

Texas Academic Decathlon
Regional Coordinators' Discussion
September 14, 2016

- Updates from USAD
 1. Speech at Nationals- 6 students in one room with students being audience and participants; 6 impromptu topics
 2. Interview at National will be arena style
 3. Schedule for speech and interview at National is random. Not all of team members go to speech and interview at the same time.

- Updates from State
 1. Essays will be written and language literature test taken on Friday at Regional Ac Dec.
 2. Any content appeals will be sent to Rick Hopkins for Regional Ac Dec.
 3. There are no scoring changes.
 4. Super Quiz still does not count towards team total, and students from each level will collaborate to answer their 12 questions. Verbal communication should happen after the last answer choice is read by the emcee. There will be a total of 36 questions. The students will still have 10 seconds to answer the questions.
 5. Remember there is a \$350.00 fee for each team advancing to State Ac Dec.
 6. Large Schools will go to San Antonio for State Ac Dec, and small and medium schools will go to El Paso for State. Practice essay will be entered on February 8, and the official essay will be entered on February 9 online. Clickers will be only be used at large school site.

- Highlighted courses on the course sheet in the Ac Dec manual are new to GPA calculation this year.

- Verification of calculators
 1. Student may bring one calculator with back up batteries or 2 calculators that are the same type/brand.

- Scoring of Speech, Interview, and Essay
 1. Number of judges in each room- same for all 9 rooms
 2. Arena style option

- Coaches view essay, speech and interview scores on Saturday morning for 15 minutes. No pictures are allowed.
- Schools must pay State registration fee prior to Regional Ac Dec in order to compete in Regional Ac Dec. Rick will send coordinators updated list.
- Coordinators will send invoices/receipts showing minimum \$4,000 expenses so he can share with the State Board President.
- It is a region's decision whether or not essay graders are paid.
- Art slides may be copied or shown on a power point for the fine arts test. Refer to the manual for length of time to show slide if you use the power point.
- Idea- give Ziploc labeled "Cell Phones" in each registration packet to remind coaches to collect cell phones prior to testing.
- Changes to Regions:
 Region 1 schools will go to the following regions:
 Large- New Tech, Lee, Midland, Odessa, Permian and Small- Estacado will go to Region 11.
 Medium- Talkington, Monterey, Coronado, Lubbock High will go to Region 8.

 Region 3
 Young Women's Leadership and Fox Tech will go to Region 4.

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 San Benito and Robert Vela will go to Region 3.