, prepared speeches or any other submitted work. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:
 - Direct quotation without use of quotation marks and appropriate citation
 - Using any published or unpublished source without appropriate citation
 - Paraphrasing materials or ideas without identifying the source.

Students, parents, and coach(es) shall be expected to support this Code of Behavior. In the event that a student does not comply with the expected level of behavior, the Regional or State Competition Coordinator shall have the right and responsibility to establish appropriate sanctions. Sanctions may include disqualifying the student or his/her team from receiving any recognition as a result of the competition(s).

The **signatures** which follow affirm support for this Code of Behavior during all Arizona Academic Decathlon Regional and State competitions:

Student _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Coach _____

School _____

NOTE: Please return one of these forms, fully signed, for each student participant to your Regional Coordinator along with the required "Team Form/Check-In" and "Medical Release" forms.