



# TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON

August 1, 2020

Coaches,

Welcome or welcome back.

At this time, we anticipate that all spring competitions will be face to face. Please make sure you submit a NEW team registration form to the state office each year. For your convenience, please use the following link:

<https://forms.gle/x2xCZSKzDnaW3iV28>

If we must go virtual, USAD is developing a speech/interview module. They are charging each school \$50 for testing (Rounds 1, 2, and 3). You will see this fee reflected on your 2020-2021 invoices. Not all materials published through Facebook/TAD webpage will reflect this additional fee. *We certainly anticipate this will be a once-in-a-lifetime event.*

The coaches/coordinators meeting, as you can imagine, will be virtual this year and is scheduled for September 26 (another email will be sent with specific dates/times). As usual, we will have sessions for new coaches, experienced coaches, coordinators, and scoring. A reservation form will be on the website by the end of August.

NOTE: When calculating GPAs for the next several years, please remember that we will NOT be counting any grades received in Spring 2020 due to the alteration in school schedules due to COVID 19.

Make sure you use the following GPA divisions going forward:

Honor – 3.8 to 4.0

Scholastic – 3.2 to 3.7999

Varsity – 2.0 to 3.199

Additionally, USAD would like us to no longer refer to our groups of students as "A," "B," and "C" for obvious reasons.

Please register your team(s) as soon as possible so your region coordinators can contact you. They will still need to organize your region's subjective events.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Rick Hopkins, Executive Director